



Marcia G. Rittmaster and Larry H. Rittmaster Papers (K1057)

Collection Number: K1057

Collection Title: Marcia G. Rittmaster and Larry H. Rittmaster Papers

Dates: 1942-1963

Creator: Rittmaster family

Abstract: The Marcia G. Rittmaster and Larry H. Rittmaster Papers contain photographs related to Rittmaster relatives, many of whom are unidentified, along with three programs for events in the Jewish Community.

Collection Size: 0.08 cubic foot
(6 folders, 23 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Marcia and Larry Rittmaster on December 7, 2011 (Accession No. KA2008).

Notes: Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

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Historical Note:

Lawrence “Larry” Harvey Rittmaster was born to Raymond L. Rittmaster and Jean (Klinock) Rittmaster in 1943, and has one sister, Martie Kramer. Larry graduated from Southwest High School in 1961.

Marcia (Eisberg) Rittmaster was born in 1946 to Anna (Cohen) Eisberg and Isak Samuel Eisberg. Anna Eisberg died in 1961, and Isak later married Charlotte (Clasen) Eisberg in 1965 and Ruth (Milgram) Eisberg in 1971. Marcia has a sister, Judy (Eisberg) Hellman, and numerous stepbrothers and stepsisters. While Marcia’s mother was ill, the family moved close to her aunt Ethel Firestone, who helped to raise her, and she became close to her mother’s five other sisters. Marcia graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School in 1964, and attended the University of Missouri, but did not graduate. She married Larry Rittmaster in 1966, and they had three sons, Aaron, Corey, and Matt.

As a teenager, Marcia was active in the B’nai B’rith Youth Organization and served as the B’nai B’rith Girls council president. Marcia started working in the Jewish community when her youngest son, Matt, started kindergarten in 1978. She began as an assistant to the Community Religious Schools (CSR) principal and taught kindergarten. When CSR closed in 1980, Marcia began working at Temple Beth El, initially as secretary to the rabbi and later as administrator. Eventually, Marcia became the youth group director prior to Beth El’s closing. Larry also served as an adviser to the Aleph Zadik Aleph fraternity. After the family joined Congregation Beth Torah, Marcia volunteered for the youth group and became the youth adviser in 1994, while Larry started teaching in the religious school. In 1997, Marcia became the director of Beth Torah’s religious school and youth groups. While there, she was instrumental in helping Beth Torah earn the National Association of Temple Educators accreditation. She held that position until she retired in 2014. She and Larry continue to be active members of the Beth Torah congregation.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into six folders.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains family photographs, including three undated photographs featuring Morris Turkin, brother of Rhetta Turkin Goldstein and uncle of Elliot Goldstein and Sandy Eisenman. There are six photographs related to clubs, including the 1942 installation of officers for the Heroine Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (including Fannie Rittmaster), the 1946-1947 Greater Kansas City B’nai B’rith Bowling League (including Raymond Rittmaster), and a January 4, 1953, photograph of the Past Leaders Club, which includes Joseph and Fannie Rittmaster. Additionally, there are 26 photographs of unidentified people from the Rittmaster family. The final pictorial item is an oversized photograph of 3527 Ordnance (MAM) Co. at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, taken on January 24, 1944.

The collection also contains three programs related to events in the Jewish community: the 1957 graduation service from the Beth Shalom Congregation intermediate department Sunday school, the 1963 presentation ball (for which Larry Rittmaster was an escort), and an Aliyah Achron honor card for Larry Rittmaster’s Bar Mitzvah service.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Programs, 1956-1963
 f. 2 Photographs, 1942-1953, no date
 f. 3 Photographs, Morris Turkin, no date
 f. 4-5 Photographs, Unidentified, no date
 Box 002 f. 6 Photograph, 3527 Ordnance (MAM) Co., 1944

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Turkin, Morris	3	Yes