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Shirley Copaken White (1927-) Papers

[Jewish Community Archives]

1937-2007

25 folders, 1 oversize box

White is very active in cultural, philanthropic, and social organizations, including those of Beth Shalom Synagogue and Hadassah. Includes publications; White and Copaken family photographs and printed materials; Beth Shalom Synagogue and Hadassah materials; Paseo High School reunions; the grand opening of the Lewis and Shirley White Theatre at the Jewish Community Campus; Jewish Community Foundation programs; and newspaper and magazine clippings about Sandi White, Rita Blitt, the AT&T Building, and miscellaneous other subjects.

BIOGRAPHY:

Shirley Copaken White is very active in cultural, philanthropic, and social organizations, including those of Beth Shalom Synagogue and Hadassah, in Kansas City, Missouri. The daughter of Herman and Dorothy Copaken, and older sister of Paul Copaken, White is a 1944 graduate of Kansas City's Paseo High School. Married to Lewis White, a Kansas City commercial real estate developer, she is the mother of Gerald "Jerry" Michael White, Linda Rae White, and Sandra H. White.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of publications: a Beth Shalom booklet and a Kansas City Jewish Chronicle issue reporting the New Reform Temple's purchase of a building at the Southwest Corner of Gregory Boulevard and Main as the site of a new Reform Jewish congregation to be affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Also included are: White and Copaken family photographs and printed materials; materials reflecting White's participation in Beth Shalom Synagogue and Hadassah activities; a book celebrating a 1965 reunion of the 1944 and 1945 classes of Paseo High School; materials related to the October 30, 2005 grand opening of the Lewis & Shirley White Theatre; Jewish Community Foundation programs; Beth Shalom weekday evening service (1974) honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Gershon Hadas: newspaper and magazine clippings about Sandi White, Rita Blitt, the AT&T Building, and miscellaneous other subjects.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

(KA1393)

Folder 1. "Our Synagogue" Beth Shalom, Kansas City, MO 1952 and a copy of the *Kansas City Jewish Chronicle*, March 17, 1967.

Items removed: Photographs (2), Hadassah 1950s
Added to *Jewish Community Archives Photograph Collection*
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(KA1607)

- Folder 2. Jerry White Bar Mitzvah (1963) and Linda White Bat Mitzvah (1966). Materials, a photograph, and newspaper clippings related to son Gerald Michael White's December 14, 1963 Bar Mitzvah; an announcement, invitation, and invoice related to daughter Linda Rae White's May 20, 1966 Bat Mitzvah.
- Folder 3. Paul Copaken, Oak Park Mall, Bannister Mall. Photocopies of newspaper articles about Oak Park Mall and Bannister Mall real estate developer, Paul Copaken, younger brother of Shirley Copaken White. Additional items include: an invitation to son Keith Copaken's bar mitzvah; a Bannister Mall name tag for Lewis and Shirley White's youngest daughter, Sandra White; and a 4" metal button inviting celebrants of Shirley and Lewis White's 30th wedding anniversary to meet at Oak Park Mall.
- Folder 4. Photographs. Copaken and White family photographs and newspaper clippings, 1940s-2000.
- Folder 5. Hadassah, 1970s. Programs, newspaper clippings, a service award, and Youth Aliyah materials related to White's activities with Hadassah in the mid-1970s. An acknowledgment of a gift, a children's orthopedics chair for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, made in honor of Lew White's sixty-fifth birthday.
- Folder 6. Beth Shalom Synagogue, 1958-2000. Materials related to Beth Shalom Synagogue, weekday evening services, Rabbi Gershon Hadas, and choir director, Rose Levine. A letter is included, written in Hebrew, which bears the stamp "Rabbiner J.E. Spector KOWNO."
- Folder 7. Paseo Reunion, 1965. A spiral-bound booklet of the 1965 reunion of the 1944 and 1945 classes of Paseo High School.
- Folder 8. Norman Polsky, 1967. Materials related to a statement of Norman Polsky's personal creed, the 20th anniversary celebration of his business, Fixtures and Production Mfg. Corps, and an invitation to tour its new building.
- Folder 9. Boy Scouts of America, Kansas City. A thank you message from Paul Bayzman for contributions to the Boy Scouts, and a sheet of Tribe of Mic-O-Say stationery for the Kansas City Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Folder 10. Book, *Kindness is Contagious*. A copy of *Kindness is Contagious... Catch It! A program guide for teaching school-age children respect, compassion and kindness*. (1992) D. W. Ziegenhorn & B. C. Unell. Kansas City, MO: STOP Violence Coalition of Kansas City.
- Folder 11. Book, Beth Shalom 75 Diamond. A copy of *The Beth Shalom Synagogue diamond anniversary book*. (1953).

- Folder 12. Book, *On BASE!*. A copy of *On BASE! The step-by-step self-esteem program for children from birth to 18*. (1990) B. Friedmann & C. Brooks, editors. Kansas City, MO: Westport Publishers, Inc.
- Folder 13. Programs. Copies of programs for social events, Menorah hospital, and Kansas City places of interest.
- (KA1617)
- Folder 14. Photographs. Three photographs (Shirley White, 1952; Lew White, 1937?; two unidentified men).
- Folder 15. Weekday Evening Service honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Gershon Hadas on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, August 12, 1974.
- Folder 16. Beth Shalom of Kansas City, 1878-1978. *A Century of Dedication, The Story of Beth Shalom of Kansas City, 1878-1978* by Arnold N. Shanberg.
- Folder 17. October 1979, *The National Jewish Monthly*.
- Folder 18. November 1979, *The National Jewish Monthly*.
- Folder 19. Rita Blitt, exhibit flyers, 1987. Flyer. Rita Blitt exhibit at Joy Horwich Gallery in Chicago, Illinois, June 12-July 20, 1987. Rita Blitt exhibit at Leedy-Voulkos Gallery in Kansas City, Missouri, January 9-February 7, 1987.
- Folder 20. Newspaper and magazine clippings about Sandi White (9/28/84), Rabbi Earl Grollman (10/1/93), and Dr. Sidney F. Pakula (2/90).
- Folder 21. Kindness is Contagious. Folder of materials related to the "Kindness is Contagious...Catch It!" program of the STOP Violence Coalition, 1992.
- Folder 22. Women, Money & Empowerment. Folder of materials related to investment, endowment, and gift options as presented by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City, 1999.
- Folder 23. Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, 10th Anniversary Celebration, April 13, 2003.
- Folder 24. 2003, The Jewish Community Center, Campus Expansion, Phase 1. Budget Pricing Per 75% Complete Drawings, September 16, 2003.
- Folder 25. DTC Annual Report '07. Annual report of the Downtown Council of Kansas City (DTC), 2007.
- (KA2004)
- Folder 26. "The Plumber, The Lawyer and the Carpenter", Deborah Copaken Kogan, July 29, 2009

- Folder 27. "The Conch Sounds Again in Richard Copaken's book "Target Culebra", *The Culebra Calendar*, February 2009
- Folder 28. "Richard Copaken" *The Culebra Calendar*, January 2009
- Folder 29. "Richard Copaken" Caribbean Business Online, December 14, 2008 re: 6 year struggle to stop the US Navy from bombing Culebra, Puerto Rico (1970-1975)
- Folder 30. Beth Shalom Synagogue Diamond Anniversary Book (1878-1953) (KA2090)
- Folder 31. "Rita Blitt Spotlight Award", *Perspectives Magazine*, Spring 2010, *The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle*, April 16, 2010
- Folder 32. "Shirley White", of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, recipient of 2010 Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award, November 10, 2010

FLAT BOX 001

Rosenblum-White Family Tree, July 31, 1983. Three oversized pages (14" x 25").

Photocopies of an August 4, 1950 "About Town" article that described the second annual meeting of the Rosenblum-White Cousins club at Weiss's Restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri.

Certificate announcing the admittance of Lewis White into the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, May 14, 1948.

Materials related to the October 30, 2005 grand opening of the Lewis & Shirley White Theatre.

Kansas City Star newspaper clippings about Beth Shalom's Rabbi Morris B. Margolies and Friedson Pharmacy's Mrs. Lucy Rogers.

Look magazine, August 22, 1967

The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, April 30, 1971 and November 9, 1973

Hadassah Magazine, November 1973

ACIID: A critical insight into Israel's dilemmas magazine, April 1973 with related newspaper clippings.

Newspaper clippings about Rita Blitt's sculptures and painting, Calvin Trillin, and a 1987 benefit for the opening of the AT&T Town Pavilion developed by developers Paul Copaken, Lewis White, and Irwin Blitt.

A copy of the March 23, 1973 issue of *The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle*.

Italian Gardens' menu featuring the Lew White Special salad bowl with tuna.

Photographs:

Convention Banquet. District Two Tournament. Sponsored by Nordaunian Chapter #22, Kansas City, Kansas, March 21, 1937. Oakwood Country Club.

1939 District #2 Convention & Tournament. March 26, 1939. Sponsored by Kansas City, Mo Chapter #2 of Aleph Zadik Aleph, Jr. Order B'nai-Brith.

Young men and women seated as couples at banquet tables. No date.

Fidelity Class, 128th Reunion Scottish Rite Bodies, Kansas City, Missouri. May 7, 1948.

November, 1984 and November, 1987 newspaper articles about sculptor Rita Blitt.

April 2, 1983 issue of *The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle*, Bicentennial Issue.

May, 1987 newspaper articles about the AT&T Building in Kansas City, Missouri.