



**Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Greater Kansas  
City Chapter Records  
(K0620)**

**Collection Number:** K0620

**Collection Title:** Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Greater Kansas City Chapter Records

**Dates:** 1962-2014

**Creator:** Brandeis University. National Women's Committee. Greater Kansas City Chapter

**Abstract:** The collection contains material related to the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, an organization dedicated to providing financial support to Brandeis University's libraries. Materials include board minutes, membership records, and financial records. Also included is information on the events that the chapter organized to raise money for Brandeis University, in particular their annual Book Sale. In addition, there are several scrapbooks and photographs documenting chapter activities.

**Collection Size:** 5.95 cubic feet  
(110 folders, 1 oversize box, 227 photographs, 73 negatives, 1 CD, 5 artifacts)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Greater Kansas City Chapter Records* (K0620); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

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**Notes:** Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

**Processed by:** Processed by Mimi Loran, August 2018

**Historical Note:**

Brandeis University National Women's Committee formed in 1948, the same year as Brandeis University. The organization provides financial support to the University's library, and is the largest friends-of-a-library group in the world with 25,000 members nationwide.

Gladys Helzberg, Mildred Newman, Helen Blond, Gertrude Dann, Fanny Feld, Charlene Mag, Florence Margolin, and Julia Terte, with Gladys Helzberg acting as the first president, chartered the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee in 1952. The organization provided social activities for members along with educational activities for the community. The organization's largest event was their annual book sale, where they sold books to the public. In 2005, the Greater Kansas City Chapter decided to end their annual book sale. In 2013, the chapter was closed by the National Committee.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into five series with twelve subseries. Series have been arranged by material type and items within series have been arranged chronologically:

Organizational Records

- History
- Board Records
- Membership
- Awards and Certificates
- Correspondence
- Events

Scrapbooks

- Chapter Activities

Audio Visual Materials

- Photographs
- Negatives
- CD

Oversize

Artifacts

- Awards
- Memorabilia

## **Scope and Content Note:**

### **Organizational Records**

This series contains materials related to the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. Included is a history of the chapter and the larger organization, board minutes, membership lists and directories, chapter and member awards, and correspondence. The history subseries contains a history of the chapter along with materials related to the chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, newspaper clippings related to chapter activities, and a book on the history of the national organization titled, "Strictly by the Book." The board records subseries contains meeting minutes, bylaws, and financial material related to the chapter. The membership subseries contains national and chapter directories, chapter membership lists, new member forms and chapter newsletters. The correspondence subseries primarily relates to the chapter discussing business with local business and the national organization. There is also a large quantity of correspondence related to donations made to the chapter.

Of particular interest is the events subseries, which contains publicity material related social and educational events that the chapter held throughout the year. In addition, this subseries includes all of the information related to the chapter's annual Book Sale. This includes financial materials and reports related to the annual philanthropy, event information, newsletters, information for volunteers working the event, and all of the publicity related to the event.

### **Scrapbooks**

This series consists of scrapbooks documenting chapter activities from year to year. These scrapbooks span from 1981 to 2013, which was the last year the chapter, was active, and contain photographs, newspaper clippings, and flyers related to events. Of particular interest are the scrapbooks that focus on particular events, like the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for the Greater Kansas City Chapter, or the Book Sale scrapbook.

### **Audio Visual Material**

This series contains photographs, negatives and a CD related to events that the chapter held. The photographs make up the bulk of this series and focus primarily on the annual installation luncheon for officers. These materials have been identified and arranged by event alphabetically within the photograph folders. Other events documented include the annual Book Sale, a trip to Salem, Massachusetts, a chapter tea party, and several national conferences. There is also a composite photograph of past presidents that has been cut into several pieces. The negatives subseries has been arranged and identified in the same way as the photographs, and depict the same events.

The CD has photographs from the 2007 Officer Installation Luncheon. The photographs appear in a slideshow, and appears to document the chronology of the event.

## Oversize

This series consists of oversize material related to the chapter and the national organization. There is a chapter banner, the Brandeis University National Women's Committee newsletter "Imprint," posters for events that the chapter held, and an oversize scrapbook for the chapter.

## Artifacts

This series consists of five awards and memorabilia associated with the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. The artifacts are in their own box, and folders 109-110 are a box that fits within the larger artifacts box. The awards are plaques for chapter of the year, honor roll, and giving. The memorabilia is the gavel used by the chapter.

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**Index:**

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Brandeis University. National Women's Committee. Greater Kansas City Chapter	1-110	Yes
Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City	1-110	Yes
Women--Societies and clubs	1-110	Yes