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**B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN CHAPTER NO. 120**  
**YEARBOOKS, CA. 1943-64**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1943-64

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

B'nai B'rith was founded on October 13, 1843 in New York City as a fraternal order to unite Jews and promote the welfare of Jews and their larger community. In 1895, Jewish women won the right to set up auxiliary lodges. Eventually, B'nai B'rith women organized into their own Grand Lodges and established the Women's Supreme Council on October 21, 1940.

Chapter No. 120 of B'nai B'rith Women members set out to “maintain that high standard of morality”, “make the home a sacred safeguard” and also to build social relationships between all members of the order. The chapter supported projects and philanthropic organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, Hillel, Bellefaire Children's Home, Roosevelt Four Freedoms Memorial Library, and National Jewish Hospital, among others.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains ten yearbooks for the B'nai B'rith Women Chapter No. 120 out of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The yearbooks span the dates 1947-1964, but some years are missing (1948-1949; 1952-1953; 1953-1954; 1956-1957; 1959-1960; 1961-1962). Also included in the collection are two general information booklets published by the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith in Washington D.C. which date from the 1940s.

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“This is B’nai B’rith: A Story of Service”, ca. 1943

“A Book of Facts”, B’nai B’rith, 1947-1948

Yearbooks, Chapter No. 120, 1947-1951

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