Title: Gill, Norman N. Collection

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Abstract: Norman N. Gill was born in Chicago but grew up in Milwaukee. He was the son of immigrants from Kiev in what is now Ukraine. His father was a founder of what became Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue. Norman graduated from Washington High School and then earned a degree in political science from the University of Chicago. He had a passion for good government, and he exerted quiet but powerful influences on Milwaukee through his nearly 40 years as executive director of the Citizens' Governmental Research Bureau (now called the Public Policy Forum) and his many years serving with the Milwaukee County Citizenship Commission.

He was also active in Milwaukee's Jewish community. He was the first president of the Bureau of Jewish Education (now the Coalition for Jewish Learning), from 1944-47; the first president of the Jewish Vocational Service (now the Milwaukee Center for Independence); and the fifth president of the Milwaukee Jewish Council from 1947-49 (now the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations). He also received honorary doctorates from two Milwaukee-area Catholic institutions, Marquette University in 1978 and Cardinal Stritch College (now Cardinal Stritch University) in 1980. Gill died on November 8, 2005, at age 94.

Scope and Content: The bulk of the collection consists of minutes, brochures, newspaper clippings, and correspondence detailing Gill's work with the Milwaukee County Citizenship Commission. Also included is a copy of a letter relating to Gill's ancestors.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

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