

National Council of Jewish Women – Local Chapters  
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Abstract: Assorted program materials, newsletters and art exhibit catalogs from the National Council of Jewish Women – Local Chapters

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History:

On February 25, 1912 the Newark Section of NCJW received a charter from the national office of NCJW. There were 37 charter members and it was the first NCJW section in New Jersey. Mrs. Nathan Weinberg was the section's first president.

The section adopted the three-fold program of its parent body, consisting of: service to the foreign born; peace and legislation; and the integration of Jewish women through cultural pursuits.

The sections committee were: the committee of Religious purposes,, Religious school, Committee on Social Welfare, Committee on Immigrant Aid and Education, Reciprocity Club, Student Fund (to give loans), Committee on Peace Study, Committee on blind, and Immigrant Aid Department.

The Reciprocity Club was organized by Mrs. Max Danzis as part of her work as chairman of immigrant aid of the Newark Section, NCJW

The immigrant aid department changed its name to the Bureau of Service to the Foreign Born. Immediately upon arrival in America, immigrants were visited by a Council worker who followed up on all the necessary adjustments: enrolling children in school, helping find employment, advising on problems. Based on an article for the February 2, 1923, it appears that NCJW was located at 638 High St. Mrs. Jack F. Myer was president in 1923. 1924 membership was 646.

In 1962 5 local NCJW sections joined to form the Essex County Section of NCJW, which is currently the largest section in the U.S.

Scope and Content:

After discovering materials from the local chapters of the National Council of Jewish Women, the archivist created this collection to contain all materials together with each chapter being its own series.

Removals: None

Organization: Alphabetical, then chronological within three series:

- I. Essex County Section
  - A. Publications – Art Exhibit Catalogs and Newsletters
- II. Newark Section
  - A. Administrative
    - 1. By laws
    - 2. Minutes
  - B. Events
  - C. Press
  - D. Publicity
  - E. Scrapbook
- III. West Morris Section
  - A. Administrative
    - 1. Budget Report
    - 2. By laws
    - 3. Grant Application
    - 4. Meeting Minutes
  - B. Correspondence
  - C. Education
  - D. Events
  - E. Miscellaneous
  - F. National Programs
  - G. Photographs
  - H. Press
  - I. Programs
  - J. Publications

- K. Scrapbook
- L. Audio/Visual – VHS Tapes