



David R. Zeff Collection (K0927)

Collection Number: K0927

Collection Title: David R. Zeff Collection

Dates: 1939-1950s

Creator: Zeff, David R.

Abstract: The David R. Zeff Collection contains newspaper clippings, newsletters, and memorabilia from the Aleph Zadik Aleph B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the Jewish Youth Federation, Southwest High School, and features photographs of the contestants of the 1945 Yom Kippur Dance Night's Sweetheart contest, as well as personal photographs.

Collection Size: 0.08 cubic foot
(8 folders, 1 oversize)

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](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *David R. Zeff Collection* (K0927); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

Donor Information: The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Nancy Gallas on February 14, 2011 (Accession No. KA1646).

Notes: Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City. Folder 8 is oversize.

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Historical Note:

David Zeff was born in 1925 and was a lifelong resident of Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Zeff attended Southwest High School and the Beth Hamedyosh Hadodol Synagogue. Mr. Zeff was an active member of Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) and the Jewish Youth Federation. Mr. Zeff and his brother, Alvin, co-owned the Zeff Company, where Mr. Zeff worked from 1952 until he retired in 1981. Mr. Zeff passed away in Overland Park, Kansas, on February 4, 2004.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Personal
Jewish Organizations
Southwest High School
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Personal

This series contains materials related to correspondence from friends of Mr. Zeff as well as a pocket address book. The contents are arranged by type.

Jewish Organizations

This series consists of materials pertaining to Aleph Zadik Aleph programs, the Jewish Youth Federation and their fundraisers, and the Kansas City Young Israelite program. Mr. Zeff was an active member in each organization. The contents are arranged alphabetically.

Southwest High School

This series contains newspaper clippings concerning a school play, the honor roll for the class of 1938-1939, the graduating class of 1940, and various miscellaneous articles pertaining to Mr. Zeff's interests. The contents are arranged chronologically.

Oversize:

This series consists of a copy of *The Kansas City Star* covering the end of World War II. The headline of the paper is titled: "Pacific War Ends! Japs Accept Terms." There are various photographs and descriptions of events at the end of World War II along with the aftermath of the war.

Container List:

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| f. 1-3 | Personal |
| Box 001 | f. 1 Ephemera, no date |
| | f. 2 Letterman Patches, no date |
| | f. 3 Photographs, 1945 |
| f. 4-6 | Jewish Organizations |

- f. 4 AZA Newsletter and Programs, 1944-1946
- f. 5 Jewish Youth Federation,
- f. 6 Kansas City Young Israelite, 1939
- f. 7 Southwest High School
- f. 7 Newspaper Clippings, 1938-1941
- f. 8 Oversize
- Box 002 f. 8 Newspaper, 1945

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Aleph Zadik Aleph	2, 4	Yes
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