The Register of the Ruth Altman Spiegel Papers, 1946-1951

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: These papers document the professional and employment status of Ruth Altman Spiegel, a social worker, when she worked for the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles and the School of Social Welfare at UCLA in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Spiegel was involved in a union strike of social service workers against the Jewish Federation, and was fired from UCLA for not signing a loyalty oath.

Language: English.

Provenance
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Biography
Ruth Altman Spiegel was a social worker who was District Director for the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles and was a visiting assistant professor in the School of Social Welfare at UCLA from 1950-1951. Spiegel was involved in a strike between the Social Service Employees Union and the Jewish Federation, of which the Jewish Family Service was a part. In 1951 she was dismissed from her faculty position at UCLA for failure to sign a loyalty oath. Spiegel was active in the Non-Senate Academic and Administrative Employees who protested the implementation of the loyalty oath requirement at the university.

Scope and Content
The collection contains correspondence dealing with Spiegel's employment with Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (JFS) and her firing from UCLA. There are fliers and documents from JFS, as well as fliers, clippings and documentation relating to the loyalty oath controversy at the University of California, particularly UCLA.