

Joseph Weinberg Collection
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Record Group: RG1

Collection Number: 40-96

Creator: Joseph Weinberg/Erste Bershader K.U.V.

Inclusive Dates: 1953-1987 (bulk of materials is from the 1980s)

Extent: 1 cf

Abstract: Papers from Joseph Weinberg/Erste Bershader K.U.V

Acquisition information:

Records in the collection were donated by Joseph Weinberg

Preferred Citation:

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History:

For many years Joseph Weinberg was involved with the Erste Bershader K.U.V. mutual aid society. The organization met in the Congregation Sinai Torath Chaim of Hillside, NJ. He was elected to the presidency of the organization in 1980.

The common mission of most of the Landsmanshaftn was to provide life insurance, cemetery plots and funeral costs, emergency assistance and small interest-free loans. The Erste Bershader K.U.V. was no exception. The organization became incorporated as a credit union and was able to provide loans to its members. In addition, they owned cemetery plots within King Solomon Memorial Park of West Ridgelawn Cemetery, which eventually took over ownership of the remaining plots when the K.U.V. disbanded in 1986.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains few records of Erste Bershader K.U.V. The records were donated by its past president, Joseph Weinberg. There is no real history written about this organization. The minutes are from 1979-1986 and reflect the work provided for the needs of its members. The cemetery records first mention the dwindling membership and suggest the dissolving of the organization in 1981. It was not until March of 1986 that the board decided to officially disband and liquidate the group. The final meeting was in July of 1986.

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

- I. Administrative
- II. Artifacts