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**Inventory to the Cleveland Jewish  
Orphan Asylum Photograph, circa 1910**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum photograph
<b>Date(s)</b>	circa 1910
<b>Creator:</b>	Jewish Orphan Aslum (Shaker Heights, Ohio)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Group portrait photograph taken at the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum, circa 1910. The image shows Superintendent Samuel Wolfenstein with children residing at the orphanage. Nathan Kohler, father of Marjorie Kohler Abrams of Greenville, South Carolina, is pictured in the photograph.
<b>Extent:</b>	2 folders
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<b>Language of Material:</b>	Materials in English

## Biographical and Historical Note

The Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum was established by the B'nai B'rith Midwest District in 1868. Samuel Wolfenstein became the superintendent in 1878, and by 1900, the orphanage housed over 400 children. With the 1929 purchase of a new facility in the University Heights suburb of Cleveland, the orphanage was renamed the Bellefaire Orphanage.

Nathan Kohler (1892-1965) was the father of Marjorie Kohler Abrams of Greenville, South Carolina. Kohler grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, where his father sold porcelain dishes imported from China. After his father was murdered in 1902, Kohler and his brother Benjamin (1893-1975) were sent to the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum, where they remained until they completed high school.

## Collection Overview

The collection consists of a group portrait photograph taken at the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum circa 1910. The image shows Superintendent Samuel Wolfenstein with children residing at the orphanage. Nathan Kohler, father of Marjorie Kohler Abrams of Greenville, South Carolina, is pictured in the photograph. He and his brother Benjamin were sent to the orphanage in 1902 after the death of their father, a peddler from Knoxville, Tennessee.

## Collection Arrangement

The collection is described at the folder level.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

### Names

Jewish Orphan Asylum (Shaker Heights, Ohio)  
Kohler, Nathan, 1892-1965  
Wolfenstein, Samuel, 1841-1921

### Subjects

Jewish orphanages--Ohio--Cleveland  
Jewish orphans

### Places

Cleveland (Ohio)--History--20th century

### Types of Material

Photographs

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum photograph, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

### Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2006 by Marjorie Kohler Abrams.

### Processing Information

Processed by Sarah Dorpinghaus, July 2011.

Encoded by Sarah Dorpinghaus, July 2011.

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## Inventory

Folder 1

Support materials, 1903-1906, 2006

Includes a brief family history and photocopies of reports from the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum.

Photograph, circa 1910

(JHC oversize box 3 | 1 oversize folder)