Collecting Kentucky Jewish History
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Description: This presentation explores questions around Jewish archival collections and the role of secular institutions in providing stewardship to these materials and histories. Three Kentucky archivists discuss the goals, rationale and impact of Jewish collecting initiatives at their respective universities and historical societies. Each case study demonstrates ways in which Kentucky Jewish history has been gaining both a pragmatic and ideologically rightful place in area repositories and, as a result, illustrating the interplay between Jewish and secular local history. Additionally, the presenters enumerate educational, programming and research opportunities afforded by building new and expanded interest in and audiences for Kentucky Jewish history.

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