

# Guide to the Kathleen Kahn Mahon oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Kathleen Kahn Mahon conducted by

Barbara Tabach on December 03, 2018 for the Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project. In this interview, Mahon discusses her family's upbringing in New Mexico and talks about her Jewish education as a child. Mahon describes her family's role in the founding of Congregation Albert in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She then talks about moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1980, taking on a pediatric ophthalmologist position, and being involved in the pediatric community. Mahon recalls becoming the first female president of the Nevada Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and her involvement with the Junior League of Las Vegas. Lastly, Mahon discusses the Ronald McDonald House, the Pediatric Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and being a founding member

of the Children's Discovery Museum.

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## **Scope and Contents Note**

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Pediatrics
- Jewish women
- Junior League of Las Vegas (Las Vegas, Nev.)