Judith E. Weinstein Papers
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Notes: This collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.
**Historical Note:**

B’nai B’rith Women (BBW) was organized in 1909 with their first permanent auxiliary in San Francisco, California. The unofficial women’s division of B’nai B’rith International (BBI), the Columbia Auxiliary of B’nai B’rith, was founded to provide genteel entertainment and promote sociability among B’nai B’rith Lodge members. By the end of WWI, however, the organization had developed distinct interests and firmly shifted its focus to philanthropy, volunteering, and community service.

In 1935, the organization consisted of 103 auxiliaries with 12,000 women. Despite no official recognition from BBI, in 1940, the association dropped the term “auxiliary” for “chapters” and formally organized the Women’s Supreme Council as its national coordinating body. By 1957, membership reached 132,000 women in 809 national and international chapters. Additionally, the organization officially changed its name to B’nai B’rith Women and moved its headquarters to Washington, D.C.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the BBW became involved in anti-illiteracy and anti-poverty programs as well as feminist issues. Gradually, BBW became an activist feminist organization that maintained its Jewish focus. In 1990, BBI recognized B’nai B’rith Women as an independent self-governing organization that was affiliated with BBI. BBW changed its name to Jewish Women International in 1995 and continued its volunteerism and political advocacy for women and the Jewish community.

Judith (Judy) E. Weinstein was born in 1939 and lived in Overland Park, Shawnee Mission, and Prairie Village, Kansas, throughout her life. She married David Weinstein and had significant involvement with B’nai B’rith Women of Greater Kansas City. In August 1990, Weinstein was elected as the society’s Corresponding Secretary and was on their board of directors. She retained this position until the 1992-1993 term. By March 1991, Weinstein was also Co-Chairmen of the Youth Awards, an annual award ceremony to recognize young people making a difference in their community. Weinstein stayed involved in the organization and was recognized for her work in May 1992 with the Programming Chairmen of the Month award.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into six folders.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Judith E. Weinstein Papers contain board of director meeting minutes, finances, and related leadership materials from the B’nai B’rith Women of Greater Kansas City. Meeting minutes and finance records range from 1988 to 1992 and are arranged chronologically by month. Meeting minutes also include supplementary materials that are related to the meeting. This collection contains documentation on B’nai B’rith Women with a glossary of terms and the bylaws for the Greater Kansas City B’nai B’rith Women’s Council. Additionally, the Judith E. Weinstein Papers include leadership expectations and training materials, related to specific leadership positions such secretary and president.

**Container List:**

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