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A4136 Papers of Edith “Edie” Noble, née Davidson or Davidovitz (1910-2005), 1950s-2005

**Personal and biographical papers and correspondence**

1/1	Correspondence from “old friends” including Sylvia Gelman, Australia; and Marice L.Halper, Minnesota	c.1990-c.2003
1/2	Correspondence from prominent individuals including the Embassy of Israel; Buckingham Palace, the Prime Minister of Israel and Immanuel Jakobovits, mostly acknowledgements in response to communications	1976-7
1/3	Personal and family correspondence and papers including comic verses and greetings cards, invitations to events	mostly n.d. c.1980s-2003
1/4	Tributes to Edith Noble; biographical details and press cuttings about her	c.1970s-90s
1/5	Seventieth birthday cards and tributes, many from organisations; Ninetieth birthday greetings from the Queen Mother	1980, 2000
1/6	Memorial addresses and obituaries, mostly by Edie for colleagues, and related correspondence	many n.d. c.1960s-2000s
1/7	Certificates from the Jubilee Forest in Israel, 1975; the League of Jewish Women, 1976; the International Council of Jewish Women, 1978 and the Association of Jewish Women’s Organisations, 2005	1975-8, 2005
1/8	Press cuttings and “special addresses” [i.e. speeches]	c.1963-c.1975
1/9	Press cuttings, invitations, articles and correspondence preserved for interest or sentiment	many n.d. c.1985-c.2005
1/10	Sophie Noble: obituaries	2000
1/11	Charles Noble: his health, death and a request on <i>Listeners’ Choice</i>	2000, 2002

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**Working notebooks**

Most contain draft correspondence and notes from various council meetings of Jewish communal organisations. There is also some personal material such as lists of people to thank for cards and gifts

2/1	Loose papers, mostly undated notes for talks and speeches including one on use-by-dates, home economics, 'life begins at 40' and after-dinner votes of thanks. The file also contains an agenda for a National Council of Women meeting, 1956; a League of Jewish Women 25th anniversary dinner programme, 1968 and the <i>Hull Jewish Watchman</i> , 1962	c.1956-c.1985
2/2	Notebook: reports, including some concerning the National Council of Women, and correspondence	1965
2/3	Notebook: planning for and/or notes from conferences including the biennial conference of the J.S.W, 5 Nov 1967, and the British National Conference on Social Welfare	c.Mar-Apr 1967
2/4	Notebook: correspondence and notes including concerning the National Council of Women and the League of Jewish Women. Includes notes in shorthand.	1969
2/5	Notebook: notes from committee meetings including treasurer's, chairman's and 'group rep' meetings	Jun 1971-Apr 1972
2/6	Notebook: correspondence, committee papers and postal addresses. A large proportion of the pages have been removed.	1971
2/7	Notebook: notes including from the public transport conference, a Selfridge briefing meeting and the National Council of Women	May-Jul 1972
2/8	Notebook: notes for an address/speech, event planning, travel plans, list of engagements, postal addresses and correspondence	1972
2/9	Notebook: correspondence and council papers	1973
2/10	Notebook: correspondence	-Oct 1974
2/11	Notebook: correspondence, event planning for International Women's Year and committee papers	Oct 1974-
2/12	Notebook: notes including about the H.R. day, the International Council of Jewish Women, the Social Welfare study day and the National Council of Women and from other meetings	Oct 1975-Jan 1976

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2/13	Notebook: council papers and an account of travel which encompassed Australia and Malaysia	1975-6
2/14	Notebook: postal addresses, train times and council notes. Labelled 'Amsterdam'	1976
2/15	Notebook: 'to do' lists, shopping lists, postal addresses, event organising and notes from Council meetings	Sep 1976-Nov 1977
2/16	Notebook: correspondence and notes including concerning the Community Services Committee and the Association of Jewish Women's Organisations	1977
2/17	Notebook: correspondence and council papers including concerning the Women's National Commission, the Central Council of Jewish Social Services and the Association of Jewish Women's Organisations	1977
2/18	Notebook: council papers for the International Council of Jewish Women, the Association of Jewish Women's Organisations and the National Council of Women and event planning for a conference	1978-80
2/19	Notebook: correspondence and council papers from the Women's National Commission	1980
2/20	Notebook: correspondence including letters of thanks for 70th birthday greetings and council papers concerning the Women's National Commission and the International Council of Jewish Women	1981
2/21	Notebook: correspondence and notes on event planning. Includes loose sheets.	-May 1982
2/22	Notebook: council papers for the International Council of Jewish Women including plans for the convention in Bournemouth plus notes about the CCJ [?Council of Christians and Jews]	1982
2/23	Notebook: correspondence and event planning including for the International Council of Jewish Women Convention	Jun 1982-Mar 1983
2/24	Notebook: notes about anti-Semitism, International Council of Jewish Women reports and correspondence	-1983
2/25	Notebook: extended Agenda convention committee meetings, International Council of Jewish Women notes and correspondence	1983

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2/26	Notebook: plans for the International Council of Jewish Women 1984 convention	1983
2/27	Notebook: correspondence, event planning and some postal addresses. Includes loose pages	-1983
2/28	Notebook: correspondence and event planning for the International Council of Jewish Women Triennial Convention, Bournemouth	1983-4
2/29	Notebook: correspondence and conference planning for the International Council of Jewish Women Triennium	-3 May 1984
2/30	Notebook: conference planning for the International Council of Jewish Women Triennium	3 May 1984-
2/31	Notebook: council papers including from the pre- and post-Convention Committee	1983-4
2/32	Notebook: correspondence and notes including concerning the International Council of Jewish Women	1985
2/33	Notebook: notes concerning Edie and Charlie's Golden Wedding anniversary celebrations including notes for a toast, list of gifts received and thank you letters plus other correspondence	23 Jun 1987-
2/34	Notebook: minutes of meetings of the management committee of the South London Day Centre, correspondence, notes for a talk and a quiz	Sep 28 1989-1990
2/35	Notebook: correspondence, notes for [?papers/talks] including on the Streatham Group of the League of Jewish Women. Some notes towards the end in a different hand	c.1989
2/36	Notebook: notes for a speech/address, correspondence, a report and room plans for a domestic house	1990-1
2/37	Notebook: correspondence, including concerning the International Council of Jewish Women, report and minutes of the management committee of the S.L.D. Centre	1990-1
2/38	Notebook: correspondence including regarding Edie's change of address	c.1992
2/39	Notebook: notes about/from the International Council of Jewish Women and the League of Jewish Women plus correspondence	-c.Jun 1993

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| 2/40 | Notebook: correspondence and notes for talks  | Jun 1993-        |
| 2/41 | Notebook: notes for talks and correspondence.<br>Includes loose papers.   | c.1994           |
| 2/42 | Notebook: notes concerning Edie and Charlie's diamond wedding anniversary celebrations including a response list and list of cards received; list of letters of condolence received and copies of Edie's replies; a talk for the international year of older persons; general correspondence and a chronology of the League of Jewish Women | 19 Dec 1997-     |
| 2/43 | Notebook: notes for a funeral address, postal addresses, correspondence and a recipe  | Feb 2000-        |
| 2/44 | Notebook: papers stapled together containing correspondence and a list of people who sent birthday cards  | c.2004-5         |
| 2/45 | Notebook: notes on dimensions and costings for white goods, budgets, redecoration, conference workshops, event planning, recipes, shopping lists and a map  | n.d.             |
| 2/46 | Notebook: postal addresses, event planning, recipes and notes for talks including 'Jewish women in the family'  | n.d. [post 1981] |

**Papers relating to organisations, mostly Jewish Women's organisations, in which Edie Noble was involved**

*League of Jewish Women*

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| 3/1/1 | Constitutions and other foundation documents, draft rules, history of the Streatham Group, notes for a speech, printed promotional material and press cuttings   | 1972-2005     |
| 3/1/2 | Streatham Group: circular correspondence, press cuttings, annual reports and council; papers such as agendas; list of chairs, 1953-1986  | 1954-76, 1986 |
| 3/1/3 | Press cuttings about the League, a paper from the National Council of Women Consumer Protections Conference, 1956; an agenda, 1957; a programme for evening reception, 1960; and an anniversary dinner menu, 1964.<br>National Council of Women, <i>Women in Council</i> , April 1956; | 1956-64       |
| 3/1/4 | Shortage of home helps in the UK: correspondence and papers concerning a resolution of the LJW Bournemouth Conference,   | 1966-9        |

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October 1967. The file contains much correspondence to boroughs and local authorities seeking information on rates of pay and qualifications of home helps plus about who can qualify for the service.

3/1/5	Papers concerning the establishment of a new group in Brighton; Kosher slaughter; celebrations and services; <i>Around the League</i> and the British National Conference on Social Welfare and the ICJW Eight International Convention	1967-9
3/1/6	Council papers including agendas and minutes	1968, 1973-4
3/1/7	Papers including 30th anniversary celebrations; a seminar on 'Preparing for Family Living' and a report of a visit to France and Luxembourg.	1973-4
3/1/8	Council papers including agendas and minutes	1973-6
3/1/9	Council and executive papers including minutes, agenda and correspondence	1974-5
3/1/10	Papers including from the first national conference, Bournemouth; a seminar on "The developing and varying roles of Women through life" and a report to the Triennial ICJW Convention, Melbourne, Australia	1975
3/1/11	Correspondence, papers and press cuttings	1976
3/1/12	Correspondence including concerning Anatoly Sharansky and papers from International Council of Jewish Women conference: <i>The Jewish Woman in a changing Europe</i> ; text for a speech "The identity of Women in British Jewry"	c. 1977
3/1/13	"Who cares?" conference papers: programme and report	1979
3/1/14	70th birthday congratulations from various Jewish women's organisations and papers concerning the Fourth ICJW European Conference, 1980 and Twelfth ICJW triennial convention, 1981;	1980-1
3/1/23	Correspondence and papers regarding a proposed conference on the question of Palestine	1983
3/1/15	Correspondence; a 40th anniversary celebration programme, 1983; a report of the Fourth Residential Conference, 1985 and mailings about events	1983-5
3/1/16	Correspondence; invocation from the Birmingham Convention, 1988; and papers from the ICJW Sixth European Conference:	1986-8

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Youth of Today: Jews of Tomorrow, 1986 and seminar  
*Women's Leadership in Jewish History: Implications for Today  
 and Tomorrow*, 1988

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| 3/1/17  | <p>Papers including conference papers for <i>Caring in a Changing Society</i>, 1990; press cuttings and circular correspondence as well as correspondence with the National Council of Women of Great Britain.</p> <p>Printed papers from the ICJW European Committee: <i>Women and Europe's Future: A Jewish Perspective</i>, 1989; Fifteenth Triennial Convention: <i>Women: Challenges and Choices towards the 21st century</i>, 1990 and European Conference, <i>Jewish Women in the New Europe</i>, 1992; and the Council International Des Femmes Juives Strasbourg Conference, 1989.</p> | 1989-92                 |
| 3/1/18  | <p>Correspondence and papers concerning the LJW evidence to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Parenting; the Seventh Triennial Residential Conference: <i>Celebrating Yesterday: Shaping Tomorrow</i>, 1993; papers concerning the Golden Jubilee including the conference workshop, 1993; the Streatham Group Chair's report, 1992-3, 1993-4 and a programme for a thanksgiving service.</p> <p><i>ICJW Identity Under Pressure: The impact of a changed and changing Europe on our identity</i>, 1995</p>  | 1993-5                  |
| 3/1/19  | <p>LJW Eighth Triennial Conference: <i>The Need is Great: Meet the Challenge</i>; the ICJW Seventeenth Triennial Convention, Paris, 1996 <i>How to Cope with Intolerance: Women, our turn to speak</i>; correspondence about Dorothy Spiers and a report on home help; resolutions to be proposed at the 1997 AGM</p>   | 1996-8                  |
| 3/1/20  | <p>Correspondence concerning friendly circles and family history, an annual report and papers concerning incorporating the LJW as a charity</p>   | 1999-2001               |
| 3/1/21  | <p>Papers including notes for a speech, a press cutting, programme for a Diamond Jubilee celebration. Contact details from the ICJW Herczeg Jerusalem seminar for Jewish Education</p>  | 2002-5                  |
| 3/1/24  | <p>Papers including a press cutting, resolutions and an obituary for Raie Civval</p>  | n.d.                    |
| 3/1/22  | <p><i>Around the League</i>: the bi-annual bulletin of the League of Jewish Women</p>   | 1968-85<br>[incomplete] |
| <b><i>Association of Jewish Women's Organisations</i></b> |   |                         |
| 3/2/1   | <p>Constitutions plus a printed promotional leaflet</p>   | 1968, 1986, 1999        |

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3/2/2	Committee papers: minutes, agendas, circular correspondence, a report and a directory of members	1966-9
3/2/3	Committee papers: minutes, agendas and circular correspondence; seminar: "Women in Judaism"	1976-8, 1986
3/2/5	Committee papers including minutes, reports, circular correspondence a director of members, press cuttings and photographs from an event	2001-5
3/2/5	Notes for speeches and discussion subjects	c.2003-5

***International Council of Jewish Women***

*General*

3/3/1/1	Bylaws, constitution, directory of members, contact sheet for the executive committee plus published promotional material and leaflets	mostly n.d. c.1970s-2000s
3/3/1/2	Papers concerning conferences and events	1966, 1973-6, 1983
3/3/1/3	Papers including resolutions for triennium, 1981-4 and a conference programme, 1980	1980-84
3/3/1/4	Correspondence including concerning the Triennial Convention in Bournemouth	1984
3/3/1/5	Reports, correspondence and conference papers	1990-1
3/3/1/6	Minutes of meetings and papers concerning a Muslim headscarfs in Belgium schools and financial procedures	2004-5
3/3/1/7	Papers including "tips on parliamentary procedures" and the Fifth European Conference	n.d.
3/3/1/8	Newsletters	1972-85 [incomplete]

*Triennial Convention, Bournemouth 16-20 May 1984*

3/3/2/1	Early plans including draft programme, souvenir brochure and an order for small stem vases from Poole Pottery	1981-3
3/3/2/2	Zebra Catering and Bournemouth Department of Tourism	1982
3/3/2/3	Expo Sure Limited Insurance Brokers	1983



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3/3/2/4	Interpreters, plans for dinners and a programme	1983-4
3/3/2/5	Community Services Session and the Children's Aid Committee Charitable Fund	1983-4
3/3/2/6	Finances, accounts and applications for funding including Zebra Catering, Yellow Coaches and banks	1983-4
3/3/2/7	Hotel bookings	1983-4
3/3/2/8	Bournemouth Conference papers including names and addresses of delegates, programme, correspondence and songs	1975-89
	<b><i>The National Council of Women</i></b>	
3/4	The Consumer Protection Conference Committee and the Home Economics Sectional Committee: agendas and minutes	1955-9
	<b><i>Women's National Commission</i></b>	
3/5/1	Correspondence including with Muriel Davidson of the Ministry for Social Security, background notes and consultative, proposal and working party papers produced by the Women's Consultative Council	1968-9
3/5/2	The Women's National Commission and the role and function of voluntary organisations in the United Kingdom in the last quarter of the 20th century", 1976. Includes the Central Council for Jewish Social Services annual report, 1978	1976-8
	<b><i>Central Council for Jewish Social Service</i></b>	
3/6	Agendas and minutes from meetings; conference papers from <i>The Scope of Jewish Social Service</i> , 1976; annual report, 1979 Edie Noble represented the League of Jewish Women	1974-9
	<b><i>The South London Liberal Jewish Synagogue and the Women's Society of the South London Liberal Jewish Synagogue</i></b>	
3/7	Reports and account; minutes and chairman's address	1962, 1995, 2002-4
	<b><i>Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue</i></b>	
3/8	Printed material including a Constitution for the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues;	

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***Rabbinical authorities***

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| 3/9 | Reports and petitions some concerning Jewish marriage law, including papers from the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia | 2001-4 |
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***Other organisations and areas of interest***

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| 3/10 | File of printed material, press cuttings, correspondence and notes including material concerning women in Reform Judaism, older people as a community resource, Grafton Books, Miss Miriam Moses, Vera Braynis, care of the elderly, the role of Jewish women in family life and women's participation in social, cultural and political work. | c.1970s-2000s |
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**Photographs and press cuttings**

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| 4/1 | One colour photographs of Edie Noble at the European Conference, Strasbourg, 1989 three from an event in Cardiff, 1992.<br>The file also contains the Invocation from the 1988 Birmingham Convention | 23 Aug 1992   |
| 4/2 | Photographs of and press cuttings concerning Edie Noble and Jewish women's events, many concerning the League of Jewish Women and the Association of Jewish Women's Organisations                    | c.1999-c.2005 |

**Printed and published material*****League of Jewish Women***

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| 5/1/1 | Annual reports                | 1956-7, 1959-2000 |
| 5/1/2 | <i>In League</i> (newsletter) | 1991-2000         |

***International Council of Jewish Women***

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| 5/2/1 | Links Around the World | 1978-2003<br>[incomplete] |
| 5/2/2 | Newsletter             | 1964-2005<br>[incomplete] |
| 5/2/3 | Conference papers      | 1966, 1975, 1980          |

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***Other publications***

5/3 Includes *National Council of Jewish Women of Australia Council Bulletin*, 1975; *Cooperation Feminine*, 1983; *Halachic Solutions to the Problems of Agunot*, 1998; *National Council of Jewish Women of Australia Council Bulletin*, 2003; *Jewish Women's Human Rights Watch*, 2003; *Liberal Judaism Today*, 2005; *Sussex Jewish News*, 2005 1975-2005

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