



Jacob Brown Papers (K0998)

Collection Number: K0998

Collection Title: Jacob Brown Papers

Dates: 1961-2002

Creator: Brown, Jacob, 1910-2005

Abstract: The collection consists of materials related to the sale of property by Congregation Beth Shalom to Kroh Brothers Development Company & Allen and Company, Inc. The collection also includes correspondence, an invocation, a program for The Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award luncheon, and biographical information for Jacob Brown.

Collection Size: 0.12 cubic foot
(6 folders)

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 University of Missouri by Jacob Brown on August 30, 2002 (Accession No. KA1192).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Jacob Brown Papers can be found in the following collections:

Congregation Beth Shalom Records (K0602)

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

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Historical Note:

Jacob “Jack” Brown was born on February 12, 1910, in New York City, New York. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in law in 1931 and returned to pursue a Doctor of Law degree in 1933. Brown joined the law firm of Lewis, Rice, and Fingersh in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1948 as an attorney. On May 26, 1940, Brown married Frances Olga Becker and together they had two sons, Michael and Howard.

During his youth, Brown was a national officer for the Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) and represented his community in meetings of the American Jewish Conference during the early 1940s. Brown also served as a national vice president of the Christian-Jewish Palestine Commission and was amongst the earliest in the Kansas City metropolitan area to support the creation of a Jewish state.

Brown was an active member of the Jewish community. He headed the B’nai B’rith Lodge 184, was an officer for Congregation Beth Shalom, served as the President of the Men’s Club, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the synagogue for over thirty years. In addition, he was president of the Oakwood Country Club and vice president and Life Trustee of the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Kansas City. He was the recipient of the 1982 Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary’s Man of the Year Award and the 1987 Endowment Achievement Award from the National Council of Jewish Federations, Inc.

He passed away on March 1, 2005, and is buried at the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Jackson County, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into six folders and materials within those folders have been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

Folder one contains correspondence from Rabbi Gershon Hadas to Jacob Brown dated July 6, 1961. Folder two consists of a resume for Jacob Brown and Congregation Beth Shalom newsletter *The Scroll* dated October 15, 1982, in which Brown was named Man of the Year. Folder three contains an invocation delivered by Brown during a dinner in honor of Rabbi Gershon Hadas dated July 1961. Folder four includes a program for The Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation’s 41st Annual Birthday Luncheon dated May 7, 1993. The award recipient in 1993 was author David McCullough.

Folders five and six contain materials related to the loan release and sale of property by Congregation Beth Shalom in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Kroh Brothers Development Company of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Allen & Company, Inc. of New York. Materials within these folders are dated between 1982 and 1984.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Correspondence, 1961
	f. 2	Biographical information, 1982, no date
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