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## GREENWALD, INDIANAPOLIS B'NAI B'RITH COLLECTION, 1949–2001

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes; 1 oversized manuscript box; 1 photograph box

COLLECTION DATES: 1949–2001

PROVENANCE: Sheila Greenwald, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 9 2006

RESTRICTIONS: None

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH**

This collection, donated to the Indiana Historical Society by Sheila Greenwald, includes materials pertaining to Indianapolis chapters of the Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG), B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), and B'nai B'rith.

### **Sheila Greenwald**

Sheila Greenwald is a Life Member of the B'nai B'rith girls, and has been very active in the Indianapolis BBG and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization for many years. She is currently the BBG Advisor for Indianapolis BBYO. Sheila Greenwald is married to Lawrence "Larry" Greenwald, past president of the B'nai B'rith Indianapolis Lodge #58. This collection includes pages from Sheila's personal photo albums, with materials dating from her early years in the Indianapolis Shoshana BBG Chapter #891 through her daughter, Rochelle Greenwald's, involvement in the B'yachad BBG #43 chapter, up to a collection of 2001 Indianapolis BBG documents.

### **Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA)**

Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) was first organized in Omaha, Nebraska in 1923 by attorney Sam Beber. He began the Jewish boys club with the hope that the organization would help strengthen their loyalty and respect for both their Jewish heritage and their American citizenship. After the initial success of the Omaha chapter, Beber and some of his friends began organizing similar clubs in cities throughout the Midwest. As AZA grew, Beber sought sponsorship from B'nai B'rith International. The Supreme Lodge accepted the idea at its 1925 convention and AZA became a part of B'nai B'rith.

### **B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG)**

In response to the growth of AZA, girls groups began to form throughout the country, beginning with the first chapter in California in 1927. These groups were often funded by local women's chapters of B'nai B'rith. The affiliation between these girls groups and B'nai B'rith became official in 1940 with a vote of the Women's Supreme Council.

### **B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)**

As original members of both AZA and BBG grew older, B'nai B'rith Young Women's and Young Men's groups began to form as separate entities from the youth groups. It became difficult for B'nai B'rith International to effectively control four separate youth groups, so in May, 1944 the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization was created to oversee all four groups. Since 1944 BBYO has had over 600,000 members.

Sources:

Information in the collection.

Ancestry Library Edition. Available at: <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com>

BBYO: The First 25 Years: 1924–1949. <http://bbyo.org/about/history/1924-1949/>

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains a wide range of materials relating to Indianapolis chapters of Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA Indianapolis #520), B'nai B'rith Girls (Shoshana BBG #891, B'yachad BBG #43), B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and B'nai B'rith (Indianapolis Lodge #58). Materials include membership lists, minutes from chapter meetings, photographs, scrapbook pages, newspaper clippings, by-laws, awards, event memorabilia and print materials. Donated by Sheila Greenwald in 2006, the bulk of the collection consists of scrapbook pages, photographs, and personal notes from Sheila Greenwald's and her daughter, Rochelle's, involvement in Indianapolis BBG. The photographs relating to Indianapolis B'nai B'rith focus on Sheila's husband, Lawrence "Larry" Greenwald. Other materials which do not specifically pertain to the Greenwald family are more general chapter minutes, membership lists, photographs, and other printed materials which mostly concern AZA. The collection consists of four series:

**Series 1: Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), 1950s–1981:** This series primarily focuses on the Indianapolis AZA chapter #520, with the exception of a few items. Typed documents include membership lists and chapter meetings, along with an AZA membership event invitation and the programs from three AZA sweetheart dances. These items can be found in Box 1. The oversized box contains a hand-made AZA Life Membership Book from 1972. The series also includes dozens of photographs spanning decades of Indianapolis AZA events, which are in Photographs Box 1. Many of these have hand-written names/notes on reverse.

**Series 2: B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG), 1957–2001:** This series contains materials pertaining to both the Shoshana BBG #891 and the B'yachad BBG #43 Indianapolis chapters. The Shoshana materials date from 1957–1986, and the B'yachad materials date from 1992–2001. The collection includes chapter minutes, membership lists, and personal and miscellaneous notes from both chapters. Oversized materials from this series include Life Membership Books from the Shoshana chapter and a scrapbook from the B'yachad chapter. These oversized materials include photographs.

**Series 3: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) 1958–98:** The bulk of this series pertains to the Indianapolis B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, with some materials on the BBYO Adult Board, as well as a folder of mixed AZA/BBG Photographs (Photographs Box 1, Folder 7). Photographs in this series include a collection of group photographs from various District and Regional BBYO Conventions dating from 1958–1995. Oversized materials in this series include a BBYO Life Membership Book dated 1995 and a BBYO Leadership Events Scrapbook dated 1981–82. These materials incorporate photographs which are not stored separately.

**Series 4: B'nai B'rith:** This is the smallest series of the collection, taking up only two folders. It is comprised solely of photographs (Photographs Box 1, Folders 8–9). The photographs have hand-written notes about subjects on reverse sides. They depict the

installation of Larry Greenwald, the Indiana B'nai B'rith State Association Meeting (n.d.), and an Indianapolis B'nai B'rith Lodge #58 event.

## **SERIES CONTENTS**

### **Series 1: Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), 1949–1981**

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Membership Lists and Related Documents, 1949–81

By-Laws, 1958–73

Chapter #520 Sweetheart Dance Programs, 1953–61

Chapter #520 Minutes, 1963–71

Chapter #520 Minutes, 1966–71

Chapter #520 Minutes, 1970

Indianapolis AZA #520 Life Membership Book, 1972

AZA Pictures, 1970s

AZA Installation, n.d.

AZA Misc. Pictures, 1950s, 1970s

Indianapolis AZA #520 Jet Plane Event, n.d.

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Box 1, Folder 1

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Box 1, Folder 1

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Box 1, Folder 1

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## **Series 2: B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG), 1957–2001**

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Shoshana Chapter #891 Members in Training Book, 1972	OMB0123 Box 1, Folder 3
Shoshana Chapter #891 Life Membership Book, 1979	OMB0123 Box 1 Folder, 4
B'yachad Chapter #43 Scrapbook, 1992	OMB0123 Box 1, Folder 5
Rochelle Greenwald Personal Papers, 1992–93 (Folder 1 of 2)	Box 2, Folder 1
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B'Yahcad Chapter #43 Minutes, 2000–01	Box 2, Folder 3

## **Series 3: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) 1958–98**

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Misc. Awards and Newspaper Clippings, 1957–94	Box 2, Folder 4
Teen Council of Jewish Community Center Minutes, 1970–81	Box 2, Folder 5
Leadership Events Scrapbook, 1981–82	OMB0123 Box 1, Folder 6



Life Membership Book, 1995

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BBYO Adult Board Constitution Minutes, 1995-98

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BBYO Regional and District Convention Photos,  
1958–1995

Photographs:  
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BBYO Installation, Misc. Photos, 1958–60, n.d.

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BBG and AZA Photos, n.d.

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 7

#### **Series 4: B'nai B'rith**

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Indianapolis B'nai B'rith Lodge #58 Misc. Photos,  
Newspaper Clipping, 1970s

CONTAINER  
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Box 1, Folder 8

Indianapolis B'nai B'rith State Association Meeting,  
Installation of Larry Greenwald, n.d.

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 9

## CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:  
<http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M1008).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.