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Shirley Stolowy Goller (1931-1999) Papers

[Jewish Community Archives]

1924-1992

2 cubic feet

Goller was an prominent Jewish civic leader in Kansas City, MO photographs, scrapbooks, diaries, and other documents related to Goller's life and many community activities.

BIOGRAPHY:

A native of Kansas City, Shirley Stolowy attended Marlborough Grade School, Paseo High School, and University of Missouri-Columbia from which she earned a B.S. in education and art. She taught sixth and seventh grades at the George B. Longan School and was a private tutor of remedial reading for the Kansas City, MO, School District. She was also the creator and designer of the Mi House handbags carried by specialty stores throughout the country.

Beginning in 1978, she worked for the Crown Center Division of Hallmark Cards until she retired in 1995. She had been the buyer/manager of Yesterdays Antiques and Collectibles, the Sportsman's Gallery, Samantha Woodward, The Added Touch, and the Kids Garment Co. Her last two years with Hallmark, she was the general manager of all the Crown Center Associated Stores. Her most recent project was to co-author, in 1998, a non-cookbook entitled *The Kitchen is Closed*.

She was president of the Greater Kansas City Section, National Council of Jewish Women, and served on the National Board. During that period, she testified before the Republican Convention on the issue of women's rights and the ERA. She was vice president of the Kansas City Ballet and American Jewish Committee, and served on the board of Johnson County CASA, Shalom Geriatric Center, Starlight Theatre, and Congregation Beth Shalom,. In addition, she was a member of Hadassah, Jewish Women International, Brandeis University Women's Committee, Menorah Medical Center Auxiliary, the Jewish Community Center, the Symphony Women's Association, State Ballet of Missouri Guild, the Friends of Art, and the Oakwood Country Club. She received the Woman of Achievement

Award from the Mid-Continent Council of the Girl Scouts for her contributions to her community, family, and career.

Shirley married Albert I. Goller in 1952.

In 1998, though a nonsmoker with no family history of cancer, and in excellent health, she was diagnosed with lung cancer which had gone undetected until she started coughing up small blood clots. As a result, no chest X-ray had been done five years prior to the discovery of her own cancer. By then, her cancer had advanced and already spread to the lymph nodes, meaning lung surgery would not have solved the problem..

When she first learned of her cancer, tests showed that it had She began radiation and chemotherapy.

Upset about the lack of warning or testing for early detection. She began a campaign to get the message out: "Take charge—get a chest X-ray," encouraging people to ask for one, even if they do not fall into an at-risk group.

Shirley Goller died April 11, 1999.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains photographs, high school and college yearbooks, scrapbooks correspondence, news clippings and other ephemera.

INVENTORY:

Box 001

- Folder 1. Cards and correspondence
 - Folder 2. Cards (grandchildren)
 - Folder 3. Certificates/licenses
 - Folder 4. Donations/cards of sympathy
 - Folder 5. Ethan and Rona's prenuptial dinner
 - Folder 6. Friendship Quilt
 - Folder 7. Hallmark
 - Folder 8. Holiday card list
 - Folder 9. Howard and Ethan Goller
 - Folder 10. Lung cancer
 - Folder 11. Miscellaneous
 - Folder 12. Mi house
 - Folder 13. National Council of Jewish Women
 - Folder 14. News clippings
 - Folder 15. Paseo High School Reunions
 - Folder 16. Photographs
 - Folder 17. Scrapbook material – Mizzou 1950-51
 - Folder 18. Scrapbook material – School Silhouettes
 - Folder 19. Scrapbook material – School Silhouettes (oversized box)
 - Folder 20. Timeline
 - Folder 21. "Where did they go when they came 2 America?"
- Diary, 1998-1999
- School Silhouettes (high school scrapbook)
- The Bride's Keepsake Book
- The Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Seventeenth Annual Civic Service Award
Dinner Journal
- The Paseon, 1945
- The Paseon, 1946
- 50 Years – Family and Friends

Box 002

- Plaque: Mid-Continent Council of Girl Scouts Woman of Achievement Award

2 diaries

“A stirring sip of chicken soup for the soul”

Playing cards: Paseo High School, 1947-48 class reunion

3 x 5 cards representing gifts, donations, friendship after Shirley’s death

Canvas bag: The Cancer Institute of Health Midwest

University of Missouri yearbook: Savitar, 1950

University of Missouri yearbook: Savitar, 1951

Scrapbook #1: Shirley Goller retirement from Hallmark

Scrapbook #2: Albert Goller retirement from Vile-Goller/Fine Arts

Scrapbook #3: Mizzou, 1950-51

FLATBOX 001

Congregation Keneseth Israel Beth Shalom Confirmation Certificate, June, 1947

University of Missouri, Bachelor of Science degree, June, 1952

Scrapbook - School Silhouettes

Oversized photographs: Phi Delta Chi, 1948; Congregation Keneseth Israel-Beth Shalom Confirmation Class, 1943; Congregation Keneseth Israel-Beth Shalom Confirmation Class, 1947; United Jewish Appeal trip to Israel, 1978; Albert Goller with Hi and Joel Vile; Albert Goller, Hi and Joel Vile, J.C. and Donald Hall; Wedding picture, Shirley Stolowy Goller

