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Interview with Lillian Desow-Fishbein

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Interview with Lillian Desow-Fishbein
Date:	1984 Aug. 8
Identifier:	AAA.desolill
Creator:	Desow-Fishbein, Lillian, 1921-2004 Levin, Blossom (Interviewer)
Extent:	2 Sound cassettes 76 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1986 by the American Jewish Committee.

Biographical / Historical

Painter; Chicago, Ill.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Lillian Desow-Fishbein conducted 1984 Aug. 8 by Blossom Levin. Desow-Fishbein speaks of her childhood in Detroit; her early studies in fashion design; attending Cranbrook Academy of Art; Judaic themes in her early work; moving to Chicago; how Chicago has influenced her and her work; teaching and her philosophies of education; galleries she has been affiliated with; her charitable and philanthropic activities; influences on her work; and her concerns about the survival of Judaism.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Jewish art and symbolism
- Jewish artists
- Women artists
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Occupations:

Painters -- Illinois -- Chicago