



Guide to the  
Judge Elizabeth Bass Golding Collection,  
1931-1993  
(bulk dates: 1944-1952)

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Judge Elizabeth Bass Golding Collection  
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Judge Elizabeth Bass Golding (1900-2001) was one of the first women to graduate New York University School of Law. She graduated second in her class in 1921, beaten out of first place by a fellow law student named Samuel Golding. She started a private law practice upon graduation, but events would soon move her into a more public forum. Prior to World War II, Elizabeth Bass Golding was an active member of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Nassau County Women's Bar Association, and served as a committeewoman on the National Committee on Social Legislation. During the Second World War, Golding was appointed as vice-chairperson for the Nassau County U.S.O., which operated out of Hempstead, near Mitchell Field.

In the wake of the war, many American women realized that they had had a profound effect upon society as they stepped in to fulfill roles during the war. Elizabeth Bass Golding was determined to keep this momentum going. In 1944, Golding was the founder of the Woman's Forum of Nassau County (WFNC), a women's organization that worked to educate women regarding important social issues and to encourage women to lend their voices to the problems of the day. She acted as the Forum's president until 1952. During the 1950's, Golding became quite active in the political arena, becoming a committeewoman for the Massapequa Republican Club. Her advocacy for improving society would be rewarded in 1961, when she was appointed to the State Commission of Corrections. She served as a State Commissioner, overseeing Houses of Detention for women and juveniles until 1963. That year, Nelson Rockefeller appointed her to the newly formed Family Court of Nassau County, where she would serve out the remainder of her career. In the 1970's, Judge Golding organized a series of foster group homes for disadvantaged youths under the program Hope for Youth. She retired in 1980.

The Judge Elizabeth Bass Golding Collection is composed of three series: Personal papers, The Woman's Forum of Nassau County, and Hope for Youth. Her personal papers include biographical sketches, interviews, drafts of her memoirs, correspondence, wedding and retirement documents, publications, speeches, and photographs. The

Woman's Forum of Nassau County is composed of forum proceedings, publications, member biographical sketches, brochures and pamphlets, reports, radio transcripts, correspondence, news clippings, audio recordings, and photographs. The Hope for Youth series includes speeches, news clippings, photographs, meeting minutes, real estate purchase documents, and legal memos.

**Indexing Terms:**

Golding, Elizabeth Bass, 1900-20001  
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Massapequa, NY  
Women Judges  
Women Lawyers  
Women's Organizations

The Judge Elizabeth Bass Golding Collection is arranged in three series:

Series Titles

- I. Personal Papers – Correspondence is arranged chronologically within folders.
- II. Woman's Forum of Nassau County - Correspondence is arranged chronologically within folders.
- III. Hope For Youth

Judge Elizabeth Bass Golding Collection, 1931-1993  
Box and Folder List

**Series I: Personal Papers**

<b><u>Box 1</u></b>	
<b><u>Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
1	Biographical sketches
2	Bass-Golding wedding reception documents
3	Stereographic record of Judge Golding's retirement
4	"The Anniversary Times"
5	Interviews
6	Transcripts of taped interviews 1 of 5
7	Transcripts of taped interviews 2 of 5
8	Transcripts of taped interviews 3 of 5
9	Transcripts of taped interviews 4 of 5
10	Transcripts of taped interviews 5 of 5
11	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 1 of 10
12	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 2 of 10
13	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 3 of 10
14	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 4 of 10
15	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 5 of 10
16	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 6 of 10
17	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 7 of 10
18	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 8 of 10
19	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 9 of 10
20	Transcripts arranged by biographer with notes 10 of 10
<b><u>Box 2</u></b>	
<b><u>Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
1	Biography chapter drafts 1 of 2
2	Biography chapter drafts 2 of 2
3	"A View from the Bench" first draft, chapters 1-3

4	“A View from the Bench” first draft, chapters 4-5
5	“A View from the Bench” first draft, chapters 6-8
6	“A View from the Bench” first draft, chapters 9-10
7	“A View from the Bench” first draft, chapters 11-12
8	“A View from the Bench” first draft, chapters 13-14
9	“A Call to Women” chapters 1-4
10	“A Call to Women” chapters 5-7
11	“A Call to Women” chapters 8-10
12	“A Call to Women” chapters 11-13
13	“A Call to Women” chapters 1-4
14	“A Call to Women” chapters 5-7
15	“A Call to Women” chapters 8-9
16	“A Call to Women” chapters 10-11
17	“A Call to Women” chapters 12-13
18	“The Health of the Nation”
19	“Report of the Committee on Social Legislation to the Triennial”
20	“Report of Labor Relations Chairman”
21	“The Role of Women’s Organizations in the Community”
22	Speeches 1942-1963

Separation to Box 6:

“First Annual Woman’s Forum” draft  
 “Address to the National Council of Jewish Women”  
 Closing of Nassau County U.S.O. speech  
 “Program for Social Betterment” speech  
 Speech notes – 1951  
 Speech notes – 1954-1962  
 Speech notes – 1960’s – 1979  
 Speech notes – undated

**Box 3**  
**Folder**

**Description**

- 1 Radio appearances
- 2 Transcript of “Legislation Please”
- 3 Personal correspondence 1940-1993
- 4 Correspondence regarding Radio/TV appearances
- 5 Invitations
- 6 News clippings
- 7 Cover of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1945 *Time* magazine
- 8 Photographs
- 9 Cerebral Palsy Association remarks regarding Judge Golding
- 10 Republican candidates in the Town of Hempstead flyer – 1963
- 11 Judge Golding’s business cards

**Series II: Woman’s Forum of Nassau County**

- 12 Woman’s Forum of Nassau County certificate of incorporation
- 13 Woman’s Forum of Nassau County tax status documents
- 14 Receipt for National Woman’s Forum, Inc.
- 15 Biographical sketches
- 16 Mission statements
- 17 Grant appeal letters
- 18 Proposal for the establishment of a National Woman’s Forum
- 19 “A Five-Year History of the Woman’s Forum of Nassau County”
- 20 “Ten Years of Achievement”
- 21 “The Effective Use of Womanpower”
- 22 “How to Organize a Woman’s Forum” drafts
- 23 “Manual for Organizing a Woman’s Forum”
- 24 Brochure drafts
- 25 Brochures
- 26 “Don’t Underestimate Woman Power”
- 27 Pamphlets

28	Speeches – First Annual Woman’s Forum – April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 1944
29	Speeches – Second Annual Woman’s Forum – April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 1945
30	Speeches – Eighth Annual Woman’s Forum – April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1951
31	Proceedings of the Second Annual Forum – 1945
32	Proceedings of the Third Annual Forum – 1946
33	Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Forum – 1947

Separation to Box 6:

Untitled Woman’s Forum draft  
 Lists of Speakers for Seventh and Eighth Annual Forum  
 Acceptances for meeting list  
 Notes and announcements – undated meeting  
 Open meeting and tea agenda  
 List of radio listeners by geographic region

**Box 4**  
**Folder**

**Description**

1	Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Forum – 1947
2	Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Forum – 1948
3	Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Forum – 1949
4	Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Forum – 1950
5	Chairman of Ushers rules for the Annual Forum
6	Programs
7	Human Relations Workshop programs
8	Flyers for the Eleventh Annual Forum
9	WHLI Radio broadcast transcript – October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1948
10	WHLI Radio broadcast transcript – November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 1948
11	WHLI Radio broadcast transcript – December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1948
12	WHLI Radio broadcast transcript – December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 1948
13	WHLI Radio broadcast transcript – January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 1949
14	“Town Meeting” radio broadcast transcript – January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1954



15	“Woman’s Forum News” – 1946
16	“Forum” – 1948 – 1949
17	“Forum” – 1949 – 1950
18	“Forum” – 1951
19	“Forum” – 1951 – 1952
20	“Forum” – 1952 – 1953
21	“Forum” – 1953 – 1954
22	“Viewpoints” – May, 1955
23	Correspondence 1944 – 1946
24	Correspondence 1947

**Box 5**  
**Folder**

**Description**

1	Correspondence 1948 – 1952
2	“The ADL Bulletin” – January, 1949
3	“In Defense of Women’s Clubs” – May, 1950
4	Press releases
5	News clippings
6	Photographs
7	“The Chautaugan” – 1947
8	Cooperating sponsors list 1945 – 1946
9	Nassau County Students Forum representative list
10	Questionnaire

**Series III: Hope For Youth**

11	Hope For Youth Overview
12	“Hope For Youth, Inc.” A Summary History 1967 – 1983”
13	Court memo and doctor’s report on unnamed youth
14	Minutes of the May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 1975 meeting
15	Speeches 1971 – 1981
16	Statements to be read at Annual Luncheons 1979 – 1983

17	Correspondence 1984
18	Brochure
19	News clippings
20	Photographs
21	Purchase contract for house at 178 Baiting Place Rd., Farmingdale

Separation to Box 6:

Hope For Youth fundraising luncheon speech

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2	Closing of the Nassau County U.S.O. speech
3	Address to the National Council of Jewish Women
4	“Program for Social Betterment” speech
5	Speech notes – 1946 – 1951
6	Speech notes – 1954 – 1962
7	Speech notes – 1963
8	Speech notes – 1960’s – 1979
9	Speech notes – undated
10	Untitled Woman’s Forum draft
11	Lists of Speakers for Seventh and Eighth Annual Forum
12	Acceptances for meeting list
13	Notes and announcements – undated meeting
14	Open meeting and tea agenda
15	List of radio listeners by geographic region
16	Hope For Youth fundraising luncheon Speech
17	7” reel-to-reel audio tape – “Sixth Annual Woman’s Forum” 1 of 2
18	7” reel-to-reel audio tape – “Sixth Annual Woman’s Forum” 2 of 2
19	7” reel-to-reel audio tape – Shapiro Dinner to S.E.S. 12/29/52
20	7” reel-to-reel audio tape – Workshop 10/22/53

**Box 7**

**Description**

New York University “Investors in Excellence” Award to Elizabeth and Samuel Golding