

Beth El Congregation Collection

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ACQUISITION: Donated by Beth El Congregation June 13, 2012

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections division only.

VOLUME: 7 boxes, 5 folders, 25 scrapbooks, 3 binders, 6 books, 54 mats: Approx. 18LF

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains the historical materials and records of Beth El Congregation of Akron, Ohio from approximately 1950-2011. The Beth El Congregation officially began in 1946 at the site of the Akron Jewish Center. The new congregation then later dedicated their own building in 1951. Beth El is a fully egalitarian Conservative congregation affiliated with United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. "We seek to perpetuate a Conservative Jewish identity for the Akron community by promoting and providing a friendly environment for religious, cultural and social activities."

ARRANGEMENT: This collection is divided into four series: Scrapbooks, Photographs, Publications and Administrative Materials. Each series is grouped by like materials and in general chronologically.

INVENTORY:

SERIES 1: Scrapbooks

Book 1: April 1950-October 1953

Book 2: May 1950-April 1952

Book 3: 1953-1954

Book 4: December 1953-February 1955

Book 5: 1954-1955

Book 6: 1955-1956

Book 7: January 1955-January 1956

Book 8: 1956-1957

Book 9: July 1957-June 1958

Book 10: April 1957-June 1958

Book 11: January 1957-April 1958

Book 12: May 1958- April 1959

Book 13: May 1959- May 1960

Book 14: April 1960- February 1961

Book 15: March 1961- May 1962

Book 16: June 1962- March 1963

Book 17: May 1965- November 1968

Book 18: 1968-1969

Book 19: 1979

Book 20: ACUSY 1987-1988 Vol.1

Book 21: ACUSY 1987-1988 Vol.2

Book 22: ACUSY 1987-1988 Vol.3

Book 23: Akron Chapter USY 1992-1993

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Book 24: Reverend Salzman

Book 25: Chanukah Home Decorating Contests

Folder 1: Loose Items from Misc. Scrapbook (1:2)

Folder 2: Loose Items from Misc. Scrapbook (2:2)

Folder 3: Loose Items from Misc. Scrapbook

SERIES 2: Photographs

Box 1 Categorized Photographs

Sleeve 1: Special Service

Sleeve 2: Israel 50 Jubilee

Sleeve 3: Nathan and Alice Speilberg; Seminary Night 1990

Sleeve 4: Youth group Washington D.C.

Sleeve 5: Congregation in the Kitchen

Sleeve 6: Negatives

Folder 1: SF Landscape: Congregation Event

Folder 2: SF 5x8 BW: Congregation and Admin.

Folder 3: Youth Head Shots (1:2)

Folder 4: Youth Head Shots (2:2)

Folder 5: Congregation/Administration Head Shots

Folder 6: Cantor Stein

Folder 7: Ground Breaking

Folder 8: Book Burial

Folder 9: 25th Anniversary

Folder 10: Reverend Salzman (Ritual Director)

Folder 11: Choir

Folder 12: Youth BW

Folder 13: Bulletin Proofs

Folder 14: 8x10 Youth BW

Folder 15: Administration and Congregation BW 8x10 (1:2)

Folder 16: Administration and Congregation BW 8x10 (2:2)

Box 2 Miscellaneous Youth

Box 3 Miscellaneous Administration and Congregation

Box 4 Congregation and Administration BW

Sleeve1: 1975 Beth El Graduation Confirmation Class Photos

25 Photograph Mats: 1958- 2011 Graduation Confirmation Class Photos

SERIES 3: Publications

Box 1- Bulletins from 1970-1992

Folder 1: Loose Bulletin Material

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Folder #1

Programs from 1959-1973

Folder #2

Misc. Documents

Book 1: Beth El Commemoration Album 1953

Books 2-4: Beth El Dedication Journal 1951

Books 5-6: Beth El Congregation 25th Anniversary

SERIES 4: Administrative Materials

Box 1: Tapes of Annual Meetings

Box2: Blueprints

Binder 1: Meetings and Membership Misc. 1970-1972

Binder 2: Meeting Minutes 1968-1969

Binder 3: United Synagogue Youth