

B'nai B'rith, Greater Seattle Lodge 3003 records, 1884-2001

Overview of the Collection

Creator	B'nai B'rith. Greater Seattle Lodge 3003
Title	B'nai B'rith, Greater Seattle Lodge 3003 records
Dates	1884-2001 (inclusive) 1884 2000
Quantity	5.75 cubic feet (8 boxes)
Collection Number	3622 (Accession No. 3622-003)
Summary	Records relating to three Jewish service organizations in the Seattle area that merged together.
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Access Restrictions	No restrictions on access.
Languages	English

Historical Note

B'nai B'rith, which means "sons of the covenant," is the oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the United States. Founded in 1843, as Bundes Bruder by 12 German Jews in New York, B'nai B'rith original mandate was "to unite Israelites in the work of protecting their highest interests and those of humanity." The organization is open to all branches of Judaism. It is dedicated to philanthropy and has offered assistance in both natural and manmade disasters. Other projects are youth organizations, orphanages, hospitals, libraries, vocational-training programs, and Hillel religious facilities at U.S. colleges, etc. Local chapters meet in cities around the nation.

Seattle's B'nai B'rith participation began in 1883 when Lodge No. 342 was founded. In 1900, Hildesheimer Lodge was founded by Herman "Pop" Kessler and a group of Orthodox Jewish men, and in 1906, the Hildesheimer Lodge merged with Lodge No. 342. The merged lodges took the name Hildesheimer Lodge No. 503. In 1907, another Seattle lodge formed: Rainier Lodge No. 627's members belonged to Reform congregations. In 1922, Hildesheimer Lodge merged with Rainier Lodge and became Seattle Lodge No. 503.

Cascade Lodge No. 1822 received its charter in 1949. In 1959, Overlake Lodge No. 2040 was founded, making a total of three lodges in the Seattle area.

In 1975, the three lodges merged to form the Greater Seattle B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 3003.

Content Description

The collection contains minutes of the regular membership and of the Executive Board, organizational material, correspondence, financial records, elections materials, and ephemera.

Other Descriptive Information

Forms part of the Washington State Jewish Archives.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged in 3 series by lodge.

Series 1, B'nai B'rith, Lodge 503 records, 1884-1970

Series 2, B'nai B'rith Cascade Lodge 1822 Records, 1957-1975

Series 3, B'nai B'rith, Greater Seattle Lodge 3003 records, 1949-1990

Acquisition Information

B'nai B'rith Seattle Lodge 503 via Meta Buttnick 11/15/1983

B'nai B'rith Seattle via Joe L. Woolfe (?) and Meta Buttnick, 10/29/1984

Richard Willner, 05/02/1988

Kathy Neal at B'nai B'rith, 1992

Walter Oppenheimer, 8/19/2014

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: B'nai B'rith, Lodge 503 records, 1884-1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/1	Historical/organizational features	1951, 1960-1966
1/2	Incoming letters	1964-1967
1/3-6	Minutes, January 1957-April 1967	1957-1967
1/6	Financial records	1965-1966
1/8	Attendance records	undated
1/9	Newsletters	1964-1965
1/10	Clippings	1884, 1957-1965
1/11	Ephemera	1957-1964
1/12-13	Reports	1963-1966
1/14	Minutes	1956-1957
1/15-20	Minutes	1958-1967
1/21	Seattle Lodge #503 Board -- Attendance, Minutes, Reports	1968-1969
1/22	Lodge 503 Annual Installation Dinners	1966-1970
1/23	Fireworks Project	1968
4/1	B'nai Brith Lodge 503 Board Meeting Audio Recording April 12, 1967	1967
6/1	Lodge 503 Half Century Commemorative Scrapbook	1951
6/3	B'nai B'rith Traveling Card -- Henry Piccard	1890

Series 2: B'nai B'rith Cascade Lodge 1822 Records, 1957-1975, (bulk 1960-1965)

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/24	Organization	1960-1961
1/25-28	General Correspondence	1962-1965
1/29-31	Minutes	May-March 1965
1/32	Attendance Records	undated
1/33	Elections	1964-1965
1/34	Mailings	1963-1964
1/35	Memoranda	undated
1/36	Financial Records	1963-1964
1/37	Ephemera	undated
1/38	Lodge 1822 Annual Installation Dinner	1967
1/39	Lodge 1822 Awards - W. Oppenheimer	1957-1975
4/2	Cascade Lodge #1822 Cash Receipt Journal	1960-1975
4/3	Cascade Lodge #1822 Cash Disbursements Journal	1949-1974
5/1-10	1950-1963 Dues Ledger - A-Z	1950-1963
5/11	Suspended Members Ledger	1954-1976
5/12-26	1949-1980 Dues Ledger - A-Z	1949-1980
5/27	Resigned and Inactive Ledger	1951-1976
5/28	BB District 4 Manual	1975
5/29-35	1954-1975 Dues Ledger - A-Z	1954-1975
5/36	Admin Binder - Suspension, Constitution, Budget, Membership	1980
5/37	Admin Binder - Roster	1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/38	Admin Binder - Payment Records	1980
5/39	Admin Binder - Memos	1980
5/40-41	Dues Ledger - 1952-1971	1952-1971
6/2	Akiba Award - A. Shulman	1941

Series 3: B'nai B'rith, Greater Seattle Lodge 3003 records, 1949-1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/40	B'nai B'rith Board Materials	1976-1998
1/41	Greater Seattle Lodge Board Minutes	1976-1982
1/42	Greater Seattle Lodge Board -- Rosters, Motions	1978-1983
1/43	Trustees -- Notices, Agendas, Minutes	1979-1985
1/44	Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes	1983-2000
1/45	By Laws	1979
1/46	Nominating Committee	1977-1982
1/47	B'nai B'rith Proposed Budgets	1988-1989
1/48	B'nai B'rith Employess	1979-1980
1/49	Tax and Financial Documents	1983
1/50	B'nai B'rith Grant Requests	1989-1990
1/51	Semi-Annual Reports	1975-1980
1/52	Semi-Annual Reports -- Materials	1976-1978
1/53	Detailed Membership Change Reports	1976-1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/54	District Four Rosters	1975
1/55	District IV Dues	1979-1980
1/56	B'nai B'rith Rosters	1981-2001
1/57	New Members	1977-1979
1/58	Member Resignations	1976-1978
1/59	Proposed Member Suspension Lists	1977-1980
1/60	Member Suspension Documents	1976-1978
1/61	District Four Correspondence	1978-1980
1/62	Correspondence -- BB Chapter and BB District	1980-1990
1/63	Correspondence re: Membership Computer Cards	1980-1981
1/64	Internal Communications	1981
1/65	External Correspondence	1980-1990
1/66	Correspondence re: Membership	1975-1981
2/1-2	Meeting Notices	1976-1989
2/3	Membership Certificates	undated
2/4	B'nai B'rith Publications (BB News, BB Today)	1976-2001
2/5-6	B'nai B'rith Bulletin	1975-1989
2/7	BB Bulletin Drafts and Notes, The Covenant	1979-1980
2/8	B'nai B'rith Clippings Folder	1976-1977
2/9	Conferences and Conventions	1980; undated
2/10	District Four Conference Handbooks	1969-1983

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/11	BB Newport Beach Convention	1976
2/12	BB San Diego Convention	1980
2/13	BB Palo Alto Convention	1977
2/14	Palo Alto Convention	1984
2/15	Senior Citizen Housing Project	1978-1984
2/16	Senior Citizen Housing Project Committee	1980-1984
2/17	Past Presidents	1975-1991
2/18	B'nai B'rith Programs, Events, and Fundraising	1976-1999
2/19	B'nai B'rith Brown Bag Bull Sessions	undated
2/20	Materials -- Seattle Action for Soviet Jewry	1977
2/21	Annual Installation Dinners	1976-1984
2/22	B'nai B'rith Insurance	1977-1986
2/23	B'nai B'rith Centennial Celebration	1982-1983
2/24	College Fair Event	1976
2/25	BB 75th Anniversary Dinner	1976
2/26	Candidate Forum Events	1976-1977
2/27	Elie Wiesel Event	1977
2/28	BB Advisory Panel Luncheons	1977
2/29	BB Membership Brunch	1978
2/30	International Cancer Conference	1982
2/31	Jack Spitzer Dinner	1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/32	Casino Night Fundraiser	1983
2/33	Kirat Ono Youth Orchestra Visit	1986
2/34	Voluntary Service Fund	1982-1987
2/35	Sunshine Committee	1977-1983
2/36	"100 Years" Anniversary Book	1983
2/37	BBYO Account Records	1975-1976
2/38	Scholar-in-Residence Program	1977-1986
2/39	Israel Bonds	1980
3/1	Correspondence re: Membership	1982-1989
3/2	Other Correspondence with Members	1984-1985
3/3	AIPAC Programs	1989-1990
3/4	Holocaust Memorial Trip	1985
3/5	Day at the Races Event	1988-1989
3/6	Membership Ledgers -- Filled Pages	1942-1976
3/7	Membership Ledgers -- Membership Problems	1965-1980
3/8	Membership Ledgers -- Resignations	1949-1977
3/9	B'nai B'rith Cascade Lodge 1822 -- Rosters, Publications	c. 1950-1974
3/10	Membership Ledgers -- Life Members	1955-1979
3/11	Membership Ledgers -- Deceased Members	1955-1987
4/4	Treasurer's Record of Monthly Expenses	1977-1987
7/1	B'nai B'rith - Walter Oppenheimer's Binder of Board Materials	1988-1989

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/2	B'nai B'rith - Walter Oppenheimer's Scrapbook	1955-1994
7/3	B'nai B'rith - Walter Oppenheimer Binder	undated
7/4	B'nai B'rith - Walter Oppenheimer's News Article Collection	1979-1996
7/5	B'nai B'rith Awards - Walter Oppenheimer	1975-1988
7/6	B'nai B'rith - Walter Oppenheimer Correspondence	1960-2000
8/1	Computer Membership Roster, Account Balances, etc.	1981
8/2	Rosters, Account Balances, etc.	1982
8/3	Cash Received and Distribution	1981-1987
8/4	Active Members	1986

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Immigrants--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Jews--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Jews--Washington (State)--Seattle--Charities

Personal Names :

Wiesel, Elie 1928-2016

Corporate Names :

B'nai B'rith. Greater Seattle Lodge 3003--Archives
 B'nai B'rith. Greater Seattle Lodge 3003--Employees
 B'nai B'rith. Greater Seattle Lodge 3003--Finance
 B'nai B'rith. Greater Seattle Lodge 3003--Membership
 B'nai B'rith--Congresses

Form or Genre Terms :

Business correspondence
 Conference materials
 Ephemera
 Minutes (Records)
 Newsletters
 Records (Documents)

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