



## **Sol Koenigsberg Collection (K1197)**

**Collection Number:** K1197

**Collection Title:** Sol Koenigsberg Collection

**Dates:** 1954-2011

**Creator:** Koenigsberg, Sol

**Abstract:** This collection contains papers related to the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City, including the organization's history, organizational reports, and newspaper clippings. In addition, there are personal papers related to Sol Koenigsberg, who was Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Council, including a memoir and newspaper clippings regarding Israel. In addition, there are an assortment of personal photographs.

**Collection Size:** 0.5 cubic foot  
(13 folders, 40 photographs)

**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](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Sol Koenigsberg Collection* (K1197); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Sol Koenigsberg on May 28, 2011 (Accession No. KA1922).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Sol Koenigsberg Collection can be found in the following collections:

*Papers of Sol Koenigsberg* (RH MS 1203)

*Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City Records* (RH MS 866)

University of Kansas, Kenneth Spencer Research Library

**Notes:** Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

**Processed by:** Processed by Mimi Loran, July 2017. Additions made by Mimi Loran, March 2018.

**Historical Note:**

Sol Koenigsberg was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1924. Koenigsberg attended Detroit's Cass Technical High School, where he excelled in music. Although Koenigsberg received a scholarship to attend Wayne State University as a music major, he decided instead to enlist in the United States Navy and fight in World War II. Koenigsberg served as a sonarman on the *U.S.S. Witter*.

After the war, Koenigsberg returned to Detroit and attended Wayne State University as a psychology major. He began work as a social worker before moving to Philadelphia in pursuit of his graduate degree in psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. It is here that Koenigsberg began his work assisting displaced Jewish peoples from Europe with their resettlement. This would become a lifelong passion and would define his career.

After completing his master's degree, Koenigsberg returned to Detroit and began working with the Jewish Federation. Koenigsberg worked for the Jewish Federation in some capacity for the remainder of his career. In 1968, Koenigsberg was named the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, later the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City. Koenigsberg would hold this position until he retired in 1989.

Sol Koenigsberg married Rosette Ostrowiecki, a French Jewish refugee, and together they had two children, Michael and Beth.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City

Personal Papers

Photographs

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Jewish Federation and Council**

This series contains materials related to the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City. Included is an organizational history with information about past presidents and booklets related to the group. Of particular interest are the two Jewish demographic studies conducted by the federation. The studies were done ten years apart from each other and the questionnaire is also included. Several reports conducted by the federation while Koenigsberg was the president are included, along with the correspondence regarding his retirement. In addition, there are

newspaper clippings related to the activities of the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City.

### Personal Papers

This series consists of materials pertaining to the life of Sol Koenigsberg. Included are drafts of Koenigsberg's autobiography, memoirs he wrote regarding his service in World War II, and newspaper clippings regarding local and national Jewish issues that he considered important. In addition, there is a diary by Suzanne Parelman.

### Photographs

This series contains photographs documenting Sol Koenigsberg's personal life and work with the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City.

### Container List:

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Box 001 f. 1	History, 1954-2009
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f. 12-13	Photographs, 1961-1989

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