



Guide to the Beth El Synagogue Records, 1881-2012 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Beth El Synagogue records, 1881-2012 and undated

Creator:

Beth-El Synagogue (Durham, N.C.)

Abstract:

Beth El Synagogue is a Jewish congregation in Durham, N.C. The collection consists of organizational records for Beth El Synagogue including records related to the synagogue's governance, general membership, the Beth El Sisterhood, the Beth El Preschool, synagogue buildings, and other topics. Materials include committee reports; financial reports; correspondence; printed material, including Books of Life, programs from services, newsletters, and other publications about Jewish history; documentation about the operations of Beth-El Preschool; legal papers; financial papers; photographs of the synagogue, congregation, and programs; and subject files documenting changes in the synagogue's constitutions, construction of new synagogue buildings in 1921 and 1957, dedication services, and the careers of rabbis.

Extent:

15 Linear Feet
4.68 Gigabytes

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Materials in English and Hebrew

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Background

Scope and Content

The Beth El Synagogue Records are divided into five series: Administration, Jewish History, Photographs, Printed Materials, and Programming. The Administration series contains documents relevant to the congregation's organizational records, and is divided into four subseries: Beth El Preschool, Board and Governance, Correspondence, and Subject Files. Jewish History primarily consists of historical accounts of Jewish life in Durham and Chapel Hill, and includes personal biographies of several congregant members. Photographs document congregant members and synagogue events. The series also includes formal portraits of congregant presidents and rabbis. Printed Materials includes newspaper clippings from throughout the twentieth century, primarily from the Durham Morning Herald. Also includes a variety of professional publications related to Jewish life. Programming includes copies of the synagogue's newsletter, the Beth El Bulletin, assorted service bulletins, and a dedication book to commemorate the construction of the new synagogue on Markham and Watts Streets in Durham. The collection also includes materials related to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and the organization of events to celebrate Jewish traditions.

Biographical/Historical

Mainly comprised of German and Eastern European immigrants as well as Russian-Jewish cigarette rollers, the Durham Hebrew Congregation organized in 1887 and rented a hall on Main Street. James B. Duke had formed a contract with Ukrainian immigrant Moses Gladstein to bring over a hundred workers from New York to roll cigarettes in Duke's tobacco factories. Duke automated the factory in 1884 and dismissed the Jewish workers. Most returned north, but several, including Gladstein, chose to remain and opened stores in Durham. As the population continued to slowly grow, the congregation formally chartered in 1892 and hired a rabbi. In 1905 they purchased a small, wood-framed church on Liberty Street, which became Durham's first synagogue. By 1910 the Jewish population in the area had reached approximately 305.

After the First World War, the congregation built a large, cathedral-style synagogue downtown at the intersection of Holloway and Queen Streets. Upon its dedication in 1921, they took the name Beth El Congregation. The congregation remained Orthodox throughout the 1930s and 1940s, but in 1948 hired a rabbi who was a member of the conservative movement. Despite significant internal tensions, the congregation shed its dominant orthodoxy by the mid 1950s. The congregation broke ground on a new, contemporary "American" synagogue on Watts and Markham Streets in 1957; the old structure became the Bethel Baptist Church with a primarily African American

congregation. Durham took over and demolished the building in the late 1960s for urban renewal. The location is now the northwest corner of WTVD, the local ABC news affiliate for Durham.

By its centennial year, 1987, the congregation was known as Beth El Synagogue, and had not only successfully created a strategy to accommodate both its modern leanings and orthodox heritage but also helped create other Jewish congregations such as Judea Reform. Beth El had also embraced women as ritual and lay leaders in the 1970s, and the creation of the adjacent Freedman Center in 1987 allowed the congregation to further expand its community service and social action programs. Today, as part of a Jewish population of approximately 8,000 in the Durham-Chapel Hill community, Beth El defines itself as "a vibrant, dynamic community led by a volunteer board, enriched with the teachings of many dedicated community members."

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Arrangement

The collection arrived partially sorted and has been divided into five series: Administration, Jewish History, Photographs, Printed Materials, and Programming.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Acquisition Information

The Beth El Synagogue Records were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 1998, 2014, and 2021.

Processing Information

Processed by Paul Sommerfeld, November 2016; Laurin Penland and Matthew Farrell, June 2020; Ofelia Lopez, November 2023.

Accessions described in this collection guide: 1988, 2014-0116, and 2021-0122.

Access Restrictions

Collection contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Access note. Collection contains fragile audiovisual/photographic formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

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Related Materials

Related Material

Related collections also held in the Rubenstein Library include: Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina Collection of Jewish Historical Materials, 1888-2014; Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina Records, 1750-2014 and undated; Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina Oral History Collection, 1981-2014; North Carolina Temple and Synagogue Historical Collection, 1926-2010 and undated; Evans Family Papers, 1920s-1990s.

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Names and Subjects

- Jewish families -- North Carolina

- Jewish religious education of children -- North Carolina
- Synagogues -- North Carolina
- Rabbis -- North Carolina
- Jewish women -- United States.
- Nursery schools -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Photographs -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Durham County (N.C.)
- Jews -- North Carolina -- History
- Machine-readable artifacts
- Beth-El Synagogue (Durham, N.C.)

Collection Inventory

Administration, 1881-2009, undated

Scope and Contents

The Administration series contains documents relevant to the congregation's organizational records, and is divided into four subseries: Beth El Preschool, Board and Governance, Correspondence, and Subject Files. Beth El Preschool contains documents from the Carnival of the Arts, including publicity materials and financial summaries. The subseries includes extensive financial records of the preschool, including tax reports, payment records, and supplies expenditures. Also includes teacher applications, letters to parents, and information of the preschool's founding. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

The Board and Governance subseries contains meeting minutes of the congregation's leadership, including the board of directors and board of trustees, from 1939-2008. Includes several bound volumes of handwritten meeting notes with various handouts taped in, including: form letters, financial reports, budgets, requests, and typed notes. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Correspondence mostly consists of official correspondence between the Synagogue leadership with various individuals and official organizations, including the American Association for Jewish Education, American Zionist Youth Commission, Hebrew Theological College, United Synagogue of America, and Yeshiva University. Also includes official correspondence with Rabbi Steven Sagar from the 1980s while he served the congregation. Arranged chronologically by year.

Subject Files contain a variety of organizational records from the synagogue, including financial records, legal papers such as deeds and congregant constitutions, membership lists, staff meeting minutes, Ladies' Aid Society meetings, Beth El Sisterhood meetings, and historical accounts of the synagogue. Also includes two Books of Life, extensive information on funeral

rituals and preparation, Chevra Kadisha, and documents pertaining to the centennial celebration in 1987. The documents include ceremony recordings, concert programs, handouts, flyers, some correspondence, exhibit displays, and meeting minutes. Also includes information from the Jewish Ceremonial Art Exhibition at Duke University in 1988, in which the synagogue participated as part of the centennial. One folder includes photocopied advertisements from Jewish businesses in Durham from the 1880s. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Series contains original audiovisual items that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

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Beth-El Preschool, 1968-2004, undated

Carnival of the Arts, 1975-1979 Box 1

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Flyers, form letters, publicity notes, meeting agendas, reports

Carnival of the Arts Financial Summaries, 1970-1972 Box 1

Scope and Contents

Financial summaries

Carnival of the Arts Publicity Materials, 1975-1978 Box 1

Scope and Contents

Flyers, handouts, newspaper clippings

Exhibit Boards, 1998-2004 Box 24

Scope and Contents

Contain photos of preschool activities on display boards

Financial Records, 1972-1973 Box 1

Scope and Contents	
Notes, budgets	
Financial Records Bound Volume, 1968-1969	Box 28
Scope and Contents	
Bound volume of billing information and employee payment records	
Folded note, undated	Box 1
Founding of Beth-El Preschool, 1968-1969	Box 1
Scope and Contents	
Correspondence, flyer, article	
Insurance Accident Forms, 1970	Box 1
Letters to Parents, 1971-1972	Box 1
Scope and Contents	
Form letters	
Monthly Financial Reports, 1969-1971	Box 1
Pen Pal Letters, 1988, undated	Box 1
Planning Notes, 1969-1972	Box 1
Scope and Contents	
Meeting notes, directories	
Quarterly Tax Records, 1970-1976	Box 1
Scope and Contents	
Federal tax documents	
Rosters, 1969-1976	Box 1
Supplies Expenditures, 1969-1974	Box 1
Teacher Applications and Letters, 1969-1976	Box 1
Teacher Contracts, 1971-1973	Box 1
Teacher Files, 1970-1971	Box 1

Board and Governance, 1939-2008

Board and General Meeting Minutes Bound
Volume, 1939-1951 Box 27

Scope and Contents

Bound volume of handwritten meeting notes with various handouts taped in, including: correspondence, financial reports, budgets, and typed notes

Board and General Meeting Minutes,
1948-1984 Box 2

Physical Description: 8 folders

Scope and Contents

Agendas, meeting minutes

Board and General Meeting Minutes Bound
Volume, 1975-1977 Box 27

Scope and Contents

Bound volume of handwritten meeting notes with various handouts taped in, including: form letters, financial reports, budgets, requests, and typed notes

Board and General Meeting Minutes Bound
Volume, 1978-1980 Box 26

Scope and Contents

Bound volume of handwritten meeting notes with various handouts taped in, including: form letters, financial reports, budgets, requests, and typed notes

Board Member Materials, 1978-1980 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Agendas, congregation letters, financial reports, proposed budgets

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes,
1979-1985 Box 3

Physical Description: 2 folders

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes,
1985-1991 Box 3

Physical Description: 7 folders

Board and General Meeting Minutes,
1992-2008 Box 4

Physical Description: 13 folders

Board Meeting Schedules, 2000-2001 Box 4

Correspondence, 1940-2005, undated

Sager, Steven, 1980-1985 Box 5

Physical Description: 9 folders

Scope and Contents

Official correspondence with Rabbi Sager while serving at Beth-El Synagogue

Miscellaneous, 1940-1950 Box 5

Scope and Contents

ands

Miscellaneous, 1951-2005 Box 6

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Contents

Official correspondence between Beth-El Synagogue and various individuals and official organizations, including the American Association for Jewish Education, American Zionist Youth Commission, Hebrew Theological College, United Synagogue of America, and Yeshiva University

Zionist Letter, undated Box 6

Scope and Contents

To William Bane, Secretary Durham Zionist District; written in Hebrew

General Correspondence, 1969-1990 Box 29

Subject Files, 1881-2009, undated

Access Restrictions:

Original audiovisual materials are closed to use. Contact Research Services to request the production of use copies.

Collection contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Advertisements, 1881, undated Box 6

Scope and Contents

Photocopies of various merchandise advertisements

Alpine Summit Meeting, 1986 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Form letter, handout, newsletter

Archival List, undated Box 6

Scope and Contents

Numbered list of archival materials from Beth-El Synagogue

Beth-El Sisterhood Meeting Minutes Bound
Volume, 1955-1959 Box 26

Scope and Contents

Bound volume of handwritten meeting notes

Beth-El Sisterhood Meeting Minutes Bound
Volume, 1971-1972 Box 6

Beth-El Sisterhood, 1959-1995 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Form letters, scripts, news clippings, agendas, membership lists

Beth-El Synagogue Building, 1920 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Photocopied photos of original synagogue in downtown Durham, North Carolina

Book of Life, 1920 Box 23

Scope and Contents

Durham Hebrew Congregation, Beth-El Synagogue

Golden Book of Life, 1924-1963 Box 23

Scope and Contents

Beth-El Synagogue, Durham, NC; In memory of Louis Gladstein

By-laws, 1907 Box 6

Calendar Cover, 2001-2002 Box 25
Digital-materials RL11336-
SET-0001

Physical Description: 3.5 inch floppy disc containing 1 file; less than 1 MB.

Scope and Contents

Includes one MS Publisher file of the "First Annual Beth El Kitchen Calendar" in PUB format.

Access Restrictions:

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Cemetary Deeds, 1916-1933 Box 6

Cemetary Deed and Freedman Center Deed,
1985 Box 6

Centennial Celebration of Beth-El, 1988,
undated Box 6

Scope and Contents

Notes, meeting minutes, concert programs

Centennial Time Capsule, 1987 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Questionnaires

Centennial Events, 1987 Box 7

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Programs, pamphlets, correspondence, handouts, flyers, news clippings,
photographs

Centennial Exhibit Boards, 1987-1998 Box 24

Scope and Contents

Includes congregation signatures, photo of synagogue interior

Centennial Items for Bulletin Board Display,
1988 Box 7

Centennial Recordings, 1988 Box 25

Scope and Contents

17 April 1988; three VHS tapes of closing ceremonies, Schpiel Play, and
"Torah as Lived by Music and Martin Lakin"

Access Restrictions:

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Services to request the production of use copies.

Check Stubs, 1977-1995, undated Box 7

Physical Description: 2 folders

Chevra Kadisha Correspondence, 1971-1990 Box 7

Scope and Contents

Letters, agreements, receipts

Chevra Kadisha for Eisenberg, Gertrude, 1983 Box 7

Scope and Contents

Letters, agreements, clippings

Chevra Kadisha Documents, 1988-1995 Box 7

Scope and Contents

Funeral checklists, summaries, notes

Chevra Kadisha Funeral Guides, undated Box 8

Scope and Contents

Handbooks, newspaper clipping

Chevra Kadisha Funeral Preparations and
Notes, 1997, undated Box 8

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Meal of condolence, burial, Chevra

Chevra Kadisha Funeral Summaries,
1985-1997

Box 8

Scope and Contents

Obituaries, forms, tahara ritual, certificates

Chevra Kadisha Text: Jewish Ritual, Reality,
and the Response at the End of Life, 2007

Box 8

Chevra Kadisha Memorial Prayers and Books
of Remembrance, 1989, undated

Box 8

Chevra Kadisha Miscellaneous, 1972-2006,
undated

Box 8

Scope and Contents

Burial plots, funeral checklists, handbooks, plot deeds, condolence emails

Chevra Kadisha Volunteers, 1982-1989,
undated

Box 8

Scope and Contents

Volunteer forms

Confirmation, 1983-1987

Box 8

Scope and Contents

Handouts, form letters, readings

Confirmation and Baptism Documents,
undated

Box 9

Scope and Contents

Certificates, newsletters

Congregation Membership Lists, 1965, 1974,
2000

Box 9

Congregation Constitutions, 1907-2007,
undated

Box 9

Physical Description: 3 folders

Construction of New Synagogue, 1920,
undated Box 9

Scope and Contents

Meeting minutes, correspondence

Construction of New Synagogue and
Cornerstone Ceremony, 1921, 1957-1965,
undated Box 9

Scope and Contents

Reports, photograph, booklet

Construction Proposal, 1958 Box 9

Construction blueprints/plans for synagogue,
1956 Oversize-folder 1

Durham Hebrew Cemetary plots blueprint/
maps, 1938 Oversize-folder 1

Famous Congregation Members, 1955,
undated Box 9

Scope and Contents

Newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence

Financial Papers, 1886-1984 Box 9

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous reports and ledgers

Financial Records Bound Volume, 1942 Box 22

Scope and Contents

Ledger of synagogue financial transactions

Financial Records Bound Volume, 1954-1957 Box 28

Scope and Contents

Ledger of financial transactions

Financial Records Binder, 1969-1984 Box 22

Scope and Contents

Binder of payments for maintenance of cemetery graves

Financial Records Floppy Discs, 1995-1999
and undated

Box 25
Digital-materials RL11336-
SET-0001

Physical Description: Two 3.5 inch floppy discs containing 10 files; 1.29 MB.

Scope and Contents

Spreadsheets with synagogue financial data in MS xls format.

Access Restrictions:

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Financial Records Bound Volume, 1972-1978

Box 22

Scope and Contents

Ledger of synagogue financial transactions

Financial Reports, 1948-1973

Box 9

Foundation Contacts, 1985

Box 9

Scope and Contents

Blumenthal, National Foundation for Jewish Culture

Forming a Minyan: The History of Durham
Beth-El Congregation, undated

Box 9

Scope and Contents

Includes guide on how to conduct an interview

Freedman Center Dedication, 1989

Box 9

Scope and Contents

Photographs, program, report

Historical Notes, 1950-1987

Box 9

Scope and Contents

Beth-El Synagogue newspaper clippings and building fund correspondence

History of Beth-El Synagogue, 1987	Box 9
Scope and Contents	
By Rogoff, Leonard; includes correspondence with author	
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History of Beth-El Synagogue Binder, 1909-2003	Box 10
Scope and Contents	
Photocopies of newspaper clippings and photographs, reports	
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History of Building Beth-El Synagogue Center, 1957	Box 10
Scope and Contents	
Typed report	
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Histories, 1951-1953, undated	Box 10
Scope and Contents	
Handwritten and typed accounts of members' history at synagogue	
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Jewish Ceremonial Art Exhibition, 1985-1988	Box 10
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Scope and Contents	
Duke University; newspaper clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, articles, curatorial guide, agendas, draft descriptions	
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Jewish Education Week, 1984	Box 10
Scope and Contents	
Photographs, pamphlet, letter	
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Jewish Historical Society 12th Annual Conference, 1987	Box 10
Scope and Contents	
Handouts, newspaper clipping photocopies	
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Jewish Relief Committee, 1916	Box 24

Scope and Contents

Flyers of servicemen from Durham, NC

Jewish Relief Committees for World War I,
1916-1920, undated

Box 10

Scope and Contents

Flyers, handouts

Judging Justices, undated

Box 10

Scope and Contents

Statement by Terry Sanford

Ladies' Aid Society Meeting Minutes,
1930-1944

Box 10

Physical Description: 2 folders

Miscellaneous Documents, 1924-1987

Box 10

Scope and Contents

Handouts, flyers, reports

Miscellaneous Committee Reports, 2001-2006

Box 10

Miscellaneous Exhibits, 1961-1985

Box 10

Scope and Contents

Photographs, captions, newspaper clipping photocopies

Miscellaneous Legal Papers, 1899-1963

Box 11

Miscellaneous Handouts, 1975, undated

Box 11

Music and Films, 1983, undated

Box 11

Scope and Contents

Catalogues, flyers

National Foundation of Jewish Culture,
1985-1986

Box 11

Scope and Contents

Applications and lists of traveling art shows, correspondence

North Carolina Humanities Committee, 1986	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Proposal guidelines	
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Orthodox Kahilia, undated	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Information sheets	
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Puzzle, 1984	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Puzzle letter sent by Rabbi Steven Sagar to the Bar Mitzvah Class of 1984	
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Rabbis, 1938-1987	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Photographs of and correspondence from Beth-El Synagogue rabbis	
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Rabbi's Banquets, 1988-1991	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Receipts, correspondence, expense logs	
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Religion and Public Education, 1988	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Class taught by Rabbi Steven Sagar at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; syllabus	
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Retirement Plan, undated	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Documents for Rabbi Steven Sagar's retirement plan	
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Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association Placement, 1985	Box 11
Scope and Contents	
Placement documents	
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Sheet Music, undated	Box 11

Scope and Contents

Photocopies of "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out" by Jimmy Cox; "Downtown" by Tony Hatch; "Who Will Buy" by Lionel Bart; "Get Me to the Church on Time" by Frederick Loewe

Staff Meeting Minutes, 1997 Box 11

Scope and Contents

Beth-El Staff

Teachers' Tea Event, 1959 Box 11

Scope and Contents

Form letter, script

Teachers' Tea Program, undated Box 11

Tree of Achievements Bronze Cast, 1992 Box 11

Scope and Contents

Planning documents and photographs

Tzadatsah (Charity Work), 1985-2009 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Certificate, handouts, correspondence, reports

Zionism, 1938-1987 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Flyers, reports

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America,
and College Laison, 1960 Box 29

Teachers' Tea and Chanukah Carnival, 1960,
1971 Box 29

Installation Affair, 1965 Box 29

Torah Fund Residence Hall, approximately
1990 Box 29

National Sabbath Observance Effort, 1952 Box 29

National Women's League of the United States
of America , 1960-1965 Box 29

Women's League for Conservative Judaism,
1985-1989 Box 29

Physical Description: 4 folders

High Holiday Babysitting Co-op , 1990-1991 Box 29

Miscellaneous Materials, approximately
1957-1980s Box 29

Meeting Notebook, 1951-1955 Box 29

Unidentified Scroll Box 30

Scope and Contents

This folder contains an unidentified scroll.

Exposed Negative Cassettes, Zarkin, 2001 Box 30

Scope and Contents

This folder contains two exposed negative cassettes

Stamp: Property of Beth El Sisterhood Box 30

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a stamp with the legend "Property of Beth El
Sisterhood."

Chumash Plates Disc, approximately
1990s-2000s Box 25 > Optical-disc
RL11336-OP-0006

Physical Description: One compact disc 700 MB, 80-minute.

Access Restrictions:

Electronic records may need to be reformatted before use. Contact
Research Services with questions.

Newsletters and other materials,
approximately 1960-1990 Oversize-folder 2

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Jewish History, 1908-1987, undated

Scope and Contents

The Jewish History series contains historical accounts of Jewish life in Durham and Chapel Hill, and includes personal biographies of several congregant members. Includes a full manuscript of "History of Jewish Community of Durham and Chapel Hill, 1887-1987" as well as Notes from "From Pine Street to Watts Street: An Oral History of the Jews of Durham, NC." Also includes naturalization papers and petitions from several individuals in the 1910s. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Series contains electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Concentration Camps, undated Box 12

Scope and Contents

Shopiro, Karin; Dachau handout

Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Community History Project, 1986 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Notes, outlines, reports

History of Jewish Community of Durham and Chapel Hill, 1887-1987, 1987 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Hanft, Sheldon, Ph.D. and Leonard Rogoff

Durham County Naturalization Petitions, 1908-1922 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Swartz, Sam; Hockfeld, Hyman

Miscellaneous, undated Box 12

Scope and Contents

Certificate in Hebrew

Miscellaneous Biographies, undated Box 12

Naturalization Papers, 1917 Box 12

Notes from "From Pine Street to Watts Street:
An Oral History of the Jews of Durham, NC",
1986 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Gruber, Robin

Passport, 1959 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Berman, Samuel

Personal Stories of the Establishment of Israel,
1993 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Durham, NC residents

Sam Margolis: In Memoriam, 2004 Box 25
Digital-materials RL11336-
SET-0001

Physical Description: 3.5 floppy disc containing 1 file. Less than 1 MB.

Scope and Contents

Document file in MS Word format.

Access Restrictions:

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in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Southern Jewish History, 1987 Box 12

Scope and Contents

Contents of binder; handouts, correspondence

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Photographs, 1900-2004, undated

Scope and Contents

Photographs primarily consists of documentation of congregant members at a
variety of synagogue and Beth El Preschool events. Includes a 1900 photograph

of the Gladsteins storefront with congregant members, the early Durham Hebrew Congregation, and the original cathedral-style synagogue in downtown Durham. Also includes photos from the Jewish Ceremonial Art exhibition, the photo album, "A Photographic History of Beth El," and formal portraits of congregant presidents and rabbis. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Access Restrictions:

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Beth-El photographs from Maxine Stern,
2010-2011

Box 25
Digital-materials RL11336-
SET-0001

Physical Description: 1 CD containing 75 files; 57.3 MB.

Scope and Contents

Photograph files of people at gatherings and events in JPEG format.

Access Restrictions:

Collection contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Beth-El Preschool and Hebrew School,
1995-2002

Box 12

Physical Description: 2 folders

Beth-El Preschool and Hebrew School,
1995-2002, undated

Box 13

Physical Description: 2 folders

Beth-El Presidents, undated

Box 13

Beth-El Renovations, undated

Box 13

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Photographs by Levinsohn, Hunter

Biloxi, 2007 March 7

Box 25
Digital-materials RL11336-
SET-0001

Physical Description: 1 CD containing 69 files; 196 MB.

Scope and Contents

Photographs of service projects that include making food and building a house. Images are in JPEG format.

Access Restrictions:

Collection contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Building and Renovations, 1999	Box 13
Cemetary, undated	Box 13
Chanukah Bazaar, 1999	Box 13
Children painting, undated	Box 13
Congregation Photo, undated	Box 24
Early Durham Hebrew Congregation, undated	Box 13
For Temple Bulletin Board Displays, 1983, undated	Box 13
Physical Description: 3 folders	
Scope and Contents	
Congregation members involved in various activities at the synagogue	
Freedman Center, 1988	Box 13
Scope and Contents	
Construction photographs	
Gladsteins Store Photograph, 1900	Box 13
Scope and Contents	
Main Street, Durham, NC; contains correspondence regarding photograph	
Bruce Guild and Linda Convissor Wedding, 1983	Box 14
Judaica, 2004	Box 25
	Digital-materials RL11336-SET-0001

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

3.5 floppy disc containing 23 files; less than 1 MB.

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs taken on a Mavica camera of Judaica in JPG format; there is 1 file in HTML format.

Living Heritage: Jewish Ceremonial Art, 1988	Box 14
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Miscellaneous Photograph Collages, undated	Box 14
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Miscellaneous Paper Prints, 2004	Box 14
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Scope and Contents

Photograph order forms

Miscellaneous Negatives, undated	Box 14
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Photographs Not Used in Photo Album, undated	Box 14
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Scope and Contents

Unused photographs from synagogue photograph album; various congregation activities

A Photographic History of Beth-El, 1984-1987, undated	Box 14
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Scope and Contents

Contents of photograph album

Pictures From Photo Directory, undated	Box 14
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Pictures of Rabbi Foger and Synagogue Interior, 1987	Box 14
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Portrait of Rabbi Steven Sager, undated	Box 14
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Portraits of Members, 1965, undated	Box 14
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Purim Carnival and Shabbaton, 1987-1997	Box 14
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Physical Description: 2 folders

Bar Mitzvah for Stern, Sam and Bat Mitzvah for Stern, Becky, undated	Box 15
Physical Description: 2 folders	
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"Rabbi's 25th" photographs from Lauren Quigley, 2004	Box 25
	Digital-materials RL11336-SET-0001
Physical Description: 1 CD containing 120 files; 85 MB.	
Scope and Contents	
120 photograph files in JPEG format.	
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Sefer Torah, 1988	Box 15
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Shabbaton, 1984-1998	Box 15
Physical Description: 6 folders	
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Beth-El Sisterhood Photographs, undated	Box 15
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Slides from Various Synagogue Events, undated	Box 15
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Synagogue Play, 1964	Box 15
Scope and Contents	
Cast photograph; play title unknown	
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Synagogue Events, 1965-1994	Box 15
Physical Description: 4 folders	
Scope and Contents	
Congregation members at various events and synagogue activities	
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Synagogue Events, 1983-2004, undated	Box 16
Physical Description: 10 folders	
Scope and Contents	
Congregation members at various events and synagogue activities	
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Synagogue Events, undated	Box 17
Physical Description: 12 folders	

Scope and Contents

Congregation members at various events and synagogue activities

Worship Conductors, 1997 Box 17

Uncaptioned Photo Albums, 1984-2001,
undated Box 18

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Congregation members at various events and synagogue activities

Photographs: Mitzvah Project , 2001 January Box 29

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Printed Materials, 1909-2012, undated

Scope and Contents

Printed Materials include newspaper clippings from throughout the twentieth century, primarily from the Durham Morning Herald, that pertain to the synagogue, its members, or Jewish life. Includes ephemera from the funeral for the first Jewish mayor of Durham, "Mutt" Evans. The series also contains a book printed in Hebrew, Sidur u-Mahzor, Kol-Bo. The text is the second part of a set of prayer books that include daily prayers, prayers for high holidays such as Rosh Ha-shanah and Yom Kippur, liturgical poems, and the psalms, among others. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Series contains electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

The American Jewish Times Outlook, 1986-1987 Box 18

Book of Songs and Blessings, 1983 Box 18

Scope and Contents

United Jewish Appeal

Calendar, 1975 Box 18

Centennial Celebration, 1987-1988 Box 18

Scope and Contents

Newspaper Clippings

Featuring Beth-El Members, 1996-1997,
undated

Box 18

Scope and Contents

Newspaper Clippings

Jewish Art and Culture in Early America, 1981

Box 18

Scope and Contents

By Spoleto, Piccolo

Jewish Burial, 1991

Box 18

Scope and Contents

Newspaper clippings

Jewish Year Programs, undated

Box 18

Scope and Contents

Handbooks on Jewish religious events

Judaism and the Environment, 2004-2008

Box 25

Digital-materials RL11336-
SET-0001

Physical Description: 2 CDs containing 229 files; 4.35 GB.

Scope and Contents

2-disc CD set on "supporting environmental education and activism in conservative/Masorti communities". Document, photograph, and video files are in JPEG, PDF, MS Powerpoint PPS, HTML, CSS, MPEG-2, and VOB formats.

Access Restrictions:

Collection contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Emmanuel "Mutt" Evans Funeral, 1997

Box 18

Scope and Contents

Newspapers, photograph

Miscellaneous Publications, 1971-2004	Box 18
Newspaper Clippings, 1959-1961	Box 18
Scope and Contents Beth-El Sisterhood	
Newspaper Clippings Obituaries, 1985-1986, undated	Box 18
Newspaper Clippings, 1909-2012, undated	Box 19
Physical Description: 4 folders Scope and Contents Durham Morning Herald, Durham Herald	
Our Synagogue, 1974	Box 19
Rabbis Newspaper Clippings, 1958, undated	Box 19
A Set of Holiday Sermons, 1961-1962	Box 19
Scope and Contents Union of American Hebrew Congregations	
Southern Jewish Historical Society, 1983-1987	Box 19
Scope and Contents Newsletters, pamphlets	
Hebrew prayer book, 1923	Box 28
Scope and Contents In Hebrew: Sidur Mahazor Kol-bo, second part. Published in Vilna, 1923.	
Miscellaneous Materials, 1972-1986	Box 29
Adult Jewish Education, approximately 1959	Box 29

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Programming, 1899-2007, undated

Scope and Contents

Programming includes copies of the synagogue's newsletter, the Beth El Bulletin, assorted service bulletins, and a dedication book to commemorate the construction of the new synagogue on Markham and Watts Streets in Durham. Also includes welcome booklets, and miscellaneous handouts and programs. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Annual Yearbook, 1959-1960 Box 19

Scope and Contents

Beth-El congregation

Beth-El Bulletin, 1955-1979 Box 19

Physical Description: 2 folders

Beth-El Bulletin, 1987-2006, undated Box 20

Physical Description: 9 folders

Beth-El Welcome Booklets, undated Box 20

A Dedication to the Future, 1960 Box 21

Scope and Contents

Synagogue dedication book

A Dedication to the Future Drafts and Proofs, 1959-1960 Box 21

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Drafts and proofs of dedication book

Miscellaneous Programs, 1899-1960 Box 21

Miscellaneous Handouts, undated Box 21

Remembrance Books, 1986, 1997 Box 21

Scope and Contents

Evans, Emanuel Joshua "Mutt"; Evans, Sara Nachamson

Service Bulletins, 1948-1978 Box 21

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Contents

Programs from assorted temple services

Service Bulletins, 1979-1988, undated

Box 22

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Programs from assorted temple services

Service Invitations, 1965-2007

Box 22

Yom Kippur Memorial Books, 1988, 2006

Box 22

Josah Luncheon and Purim Show Report,
1957-1960

Box 29

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