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### **Announcing the Riverlands Jewish Archive**

The Riverlands Jewish Archive will be the first completely digital archive dedicated to the history of the Jewish communities along two of America's most important rivers: The Ohio and the Mississippi. We are gathering, scanning, and uploading historical materials from current and former Jewish communities from Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Bowling Green, Kentucky, and north to Terre Haute, Indiana. We seek to create an archive for researchers and also an exhibit space for our local communities including photos, digital history projects, and stories from Jewish life in the region.

In collaboration with the Western Kentucky University Department of History, we are hoping to involve the existing or former Jewish communities including:

#### **Illinois**

Alton  
Belleville  
Carbondale

#### **Indiana**

Evansville  
Terre Haute

#### **Kentucky**

Bowling Green  
Henderson  
Owensboro  
Paducah

#### **Missouri**

Cape Girardeau

We are digitizing records, reports, letters, newsletters, notes, memos, pictures, and other documents related to our region's Jewish history. As a digital resource, these materials will be returned to you once we scan and upload them. We are also collecting oral histories from Jews in the region, capturing their stories generations to come.

The targeted launch date for our website and initial exhibits is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Please contact me with any questions. We look forward to working with anyone who may be interested contributing to this new archival endeavor.

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