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Sybil R. Kaplan (1938- ) Papers  
[Jewish Community Archives]  
1932-2004  
3 cubic feet, oversize

Kaplan was an active member of Beth Shalom, book editor and book reviewer. Includes book reviews written by Kaplan of books published on topics related the Jewish faith and lifestyle; research on anti-Semitism in Kansas City; Jewish cookbooks, Jewish songbook, and other books on Jewish life and history; video tapes; audio records; and correspondence. Also sermons written by Rabbi William Silverman of Temple B’nai Jehudah.

BIOGRAPHY:

Active in Congregation Beth Shalom, Sybil Kaplan worked intimately with its leaders. She edited a book of memories of Rabbi Gershon Hadas, With Joy and Gladness (compiled by Bernie Pucker and published in 2004), and wrote numerous reviews of books published about the Jewish faith and community.

She is married to Barry A. Kaplan.

PROVENANCE:

This gift was received from Sybil Kaplan as accession KA1533 on July 23, 2007. Additional materials were received as follows: KA1548 on September 6, 2007; KA1577 on November 15, 2007; and KA1654

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DESCRIPTION:

Although mainly consisting of book reviews written by Sybil Kaplan from 1980-2004 of books published on a variety of topics related the Jewish faith and lifestyle, this collection also features research materials on anti-Semitism in Kansas City, Jewish cookbooks, a Jewish songbook, a book on the Jewish community in the Polish town of Kurow, a VHS tape, a 33.3RPM record, and correspondence between Sybil Kaplan and Bernie Pucker regarding *With Joy and Gladness*.

Additional materials include sermons written by Rabbi William Silverman of B’nai Jehudah. These materials originally belonged to donor Sybil Kaplan’s mother-in-law, Gertrude Kaplan, who worked as Rabbi Silverman’s secretary.

A certificate of the Na-Arim chapter’s affiliation (circa 1953) with the National Young Judæa organization is included as an oversized item received as accession KA1654 on June 11, 2008.

INVENTORY:

**BOX 001**

*BOOK REVIEWS*

Folder 1  Book Reviews, 1980-1988
Folder 2  Book Reviews, 1988-1988
Folder 3  Book Reviews, 1988 and earlier
Folder 4  Book Reviews, 1980-1988
Folder 5  Book Reviews, 1988-1990
Folder 6  Book Reviews, 1989
Folder 7  Book Reviews, 1990
Folder 8  Book Reviews, 1991
Folder 9    Book Reviews, 1992  
Folder 10   Book Reviews, 1993  
Folder 11   Book Reviews, 1994  
Folder 12   Book Reviews, 1994  
Folder 13   Book Reviews, 1994  
Folder 14   Book Reviews, 1994  
Folder 15   Book Reviews, 1995  
Folder 16   Book Reviews, 1995  
Folder 17   Book Reviews, 1996

**BOX 002**

*BOOK REVIEWS*

Folder 1    Book Reviews, 1997  
Folder 2    Book Reviews, 1997  
Folder 3    Book Reviews, 1997-1999  
Folder 4    Book Reviews, 1998  
Folder 5    Book Reviews, 1998  
Folder 6    Book Reviews, 1999  
Folder 7    Book Reviews, 1999  
Folder 8    Book Reviews, 1999  
Folder 9    Book Reviews, 2000  
Folder 10   Book Reviews, 2000  
Folder 11   Book Reviews, 2000  
Folder 12   Book Reviews, 2001  
Folder 13   Book Reviews, 2001  
Folder 14   Book Reviews, 2002  
Folder 15   Book Reviews, 2002  
Folder 16   Book Reviews, 2003

**BOX 003** (NOT FULL)

Folder 1    Book Reviews, 2004  
Folder 2    Book Reviews, 2004  
Folder 3    Anti-Semitism articles  
Folder 4    Anti-Semitism newspaper articles
Folder 5  Homesteading-Jews in Kansas
Folder 7  Newspaper clipping on Jewish recipe, 1960s
Folder 8  Photograph of Buddy Block, KCKN announcer, 1950s
Folder 9  Sermons by Rabbi William Silverman, 1971-1972
Folder 10  Sermons by Rabbi William Silverman, 1973-1974
Folder 11  Newspaper clippings and reviews of *Mingled Roots* by Sunie Levin, 1992 (KA1577)

**PUBLICATIONS**


*Izkor Book: In Memoriam of Our Home-Town Kurow*, 1955 (text in Hebrew)

*Memories Good Enough to Eat*. In Commemoration of the Centennial of Temple B’nai Jehudah Sisterhood.


**OVERSIZE (KA1654)**

A certificate announcing that the Na-Arim chapter (circa 1953) “has duly qualified and is affiliated with National Young Judaea and is entitled to all rights and privileges accorded to a Senior Judaea chapter in good standing.” Senior Judaea was a boy’s group. Members of the initial Na-Arim chapter included: Barry A. Kaplan (donor Sybil Kaplan’s husband); Peter Newman; Alan Abrams; Howard Jacobson; and Norm Bresel.

Ink on paper. 16 3/8” x 12 5/8”

Undated photograph of Sybil aged around 5, ca. 1930s
Undated photograph of Sybil aged around 20, ca. 1940s