

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0727 (KA1263+)
IRARI CLUB FOUNDATION RECORDS
[JCA]

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Introduction

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Organizational records of a small, exclusive social organization of the Jewish community of Kansas City, Missouri. Includes minutes, correspondence, publications, financial records, photographs, news articles, artifacts, and audio and film recordings, concerning club members and activities, dating from circa 1931-1990s.

Historical Sketch

Founded in 1931 by ten men belonging to AZA as a club affiliated with Jewish fraternities in the Greater Kansas City Jewish Community, the Irari Club held its first regular meeting on April 22 (the first informal meeting having been held on March 18) and immediately began cooperating with fraternities in planning social and community events, the first being attending a dance hosted by the Alpha Delta Lambda Fraternity in May. Towards the end of the decade, the club began the tradition of holding New Year's Eve parties at the Brookside Hotel which continued well into the 1950s. Featuring long-standing members, including President David Brockman, Treasurer Hy Vile (also editor of the club's humor magazine, *The Irari Hammer*) and Secretary Sidney Magazine, the Irari Club adhered to the tradition of holding monthly meetings at the homes of respective members throughout the years, reaching its 100th meeting on November 19, 1936 and its 500th on November 25, 1957, whereby an elaborate sign-in book was designed for the occasion. On May 6, 1981, the club celebrated its 50th anniversary in a lavish dinner held at the Oakwood Country Club with the surviving original members all in attendance.

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