



TUCSON JEWISH MUSEUM & HOLOCAUST CENTER

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Collection: Tucson Jewish Museum & Holocaust Center works to preserve the oldest synagogue building in the Arizona territories, to commemorate the legacy of Southern Arizona's roughly 270 Jewish Holocaust survivors, and to present the history of Tucson's Jewish community through the present. Our collection includes various oral testimonies, video interviews, personal and professional papers, Judaica and other memorabilia, and assorted photographs.

Hours of availability: Our open hours at Wednesday through Sunday, 1-5 PM, closed for major national, Christian, and Jewish holidays. Will be available to NHD students outside of these hours by appointment, please contact Programming & Education Director Ori Tsameret at programs@tjmhc.org or 520-277-7075.

Student tour of archives not currently available, though materials can be arranged for students on a case-by-case basis.

Cost: Items used in NHD projects may be available to be used for free, with some restrictions.

Overview

Rights and Responsibilities is an essential component of the work and mission that TJMHC engages in. In addition to the core themes of our responsibility to our fellow human beings, an essential part of what we hope our local Holocaust survivors' stories will communicate to visitors, we incorporate discussions on the social process of genocide as a whole and human rights considerations today. Our collections include various testimonies by Tucsonans, Jewish and non-Jewish and their experiences with discrimination or prejudice, as well as coalition-building and continuation of life.

Guide Organization

This guide serves as an overview of some materials in the TJMHC archival collections that could be used for a topic of rights and responsibilities. Topic ideas have been supplied, but use your own ideas to choose a collection.

How to Search

- TJMHC's website, tjmhc.org
 - Various testimonies and documents may be found under the "Resources" tab
- Additional resources, including written testimonies, photographs, etc. can be found with the help of TJMHC staff on a case by case basis. TJMHC does not have a public-facing, online archival collection database.

Primary Sources

This represents a small selection of relevant collections.

Collections

Topic idea: How do our actions and the actions of those in power impact those around us?

- [Survivors: Intimate Histories](#): A selection of 9 out of several hundred survivors in Tucson who discuss brief moments of their lives pre-, post-, or during the Holocaust. Intimate Histories refers to TJMHC's educational philosophy with regard to the Holocaust, choosing to focus on a holistic method centered on our survivors' experiences. A full collection of survivor testimonies is available physically at TJMHC. *Additional information can also be found in Arizona Public Media's [Children of the Holocaust](#) collection.*

Topic idea: What is at stake when rights are not protected?

- [Antisemitism & Exclusion](#): Local residents of Tucson and Southern Arizona of varied age, ethnic, religious, gender, sexuality, ability and other backgrounds discuss their or their loved one's experiences with discrimination – or resistance to it – in our community. These testimonies present a wide variety of stakes and dangers, and also offer up the opportunity to comparatively historicize different communal experiences. *Additional information can be found through the [Mapping Racist Covenants](#) project, of which TJMHC was part of the advisory board for.*

Secondary Sources

Topic idea: Who has the right to attend school?

- [Pioneering Jews of Southern Arizona](#), The Life and Legacy of Rose Silver: Rose Silver was a Jewish immigrant from Vienna, who came to Tucson by way of Detroit. Though enrolled in law school in Michigan, she was initially rebuffed in her attempts to enroll at the University of Arizona's Law School, eventually becoming only the second woman to graduate from it. This collection discusses and shows her trajectory in Tucson and her eventual ascent to prominence in Tucson's legal and political community.

Books (available at TJMHC)

- *To Tell Our Stories: Holocaust Survivors of Southern Arizona Volume I. Jewish Family and Children's Services*, 2015
- *To Tell Our Stories: Holocaust Survivors of Southern Arizona Volume II. Jewish Family and Children's Services*, 2018
- Lamb, Blaine. *Jewish Settlers in the Arizona Territory*. The History Press, 2023.