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REGISTER:
DURWARD GERSON FAMILY

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Durward (Dutch) Gerson (1919-1979) was an Atlanta resident who was active in a variety of Jewish and general communal organizations. Durward, remembered as Dutch to all who knew him, was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, the Braves 400 Club, Fulton Lodge No. 216 of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Yaarab Shrine Temple. His most passionate association, however, was reserved for B'nai B'rith. Throughout much of the 1950s he worked as the assistant Atlanta regional director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and was later an advisor to AZA Chapter 134.

In the 1960s, Dutch served as secretary and then president of the Atlanta Lodge of B'nai B'rith. His participation with B'nai B'rith led to the establishment of the "Dutch and Mildred Gerson Adviser Award."

The Durward Gerson Family Papers, 1949-1957, are arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each Folder. The collection consists primarily of local and district records of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and records of Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter previously known as Mizrahi Women's Organization Atlanta Chapter. The records from B'nai B'rith reflect upon Durward Gerson's association with that organization. The Amit Women records represent Mildred Gerson's participation as a volunteer and active member of Mizrahi. The social historian interested in Jewish youth activities in the 1950s will find this collection of special interest.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of containers: 4

Shelf space occupied: 1.2 cubic

Photographs: Removed to the visual arts collection.

Container

1 Files, Amit Women, 1949-1957

Folder 1: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter (Mizrachi Women's Organization Atlanta Chapter)-correspondence, 1950-1953.

Folder 2: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-correspondence, 1954-1957.

Folder 3: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-financial records-bank statements, 1949-1956.

Folder 4: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-financial records-cancelled checks, 1949-1953.

Folder 5: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-financial records-dues, 1956-1957.

Folder 6: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-financial records-financial statement and budget, 1951-1952.

Folder 7: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-financial records-receipts, 1949-1953.

Folder 8: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-financial records-receipts, 1949-1957.

Folder 9: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-general records, 1950-1957.

Folder 10: Amit Women-Atlanta Chapter-rosters, 1955.

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2 Files, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith – B'nai Brith Youth Organization, 1950-1966.

Folder 1: Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1965-1966.

Folder 2: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education, 1954-1955.

Folder 3: Atlanta Girls Club, Inc., undated.

Folder 4: Atlanta Jewish Community Center, 1952-1955.

Folder 5: Atlanta Jewish Community Council, 1954.

Folder 6: Beth Jacob Congregation, 1956.

Folder 7: B'nai B'rith-Atlanta Lodge, 1965.

Folder 8: B'nai B'rith-District Lodge No. 5, 1965.

Folder 9: B'nai B'rith-Gate City Lodge, 1965.

Folder 10: B'nai B'rith Women-Atlanta Chapter, 1966.

Folder 11: B'nai B'rith Youth Committee of Savannah, Georgia, undated.

Folder 12: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-advisors workshop, 1953-1956. (local, national)

Folder 13: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-Atlanta BBYO Council, 1953-1956. (local)

Folder 14: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-B.B.Y.O University, 1954.

Folder 15: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-Committee minutes, 1952-1956. (local)

Folder 16: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-conventions, 1950-1953. (local, district, national)

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3 Files, B'nai Brith Youth Organization, 1950-1965.

Folder 1: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-conventions, 1954-1955. (local, district, national)

Folder 2: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-conventions, 1956 and undated. (local, district, national)

Folder 3: B'nai B'rith Youth Organizaiton-constitutions and by-laws, undated. (local, district)

Folder 4: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-correspondence, 1950-1965. (local, district, national)

Folder 5: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-general records, 1949-1965. (district)

Folder 6: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-general records, 1952-1965. (local)

Folder 7: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-Grand Aleph Godol, 1953-1954.

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4 Files, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-Zionist Organization of America, 1949-1966.

Folder 1 B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-L.J. Levitas All Around Chapter Award, undated.

Folder 2: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-membership applications, undated. (local)

Folder 3: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-newsletters, 1951-1955. (local, district, national)

- Folder 4: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-publications, 1950-1953. (national)
- Folder 5: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-publications, 1954-1955. (national)
- Folder 6: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-publications-"The Shofar," 1949-1955. (national)
- Folder 7: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-rosters, 1952-1955. (local, district)
- Folder 8: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization-songsheets.
- Folder 9: Calendar, 1954.
- Folder 10: Calendar, 1955.
- Folder 11: Community Chest campaign-residential division, 1952-1955.
- Folder 12: Fulton Lodge No. 216 Free & Accepted Masons, 1950-1954.
- Folder 13: Georgia Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges, undated.
- Folder 14: Jaycee-Journal-Constitution-Empty Stocking Fund, 1955.
- Folder 15: Newspaper clippings, 1954-1965.
- Folder 16: Southeastern Association Jewish Single Adults, 1956.
- Folder 17: Southern Tailors-work orders and letterhead, c.1949.
- Folder 18: Zionist Organization of America-Atlanta Zionist District undated.