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#### INTRODUCTION

The papers contain documents, publications, scrapbooks, and photographs related to the personal and professional life of Hy Vile and the Vile family.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The gift of an index (inventory) of the Hy Vile Archives, held in the Hy and Bella Vile Library at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, was received from Joel Vile on 1/26/2004 (Accession No. KA1265). The actual archives were donated by Joel Vile to the State Historical Society of Missouri on 9/27/2011 (Accession No. KA1971). Additional accessions were received by Joel Vile on 4/22/2013 (Accession No. KA2103); 5/15/2014 (Accession No. KA2209); and 12/10/2014 (Accession No. KA2259).

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Hy Vile was a civic leader and founder and chairman of the board of Vile-Goller / Fine Arts Printing and Lithographing Co. Vile was born in Bialystok, Poland in 1902. Vile married Bella Wengrover. The marriage produced four children: Serena Esther, Rae Arlene, Joel David, and Leslie Ann Vile.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the follow five series:

##### **Hy Vile Archive from the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Library**

This series consists of personal and professional correspondence of Hy Vile, manuscripts written by Vile, and materials related to his various community and civic activities; honors, awards, and recognitions received; family history; and travel literature. This series was formerly housed at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Library in Overland Park, Kansas. An index for this series is available in folder 1.

##### **Personal papers**

This series consists of correspondence related to Vile's community and civic engagement. Materials include Vile's writings, a letter to his family recalling his father and mother from Poland, and wills and codicils. Also included are sympathy cards and letters to Vile's wife, Bella, and to other family members from nationally and locally

known persons following Vile's death. The Harry S. Truman luncheon programs are also in this series. Oversize materials have been withdrawn to an oversize flat box.

### **Publications**

This series includes Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets. Also noteworthy is the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Centennial Tribute booklets given to a number of international and national political dignitaries.

### **Scrapbooks**

This series consists of three scrapbooks. Two scrapbooks contain professional photographs of the Man of the Year Memorial Award Dinners. Harry and Bess Truman and Dean Acheson were in attendance and appear in many photographs. The green scrapbook contains newspaper articles, photographs, and printed materials focused on the Man of the Year Memorial Award Dinner. The oversize green scrapbook has been withdrawn to an oversize flat box.

### **Photographs**

This series includes professional and amateur photographs of family members, business associates, and club memberships. The photographs range from Vile's boyhood as a Boy Scout and athlete to an adult showing his role in the Jewish community and as a businessman. Oversized photographs have been withdrawn to an oversize flat box.

### **PREFERRED CITATION**

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Hy Vile Family Papers (K0560)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

### **INVENTORY**

#### Box 001 (044531)

#### **Hy Vile Archive from the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Library**

- f. 1 Index (inventory) of the contents of the Hy Vile Archives held at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Library, prepared 6/1986 (KA1265)
- f. 2 Death notices and related documents, 1984, 1986  
AA-00001 to AA-00010

#### *Condolence letters, memorial cards, 1984*

- f. 3 A-00001 to A-00075
- f. 4 Service visitors book, 1984  
AA-00008
- f. 5 A-00076 to A-00175
- f. 6 A-00176 to A-00275
- f. 7 A-00276 to A-00405

- f. 8 A-00406 to A-00475
- f. 9 A-00476 to A-00600

Box 002 (044532)

*Letters, communications to Hy Vile from family, 1922-1986*

- f. 1 B-00001 to B-00099
- f. 2 B-00100 to B-00325
- f. 3 B-00201 to B-00325
- f. 4 B-00326 to B-00475
- f. 5 B-00476 to B-00575
- f. 6 B-00576 to B-00670

*Letters, communications from Hy Vile to family, 1922-1986*

- f. 7 C-00001 to C-00150
- f. 8 C-00151 to C-00275
- f. 9 C-00276 to C-00400
- f. 10 C-00401 to C-00538

*Letters, communications from Hy Vile to non-family, 1922-1986*

- f. 11 D-00001 to D-00112

*Letters, communications to Hy Vile from non-family, 1922-1986*

- f. 12 E-00001 to E-00150
- f. 13 E-00151 to E-00275

Box 003 (044533)

- f. 1 E-00276 to E-00389

*“Seriously Speaking” columns by Hy Vile, 1978-1984*

- f. 2 F-00001 to F-00100
- f. 3 F-00101 to F-00200
- f. 4 F-00201 to F-00280
- f. 5 F-00281 to F-00370

*Honors, awards and recognitions, 1923-1984*

- f. 6 G-00001 to G-00099
- f. 7 G-00100 to G-00128

*Temple Beth Shalom documents, 1954-1984*

f. 8 H-00001 to H-00080

f. 9 H-00081 to H-00103

*Civic organizations, involvements, 1955-1983*

f. 10 I-00001 to I-00022

*Clubs, 1931-1981*

f. 11 J-00001 to J-00086

*Philosophy and outreach comments, writings, 1919-1984*

f. 12 K-00001 to K-00100

f. 13 K-00101 to K-00195

Box 004 (044546)

f. 1 K-00196 to K-00275

f. 2 K-00276 to K-00302

*Jewish Geriatric and Convalescent Center, 1950-1984*

f. 3 L-00001 to L-00050

f. 4 L-00051 to L-00079

*Vile Family History*

f. 5 M-00001 to M-00023

*Family correspondence, writings, 1923-1984*

f. 6 N-00001 to N-00100

f. 7 N-00101 to N-00192

*Communications, Vile-Goller / Fine Arts, 1922-1984*

f. 8 O-00001 to O-00050

f. 9 O-00051 to O-00145

f. 10 O-00146 to O-00152

*Hy and Bella Vile, wills and codicils, 1973-1982*

f. 11 P-00001 to P-00009

*Desk publications, 1971-1984*

f. 12 Q-00001 to Q-00003

Box 005 (044588)*Travel brochures*

- f. 1 Turkey, Greece, Denmark, Portugal, Holland  
Y-1 to Y-5
- f. 2 Spain, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Cyprus  
Y-6 to Y-10
- f. 3 United States, Japan, Hong Kong, Finland  
Y-11 to Y-14
- f. 4 Israel – postcards  
Y-15, A
- f. 5 Israel – postcards  
Y-15, B
- f. 6 Israel – brochures, maps  
Y-15, C
- f. 7 Israel – brochures, maps, album  
Y-15, D
- f. 8 Israel – receipts  
Y-15, E

Box 006 (114566)**Personal papers**

- f. 1 Jewish Community Center artistic rendering, 1963 (oversize)
- f. 2 Truman Library mural commemorative booklet, 1964 (oversize)
- f. 3 Funeral service Harry Puritz program, 1965
- f. 4 Vile Family history written by Hy Vile, 1965
- f. 5 Congregation Beth Shalom Dedication Service, 1971
- f. 6 Truman and Israel: The Election of 1948 from Frank Adler to Hy Vile, 1977
- f. 7 Chronicles from the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, 1980
- f. 8 Oakwood Country Club meeting minutes, 1982
- f. 9 Oakwood Country Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1980
- f. 10 Hadassah Honor Awards Kansas City Star, 1987
- f. 11 Shalom Geriatric Center annual meeting programs, 1987 and 1988
- f. 12 Beth Shalom Installation of Alan L. Cohen, 1989
- f. 13 Hadassah Past Presidents, 1913-1990
- f. 14 Hadassah invitations 1985-1992
- f. 15 Correspondence to Vile-Goller (Joel Vile) from Hallmark Cards (Donald Hall),  
1994

- f. 16 Beth Shalom High Holiday Supplemental Readings, n.d.
- f. 17 Harry S. Truman Birthday Luncheon Program, 1959-1972
- f. 18 Harry S. Truman Commemorative Tribute Program, 1973-1978
- f. 19 Harry S. Truman Commemorative Tribute Program, 1979-1984
- f. 20 Harry S. Truman Commemorative Program Items, [1959-1984]
- f. 21 Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award, 5/1978
- f. 22 Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation Award, Admiral Rickover's remarks and speech, 1979

### **Publications**

- f. 23 75th Beth Shalom Diamond Book 1878-1955
- f. 24 100th Beth Shalom Centennial 1878-1978
- f. 25 100th Beth Shalom Centennial 1878-1978
- f. 26 Demographic Study of the Jewish Community of Greater Kansas City, 1986
- f. 27 Village Shalom Test Case Study, 2000
- f. 28 With Joy and Gladness: Memories of Rabbi Gershon Hadas, 2003
- f. 29 Jewish Community of Greater Kansas City Annual Report, 2005
- f. 30 Annual Reports of Village Shalom 2005, 2010
- f. 31 Village Shalom Prospective Resident Packet, 2011
- f. 32 100 Years of Village Shalom, 1912-2012
- f. 33 Akiba Academy Inaugural Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 1984
- f. 34 Akiba Academy Civic Service Award Souvenir Booklet, 1990
- f. 35 Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets, 1975, 1978
- f. 36 Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets, 1979, 1990
- f. 37 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets, 1984, 1986
- f. 38 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets, 1988-1989

### Box 007 (124660)

- f. 1 Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets, 1991-1992
- f. 2 Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets, 1993-1994
- f. 3 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklets, 1995-1996
- f. 4 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 1998
- f. 5 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 1999
- f. 6 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2000
- f. 7 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2002
- f. 8 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2004
- f. 9 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2006
- f. 10 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2007-2008
- f. 11 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2008
- f. 12 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2009

- f. 13 Hyman Brand Academy Civic Service Award souvenir booklet, 2014
- f. 14 Independence and the Opening of the West Thomas Hart Benton (Mural at Truman Library), 1974 (oversize)
- f. 15 Harry S. Truman Commendation Award Dinner of the State of Israel, 1966, 1968
- f. 16 Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Centennial Tribute, 1984 – pp.1-17
- f. 17 Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Centennial Tribute, 1984 – pp 18-41
- f. 18 Harry S. Truman Historical Publications – International 1963, 1965, 1966
- f. 19 Harry S. Truman Historical Publications – National 1976, 1984
- f. 20 Eddie Jacobson Memorial Foundation biography booklet, 10/1955
- f. 21 Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner with Truman and Ambassador Abba Eban, 1956
- f. 22 Newspaper articles and editorials regarding Truman, Israel, and Eddie Jacobson, 1956
- f. 23 Harry S. Truman Library and Museum visitor's packet, n.d.

### **Scrapbooks**

- f. 24 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – pp. 1-78 (photocopies)
- f. 25 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – cover
- f. 26 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – pp. 1-10
- f. 27 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – pp. 11-34
- f. 28 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – pp. 35-44
- f. 29 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – pp. 45-62

### **Box 008 (124661)**

- f. 1 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – pp. 63-71
- f. 2 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – pp. 72-78
- f. 3 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – loose materials
- f. 4 Man of the Year scrapbook, 1952-1963 – loose materials
- f. 5 Man of the Year green scrapbook, 1959 – pp. 1-54 (photocopies)
- f. 6 Man of the Year green scrapbook, 1959 – pp. 1-54 (oversize)

### **Photographs**

- f. 7 Village Shalom groundbreaking, 1998
- f. 8 Hy, Bella, Joel Vile Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity, 1983
- f. 9 600th Meeting Irari Club Elms Hotel, Excelsior Springs, MO, 1964, 1980
- f. 10 Hy Vile, Hyman Brand, Rabbi Margolies, n.d.
- f. 11 First Shovels for Beth Shalom, 95th and Wornall, 1968
- f. 12 Elmer Fishing Club Trip to God's Lake, 1963
- f. 13 Man of the Year, Beth Shalom, n.d.
- f. 14 Joel Vile fraternity composites 1949-1957 (oversize)
- f. 15 Hy, Bella Vile with friends Sam and Edith Goller, n.d.
- f. 16 Hy, Bella, Joel and Sue formal group, n.d.
- f. 17 Group photographs, 1937-1964 (oversize)

- f. 18 Hy and Charles (brother), 1922-1933
- f. 19 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 1, 1958 – pp. 1-60  
(photocopies)
- f. 20 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 1, 1958 – front cover
- f. 21 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 1, 1958 – pp. 1-15
- f. 22 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 1, 1958 – pp. 16-30
- f. 23 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 1, 1958 – pp. 31-46
- f. 24 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 1, 1958 – pp. 47-60
- f. 25 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 2, 1958 – pp. 1-60  
(photocopies)
- f. 26 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 2, 1958 – front cover
- f. 27 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 2, 1958 – pp. 1-15
- f. 28 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 2, 1958 – pp. 16-30
- f. 29 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 2, 1958 – pp. 31-46
- f. 30 2nd Annual Award Eddie Jacobson Memorial Dinner book 2, 1958 – pp. 47-60
- f. 31 Joel and Sue Vile, Kansas City Star plaque, 12/31/1989

Oversize flat box

- Wentworth Military Academy Yearbook (N-00042)
- Kansas City Confidential-Jo and Al Coleman, 8/1/1962 (N-00037)
- Kansas City Confidential-A.D. Jacobson, 70th Birthday (N-00043)
- Kansas City Star, Kent Karosen's Bar Mitzvah, 1/28/1978 (N-00077)
- Kansas City Confidential-Milt Feld busts 70 (N-00078)
- Kansas City Times, Joe Cohen, Busts 70, 3/24/1972 (N-00079)
- Kansas City Confidential-Rose & Irv Klinock Bust 25, 8/31/1963 (N-00080)
- Kansas City Confidential-Jo & Al Coleman Bust 25, 8/1/1962 (N-00081)
- Kansas City Confidential-Lou Cumonow Busts 80, 8/14/1976 (N-00082)
- Schultz Morning Herald-Howard Schultz (N-00083)
- Kansas City Confidential-Milton Silverman Busts 75 (N-00085)
- The American's Creed (K-00044)
- Picture-Flowers-Jan Hagara '77C (K-00049)
- Picture-Boy & Girl-Jan Hagara '77C (K00050)
- Plaque: Advisor Hy Vile, 5/15/1938 (K-00301)
- Letter: office of the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, to Hy Vile, 4/28/1959,  
regarding the 75th birthday celebration of former President Harry S.  
Truman
- Photographs taken at the 50th anniversary celebration of Vile-Goller, 1922-1972.  
Included are: Hy Vile, Albert Goller, Joel Vile, J.C. Hall, Don Hall,  
Harold Rice, Dick O'Halloron, Hans Archenhold, Bill Harsh, and Ken  
West
- Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City artistic rendering, 1963
- Harry S. Truman Birthday Luncheon Program, 1959-1972
  - Celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Harry S. Truman, 1969 (3 copies with  
photographs of Presidents Truman and Nixon with wives)
  - Celebrating the 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Harry S. Truman, 1971 (3 copies with envelopes)



Harry S. Truman Commemorative Tribute Program, 1979-1984  
    32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birthday Luncheon program, 1984 (2 copies)  
    32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birthday Luncheon program, 1984 (with copy of Captain Harry)  
    32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birthday Luncheon program, 1984 (with copy of Captain Harry and envelope)  
Truman Library Mural commemorative booklet, 1964  
Man of the Year green scrapbook, 1959 – pp. 1-26  
Man of the Year green scrapbook, 1959 – pp. 27-54  
Group photographs, 1937-1964  
    Dinner Hall, Oakwood Country Club, District Two Tournament, 1937  
    Sue Vile, Girls State, Fulton, Missouri, 1937  
    Dinner Hall group, n.d.  
    15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cavalcade B’Nai B’rith, 1955  
Fraternity composites, 1949-1957  
    Kappa Delta Phi composite, 1949-1950  
    Beta Sigma Rho Fraternity, Carnegie Institute of Technology, 1956-1957

Oversize scrapbook box

40th Wedding Anniversary Album, Hy and Bella Vile  
Plaques: Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Auxiliary Women of Valor

LOCATION NOTE

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