

Bob Max Collection
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Creator: Bob Max

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Abstract: Personal papers from Bob Max

Acquisition information:

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History:

For many years Bob and his wife Shirley have worked with the Jewish community in New Jersey, and helped to strengthen the State of Israel through their service within the MetroWest community.

A European Theater combat veteran of World War II, Bob Max was an escaped prisoner of war-slave laborer and received the Purple Heart in recognition of his service. He spends time speaking to schools and organizations about his experiences.

In his career, he served as the general manager of NBC Merchandising Division of California National Productions. Later, he founded several businesses and also served as vice-president of the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center. He co-authored "Power Writing," a training manual for executives and penned many articles about his war experience. In addition, he composed several scores of

music, including writing lyrics for the official album of the Bat Masterson television program.

Bob has spent a considerable amount of time in his life working for causes and leading a number of service organizations. He and his wife, Shirley were founding members of Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit, NJ and Bob served as its President for many years. Prior to the founding of Beth Hatikvah, he was president of Temple Sinai of Summit. He was also past- president of the NJ State Association of Jewish Federations and the vice-president of the United Jewish Federation. He served as chairman of the Greater Summit UJA campaign and was instrumental in the merger of the Summit merger into the MetroWest Federation. He continues to be actively engaged in Jewish causes and in the community.

Scope and Content:

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

- I. Personal Papers – General Subjects