

**Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center**  
**Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest Archives**  
Arranged by Jill Hershorin (4-23-09)

**Record Group: 1**

**Collection Number: 4/23/09**

**Creator:**

Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center

**Inclusive Dates:**

1945-1982

**Extent:**

1.5 cf

**Abstract:**

Historical Documents of Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center

**Acquisition information:**

First acquired by the Society in 2000; returned to the Congregation the same year.  
Re-donated to the JHSMW in 2005.

**Preferred Citation:**

Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center Collection, Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest

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**History:**

Lake Hiawatha was once farmland belonging to Phineas Farrand, converted into summer communities by developer Benjamin Kline. This new community was advertised to urban Jewish communities. The Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center was incorporated in 1945. It prospered until the 1980's, when members began to age or leave for Reform and Orthodox services. The Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center merged with the Pine Brook Jewish Center in 1995. Its building now belongs to the Yogi Divine Society.

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**Scope and Content:**

Executive Director, Linda Forgosh urged the archivist to separate this once merged collection and in April, 2009 the collection was dismantled and rearranged.

This collection is comprised of paper and photographs and is divided into seven series as follows:

- I. Administrative
  - a. Legal
  - b. Minutes Ledger
- II. Clubs and Groups – Sisterhood
  - a. Events
  - b. Scrapbook
- III. Events
- IV. Membership
- V. Photographs
- VI. Press
  - a. Advertisements
  - b. Newspaper Clippings
- VII. Publications - Newsletters

**Conservation Notes:**

Newspaper is glued to the scrapbook

**Removals:**

None

**Organization:**

The materials are organized alphabetically, then chronologically within the series.