

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Chi Omega Chi Sorority fonds

No.: COC

DATE RANGE: 1937- [1947]

EXTENT: 3 cm of textual records

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

Chi Omega Chi was a Calgary Jewish sorority that was organized in February 1937. The founding executive consisted of Eeta Karsh (President), Sarah Sidorsky (Secretary), Ida Feinberg (Treasurer), Anita Belkin (Social Chairman), Anne Sheinin (Education Chairman) and Dorothy Chetner ("Sargent-At-Arms"). At their 5th meeting, Chi Omega Chi approved a Constitution that set the initiation fee at 25¢ and dues at 10¢ per meeting, with two meetings per month. The activities of the group included social outings to city parks and the Calgary Exhibition grounds, as well talks given by members on a range of current topics. Funds were raised through raffles, dances and teas, for everything from charitable donations to the purchase of Chi Omega Chi rings.

The minutes of April 1939 mention a discussion of changing the name of the sorority, and in September 1944, Sigma Omega Sigma sorority began using the minute book. They elected a 1st Chairman (Betty Feldman), Secretary (Rosie Sheftel) and Treasurer (Phyllis Maerov), as well as a Social committee (Marilyn Malkin, Hilda Hanen), Business committee (Goldie Karsh, Sophie Aizenman) and Educational committee (Betty Feldman, Dolores Gould). At the first of their 6 recorded meetings, Sigma Omega Sigma approved a 14-point constitution.

In April 1945, the group reorganized as Tchiya sorority. The executive included Goldie Karsh (President), Hilda Hanen (Vice-President), Betty Feldman (Secretary) and Sophie Aizenman (Treasurer). In addition to purely social activities, Tchiya had an educational program at each meeting, collected a clothing parcel to send to Europe, and operated a booth at the Junior Hadassah Bazaar.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of a minute book that was used by Chi Omega Chi sorority, as well as Sigma Omega Sigma and Tchiya sororities. Attendance records were kept at the back of the book.

NOTES:

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of fonds

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