

## RESOURCES ON JEWISH BUFFALO AND NIAGARA

### **The Jewish Buffalo Archives Project Website: <http://library.buffalo.edu/archives/jbap/>**

#### Our Mission and Vision

The Jewish Buffalo Archives Project was founded in 2007 under the auspices of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Buffalo with a seed grant from the Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies. The Archives Project collects mainly twentieth century documentation relating to the diverse histories, religious traditions and cultures of Jewish communities within the Greater Buffalo area of Western New York, encompassing the geographic areas of Erie and Niagara Counties.

The Jewish Buffalo Archives Project pursues this mission by tracing and surveying collections. It seeks donations of materials from current and closed organizations and institutions including synagogues, community based schools, community welfare and other agencies, Jewish cultural and social groups or initiatives, Jewish businesses as well as individual and family papers. It is partnering with the University Archives at the University of Buffalo to make all materials accessible.

An Oral History Program ("Jewish Voices of Buffalo and Niagara) augments archival donations by recording the unique recollections of individuals who have played a part in creating and sustaining the wider Buffalo community that we have today.

This project compliments previous collecting periods during the 1950s and 1980s that focused more exclusively on a core of central community agencies, and that culminated in the Jewish Community Archives Collection, now open for public research at the University Archives, University at Buffalo, Amherst, NY. The ultimate aim of the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project is to build an archive that comprehensively document a mid-size American Jewish community for researchers and others to explore this unique local heritage.

### **Jewish Archives of Greater Buffalo at The University Archives, at University At Buffalo**

#### **Rabbi Isaac Klein Papers, 1925-1979: MS 149**

Includes correspondence, photographs, military service records, speeches, articles, manuscripts, and other writings relating to his life and teachings in conservative Judaism.

[http://libweb1.lib.buffalo.edu:8080/findingaids/view?docId=ead/archives/ubar\\_ms0149.xml](http://libweb1.lib.buffalo.edu:8080/findingaids/view?docId=ead/archives/ubar_ms0149.xml)

#### **Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, 1902-1979 (bulk 1930-1975): MS 150.1**

Includes records of constituent agencies, and member organizations of the Federation such as, the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Community Center, Kadimah School of Buffalo, and the Rose Coplon Home. Records include minutes, committee reports, publications, correspondence, yearbooks, scrapbooks, and photographs.

View finding aid online: <http://library.buffalo.edu/archives/ead/ms150-1/ms150-1.frame.html>

#### **Selig Adler Papers, 1932-1988: MS 150.2**

Consists of Adler's published articles as well as those of colleagues and friends. Includes biographical information on Adler and his family as well as his notes and lecture materials on Jewish and American history.

View finding aid online: <http://library.buffalo.edu/archives/ead/ms150-2/ms150-2.frame.html>

**Local Jewish Community Records, 1844-1976 (bulk 1920-1960): MS 150.3**

Includes cemetery records, local Temple and Shul records, and Jewish organizations. Also included are material pertaining Deported Persons and Refugee Matters, and the Papers of Max M. Yellen and Dr. Gerhard J. Falk and Dr. Ursula A. Falk.

View finding aid online: <http://library.buffalo.edu/archives/ead/ms150-3/ms150-3.frame.html>

**Papers of Prominent Local Jews, 1912-1988 (bulk 1940-1980): MS 150.4**

Includes the papers of Donald S. Day, Dorothy Goldberg, Bernard Mandelkern, Morton Merowitz, Haskell Penn, and Milton Plesur as well as oral history interviews with other notable persons. Included in the collection are committee reports, correspondence, and photographs.

View finding aid online: <http://library.buffalo.edu/archives/ead/ms150-4/ms150-4.frame.html>

**Synagogue Records, 1884-1986 (bulk 1915-1980): MS 150.5**

Synagogue Records of the Jewish Archives of Greater Buffalo. Records of Congregation B'rith Sholem (Pine Street Shul) and Temple Sinai include account books, record books, receipt and memo pads, photographs, deeds, correspondence, committee minutes, and bulletins.

View finding aid online: <http://library.buffalo.edu/archives/ead/ms150-5/ms150-5.frame.html>

**Weblinks to all extant Jewish Buffalo organizations and synagogues, agencies and groups**

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo NY: [www.jfedbflo.com](http://www.jfedbflo.com)**

Local directory for Jewish contacts, news, and a Jewish Community Calendar for the Greater Buffalo area.

**Other Jewish Buffalo Based web sources (not associated with the Project)**

**“Buffalo history and architecture,” <http://www.buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html>**

Website created by Chuck LaChiusa that contains a huge wealth of information about Buffalo history and architecture in general, and specific information about Jewish Buffalo too. It also links to other resources.

**“Jewish Buffalo on the Web,” at: <http://www.jbuff.com/hall.htm>**

This site has a variety of information. The section: *The Buffalo Jewish Hall of Fame*, “honors those who have made a lasting contribution to the Jewish community of Buffalo and Jewish Buffalonians who have made a lasting contribution to the world.” Some of the materials on this website need updating.

**Buffalo Jewish Holdings at other local repositories**

Buffalo Erie County Historical Society, their catalogue through: <http://www.wnylibraries.org>  
Central Library Special Collections: <http://www.buffalolib.org/libraries/collections/index.asp>

**The Classic Text**

Selig Adler & Thomas E. Connolly. *From Ararat to Suburbia: the History of the Jewish Community of Buffalo* (Philadelphia: the Jewish Publication Society of America, 1960).