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Shirley Rae Tranin Morantz (1923-) and Stanley Aaron Morantz
(1919-2010) Papers

[Jewish Community Archives]

1922-2010

3 cubic foot, oversize flat materials

Personal papers of Shirley Morantz, Administrative Secretary for the National Office of the Panel of American Women, and Stanley Morantz, board member of numerous religious and civic groups. Also programs, clippings, military papers, speeches and writings by and organizational publications and awards received Stanley Morantz.

BIOGRAPHY:

Shirley Rae Tranin and Stanley A. Morantz were married in 1942. After serving in World War II, Stanley Morantz graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law. He helped Earl J. Tranin establish the Paper Supply Company in 1948. Mr. Morantz served on boards of numerous religious and civic groups including; the Anti-Defamation League, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1981 Mr. Morantz was the general campaign chairman for the Jewish Federation. He served on the board of governors of the Kansas City Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Relations Bureau. He also served as president and board member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Community Colleges Foundation.

In addition to raising four children, Shirley Morantz served as Administrative Secretary in the National Office of the Panel of American Women for ten years. She was an active member and Kansas City area panel participant since 1966. Mrs. Morantz was interviewed by the *Ladies Home Journal*, for an article on the Panel of American Women, which appeared in the January 1965 issue. In 1979, Mrs. Morantz was invited, along with other members of the Kansas City Panel of American Women to a White House reception given by President Jimmy Carter in honor of the organization.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of programs, clippings, military papers, speeches and writings by Stanley Morantz. Also included are organizational publications and awards received by Mr. Morantz. The personal papers of Mrs. Shirley Morantz focus primarily on her involvement with the Panel of American Women.

INVENTORY:

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- Folder 5 Newspaper clippings, 1964-1980
- Folder 6 Panel of American Women: Panel of Americans brochure ca. 1959; National coordinator list 1970; guidebook 1973
- Folder 7 “The Rabbit Brothers” cartoon booklet by Robert Kraus, published by Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith/Kansas City Fellowship “Dolls for Democracy” Collection, 1955
- Folder 8 Photographs- “Dolls for Democracy”, 1960; B’Nai B’rith Youth Services *Guardian* luncheon, 1982
- Folder 9 Twenty Years after Brown: Equality of Educational Opportunity. A Report of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, March 1975.
- Folder 10 Script and Pamphlet: Radio broadcast on “The Jews” (with inset characters) based on University of Chicago Round Table-A Radio Discussion of The Jews January 28, 1940.
- Folder 11 Papers written by Stanley A. Morantz, “The Doctrine of Civil Liberties”; “The Influence of the Jews on the Economic History of the United States”; and “Was napoleon Mistreated at St. Helena?” 1940-1941. Also includes Constitution of Central [High School] Emerson Club.
- Folder 12 Army Papers- Stanley Morantz, 1944-1953
- Folder 13 Stanley Morantz, “Man of the Year” letters, 1959, Anti - Defamation league citation.
- Folder 14 “Resolution” adapted by Beth Horon Lodge No. 599 B’nai B’rith in tribute to the memory of David Morantz, May 5, 1959
- Folder 15 Speech notes: Stanley Morantz- re: Anti-Semitism, Anti-defamation league, ca 1960. Stanley Morantz- talk before NCCJ Citation dinner planning session, February 28, 1963, clipping, letter, United Campaign, October 1960.
- Folder 16 The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, [Stanley Morantz] *Kansas City’s 1963 winner of the Jewish Federation Leadership Award*, November 22, 1963
- Folder 17 Notebooks: Nordaunian AZA #22, 50 year reunion, June 2, 1985. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morantz, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackman
- Folder 18 Awards: Stanley Morantz, The National Conference for Community and Justice, Peg Cass Award, May 2003
- Folder 19 Publication: “Tifereth Sforadian Bulletin”, Congregation Tifereth Sforad, Kansas City, Missouri, November 1936.
- Folder 20 Publication: Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. .Creating a Classroom for Democracy, December 1989. Correspondence, Rabbi Zedek, April 1979, re: Earl Tranin award.

- Folder 21 Publication: The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah Sisterhood's Centennial Anniversary, November 10, 2006; Shabbat Service, Crown of Torah, May 17, 1985.
- Folder 22 Photocopies: Truman Library: Truman, Hy Vile, Walter Berkowitz, A.D. Jacobson, Earl Tranin, Lou Gershon, Dr. Borenstein, A.J. Granoff, Harry Small, Frank Rope, Avraham Harman, Milton Perry
- Folder 23 Photograph: Rosalind Carter with Shirley and Stanley Morantz, for TMC Behavioral Health Network, March 27, 2000.
- (KA2020) *Panel of American Women- Shirley Morantz*
- Folder 24 Correspondence: to and from Shirley Morantz, 1964-1981
- Folder 25 Correspondence: to and from Esther Brown, 1964-1966; to Paul Brown December 3, 1987
- Folder 26 Correspondence: from Panel of American Women, 1971-1978
- Folder 27 Speech notes: Shirley Morantz for Panel of American Women, 1968, 1977; questions; miscellaneous handwritten notes
- Folder 28 Speech notes: Shirley Morantz, "Tribute to Esther Brown; Panel of American Women, Memphis Workshop, July 11, 1970
- Folder 29 Memo and date book: Shirley Morantz, 1975-1976
- Folder 30 Panel of American Women: Techniques and Rules, speeches by Shirley Morantz and Marcy Caldwell, questions, 1964-1974
- Folder 31 Panel of American Women, Kansas City, Missouri: membership lists, November 1972
- Folder 32 Panel of American Women: minutes, newsletters, board members, national office report, 1974-1981
- Folder 33 Panel of American Women: IRS file, 1979
- Folder 34 Panel of American Women: Jackson County Charities Windfall Profits Lawsuit, 1979-1981
- Folder 35 Panel of American Women: Questions, fact sheets, suggestions for increased bookings, 1971-1972
- Folder 36 Panel of American Women: White House reception with President Jimmy Carter, honoring the Panel, April 27, 1979
- Folder 37 Panel of American Women: Educational articles and pamphlets, 1972-1979
- Folder 38 Human Rights Projects: "Dolls for Democracy", 1951-2009; "The Rabbit Brothers" by Robert Kraus (prototype)
- Folder 39 Panel of American Women: guidebook, revised 1979

- Folder 40 Publications: *Sertoma News*, January 14, 1967; photocopies of articles from: *Woman's Day*, June 1969, and *Ladies Home Journal*, January 1965 (see oversize for originals)
- (KA2036)
- Folder 41 World War II ration book- Shirley Rae and Stanley Morantz, Palacios Texas (in handmade cover); speech by Donald Tranin mailed to Stanley Morantz, 1944; Paseo High School Commencement invitation, Donald H. Tranin (no year)
- Folder 42 B'nai Jehudah Building Dedication, April 5, 1957; newsclipping, "Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Tranin. . . ." *Kansas City Times*, April 13, 1968 re. Passover Seder in their home
- Folder 43 1976 Republican Convention in Kansas City: official Observer manual, clippings and Political buttons (note: Shirley and Stanley Morantz were a part of the local chapter of Common Course that aided in making the week of Aug. 16-21 as smooth and as welcoming for the National Convention as possible)
- (KA2066)
- Folder 44 Bulletin: Tifereth Sforadian, November 1936
- Folder 45 Newspaper clippings: Earl J. Tranin, 1958, 1965
- Folder 46 "The President's message to the 107th annual convention of District Grand Lodge #2, B'nai B'rith, June 28, 1959, Leonard Belove, president
- Folder 47 Lest We Forget, publication about "A Memorial to Six Million Martyrs," an aluminum sculpture at the main entrance of the Jewish Community Center, dedicated June 9, 1963- a project of the New Americans Club of the Jewish Community Center
- Folder 48 Harry S. Truman Library- dedication of the Thomas Hart Benton mural, "Independence and the Opening of the West", April 15, 1961 speech by Chief Justice Warren.
- Photographs of: Benton working on mural February 1961, completed mural, and Truman Library 1959.
- Program: Harry S. Truman Commendation Award Dinner in honor of General Lucius D. Clay, Muehlbach Hotel, December 13, 1964
- Folder 49 Photographs: Israel Bond Dinner, honoring Earl J. Tranin, June 1964, pictured are Harry S. Truman, Earl J. Tranin, Leona Tranin, Betty and Arthur Brand.
- Folder 50 Photographs: Dolls for Democracy; B'nai B'rith show cast, ca. 1960; Federation Committee meeting 1960; Union of American Hebrew Congregations dinner, Washington D.C., November 15,

1961; Community Relations committee ca. 1957 (last names of men: Litman, Morantz, Mayerberg, Mayer, Krakauer, Lawrence); Mr. and Mr. Trillin and daughter, Shirley, ca. 1960

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- Folder 1 World History Notebook – Golda Morantz (1920’s?)
- Folder 2 Book Reviews and other Papers by Stanley Morantz (1922 – 1996)
- Folder 3 Stanley Morantz Resume and Letter of Introduction
- Folder 4 Central High School – Misc. c. 1934
- Folder 5 Tifereth Sfordian Bulletin – 1937
- Folder 6 Shirley Morantz (Tranin) – School Graduation Diplomas and Programs (1930’s)
- Folder 7 Central High Debate – Incident Control (1930’s)
- Folder 8 KC University 1941 Yearbook – Stanley’s Graduation Picture
- Folder 9 Honors, Dedications and Thanks (1945 – 1994)
- Folder 10 Tranin Family (1954 – 2010)
- Folder 11 B’nai Jehudah
- Folder 12 Den Mother’s Denbook (1950’s)
- Folder 13 Leonard Belove – Time Magazine Article (c. 1958)
- Folder 14 Letters re: reprint Talmudic Tales – 1962
- Folder 15 Dinner for Sol Margolin – 1980
- Folder 16 Museum without Walls – Warhol Exhibit (1980 – 1981)
- Folder 17 Museum without Walls – other exhibits (1990 – 1994)
- Folder 18 Museum without Walls – Correspondence (1992 – 1995)
- Folder 19 Museum without Walls – Seminar (1993)
- Folder 20 Museum without Walls – Chagall Exhibit (1993)
- Folder 21 Museum without Walls – Meetings and Minutes (1992 – 1996)
- Folder 22 Jewish Community Center Art Committee – Agendas, Meetings & Minutes (1986 – 1992)
- Folder 23 Jewish Community Center Arts Committee – Correspondence and Newspaper Articles (1989 – 1992)
- Folder 24 B’nai Mitzvah Class 1996
- Folder 25 Mitzvah Day 1996
- Folder 26 KC Jewish Museum Foundation
- Folder 27 Pamphlets and Notes

- Folder 28 Miscellaneous
- Book 1 Kehilath Israel Synagogue Golden Jubilee 1945 – 1995
- Book 2 Sing a Song of Friendship
- Book 3 Celebration of Women
- Book 4 Tempting Kosher Dishes
- Tape 1 July Eclipse – July 11, 1991 in Hawaii
- Tape 2 Eyes on Hawaiian Skies

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- Folder 1 Literature Regarding Religion in Public School
- Folder 2 Motivation and Self Development of Teenage Girls Project
- Folder 3 School Integration
- Folder 4 Publications on Human Relations in Kansas City
- Folder 5 File on Fair Housing
- Folder 6 Kansas Commission on Civil Rights 1961
- Folder 7 Programs and Publications from KCU & UMKC on Human Relations
- Folder 8 Panel of Americans
- Folder 9 Fellowship House
- Folder 10 Literature from the National Conference of Christians and Jews
- Folder 11 Publications of Various Jewish Organizations re: Social Action
- Folder 12 Community Publications, Bureau Publications
- Folder 13 Anti-defamation League Publications
- Folder 14 Miscellaneous Publications on Human Relations
- Folder 15 Miscellaneous Photos

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- Folder 1.
 - Item 1 “Mixed Marriage, Should the Rabbi Officiate?” *Dimensions*-publication of Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Vol. 6, No. 2 March 1972
 - Item 2 “Feiffer cartoon” *The Village Squire*, Vol. 2, No. 47, January 7, 1965
 - Item 3 “How Women Answer the Ten Hardest Race Questions” *Woman’s Day*, June 1969
 - Item 4 “Panel of American Women” *Ladies Home Journal*, January 1965

- Item 5 “Integrated Panel Tells Organizations about Intolerance” *The New Haven Register*, September 2, 1973
- Item 6 “Houston Panel Soft Sells Tolerance” *Houston Chronicle*, Vol. 67, No. 212, Sunday, May 12, 1968
- Item 7 Poster: “The Panel of American Women 1971-1972 moves to make us more effective”
- Item 8 Poster: “The Panel of American Women . . . a report on 1972-1973 activities
- Item 9 Poster: “The Panel of American Women . . . a report on 1973-1974 activities
- Item 10 Article; “Panel Frees People from Stereotypes” *The Kansas City Star*, Tuesday, January 29, 1974
- Item 11 (KA2066) “To the Moon . . . and Home”, *The Kansas City Star*, July 26, 1969
- Folder 2.
- Item 12 “What is Prejudice?” by Marie Jahoda. *Look*, May 24, 1960.
- Item 13 “The Roots of Bias” by Rev. James A. Pike. *Look*, March 14, 1960.
- Item 14 Article Clippings, ca. 1969
- Item 15 Newspapers: *The Catholic Reporter* – February 1, 1963; June 1, 1968.
- Item 16 “A Night of Elegance,” *The Independent*, November 27, 1999.
- Item 17 School Newspapers: Central Junior Searchlight, September 29, 1932 – May 25, 1933.
- Item 18 School Newspapers: The Central Luminary, September 20, 1935 – April 18, 1941.
- Item 19 Diploma: Shirley Rae Tranin, Congregation Tifereth Sforad Religious School – May 23, 1937.
- Item 20 Certificate: Shirley Rae Tranin, Kansas City Guild of Music and Allied Arts Teachers, with pin attached.

FLATBOX

(KA2073)

- Item 1 Framed Photograph: “The Heroine Club, Swope Park, August 18, 1921”. Individuals identified: Will Birenboim, Earl J. Tranin, Esrig cousing?, Leona Tranin and Marian (baby), Meyer Tranin, Peter Tranin?, Anna Birenboim with Irvin and Jeannete, Ida Tranin with Vera, Edith, Mildred. Large family reunion.

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Item 2 Temple B'nai Jehudah Dedication Banquet, April 1956

Item 3 Dedication Banquet, April 7, 1957