

**AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE.  
ATLANTA CHAPTER.  
Atlanta oral history interviews, 1976-1983**

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**Creator:** American Jewish Committee. Atlanta Chapter.  
**Title:** Atlanta oral history interviews, 1976-1983  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 596  
**Extent:** AV Masters: .5 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Oral history interviews conducted by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Jewish Committee to preserve the history of the Jewish community in Atlanta.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Historical Note**

The Atlanta Oral History Project was begun in celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary (1980) of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Jewish Committee and was an effort of the Atlanta Chapter to preserve the history of the Jewish community in Atlanta.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of oral history interviews conducted from 1976-1983 by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Included in the project are interviews with such members of prominent Atlanta Jewish families as John Sibley, David Marx, Harry Epstein, Sam Eplan, Rebecca Gershon, Donald Oberdorfer, Joseph Cohen, Josephine Heyman, Cecil Alexander, and Sinclair Jacobs. The interviews pertain to recollections about the history of their own community and of Atlanta in general. Also includes audiotapes relating to oral history meetings, educational programs, and the Atlanta Chapter of the American Jewish Committee seventy-fifth anniversary celebration.

## Container List

### Audio recordings-Alphabetical by name

Box	Folder	Content
AV1	-	Alexander, Cecil, (1) recalls his life as he speaks to "The Second Sunday Night Philosophy Group," April 1979; (2) interview by Leonard W. Leeds, November 10, 1980; and (3) "AJC honors Cecil Alexander" features remarks by Coretta King and Andrew Young, June 1, 1982 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73sc][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73r7][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73z2][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73xx][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73kj]
AV1	-	Cohen, Gerald, November 18, 1980 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73mp][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73nt]
AV1	-	Cohen, Joseph (Rabbi), February 12, 1976 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73ws][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d73jd]
AV1	-	Eplan, Sam, February 1976 [Tape 1] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d7p96][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d7pdm]
AV1	-	Eplan, Sam, February 1976 [Tape 2] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d7ph1]
AV1	-	Freeborn, Elbridge, February 11, 1980 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d7pj5][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d7pbb]
AV1	-	Gershon, David and Ruth, January 27, 1978 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d7pcg][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d7p82]
AV1	-	Gershon, Rebecca, February 18, 1976 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d8mhw][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d8m92]
AV1	-	Heyman, Josephine, March 5 1981 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d8mj1][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d8mdg]
AV1	-	Jacobs, Sadie, February 17, 1976 [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d8m8x][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d8mb6]
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- AV1 - Kahn, Ed and Ethel Myers, n.d.  
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- AV1 - Levitas, Ida, March 13, 1976  
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- AV1 - Marx, David, May 4, 1978  
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- AV1 - Mayer, Albert, n.d.  
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- AV1 - Oberdorfer, Donald, n.d. [Tape 1]  
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- AV1 - Oberdorfer, Donald, n.d. [Tape 2]  
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- AV1 - Sibley, John, n.d. [Tape 1]  
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- AV1 - Sibley, John, n.d. [Tape 2]  
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- AV1 - Wenger, Nanette K., interviewed by L.W. Leeds for the AJC "Women of Achievement" oral history project, May 10, 1983  
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- AV1 - Zimmerman, Robert (Mr. and Mrs.), September 27, 1978  
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#### **Audio recordings-Chronologically by event**

- AV1 - Oral History Meeting Minutes, March 4, 1976  
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- AV1 - Atlanta Oral History Project program and presentation, featuring interview conducted by Herb Kaploy, December 3, 1980  
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- AV1 - 75th anniversary of the Atlanta Chapter of American Jewish Committee, April 12, 1981  
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- AV1 - "Palestinians in Perspective," an educational program at Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Atlanta, February 3, 1982

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**Video recordings**

- AV1 - Atlantans Looking at Atlanta, WAGA Productions, December 3, 1980 [Part 1]  
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  - AV1 - Atlantans Looking at Atlanta, WAGA Productions, December 3, 1980 [Part 2]  
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