

Ruth Goldboss Papers 1961-2004

Creator: Ruth Goldboss (1923-2015)

Extent: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

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Administration Information

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Biographical History

Ruth L. Weisman was born February 13, 1923 and attended Mundelein College, graduating in the class of 1944. Ruth met and married Willard Goldboss (1913-1994) in 1943, eventually traveling with her husband during his tour of duty in the US Army. Shortly thereafter, Ruth and Willard settled in 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 led an active public life, participating in numerous organizations (some of which as founder) and fighting for many causes. She also made 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; worked 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.

Ruth Goldboss passed away on June 28, 2015.

Scope & Content

The Ruth Goldboss Papers consist of 0.25 linear feet (1 box) and span from 1961 to 2004 and include some undated information. Material is organized alphabetically within each series.

Series 1: Biographical, 1961-1987, undated, Box 1

This series consists of materials related to Ruth's personal life, such as biographical notes describing her achievements and work, her recollections of Mundelein College, and her poetry.

Series 2: Professional/Public, 1964-2004, undated, Box 1

This series consists of correspondence, articles, and essays that document Ruth's professional and public activities. Topics include faith, politics, reflections on Ruth's life, her experience at Mundelein, and experience converting to Catholicism.

Subjects:

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Images of Jesus
Judaism
Jewish-Christian Relations
Women in the Military

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
<i>Ruth Goldboss Papers, 1961-2004</i>			
Series 1: Biographical, 1961-1987, undated			
1	1	Biographical Notes	1961, 1987
1	2	Memories of Mundelein College	1994
1	3	Poetry	1965-1968, undated
Series 2: Professional/Public, 1964-2004, undated			
1	4	Am Shalom Temple of Peace	1978, 1987, undated
1	5	Articles & Essays	1964-1998
1	6	Board of the Avenue of the Righteous	1986-1993
1	7	Board of the Avenue of the Righteous, Photo	1986
1	8	Camp Horizons	1969
1	9	Catholic Guild for the Blind	undated
1	10	Correspondence	1969-1998

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1	11	Jewish-Catholic Dialogue	1985
1	12	Jewish-Catholic Relations	1964
1	13	Letters to the Editors, various	1970-2004, undated
1	14	Prayers	undated
1	15	Women in the Military, Debate	1998