

Ruth Weisman Goldboss, Papers,
1961-2004

Creator: Goldboss, Ruth Weisman

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Separations: None.

Biographical History

A Mundelein student of the class of 1944, Ruth Weisman met and married Willard Goldboss in 1943, eventually traveling with her husband during his tour of duty in the Army. Shortly thereafter, Ruth and Willard settled in the Highland Park, Illinois, and had two children: Beth Lynn and Lester. Ruth, in her own words, spent the 1950s raising her children and engaged in club work, the 1960s working against discrimination and toward improved interracial relationships, and the 1970s to the present engaged in an active push for interfaith dialogue amongst Christians and Jews. More specifically, Goldboss lead an extremely active public life, participating in numerous organizations (some of which as founder) and fighting for many causes, while also saving enough time to write poetry, non fiction essays, and letters to the editor. Her list of activist and volunteer work is long: the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs; the Community Hospital of Evanston, a predominantly African American care center now closed; for several years, Creative Writing teacher at Presentation Parish for four years; assisted Mrs. Gertrude Snodgrass (founder of the Chicago Food Depository) for over 15 years; work part time as the Glencoe Public Library Public Relations Director; independent work on peace activism and developed relationships with the Quakers; and the Catholic Charities of Florida, to name but a few. The number of chair, co-chair, and founding chair posts is equally as long but includes the Catholic Jewish Dialogues of the Anti-Defamation League, the board of the Christian Action Ministry, Camp Horizons day camp, the committee for Rabbi Harold Kudan, and the Social Action Committees of North Shore Congregation.

Scope & Content

The Ruth Weisman Goldboss Papers span from 1961 to 2004 and include some undated information. The collection consists of two series: Biographical and Professional. In both cases, the material is organized alphabetically.

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