

**Saul Schwarz Collection**  
**Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest Archives**

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**Record Group: 1**

**Collection Number: 34-96**

**Creator:** Saul Schwarz

**Inclusive Dates:**

**Extent: 8cf**

**Abstract:** Institutional and personal papers from Saul Schwarz

**Acquisition information:**

Records in the collection were donated by Saul Schwarz

**Preferred Citation:**

Saul Schwarz Collection, Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest

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**History:**

Saul Schwarz received a B.A. in history and psychology from Newark University in 1937 and in 1941 he was appointed Executive Director of the Group Guidance Service of B'nai B'rith and Jewish Vocational Service. Upon discharge from the military in 1946, he joined the staff of the Jewish Vocational Service as Senior Placement Counselor, working primarily with Holocaust survivors. He resumed his studies and received an M.S. Degree in community organization and social planning from Columbia University School of Social Work.

Saul Schwarz has contributed his time and resources to the local Jewish community for most of his life. He held a variety of leadership roles beginning with his assorted roles as Director of Social Planning, Assistant Executive Director and finally Associate Executive Director for the UJA Young Men's Division. He made major addresses at many conferences and was a frequent UJA

speaker. He was known for his advocacy of local social services, especially for émigrés and the elderly, and for professional training for Jewish communal service. He was also known for his work in establishing the Joint Chaplaincy Committee as a UJA beneficiary agency. In addition, Schwarz served as treasurer and resolutions chair of the Conference of Jewish Communal Service and was a founding member of the Association of Jewish Community Organization Personnel (AJCOP). His address to the statewide professional conference in 1966 led to the establishment of the New Jersey Association of Jewish Communal Service (NJAJCS). In 1983, he received the NJAJCS's newly created Distinguished Service Award and in 1984, the name changed to include his name.

Schwarz's community work increased after his retirement from the Federation in 1980. He served on many committees and became a co-founder of the Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest. Groups and agencies invited him for speaking engagements because of his knowledge of the MetroWest Jewish history. He often conducted tours of historic Jewish Newark sites.

Also during his retirement, he did private consultation work and was an adjunct staff member of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF). He was a member of the American Jewish Historical Society, Assorted Northern and Central New Jersey Historical Societies and the National Yiddish Book Center.

### **Scope and Content:**

The collection is divided into four series: Institutional Papers, General Records, Personal Papers, Artifacts and Audio/Visual materials.

The Institutional Papers series contains documents from Saul Schwarz's work in the Jewish community and are found within the subseries of: Federation; JHSMW and

The second series called General Records contains materials from Schwarz's consulting work and assorted board memberships and volunteer work. Included in this series are extensive transcriptions and notes from Schwarz's speaking engagements.

His personal papers in the third series include: some correspondence from assorted committees on which he served within the community; personal correspondence; education; photographs; writings and other categories. Schwarz's Ketubah is in this collection and was signed by Rabbi Solomon Foster.

The fourth series contains pieces of ephemera that Schwarz received throughout the years, including awards, gifts, ceremony keepsakes and certificates.

The final series contains cassette tapes and a VHS tape.

Items include:

Cassette Tapes

- Newark bus tour (with Bill H.)
- Reminiscence and history of Jewish community and YM-YWHA
- Saul Schwarz's oral history of Jewish Community Housing Corp. (10/3/96)
- Meeting with Andrew Frank, Director of Social Planning of UJF, (7/27/92)

VHS tape

- VHS tape of a national call-in show for members of the Jewish Federation of North America

Schwarz's personal papers are few compared to the documents from the Institutional Papers series, which contain general materials for use by board members or staff of each institution as well as incoming/outgoing correspondence and papers by Schwarz.

This collection is comprised of paper and other materials and is divided into three series as follows:

- I. Institutional Papers
  - A. Federation
    - 1. Agencies
    - 2. Committees
    - 3. College Youth Council of NJ
    - 4. Council of Jewish Federations
    - 5. General Subjects
    - 6. Jewish Community Foundation
    - 7. Photographs
    - 8. Women's Division
  - B. Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest
    - 1. Early Planning
    - 2. Research
    - 3. Correspondence
    - 4. Meetings
- II. General Records
  - A. Consultant work
  - B. Correspondence
  - C. Reference Materials
  - D. Speeches
  - E. Subject Files
  - F. NJAJCS
  - G. AJCOP
- III. Personal Papers
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Education

- C. Memberships
- D. Press – Newspaper articles

IV. Artifacts

- A. Plaques

V. Audio/Visual Materials

- A. Cassette Tapes
- B. VHS Tape (1)