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HOWARD FREDERIC SACHS PAPERS
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Introduction

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The collection consists of the family, personal, and professional papers of Howard Frederic Sachs, former senior United States district judge in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Additional materials include research and writings concerning the history of the Jewish community in Greater Kansas City.

Howard Frederic Sachs was born on September 13, 1925, in Kansas City, Missouri. Between 1944 and 1946, Sachs worked as a United States Navy electrical technician's mate. In 1947, he earned a Bachelor of Arts from Williams College and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1950. After earning his law degree, Sachs began working as a law clerk for Judge Albert Alphonso Ridge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri from 1950 to 1951. From 1951 until 1979, Sachs worked as a lawyer for the firm Spencer, Fane, Britt, and Browne of Kansas City, Missouri. In the summer of 1979, President Jimmy Carter nominated Sachs for a new seat in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Sachs was confirmed by the United States Senate on September 25, 1979. Between 1990 and 1992, Sachs served as the chief judge for the Western District of Missouri and assumed senior status in the fall of 1992.

Sachs was actively involved in the politics and policies regarding education, civil rights, and desegregation of city schools in Kansas City, Missouri, from the 1950s to the 1970s. He held memberships in numerous community organizations: the Kansas City Commission on Human Relations (1967-1973), the Community Task Force on School Desegregation (1970s), secretary of Project Equality of Kansas-Missouri (1970s), and president of the Urban League of Kansas City (1957-1958). Additionally, Sachs was active in the Kansas City Jewish community. He was a member of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau (1968-1971), the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (1968-1971), co-chairman of the Kansas City Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (1958-1960), chairman of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Jewish Community (1963-1965), and president of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Jewish Congress (1970s). Sachs also distinguished himself as a noted scholar of Missouri Jewry and served as a close research advisor on Frank Adler's landmark book, *Roots in a Moving Stream*.

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Related Collections

"Rabbi Eppstein's Kansas City Diary, 1880-1883," Howard Sachs (C2625)

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Construction of Union Station and Family Photographs, 1913-1914

River work done by Sachs in the Army Corps of Engineers, 1910

Correspondence and Book Research

Adler Correspondence

American Jewish Committee events, research on Balfour Declaration,
1922-1971

B'nai Jehudah event programs, newspaper clippings, essays, 1966-1970

Research, *Roots in a Moving Stream*, draft excerpts and book reviews,
1870-1975 (4 folders)

Adler-Sachs Correspondence

Article, "Development of Jewish Community of Kansas City, 1864-1908,"
1964-1965

Research, 1884-1977

Research, B'nai Jehudah event programs, 1898-1969

Research and notes, 1971-1972

American Jewish Year Book, excerpt, biographical sketches of United
States Rabbis and Cantors, 1903-1904

Arab-Israeli Six Day War and aftermath, articles in the *Kansas City Star* and *The
National Jewish Quarterly*, 1967

Articles and Sachs correspondence regarding Anti-Semitism in Kansas City,
especially exclusion of Jews from private social clubs, 1964-1969

Articles, newspaper clippings, correspondence regarding Truman, Eddie
Jacobson, and U.S. recognition of Israel, 1948-1974

Articles on Jewish identity, community and theology, Sachs correspondence,
research, 1969-1970

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Booklets, cards asking recipients to serve as readers of *Roots in a Moving Stream*
pre-publication manuscript, 1969
Deed of trust by Thomas J. and Mary E. Lockridge, with Siegmund Benjamin,
Joseph Cahn and Herman Ganz, 1866
“Development of the Jewish Community of Kansas City 1864-1908” by Howard
Sachs, drafts, essay, Sachs correspondence, 1965
Elias Eppstein’s handwritten diary with notes, 1880-1883
Evolution and Judaism by Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, 1887
“The Great Migration and the First Federation,” by Morton Sosland, 1966
Interfaith dating/marriage essays, articles, correspondence, newspaper clippings,
1909-1971
The Jewish Population Study of the Greater Kansas City Area by the Jewish
Federation of Greater Kansas City, 1977
Journal of the Southern Jewish Historical Society, research, Sachs-Adler
correspondence, 1968-1971, newspaper clippings, B’nai Jehudah
Congregation 50th anniversary, 1881-1971
The Kansas City Jewish Community, 1854-1954 by William G. Bell and Irving
Levitas, 1954
Kansas City Jewish history, Adler-Sachs correspondence, newspaper clippings,
notes, research, 1860-1971 (2 folders)
Kansas City Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast committee letter and guest list, 1965
Kansas City Survey of Jewish Attitudes, by the American Jewish Committee, 1961
(2 copies)

Box 2

Correspondence and Book Research

The Life of Abraham Denebeim, 1927
Newspaper clippings and articles on post-1967 Israeli politics, Menachem Begin
and Likud, 1969-1977
Newspaper clippings, correspondence and debate over high school prayer and
President Johnson’s aid to education legislation, 1962-1965
Newspaper clippings, excerpt of dissertation on Illinois-Iowa Jewish community,
1957-1962
The Palestine Resolution by Rabbi Simon Glazer, 1922
Photos of Elias Eppstein and other B’nai Jehudah luminaries, 1880-1883
Research, newspaper clippings, 1964-1976
Research, University of Missouri Press manuscript submission guidelines, 1958-
1972
Sachs correspondence, articles, notes, research, 1883-1971 (3 folders)
Joseph Schultz research, Jewish directories, 1964-1978

Jewish Organization Materials

American Jewish Committee correspondence, event programs, constitution, by-
laws, reports, 1953-1981 (5 folders)
American Jewish Congress correspondence and debate on public school prayer
and aid, 1971-1976 (2 folders)
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Annual meeting, 1887
Confirmation class lists, 1929-1961
Correspondence, event programs, newspaper clippings, history, Adler's
research notes, 1967-1972
Newsletter, The Temple Bulletin, 1969-1970
Jewish Community Relations Bureau correspondence, minutes, statements,
memorial service for Director Sidney Lawrence, 1968-1976
National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council
Correspondence regarding school vouchers and Soviet Jewry, financial
reports, newspaper clippings, 1969-1970
Sachs correspondence, newspaper clippings, minutes, reports, 1969-1971
Publications, joint program plans for Jewish community relations, 1963-
1977 (2 folders)
United Jewish Charities
Annual report and list of annual contributors, 1912
Jewish Education Institute Fifth Annual Report, 1911-1912
Newspaper clippings and scrapbook, 1902-1980

Box 3

Materials, 1950s

Harry Briggs vs. Clarendon County, South Carolina School District court brief,
1953
Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, court briefs, 1953-1954
Civil rights public ordinance- correspondence, newspaper clippings, memoranda,
briefs, 1957-1961
Kansas City, Missouri, Commission on Human Relations monthly report, Sachs
correspondence, conference recommendations, 1956-1962
Miscellaneous, housing, civil rights, community work, correspondence,
newspaper clippings, booklets, 1957-1964
Miscellaneous 1950s activism, newspaper clippings, statements, articles on
Thurgood Marshall, 1955-1958
New boundary lines for desegregated high school district newspaper clippings,
1955
Ordinance forbidding racial discrimination in hotels, motels and restaurants-
memoranda, correspondence, newspaper clippings, briefs, 1956-1961
Record on appeal transcript of Missouri Supreme Court case of the Civil Service
Commission of St. Louis vs. the City of St. Louis, 1953
St. Louis, Missouri, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, Supreme Court briefs, 1953-
1955
Swope Park swimming pool case- brief, newspaper clippings, telegram, 1952-
1953
"A True History of the December First Revolution" in the Kansas City Bar
Association, 1955
Urban League of Kansas City, correspondence, newspaper clippings, Sachs
award, 1952-1960

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Commission on Human relations, newsletter, correspondence, directory, budget request, 1967-1973
Emerging Urban Problems and Their Significance for School District Organization in the Great Plains States, by Daniel U. Levine and Robert J. Havighurst, 1968
Fair Housing: An Overview with Special Reference to Kansas City, Missouri by the Institute for Community Studies, Kansas City, Missouri, 1968
Fair housing, correspondence, memoranda, notes, newspaper clippings, statements, 1964-1968
Fair housing hearing on: Threatt vs. Caver and Andrist, 1969
Fair housing ordinance and civil rights act, statements, reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings, 1968
Kansas City Commission on Human Relations minutes, 1968
Miscellaneous
 Civil rights acts, black power, fair housing articles, newspaper clippings, correspondence, 1964-1968
 Correspondence, Kansas City Star compilation on racial ferment, reports, newsletter, 1968-1972
 Fair housing, school desegregation- correspondence, minutes, notes, drafts, newspaper clippings, 1966-1969
 Martin Luther King assassination, fair housing ordinances, civil rights-speeches, correspondence, congressional records, articles on civil unrest, 1967-1968
 Urban and civil rights, public accommodations, reports, newspaper clippings, booklets, notes, 1964-1965
Missouri Commission on Human Rights annual reports, 1962-1968
The Municipal Human Rights Commission in Missouri, by Peter C. Robertson, executive director of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, 1964
Problems of Integration in the Kansas City Public Schools, a Report to the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Education, by Robert J. Havighurst, William L. Cobb, and Norman Drachler, 1965
Project Equality of Kansas-Missouri- correspondence, booklets, minutes, model contract, 1967-1969

Box 4

Materials, 1960s

 Public accommodation ordinance
 Speeches, statements, newspaper clippings, notes, reports, committees, correspondence, 1963-1964
 Ordinance campaign, notes, correspondence, statements, newspaper clippings, 1964
 Some Considerations Regarding the Proposed Middle School by Dr. Clyde Baer of the Kansas City, Missouri, School District, 1967

Activities, 1970s

 Advisory Commission on Human Relations minutes, 1972-1975
 Community Task Force on School Desegregation minutes, 1975-1976 (2 folders)

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- Community Task Force on School Desegregation, statements, correspondence, newspaper clippings, articles, 1975-1977
Crisis and Opportunity: Education in Greater Kansas City, A Report of the Kansas and Missouri Advisory Committees to the US Commission on Civil Rights, 1977
- Equal Rights Amendment, statements, newspaper clippings, briefs, seminar, 1973-1978
- Kansas City Commission on Human Relations, correspondence, statements, newspaper clippings, 1971-1973
- Kansas City school district desegregation plan, 1975
- Miscellaneous, fair housing and school desegregation, correspondence, statements, newspaper clippings, 1970-1975
- Project Equality, proposals, newspaper clippings, correspondence, articles of incorporation, by-laws, financial reports, minutes, newsletter, policy, remarks, 1970-1973
- Proposed desegregation plan by the Kansas City, Missouri, school district, briefs, correspondence, charts, 1975-1976
- School desegregation scrapbook, Sachs' court testimony and documentary supplement, correspondence, articles, newspaper clippings, 1971-1977 (2 folders)
- Edna Scott vs. Kansas City, Missouri, school district, brief, news release, 1973
Three Year Report: The Quality of Urban Life by the Human Relations Task Force on Civil Disorder, 1971
- Booklets and Reports
- Commission on Human Relations annual reports, 1951-1971
- Miscellaneous booklets on desegregation and civil rights, 1953-1976
- Scrapbook pages