K1121
Paul Flam (1922-2013) and Marion Doris Lichtor Flam (1926-2006)
Papers
[Jewish Community Archives]
1910s-2006
12 cubic feet, 1 oversize item

Family papers and records relating to a Kansas City based tour service and
various community activities of the Flams. Also family papers for the Lichtor family.
Includes letters and postcards, journals, certificates, scripts, pilgrimage brochures,
Beth Shalom programs/newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs, scrapbooks,
and VHS cassettes.

BIOGRAPHY:

Born in Russia ca. 1893, Shemuel Lichtoroff immigrated to the United States
on July 10, 1913. He changed his name to Samuel Lichtor and married Esther
Funk (daughter of Sarah and Nathan Funk), a Pioneer Women’s Council
chairman. They settled in Kansas City, where he worked as a barber at the
Lathrop Barber Shop. He became a naturalized citizen on February 13, 1922.

Samuel and Esther had two sons, Alexander and Joseph, and one daughter
Doris (b. 1926). Alexander and Joseph opened an orthopedic surgery practice.
Later, Joseph and his wife Margery, president of the Johnson County Community
College Foundation, established the Lichtor Art Gallery at the Jewish Community
Center.

Graduating from University of Kansas City in 1948 with a degree in social
work, Doris subsequently obtained a MA in education with an emphasis on early
childhood development. She was married on July 7, 1946 to Alvin Levine. They
had four sons; Jeffrey, Larry, Douglas, and Drew. She was divorced, and in 1973
married Paul Flam.

Doris was a lifetime member of Beth Shalom Sisterhood where she served as;
president (1989-1991), docent, member of its Social Action committee, and as the
writer, actor, producer, and director of numerous theatrical productions. Doris
Flam also was president of Hadassah, vice president of the Women’s Division of
the Jewish Federation, director of the Jewish Community Center’s preschool and
Funtime Camp, and active in the National Conference of Jewish Women’s “entertainment.” She joined the *Kansas City Jewish Chronicle*’s advertising department in 1975.

In 1971, Doris and Paul Flam, an Air Force civilian employee, began to coordinate annual trips to Israel sponsored by the Jewish Education Council’s Youth Pilgrimages.

Associated with the Air Force since 1943, Paul Flam became one of its earliest initial ground control approach officers and participated in the Guam and Iwo Jima campaigns during World War II. Graduating from Johns Hopkins University, Paul subsequently earned a M.S. in industrial management from MIT. He became recognized as a leading authority in the field of communications-electronics-meteorological logistics by directing the installation of base intrusion sensor systems at several European air bases.

Flam moved to Kansas City in 1970 and became the Special Assistant to the Air Force Communications Service Headquarters Logistics Deputy Chief of Staff at the Richards-Gebaur Air Force base. He was nominated for the prestigious General Thomas Gerrity Memorial Award for Logistics Management in 1974. Also active in the Greater Kansas City Jewish Community, Flam served as a member of; the board of Beth Shalom, the school committee, the men’s club, and the Jewish Community Relations Bureau. He also served as the Jewish Education Center High School chairman.

Initially beginning as tour leaders for 300 teenagers who participated in the Kansas City Youth Pilgrimage, Doris and Paul began to run their tour service, Flam Tours, on a full-time basis following Paul’s retirement in 1979. They expanded their pilgrimages to include adult groups which travelled to various Middle Eastern, European, Pacific, and South American destinations. By 1983, when the State of Israel awarded her the Ministry of Tourism’s Shalom Award for her efforts, Doris had organized 21 groups to Israel. They took their last group trip (the thirty-third) in 2005.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS:

This collection consists of letters, postcards, journals, certificates, scripts, pilgrimage brochures, Beth Shalom programs and newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs, negatives, and VHS cassettes. Also included are volumes of photographs concerning tours led by the donor.

INVENTORY:

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*BETH SHALOM*

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Folder 1.2  Brochures, 1960s-1980s  
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*DORIS FLAM*

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**PAUL FLAM**
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**BOX 005**

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- **Volume** Scandinavia Trip, July 1978  
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Folder 11.20 Slides: Kansas City Pilgrimage to Israel IV
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VHS CASSETTES
Tape “Tironut”- Private Michael Firestone in Israel, summer 1980
Tape Golden Anniversary, Milan and Glen Blumenthal, Hotel Muehlbach, October 25, 1980
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Tape Beth Shalom Sisterhood: 67th installation of officers and directors- a musical revue for outgoing president Doris Flam and incoming president Noreen Greenberg, May 22, 1991
Tape Tape Index #137 Siyum HaTorah Program. “Dedication Service.” Contents: Completion of the Torah, chairman Jim Badzin, Gary Cortes, congregation president Elaine Polsky, Senior Rabbi Alan Cohen. October 25, 1992, 90 minutes/ The Scroll, October 1991
Tape Abe Meth’s 80th birthday celebration, May 1992
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Tape Sam Nussbaum’s tape of Mike Firestone in Israel with General Natke Nir
Tape Sivan and Twins from Summer 1998-December 1998
Tape Firestone Home Movies—Benard’s films

**BOX 012** (KA2084) in office
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Folder 12.2 Various topics: Jewish Medical issues; “Good and Evil” by Martin Buber, 1952; Jewish-Christian relations
Folder 12.3 Newsletters: “Sh’m’a”, April 1999-February 2000
Folder 12.4 Photograph Album: Israel, May 1980; Israel, March 1981

**OVERSIZE**
Item Photograph- silver jubilee banquet, pioneer women, women’s labor Zionist organization of America and national presidents’ conference, the Waldorf-Astoria, October 9, 1950
PAUL FLAM
Paul Flam, 90, a long-time resident of Kansas City, passed away on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at his new home in Providence, RI. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 14 at Louis Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Shiva will be held Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. at Town Village in Lea-wood, KS and Friday 2-4 p.m. at the home of his daughter, Nina Shik. Contributions in his name can be made to the Doris Flam Early Childhood Arts Fund of Congregation Beth Shalom or the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City.

Born in Baltimore, MD in 1922, son of Abraham Flam and Rose Kwash, Paul graduated from City College High School at age 16, Johns Hopkins University at age 20, and later received a Master’s Degree from MIT. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as an electronics officer in the Pacific Theatre on Guam and Iwo Jima. Following the war, Paul remained with the Air Force as a civil servant and reservist until he retired in 1979, having earned the highest civil servant rank granted by the Air Force Communications Service.

Paul was married to Jeanne Rosenthal Flam, with whom he had two children, from 1944 to her death in 1970. After his retirement from the Air Force, Paul embarked on a new career with his second wife, Doris Lichtor Flam. Until her death, they coordinated guided tours for groups of teenagers and adults to destinations around the world, including many trips to Israel. Paul shared his love of books, travel and current events with his third wife, Bea Firestone Flam, who died in 2009.

An active member in the Kansas City Jewish community, Paul served on the board of Congregation Beth Shalom and was a leader in the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Center, CAJE and Museum without Walls.

He is survived by his children, Alan Flam and wife Judy Semonoff; Nina Shik and husband David Shik, stepchildren Drew, Douglas and Jeffrey Levine and husband Reed Fletcher. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Lucy, Ezra and Gabriel Semonoff Flam, Jonathan Shik, Sarah Lamdan and husband Eyal, and two great grandchildren, Benjamin and Evelyn Lamdan.

Online condolences may be shared at www.louismemorialchapel.com.
Arrangements: The Louis Memorial Chapel and Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 816-361-5211.