



Guide to the Burt and Wilma Bass Photographs and Programs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Bass, Burt (Burton), 1932-
Contributor:	Bass, Wilma, 1939-
Title:	Burt and Wilma Bass Photographs and Programs
ID:	MS-00716
Date [inclusive]:	1976 to 2000
Physical Description:	32 Digital Files (0.022 GB) JPG; transferred electronically; no physical carrier.
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Burt and Wilma Bass photographs and programs (approximately 1976-2000) mainly document the Bass' involvement in the Jewish community of Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as their personal and professional lives. Materials are entirely digital.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Burton Bass (1932-) is a photographer and owner of Burton Studio in Las Vegas, Nevada. He grew up in Brooklyn, New York and practiced photography from the time he was a child. Bass opened his first professional photography studio in 1962, shortly after he married Wilma Frank in 1960. In 1974 the couple moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where Bass worked for his brother-in-law Ed Frank's check cashing businesses. In 1979 Bass opened his own photography business, Burton Studio. He later added services such as fingerprinting, background checks, and photographs for identification cards. His business partner, Larry Burton, became manager of the business after Bass retired.

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Biographical Note for Wilma Bass

Wilma (Frank) Bass (1939-) is a retired Las Vegas, Nevada jewelry salesperson. Born and raised in New York, New York, Bass graduated from high school around 1958. She married Burt Bass in 1960 and the family moved to Las Vegas in the 1974. Wilma Bass was involved in theater from the time she was ten years old, and when she moved to Las Vegas she put her talents to use writing, directing, and producing shows for the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom and ORT (a Jewish education and vocational training organization founded in Russia in 1880, originally named Obshestvo Remeslennogo zemledelcheskogo Truda).

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Scope and Contents Note

The Burt and Wilma Bass photographs and programs (approximately 1976-2000) mainly document Burt Bass' work as a photographer and Wilma Bass' involvement with the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom. The collection includes undated photographs taken by Burt Bass depicting Moe Dalitz and awards given to Moe Dalitz. Also present are two photographs and two programs from the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom 1976 annual fashion show luncheon, which included the original musical comedy "Ladies In Politics: If We Ruled The World," written, produced, and directed by Wilma Bass, Judy Frank, and Jean Weinberger. Other photographs depict Burt Bass and Rita Rudner (undated) and a Mountain Region convention of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (approximately 1977). Materials are entirely digital.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

In 2015, Burt and Wilma Bass donated digital surrogates, but retained the original items; accession number 2015-032.

Processing Note

In 2015, materials were digitized by Meghan Gross and the finding aid was created by Emily Lapworth.

Existence and Location of Originals

This collection is comprised exclusively of digital surrogates. The donor retained the original items.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Jews -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Jews -- Societies, etc.
- Dalitz, Morris

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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<p>Programs and photographs of Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom presents "Ladies In Politics: If We Ruled The World" annual fashion show luncheon and original musical comedy, 1976 (jhp000488) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 9 Digital Files (0.092 GB) JPG</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Photograph of Mountain Region Convention of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, approximately 1977 (jhp000489) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.028 GB) JPG</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Photograph of Shelley Berkley and Al Gore at an event for Gore's 1988 presidential campaign, approximately 1987 (jph000490) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.001 GB) JPG</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Photograph of Moe Dalitz, approximately 1975 (jhp000492) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.001 GB) JPG</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Photographs of awards, plaques and trophies given to Moe Dalitz between the years 1947 to 1982, approximately 1985 (jhp000493) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 19 Digital Files (0.008 GB) JPG</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>
<p>Photograph of Burt Bass and Rita Rudner, approximately 2000 (jhp000491) (view online)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.001 GB) JPG</p>	<p>digital file 00</p>