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**Inventory of the Charleston Chapter #143 of Aleph
Zadik Aleph (Charleston, S.C.) records, 1947-1958**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Charleston Chapter #143 of Aleph Zadik Aleph (Charleston, S.C.) records
Date(s)	1947-1958
Creator:	Aleph Zadik Aleph. Charleston Chapter #143 (Charleston, S.C.)
Abstract:	Correspondence, newsletters, manuals, pledge tests and training booklets, and ephemera relating to Charleston chapter #143 of Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), an all-male Jewish youth organization.
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Historical Note

Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), an all-male Jewish youth organization, was founded in 1924 in Omaha, Nebraska. The group was adopted by B'nai B'rith International as its official youth program in 1925 and became an international organization in 1926. AZA's Charleston chapter #143 was founded in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1931, as part of the organization's southern region. By its tenth anniversary in 1933, AZA had 100 chapters in the United States. In 1944, B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) was officially established and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) was created to govern both groups.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of materials documenting the activities of the Charleston chapter of AZA during the early 1950s. Included are issues of the chapter's *Chaza* newsletter, correspondence, AZA manuals on ceremonies and officer responsibilities, pledge tests and training booklets, convention programs and applications, event programs and tickets, and membership cards.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (Charleston, SC) records (Mss 1046).

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

Aleph Zadik Aleph. Charleston Chapter #143 (Charleston, S.C.)
B'nai B'rith

Subjects

Fraternal organizations--South Carolina--Charleston
Jewish youth--South Carolina--Charleston--Societies and Clubs

Types of Material

Newsletters
Correspondence
Programs (documents)
Bylaws (administrative records)
Manuals (instructional materials)
Training manuals
Membership cards

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Inventory

Box 1 Folder 1	<i>Chaza</i> newsletter, 1947-1958	Issues cover AZA sweetheart elections, athletic tournaments, induction of new members, annual events (such as dances and the AZA Sabbath), regional convention attendance, messages from the Aleph Godol (president), and updates from various committees within the chapter.
Box 1 Folder 2	<i>The Shofar</i> , 1949	
Box 1 Folder 3	Award rules, constitution and by-laws, 1952, undated	The Charleston chapter's constitution and by-laws approved in 1952, and rules for the Kirshstein-Sonenshine Best Aleph Award, the Shield of David Award, the B'nai B'rith Cooperation Award, and the All-Around AZA Chapter Award.
Box 1 Folder 4	Convention materials, 1952-1955	Assorted programs and applications to annual AZA southern regional conventions.
Box 1 Folder 5	Membership cards and name tags, 1952-1956	Cards and name tags belonging to Jack Karesh, who served as Aleph Godol (president) of the Charleston chapter and as a regional executive committee member.
Box 1 Folder 6	Event materials, 1953-1955	Tickets, programs and articles regarding AZA events, including minstrel shows, talent shows, and dances.
Box 1 Folder 7	Pledge materials, 1953, undated	Pledge materials, 1953, undated
Box 1 Folder 8	Correspondence, 1954-1958	Correspondence between Jack Karesh and regional AZA officials, parents, and chapter members regarding procuring AZA pins and other materials, upcoming events, the chapter budget, and attendance at regional executive committee meetings.
Box 1 Folder 9	American Red Cross fundraiser, 1955, undated	Certificates, receipts, and other materials acknowledging the contribution of AZA Charleston chapter #143 to the 1955 Red Cross campaign.
Box 1 Folder 10	Charleston chapter 25th anniversary, 1956	Invitations and programs for the 25th anniversary celebration held on November 22, 1956.
Box 1 Folder 11	AZA manuals, undated	Manuals include <i>Aleph-in-Training</i> , <i>Opening and Closing Ceremonies</i> , <i>Officers Manual</i> , <i>Pledge Manual</i> , <i>Inside Information</i> , and <i>Ceremony of Initiation</i> .

Box 1 Folder 12

Charleston chapter regional sweetheart nominees, undated

Small flyers supporting nominees for the position of Charleston chapter regional sweetheart.

Box 1 Folder 13

AZA forms, undated

An Official AZA Health Certificate and an application for membership in B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Box 1 Folder 14

Other, undated

A speech by Jack Karesh at an AZA Sabbath service and a Charleston chapter #143 song sheet.