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Guide to the

**Southwest Harlem Neighborhood Council collection**

1932-1940

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## Summary

**Title:** Southwest Harlem Neighborhood Council collection

**Date:** 1932-1940

**Size:** 0.01 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** NN, NN, CStRLIN

**Abstract:** The Southwest Harlem Neighborhood Council was founded in 1934 to promote better recreational facilities in the southwest district of Harlem, bound by 110th and 125th streets and Fifth and Morningside avenues. Its membership consisted of public and private agencies, including local businesses, schools, churches, community groups, local libraries and various charitable institutions. The council served a mainly Spanish-speaking immigrant community. Its executive body consisted of a president, Leah Lewinson, a treasurer and secretary and several committees. The collection, which includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, and reports and bylaws, documents efforts by the Southwest Harlem Neighborhood Council to promote better recreational facilities in southwest Harlem.

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## Creator History

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African Americans -- Recreation -- New York (State) -- New York  
Hispanic Americans -- Recreation -- New York (State) -- New York  
Recreation centers -- New York (State) -- New York

### **Geographic Names**

Harlem (New York, N.Y.)

### **Names**

Lewinson, Leah  
Southwest Harlem Neighborhood Council