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**Introduction**

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The papers of Blanche and Neil Sosland reflect their active participation in the Jewish community and education in the Greater Kansas City area. They were active in founding Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, were long-time participants in the leadership of Congregation Beth Shalom, and were board members of several Jewish organizations within the community.

Their papers consist primarily of items related to the various organizations in which the Sosland’s were involved. Of particular interest are the records related to Congregation Beth Shalom and the founding of the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy.

**Donor Information**

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Additional materials related to the Sosland Family Papers can be found in the following collections:

*Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Records* (K1260)

**Location Note**

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Vera and Herman Hershman, 1930-1955
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Miscellaneous, no date

B’nai Brith Women Grand Lodge District #2
Report of Proceedings (3 folders), 1937-1951
Scripts, no date

Congregation Beth Shalom
Records, 1969-1990
Correspondence (2 folders), 1973-1994
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Beth Shalom Sisterhood
Board Records (2 folders), 1963-1996
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Scripts, no date
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Jewish Community Center
History of the Jewish Community in Kansas City, 2003
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Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City
Board Papers, 1986-2002
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Jewish Demographic Study, 1986
Memos Regarding Jewish Conversion, 1973

Miscellaneous Organizations
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