

Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives



Jewish Federation
of Metropolitan Detroit

Established in 1991, the Jewish Community Archives documents the rich and varied history of the Detroit Jewish community. Its mission is to collect, preserve and make available for research the records of the Jewish Federation, United Jewish Foundation, Federation's member agencies and local community organizations.

In 1995, the Archives was dedicated in memory of Leonard N. Simons, a noted community leader devoted to the preservation of history. A permanent endowment was set up to assure the continuation of the Archives.

The Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives is housed in two locations: The Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit, and the Max M. Fisher Federation Building in Bloomfield Hills.

The Archives maintains online the Irwin I. Cohn Cemetery Index, listing burials at nearly 40 Jewish cemeteries. Visit www.thisisfederation.org



Photos:
Cover: Woodward Avenue, c. 1918
Foldover: Henry and Mae Butzel, c. 1894

Panel at right, top to bottom:
Hastings Street merchant, c. 1911
Volunteers planning Community Chest Campaign, 1931
North End Clinic, c. 1950
Emergency Relief Fund event, c. 1931



Manuscript collections open for research at the Reuther Library include:

- Adat Shalom Synagogue
- Birmingham Temple
- B'nai B'rith
- Brandeis University Women's Committee
- Jewish Community Council
- JARC
- Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
- Jewish Home for Aged
- Mizrachi
- National Council of Jewish Women - Detroit Section
- Sholem Aleichem Institute
- Leonard N. Simons collection
- Sinai Hospital
- Sinai Hospital Guild
- Philip Slomovitz collection
- United Hebrew Schools
- Women of Maimonides Medical Society

Newspapers on microfilm:

The Jewish American, 1901-1911

Detroit Jewish Chronicle, 1916-1957

Collections available for research at the Federation building include the photographic records of Federation and its agencies. There are also many small collections, as well as oral histories and memorabilia from members of the Jewish community.

The Jewish Community Archives serves as a resource to assist researchers with our collections and also offers guidance to community organizations on the arrangement, preservation and exhibition of their own materials.