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The Jewish Ladies Aid Society (JLAS) – Columbus, Georgia was founded on July 5, 1874, by The Ladies Purim Association. These women decided to broaden the focus of their association, which was up to now limited to an annual Purim ball, to include charity and benevolence within the Jewish community and throughout the City of Columbus. Originally named the Daughters of Israel this newly formed organization would subsequently change its name to the Hebrew Benevolent Society, The Ladies Aid Society and finally to the Jewish Ladies Aid Society.

The Jewish Ladies Aid Society functioned as the Sisterhood for Temple B'nai Israel founded in Columbus in 1854. Later changing its name to Temple Israel, the congregation is the second oldest in the State of Georgia.

Throughout its existence the Jewish Ladies Aid Society has continued to establish and support social causes in Columbus. The society's projects include the Eva M. Friedlander Educational Fund; the Frank L. Rosenthal Memorial Library Fund; the Matilda D. Rothschild Blind Fund and the Milk Fund founded by Laura Friedlander Rosenberg in 1925. Of all of the projects established by the JLAS, the Milk Fund is perhaps the best remembered. This fund provided milk to the large number of school children whose parents worked in the mills and who were often sent to school without proper nourishment.

Through its community service programs the Jewish Ladies Aid Society continues to work not only for the good of Temple Israel but for the welfare of the entire community of Columbus.

The Jewish Ladies Aid Society Records, 1874-2000, are arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder. The social historian interested in women's benevolence in the late 19th and early 20th centuries will find this collection of special interest. The minutes date from the inception of the organization and give the researcher an accurate picture of the JLAS's activities throughout its history.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of containers: 4

Shelf space occupied: 2.4 cubic feet

Photographs: Removed to the visual arts collection

Container

1 Files, A-F, 1928-1974.

- Folder 1: Anniversary- 70th year, 1944.
- Folder 2: Anniversary- 75th year, 1949.
- Folder 3: Anniversary – 80th year, 1954.
- Folder 4: Anniversary- 100th year, 1974.
- Folder 5: Bulb Committee, 1941-1960.
- Folder 6: Calendar, 1964-1965.
- Folder 7: Century Club, 1948-1972.
- Folder 8: Certificates, 1928-1987.
- Folder 9: Committee rosters, undated.
- Folder 10: Constitutions and bylaws, 1947-1959.
- Folder 11: Correspondence, 1944-1985. (contains correspondence from Beth Israel Congregation, Jackson Mississippi to JLAS thanking them for their support following bombing of the Congregation, 1967)
- Folder 12: Eva M. Friedlander Educational Fund, 1966-1967.
- Folder 13: Financial records – Frank L. Rosenthal Memorial Library Fund, 1966-1967.
- Folder 14: Financial records – general – donations, 1945-1953.
- Folder 15: Financial records – general – income and expenses, 1947-1955.

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2 Files, Fi, 1895-1978.

- Folder 1: Financial records – general – income and expenses, 1955-1959.
- Folder 2: Financial records – general - income, expense and dues, 1951-1953.
- Folder 3: Financial records – general - income, expense and dues, 1953-1957.
- Folder 4: Financial records – general – miscellaneous documents (including receipts), 1895-1978.

- Folder 5: Financial records – general – proposed budgets, 1941-1976.
- Folder 6: Financial records – general – receipts and expenses, 1944-1948.
- Folder 7: Financial records – general – treasurers and gift shop reports, 1963-1976.
- Folder 8: Financial records – general – yearly statements, 1967-1971.
- Folder 9: Financial records – Matilda D. Rothschild Blind Fund, 1957-1963.

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3 Files, Fi-Mi, 1874-1983.

- Folder 1: Financial records – Matilda D. Rothschild Blind Fund, 1963-1968.
- Folder 2: Financial records – Matilda D. Rothschild Blind Fund, 1968-1975.
- Folder 3: Financial records – Temple Altar Fund, 1952-1968.
- Folder 4: Frank L. Rosenthal Memorial Library Fund – general records, 1940.
- Folder 5: Histories, 1934-1953.
- Folder 6: Job description and rules, 1953.
- Folder 7: Kern, Joseph – Estate of, 1956.
- Folder 8: Meeting notices, 1971-1972.
- Folder 9: Membership, 1931 and undated.
- Folder 10: Memorial resolutions and letters of condolence, 1934-1983.
- Folder 11: Milk fund, 1966.
- Folder 12: Minutes, 1874-1902. (photocopy)
- Folder 13: Minutes, 1902-1927.
- Folder 14: Minutes, 1927-1930.

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4 Files, Mi, 1931-1965.

Folder 1: Minutes, 1931-1934.

Folder 2: Minutes, 1940-1944.

Folder 3: Minutes, 1946-1951.

Folder 4: Minutes, 1952-1958.

Folder 5: Minutes, 1958-1969.

Folder 6: Minutes – Junior Auxiliary, 1936-1941.

Folder 7: Minutes – loose pages and notes removed from bound volumes, c.1930-1965.

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5 Files, Mu-Te, 1907-2000

Folder 1: Muscogee County Parent Teachers Association Clothing Bank, 1984.

Folder 2: National Council of Jewish Women – Columbus Section-receipt from Georgia Hall, Warm Springs, Georgia, 1933.

Folder 3: National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and Tri State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1930-1967.

Folder 4: Newsletter, 1964.

Folder 5: Newspaper clippings, 1936-1987.

Folder 6: Nominating Committee, 1971.

Folder 7: Plays and scripts, undated.

Folder 8: Prayer, undated.

Folder 9: Reports, 1930-1961.

Folder 10: Reports, 1962-1989.

Folder 11: Reports – annual magazine, 1954-1985.

Folder 12: Rummage sale, 1953-1974.

- Folder 13: Soviet Jewry, 1985.
- Folder 14: Speeches, undated.
- Folder 15: Temple Israel – history – manuscript copy, 2000.
- Folder 16: Temple Israel – history – published copy, 2000.
- Folder 17: Temple Israel – history – miscellaneous records, 1962-1972.
- Folder 18: Temple Israel – organ contract, 1907.

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6 Files: Te-Pa, 1927-1985

- Folder 1: Temple Israel – Parent Teacher Association – minutes, 1927-1930.
- Folder 2: Temple Israel – Temple Youth Group, c. 1960-1967.
- Folder 3: Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1970.
- Folder 4: Year books, 1953-1974.
- Folder 5: Year books, 1975-1985.