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Introduction

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Personal papers of a Kansas City native active in many civic and Jewish communal organizations. Includes board and committee minutes, lesson plans, exhibit notes, forms, programs, flyers, stationary, a calendar, a directory, handbooks, articles, brochures, and newspaper clippings of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Beth Shalom Sisterhood, the Museum Without Walls, Beth Shalom, National Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish Community Center, American Jewish Historical Society, Midwest Center For Holocaust Education, and the Eureka Fishing Club.

Aletha Schultz was born in Kansas City, Missouri, to Sonia Birnbaum and Sam M. Schultz. She attended Border Star and Southwest High School and graduated with a BA in History from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In 1963, Schultz married Robert E. Simon of Wilmington, Delaware. They have two children, Joanie and Steven.

A docent at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art since 1976, Simon has pursued an active interest in art through her studies and involvement as a board member and Jewish Art chairman of the Jewish Community Center and Beth Shalom Synagogue. She earned a Master's in History with an emphasis in Judaic Studies/Jewish Art at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1990. She was a founding member of the Kansas City Jewish Museum Foundation and its successor, the Museum Without Walls.

Aletha Simon held leadership positions with the Women's Division-Jewish Federation, the National Council of Jewish Women, and Beth Shalom Sisterhood. She served as an interviewer of Holocaust survivors and is a member of the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education's Speaker's Bureau.

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PUBLICATIONS

- New Directions and Directives: A Handbook for Sisterhood Presidents, 1998 (2 copies)
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- Women's League Parliamentary Guide: Model Bylaws for Sisterhoods, 2000
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