Brief History of the Jewish Community Archives (JCA)
The Jewish Community Archives documents the rich and varied history of the Detroit Jewish community. Its mission is to collect, preserve and make available for research the records of the Jewish Federation, United Jewish Foundation, Federation member agencies and local community leaders and organizations. The first group of records of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit (JFMD) was transferred to the Walter P. Reuther Library in 1991 when the Federation moved its main offices from a building in Detroit that it had occupied since 1951. These records, with documents from 1899-1991, comprise Part 1 of the JFMD Records. Previously, some historical records of JFMD were housed in the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library. Those records were transferred to the Reuther Library in early 1997; they comprise Part 2 of the JFMD Records, dating from 1926-1952. Part 3 of these records, dating from 1964-2005, were deposited at the Reuther Library in 2015. Since the 1990s, the documents of many JFMD agencies and related community organizations and individuals have been deposited at the Reuther Library as part of the JCA.

Scope of the JCA
JFMD Records contain information about the Federation, its executive body, its divisions, its member agencies, and the personal papers of several individuals instrumental in the organization’s operation over the years, as well as papers related to JFMD’s connection with the Council of Jewish Federations, United Community Services and the United Jewish Appeal. They also reflect its work in social and medical services; fundraising; education; services to the disadvantaged, immigrants and the aging; support of Israel; and its relationships with national and international organizations. In addition to JFMD agencies, the JCA contains synagogue records, newspaper and agency microfilms, a small collection of audio-visual materials, and the papers of several individuals.

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Collections related to the JCA in the Reuther Library also include papers of the following individuals: Harriet Alpern, Julius Bernstein, Irving Bluestone, Oscar Cohen, Helen Dushkin, Max M. Fisher, Al Fishman, Sam Fishman, Martin and Jessie Glaberman, Selma Goode, Ernest Goodman. Robert Greene, Rose Kleinman, Shmarya Kleinman, A. G. and Marie Mezerik, Matilda Robbins, Leonard N. Simons, Ruthven (Rudy) Simons, Philip Slomovitz, Emma Lazaroff Schaver, Kathleen Straus. Stanley Winkelman, Myra Wolfgang, Jerry and Mildred Wurf. In addition, there are the records of the Jewish Labor Committee, the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry in the Wayne State University Archives, the records of Central High School and papers of Mark Kahn, Samuel Levin, and Eleanor Wolfe.

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**Audio-Visual Image Resources:**
Benyas Photographic Negatives

**Oral History Transcripts:**
More than 60 oral histories of prominent Detroit Jewish community leaders are available from the Federation Archives in Bloomfield Hills. The Reuther Library oral history collections contain oral histories of some Jewish individuals.

**Serial Publications:**

**Related Materials in Reuther Library Vertical Files:**

**Related Collections in Other Repositories:**
The photograph collection of JFMD, as well as several manuscript collections, are housed at the Max M. Fisher Jewish Federation Building in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

**External Web Links**
http://jewishdetroit.org/programs/archives/