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SERINA LEVIN LORSCH PAPERS
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Introduction

Approximately 4 cubic feet.

The papers consist of the personal papers of Serina Levin Lorsch as well as materials related to the various organizations of which Lorsch was associated. Also included are family papers.

Serina Levin was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1906. She graduated from Central High School in 1922. After graduation, Levin pursued a library career and began working in the public libraries in Chicago, Illinois, St. Joseph, Missouri, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, before settling in Kansas City, Missouri. During her time in Kansas City, Levin met and married Hans Lorsch.

Levin was an active volunteer while living in Kansas City, working with a number of institutions such as the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the William Rockhill Nelson Library, the Kansas City Art Institute Library and others. She was also active in various Jewish women's organizations and served as president of the Temple B'nai Jehudah Sisterhood (1950-1955) and the Kansas City Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women (1956-1957). As a champion of women's rights, she worked in the campaign to secure ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in Missouri.

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Box List

Box 1

Planning materials, schedules, menus, Ethnic Food Festival, 1980
Class notes, information on films used, source guides, History of Art
Planning materials for personnel, booths, schedules, fact sheet, reports, contract for rental
Space, Food Festival and Fair, 1981
Report and correspondence, Food Festival and Fair, 1982
Correspondence, Sisterhood Ad Book, 1981
Research papers, notes, article information (2 folders)
Research papers, including notes about education trends, art and humor, 1971
Personal papers, including annotated bibliography for possible purchase by the
Sisterhood; Kansas State Teachers College list of selected library materials; and
format on resumes from University of Missouri-Kansas City Department of Art
and Art History
Jay Lorsch, photographs, Temple B'nai Jehudah Bulletins, Harvard University
correspondence
Jay Lorsch, resume, 1990
Foreign correspondence, 1899 (2 folders)
Robin Lorsch, correspondence, drawings, photographs
Correspondence, greeting cards, mementos, blueprint of Lorsch home, photographs,
booklet on balloon-animals, thank-you notes
Correspondence, photographs of woman and boy, mementos from Oslo, Norway, 1950's
Jay Lorsch, papers, tests, class notes, photograph
Jay Lorsch, photographs, clippings, announcements of graduation and accomplishments
Jay Lorsch, report cards, *Kansas City Times* front page "Walk on the Moon", drawings,
Serina's journal, August 17, 1958-September 1, 1958, mementos
Temple Sisterhood, roster of District No. 20, by-laws, song of welcome, programs, list of
vice presidents at other temples, 1950's
National Council of Jewish Women, correspondence, clippings, inventory of records at
the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Kansas City (WHMCKC)
Jay Lorsch, class papers and essays, notes, study guides

Box 2

Ethnic Enrichment Commission, Kansas City, Missouri, Minutes, 1982
Scrapbook, National Council of Jewish Women, 1957-1959
Kansas City Star, Serina's Potato Pancakes with Photos, 1982
Scripts of Plays
Diary, 1917
Diary, 1923
Photos, 1940's, 1958, 1981
Correspondence, 1936, 1942-1959
Administration NCJW, minutes, agenda, budget, etc., 1957-1959
Scrapbook Loose Items, programs, invitation 1948, 1955, no date

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NCJW Study Group, 1980-1990
Kansas City, Kansas Calendar, 1986
Committees, Art and Museum, 1980-1983, 1985-1986; Missouri Legislative, 1980-1983,
1985-1986
A.T.L.A.Z Committee, 1982-1988
Programs, scripts, 1950's, 1983
Photos, drug store, 1920's
"Dignitaries and Indignities in the Early Days of the Kansas City Jewish Community,"
1991
Citations, 1952, 1968, 1980's
Heart of America Jewish Historical Society, 1982

Box 3

Jay Lorsch, elementary school papers, drawings, paper dolls, tablets (2 folders)
Jay Lorsch, correspondence from Notrh Star Camp for Boys in Hayward, Wisconsin
Jay Lorsch, correspondence, 1951-1967 (7 folders)
Jay Lorsch, correspondence during tour of Europe
Correspondence, servicemen during World War II
Family correspondence, greeting cards, postcards, 1968, 1971-1972
Temple Sisterhood, information packet on honorary mention selection; list of past events;
"Highlights of B'Nai Jehudah's First 100 Years"; "Down Memory Lane: 70 Years
of Sisterhood"; Sisterhood Sabbath, April 30, 1976; discussion by Serina Lorsch
and Louise Garfinkle
Health insurance, Medicare Handbook, 1990; Social Security benefit statement; "Your
Medicare Tie-In-Plan Membership Contract"; articles about arthritis relief
Jewish Historical Society, financial records, budget, membership roster, by-laws,
minutes, agendas, Kansas Certification
Libraries, brochures on Eisenhower and Truman libraries, articles on private library
definitions, facts on Missouri libraries, Missouri library law
Oral history, brochures, evaluation sheet, and roster for KCAA symposium, completion
report on Kansas City Municipal Reform Movement Project
Family tree, Harry Levin and Rhoda Lipski
Mementos, Harry Rosen's 100th birthday
Class notes

Box 4

Temple Sisterhood, committee lists, minutes, "40th General Assembly" booklet, "41st
General Assembly" booklet, correspondence, telegrams, clippings, constitution,
bylaws
Books and magazines, front cover of *Time* 1776 issue; *John F. Kennedy: A Living
Legend*, by Robert A. Roberts; *Look*, November 17, 1964; *Kansas City Star*
"Bicentennial: 200 Years in Mid-America" August 4, 1976; *Post*, December 14,
1963; *Kansas City Star*, "The Torch Is Passed"
Washington, DC mementos, cloth napkin, Senate Chambers visitors passes, February

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1972, invitation to the White House by Mrs. Johnson to Serina Lorsch, Senate memorandum stationery pad.

Lecture, "The 100-Year Harvest from Forty Dollars in Seed Funds" by Frank J. Adler

Letter from Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, February 27, 1948; *St. Joseph Gazette*, December 7, 1941; "Kansas City Star in Our Time" section, July 13, 1951; "Kansas City Times in Our Time" section, February 28, 1990

"Women of Spirit and Note" booklet; grade school commencement programs (Jay Lorsch); confirmation certificate (Jay Lorsch); Boy Scout certificate; National Jewish Welfare Board award to Mrs. Louis Lorsch

Mementos, greeting cards, children's drawings

North Star Camp for Boys- *North Star Siren*, 1945-1948, camp roster, annual banquet programs

Itinerary of Jay Lorsch's Pacific trip for Harvard University; family video, history of Hans and Serina Lorsch; correspondence, including Corby Estate

School mementos of Hans Lorsch, September, June 1913; Jay Lorsch's report cards, 1945-1947; "Leisure Time Activities" by Jay Lorsch; confirmation gift record; writing samples by Jay Lorsch; Spanish word sheets

Childhood drawings by Jay Lorsch

Temple Sisterhood Gaslight, photographs, 1968, clippings, "Sisterhood Saith" leaflets

J.W. Lorsch's life story by Serina Lorsch, 1919; spring luminary booklet, 1950;

Photographs, Pembroke Country Day class picture, North Star Camp for Boys, J.C. Nichols Elementary School graduation (1945), Serina Lorsch

Jay Lorsch schoolwork, notes in Big Chief tablet, Stanford Speller, beginners' tablet of notes, pages out of Reading Check book

Children's artwork, Channuka package, handmade holiday booklets, spelling list booklet

Children's artwork (2 folders)

Correspondence, "Seven Generations of Feltenstein Families" reports (2 copies)

Correspondence, translations and originals, September 1884-May 1956

Family records, wills, legal documents, logs, 1863