

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K1263 (KA2094) [JCA]
HOWARD W. FRIEDMANN (1923-2006) FAMILY PAPERS, 1923-2007

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Introduction

Approximately 4 cubic feet, oversize

The papers include correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, yearbooks, memorabilia, and other materials collected by Friedmann and his family covering the period 1923-2007.

Howard Wilbur Friedmann was born February 16, 1923 to Sarah Gershon Friedmann and Mack H. Friedmann. A lifelong resident of the Kansas City area, he graduated from Paseo High School in 1939 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and business administration from the University of Kansas City in 1943.

Commissioned as an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve in 1943, Friedmann spent two years with the Pacific Fleet aboard the USS Straus (DE 408). For his service, he received the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal (4 battle stars), World War II Victory Medal and Navy Occupation Medal (Asia clasp). Friedmann's professional career was spent as a manufacturer's representative for various companies. He was a principal of L. S. Gershon & Son and later headed Howard W. Friedmann & Co. He was active in various charitable and civic organizations, especially The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, serving in various elected positions, including president of the congregation.

He married Mariam Phyllis Kamen Friedmann on December 2, 1945. Mariam was a graduate of Keneseth Israel Beth Sholom Synagogue School and Westport High School. Howard and Mariam had a son, Tom A. Friedmann and a daughter, Barbara L. Friedmann. Tom was a graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School and Indiana University. Barbara was involved with the Friends of CASA.

H. Friedmann died February 8, 2006 in Overland Park, Kansas.

Donor Information

This gift was received from Thomas and Barbara Friedmann as accession KA2094 on January 7, 2013.

Box List

Box 1

Papers relating to Howard W. Friedmann

Baby book, 1923

William Rockhill Nelson School – 7th Grade Program, 1935

Paseo High School – Commencement, 1939

Diploma, 1938

Yearbooks, *Paseon*, 1936-1938 (3 folders)

Memory Book (1939-1940), Reunion, 1962

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Reunion, 1989
University of Kansas City
Commencement, 1943
Papers by Friedmann - "A Man and His Ideal," and "Union – Management Cooperation," 1943

Military
Navy certificates, 1943 & 1946
Medals, c. 1940s
Naval School
Yearbook – U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, 1940-1945 (commencement program, 1943)
Certificate – Naval Training School, Ohio State University, 1944
Membership cards, n.d., c. 1940s & 1950s
Scrapbook – "The Making of a Temple President," n. d.
Correspondence (congregation president retirement), 1971
Memorial book, (includes photographs and cassette tape of service by Rabbi Arthur Nemitoff), February 9, 2006
Sympathy cards/letters, 2006
Tom Gershon, 1949 (clipping)
Mack H. Friedmann, 1968-1970
Howard Friedmann, n. d. (clippings)

Papers relating to Mariam Kamen Friedmann
Synagogue Schools Yearbook – Congregation Keneseth Israel Beth Sholom, 1940
Yearbooks - *Westport Herald*, Westport High School, 1940-1941 (2 folders)
Sidney Kamen, n. d. & 1945
Mariam Kamen, n. d. (clipping)

Papers relating to Howard and Mariam
Wedding book, December 2, 1945

Programs
Tefares Israel Synagogue -50th Anniversary, 1952 (Sam Kamen)
The Scroll: Report on Temple Religious School Activities for the Year, 1959-1960 (Congregation B'nai Jehudah)
Temple B'nai Jehudah programs, 1972
Brotherhood Hall of Fame Award Dinner, 1976 (Temple B'nai Jehudah)

Hebrew text, n. d.
KC Athletics, 1955
Harry S. Truman 38th annual birthday luncheon, 1990
Correspondence, c. 1940s & 1960s
Correspondence, n. d. & 1946
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Cards (3 folders)
Papers relating to Tom Friedmann

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Baby book, 1949 (2 folders)
School pages, n. d.
Grade cards, 1959-1963
Yearbook - Meadowbrook Junior High School, 1962-1965
Shawnee Mission East High School
 Activity Letters
 Diplomas, pins, commencement program, 1968
Indiana University
 Diploma, 1972
 Correspondence, 1968-1970 (9 folders)
 Indiana University Foundation – recognition certificate, n. d.
Clippings, n. d., 1967
Papers relating to Barbara Friedmann
Grade cards, 1955-1963
School pages, n. d.
Friends of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), 1985-1989
Clipping, 1965

Box 3

Photographs

Howard W. Friedmann, c. 1920s-1960s (Keneseth Israel-Beth Sholom
 Confirmation class, 1939)
Mariam Kamen Friedman, c. 1920s-1960s (Keneseth Israel-Beth Sholom
 Confirmation class, 1940)
Howard & Mariam, c. 1940s-1980s
Tom Friedmann, c. 1940s-1960s
Barbara Friedmann, c. 1950s-1960s (Somerset class photos, 1958-1962)
Miscellaneous, n. d. (1930s-1960s?) (2 folders)
Miscellaneous, c. 1930s-1940s
 August 9, 1941 (from Mariam Phyllis Kaman photo album)
 1943-1946 (photos removed from scrapbook)
Dinner Dance, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, August 16, 1943
Miscellaneous, c. 1950s
 From scrapbook, 1951-1952
 c.1960s
 c.1980s (New York, Cape Cod, CASA fundraiser with
 Kansas City Chiefs)
Kansas City houses & sites, 1975 (Kemper, Pendergast, Block, Katz, Kauffman)
Synagogue event, n. d.
Yearbooks
 Arbutus, Indiana University, 1972
 Hauberk, Shawnee Mission East High School, 1966-1968
The Holy Scriptures According to the Masoretic Text – Gifts of Congregation
 Keneseth Israel-Beth Sholom Sisterhood to Mariam Kamen & Howard
 Friedmann on their confirmations, 1939 & 1940
Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship, Part II, revised 1955, gifted, 1968

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Box 4

Scrapbook – Howard Friedmann boyhood photographs, c. 1920s-1930s

Scrapbook - Mariam, c. 1940s (letters from Howard, clippings, ephemera)

Scrapbook – Marian Kamen, 1944 (items removed)

Scrapbook – Tom, 1966-1968 (Shawnee Mission East High School)

Scrapbook – Tom, c. 1968-1972 (Indiana University)

Scrapbook – Tom, c. 1970s (Indiana University)

Scrapbook – Tom, “Reader of the Torah,” December 21, 1963 (items removed)

Scrapbook – Tom, c. 1960s (confirmation, bar mitzvah, graduation, “Reader of the Torah”)