

SARAH COHEN NEUMARK PAPERS

1952-2009

Finding Aid



Archives and Special Collections



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Accession Number: 13-02

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Sarah Neumark (sitting, front, second from left) and the Class of 1931
at their 75th Reunion, May 6, 2006



Biographical Sketch

Sarah Cohen Neumark was born in New York City on July 8, 1911.

During her undergraduate years at Hunter College, she was highly active in various student clubs such as the German Club and the Menorah Club, and she was also the treasurer of the Spanish Club. In 1931, she received her Bachelor of Arts at Hunter College with a concentration in Spanish and minors in French and German. In addition, she was also fluent in Yiddish.

After she graduated from Hunter College, she attended the Teacher's College at Columbia University and received a Master of Arts in education. She taught commercial subjects and Spanish. Before her retirement, she was a registered stockbroker of the New York Stock Exchange.

Sarah was married to Bernard L. Neumark, a New York attorney. Although the two did not have any children, they spent valuable time together traveling. One fact that she was most proud of was that she had visited each of the 50 states with her husband. In addition, she had also traveled to Mexico, Israel, and London. Her hobbies included photography, writing parodies, and making amateur movies. Furthermore, her four-verses poem under the topic of Modern Education appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, and was later published in *The Wall Street Journal Book of Wit* in 1981.

As an active alumna at Hunter College, Sarah participated in planning and organizing both her 70th and 75th Class Milestones in 2001 and 2006, and served as the Milestone Chair when she was on the Board of Directors of the Hunter College Alumni Association. In 1982, she was named to the Hunter College Hall of Fame. She was also one of the founders of The Sylvia and Danny Kaye Playhouse, and later became a member of the Guild for the Kaye Playhouse engaging in various organizations. Aside from her physical and spiritual support of the College, she also financially contributed to the Sylvia and Danny Kaye Playhouse, the Hunter Foundation, the Friends of Hunter College Library, and the Scholarship & Welfare Fund of the Alumni Association.

Her motto, "my attitude is gratitude", explains why she was an active participant in alumni activities and an invaluable contributor to Hunter College. Outside of Hunter College, she was also an active member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Motion Picture Club and the Vice-President of the New York Chapter of Hadassah as well as the Program Chair.

During her later years, she resided in the Salvation Army's Williams Memorial Residence in Manhattan. At the residence, she founded the Yiddish Club and was the Salvation Army's coordinator of Jewish activities. Sarah was an individual who possessed the spirit of bringing people together and at the same time, creating a sense of community wherever she went.

On April 14, 2009, Sarah passed away and was survived by her sister, several nieces and their families.

Yingwen Huang

Scope and Content Note

The Sarah Cohen Neumark Papers, 1952 - 2009, mainly contain information on various important alumni events that occurred at Hunter as well as Sarah's active participation and contribution to various organizations at Hunter College. The collection contains almost no information regarding her family background and her careers. The bulk of her papers extend from her alumni period at Hunter College to her death in 2009. The materials are generally arranged alphabetically and include her biographical data, general correspondence, documents related to Hunter College, and her writings. All photographs have been put in sleeves for preservation.

The contents in Sarah's biographical data consist of her profile from the Hunter College 1982 Hall of Fame booklet and her obituary published in 2009 in the *At Hunter*, a publication of Hunter College.

The general correspondence includes both incoming letters between 1952 and 2007 and outgoing letters from 1971 to 2005. Most of the incoming letters are from her friends and the organizations she was involved in while some are alumni newsletters from Hunter College. Outgoing letters include letters from her to friends, organizations, and companies where she was requesting transfer of funds for donation. All correspondence is arranged chronologically.

The papers under Hunter College highlight Sarah's involvement in activities of various organizations within Hunter between 1962 and 2007. She was not only a member of the 125th Anniversary Committee, Alumni Leadership Conference, but also the Representative of the Class of 1931, and the Class Co-Coordinator for her Class Reunions. Her papers under the Alumni Association of Hunter College emphasize Sarah's effort of bringing her class together and reminiscing over the memories they share. Other materials also include papers related to her role in the Guild for the Kaye Playhouse and her spiritual as well as financial support to the college.

The documents in her writings include those that were published and those that were unpublished between 1975 and 2009. Her articles were published in Hunter publications such as the *NewsHunter*. In addition, she was the editor of *The Magnet*, a publication of the New York Chapter of the Hadassah. She has also written poems and parodies. One of her short poems was published in *The Wall Street Journal Book of Wit* in 1981. Sarah's unpublished collection of *Poems and Parodies for Seniors about Seniors by a Senior Senior* was sent to Jennifer J. Raab, the President of Hunter College, by Sarah's niece after her death along with a letter written by Sarah before her death in 2009.

The Sarah Cohen Neumark Papers will most likely be of interest to Hunter alumni, students, researchers, and those who hope to learn about a woman who devoted herself physically and spiritually to her alma mater. Her papers emphasize her enthusiasm and dedication to the activities at Hunter, as well as her generous contributions and gratitude that are most valuable to Hunter College.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series I – Biographical

Series I consists of Sarah's profile from the 1982 Hunter College Alumni Association Hall of Fame booklet and her obituary in the Hunter College Alumni Publication, *At Hunter*.

Series II – General Correspondence

Series II consists of incoming (1952 - 2007) and outgoing letters (1971 - 2005). They are arranged chronologically.

Series III – Hunter College

Series III consists of papers on various organizations and matters Sarah was involved in with her alma mater (1962 - 2007). The materials in this series consist of articles, brochures, certificate, correspondence, flyers, invitations, minutes, photographs, and publications. They are arranged alphabetically.

Series IV – Writings

Series IV consists of her published writings as well as her unpublished works from 1975 to 2009. Her writings consist of journals, and a collection of poems, parodies, and reflections. They are arranged alphabetically by the genre of the writings.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I - BIOGRAPHICAL

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1	1	Biographical Data <i>Hunter Hall of Fame</i> , Alumni Association of Hunter College. 1982. 9. "In Memoriam: Sarah Neumark (BA 1931)." <i>At Hunter</i> . Summer 2009. 21.

SERIES II - GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1	2	Incoming, 1952 - 2007
	3	Outgoing, 1971 - 2005

SERIES III - HUNTER COLLEGE

1	4	Articles about Hunter College, 1990 - 2007 Carey, Benedict. "Brainy Parrot Dies, Emotive to the End." <i>New York Times</i> . 8 September 2007. Engeler, Amy. "Hard Times At Hunter High." <i>7 Days</i> . 7 September 1988. 17-20. Gordon, Dave. "Jennifer J. Raab: Core of the Big Apple." <i>Lifestyles Magazine</i> . Fall 2007. 41-43. Grimes, William. "A Descendant of the Enlightenment." <i>New York Times</i> . 1 September 1993. ---. "Top Library Post Goes To Hunter President." <i>New York Times</i> . 1 September 1993. C13+. Hunter College. Arbit Blatas "The Threepenny Opera" in Painting, Sculpture and Lithography. 17-27 January 2001. Obituary of Dorothy Epstein. n.d. Rosenthal, Philip P. "The Hows, Ways, and Whereffores to Attract Male, Coed and Younger Graduates." The Alumni Association of Hunter College, 17 October 1994. Thomas, Robert McG. Jr. "Rose Hamburger, Racing Fan And Oldest Handicapper, 105." <i>New York Times</i> . 8 August 1996.
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SERIES III - HUNTER COLLEGE

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	5	Alumni Association of Hunter College
	6	125 th Anniversary Committee, 1995 - 1996
		Alumni Leadership Conference, December 17, 1994
		Class of 1931 Reunions
	7	Brochures, May 5, 2001
	8	Correspondence, 1983 - 2006
	9	Memories and Songs
	10	Photographs, 1986 - 2006
		Publications, 2001-2006
		Bahrapour, Tara. "Neighborhood Report: Upper East Side; When A Stamp Was 2 Cents And Their Tuition Was Free" <i>New York Times</i> . 13 May 2001.
		<i>At Hunter</i> . Spring 2001. 7.
		"Great Memories." <i>At Hunter</i> . Summer 2006. p.7.
	11	Rosters, 1976 - 1998
	12	Event Brochures, 1961 - 2007
4		Hall of Fame Certificate, 1982 (Box 4)
2	1	Scholarship & Welfare Fund, 1966-2003
	2	Drawings, 1987, by Fanny K. Casher, President of Class of 1931

SERIES III - HUNTER COLLEGE

2	3	Friends of the Hunter College Library, 1997
	4	Hunter Foundation, 1997 - 2005
	5	Hunter Publications, 1964 - 2005
		<i>At Hunter</i> , Spring 2001
		<i>Open Line</i> , Fall 2005
		<i>Hunter Alumni Quarterly</i> , Fall 1964, Fall 1966, Summer 1967
		<i>Hunter Alumni News</i> , Vol. I, No. 4, March 1967
		<i>Honor Roll of Donors</i> , 1964 - 1970
	6	Invitations, 1974 - 2007

SERIES III - HUNTER COLLEGE

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2	7	Sylvia and Danny Kaye Playhouse
		Articles, 1994 - 2003
	8	Correspondence, 1989 - 2001
	9	Flyers, circa. 1995 - 2003
	10	Gala Planning, 1998 - 1999
3	1	Kayebill, 1994 - 2000
		Minutes of the Guild for the Kaye
	2	1994 - 1995
	3	1996 - 2000

SERIES IV - WRITINGS

3	4	Publications, 1975 - 1997
		Neumark, Sarah C. "Alumni Enjoy Anthropology Tour of Mexico." <i>NewsHunter</i> . Vol. 5, No. 2, March 1975.
		---. "Rose Golomb Honored For Service To Hunter College." <i>News =Hunter</i> . Vol. 6, No. 3, March 1976.
		---. "Hunter Greenhouse Has Exotic Plants." <i>NewsHunter</i> . January 1977.
		---. "Modern Education." <i>The Wall Street Journal Book of Wit</i> . Ed. Charles Preston. Illinois: Dow Jones-Irwin, 1980. 185.
		---. <i>The Magnet</i> , published by the Shalom/Fannie Zornberg Group of Hadassah. September 1997.
		Unpublished Writings, 1993 - 2009
	5	Journal, circa. 2004
	6	Poems, Parodies, and Reflections, 2009
	7	Songs & Parodies, 1993 - 2004