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Administration

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General

Temple By-Laws, 1962 and 1967

Box 1

Hebrew calendar, 1992-1993

"Biennial Initiatives" of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 2003

Surveillance system quotes and correspondence, 2005

Notes on temple building and mechanical plans, undated

Financial

Congregation ledger, 1935-1980

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Youth group ledger, 1952-1976

Receipt duplicates book, 1970-1972

Box 1 (cont.)

Donation letter from S. Walter Tick, 1999

List of temple donors, 2002

Fundraising materials, 2003-2006

 Various events, 2004-2006

 Telethon, 2003-2005

 Deli Dinner, 2005

 Dinner Theatre, 2005

Leap Into the Arts, 2003-2006

Copy of fax to Israel Giftware concerning the purchase of Judaica, 2007

Cost breakdown for Bat Mitzvah lessons, undated

Leadership

Job descriptions, undated

Report on board goal setting (introduction and part I), 1979

Letter to Monty Middleman from the Temple Ritual Committee, undated

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Meeting notes on butcher paper, undated

Box 1 (cont.)

President's files (correspondence, meeting minutes, and financial information)

2003-2004 [2 folders]

2004-2005 [part 1, folders 1-2 of 4]

Box 2

2004-2005 [part 2, folders 3-4 of 4]

2005-2006

Rabbi Leo Turitz

Temple memories (letter), 2002

Essays by Susan Cooper and Rhoda London, 2003

Photos of the Turitz family (copies), undated

Members

Temple and community histories, circa 1988

Membership directory, 1998

Oversize Flat Box 1

Newspaper clippings featuring congregants

1910-1921 and 1952-1988 (includes photos and ephemera)

1921, 1957, and 1972-1973

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1960-1964, 1973-1988, 1995, and 2003

Oversize Flat Box 1 (cont.)

1976 and undated

Death of Herb Slodounik, 1998

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2000-2001 and undated

Box 2a

Photos and ephemera

Scrapbook for the "Menchen of the Year" Award Dinner, 1980

Box 2 (cont.)

Poster for an event featuring Herb Slodounik, undated

Rosh Hashanah card from "Ann and Orville," undated

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Photos of Leilani Henson and temple interior, undated

Liturgy

Box 2a (cont.)

Book of *The Holy Scriptures* presented by the confirmation class of 1938, 1919

Box 2 (cont.)

Letter to Shabbat Service Leader, 2001

Bulletins and service texts

Various occasions, 1957-2002 [3 folders, dates scattered]

High Holidays

Yom Kippur memorial forms, 2007

Children's Service for the High Holidays bulletin, 1953

"The Counsel of Hope" by Rabbi Herbert Bronstein (article), undated

Some New Voices: A Collection of "Tefilot" for Community and Individual Prayer
(booklet published by the Hillel Foundation), 1972

A Service of Peace bulletin, 1995

Box 3

Youth Service bulletin (*Shmayim V'arretz: Heaven and Earth*), 2002

Shavuot and Service of Confirmation bulletin, 1992

Readings, prayers, and informational texts for solemn occasions, 2000 and undated

Shavuot service bulletin, undated

Sukkot service bulletin, undated

Haggadah Shel Tu B'Shevat bulletins, undated

Erev Shabbat service text, undated

"Song and Prayer" book, undated

Religious service texts, undated

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Service texts with readers identified, undated

Box 3 (cont.)

Prayer texts, undated

Copies of text from the Torah, undated

Birkhat Hamazon (Blessings after meals) booklets, undated

Stephen Wise Free Synagogue *Sabbath Eve Vesper Services* bulletin, 1956

Plum Street Temple Rabbinical ordination ceremony bulletins, 2000

Bar and Bat Mitzvah

My Bar Mitzvah Book (written in Hebrew), undated

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Bar/Bat Mitzvah certificates (blank), circa 1988

Box 3 (cont.)

Bar/Bat Mitzvah bulletin, 1999

Bulletins and outline for Rebecca Plummer celebration, 1999

Bulletins, correspondence, and planning materials for Lakie Sweeney celebration, 2003

Service bulletin for Andrew Robert Bandler celebration, 2007

Box 3a

White kippah, undated

Sisterhood

Box 3 (cont.)

Directory, 1970-1971

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Checks, receipts, and notes for the Sisterhood Food Fair, 1967-1968

Box 3 (cont.)

Rummage sale (newsletters, guidelines for pricing, promotional materials, and notes), 1987-1990

"What Every Sisterhood President Wants to Know!: A Mini Manual for Presidents" (folder of administrative materials and financial records), 1989-1992

Sisterhood-Hadassah service bulletins, undated

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) Goldengram and envelope, undated

Events

Temple dedication

Bulletins, 1958

"3-Day Dedication Opens Friday for New Temple B'nai Abraham" (copy of newspaper clipping), 1958

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Issues of the *Decatur Herald* and the *Decatur Sunday Herald*, 1958

Box 3 (cont.)

Scrapbook of photos and newspaper clippings, 1958

75th anniversary

Letter from Rabbi Leo Turitz, 1997

Dinner reservations and fact sheets (blank), 1998

List of dinner reservations, 1996

Bulletins, 1998

Box 4

Guest book, 1998

Travel dinner

Ledgers, informational sheets, and notes, 1999-2001

List of persons who purchased tickets, 2001

Financial records, correspondence, and planning materials, 2002-2004

Event planning materials, 2005-2007

Planning materials

Various events, 2006-2009

High Holy Days programming, 2007 and 2012

Visit by Rabbi Steven Bob, 2017

Temple scavenger hunt activity sheet, undated
 Kaufman's Deli Chicago order form, undated
 Photos and ephemera

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Photos, 1948 and 1970s-1994
 Photos of congregation members at a Purim event, undated

Box 4 (cont.)

Photos and negatives, 1994
 Synagogue rededication booklets, undated
 Certificate from the Decatur Area Habitat for Humanity, 2000
 Eskesta Dance Theatre program, 2002

Religious School

Leadership

Administrative materials, 1980 and 1990-1994
 Manuals and guides (includes blank enrollment forms and class lists), 1980-1985,
 1993-1994, and 2003-2004 [2 folders]
 Readings and service booklets, 1979, 1995, 2004, and undated [2 folders total;
 folder 1 located in Oversize Box 1]

Box 5

Students and Curricula

Enrollment

Class lists (includes texts), 1991-1992
 Class list and schedule, 1994-1995
 List of religious school teachers and students, 1995-1996
 Class record and roll books, circa 2011-2016

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Calendar of events, lesson plans, and class lists, 1992-1993

Box 5 (cont.)

Hebrew class attendance sheet, undated
 Schedule, 1983-1984
 Blank certificate and diploma with Jewish iconography, undated

Lesson planning
 "Problems Facing Jewish Education Philosophy in the Sixties" from *The American Jewish Yearbook*, 1961
 Newspaper clippings, articles, and lesson plans, 1993-1994
 Confirmation class (correspondence, curriculum, and notes), 1994-1995

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Confirmation class curriculum and issues of *Bim Bam*, 2004

Box 5 (cont.)

Lesson plans and activity instructions for children, 2004 and undated
 Syllabi, lesson planning materials, readings, and notes, 2013-2015
 Lesson plan, teaching guide, and activity instructions, undated
 Children's activity sheets and reading suggestion lists, undated

Notes on lesson planning by Jessica Cavanaugh, undated

Classroom materials

Invoice for *Staying Jewish and Surviving College* from the Judaic Renewal Press, 2000

Invoice from the Jewish National Fund Education Department, 2005

Letter from Rabbi Hyman Chanover on behalf of Behrman House, Inc., undated

Mayerson Fieldwork Institute Mentoring Program materials, 2001

Mitzvah charts and stickers, circa 1983

Music and Theatre

Programming by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, undated

Play scripts concerning events from the Torah, Israel, and Jewish holidays, undated [5 folders total; folders 2-5 located in Box 6]

Box 6

Play scripts concerning events from the Torah, Israel, and Jewish holidays, undated (folders 2-5)

Play scripts and song books for Jewish holidays, 1950, 1957, and undated

Play script based on events from the Torah, undated

Star Over Shushan by Louis I. Newman (play script), circa 1950

Purim songs, undated

"Jewish Sabbath at Home" vinyl record (45 rpm) and sleeve, circa 1955

A Dream of Purim by Lydia Caplan (play script), circa 1956

A Good Song Is Hard to Find songbook, 1989

Bible People Songs: Sing Along Songs for Primary Grades booklet, undated

The Best of Sing-for-Fun: A New Songbook by Ray M. Cook, undated

Box 7

Songbooks, undated

"Songster" folder, circa 2000s

Oversize Box 1 (cont.)

Hanukkah song sheets and winter issues of *Bim Bam*, 2004-2005

Box 7 (cont.)

"The Latke Song" by Debbie Friedman (song sheet), undated

Sheet music and lyrics to "My Dreydl," undated

Songs about growing up by Debbie Friedman (includes a copy of the Ten Commandments), undated

"The House I Live In" song sheet, undated

Events

Service for Confirmation Shavuot bulletins, 1962

Hanukkah party at Lincoln State School (photos and envelope), 1974

Letter to Rabbi Meyer from a "Kahn" offering to present a slideshow at the religious school, 1993

Washington D.C. trip

"Fiddler on the Hoof" trip itinerary, circa 1994

Itineraries, correspondence, instruction and activity sheets, and financial information [2 folders], 1993-1994

Confirmation class ceremony booklets, 1994 and 1999
 Confirmation class of 2001 bulletin, 2001
 Latke dinner planning materials, 2005, 2007, and undated
 Tu B'Shevat Model Seder invitation, undated

Subject Areas

Judaism

"Understanding Judaism - Part 2: What Sort of Group Are the Jews?"
 (teaching key and notes), undated
 Readings and activity sheets, circa 1953 and 1971-1983
 Explanatory sheets for the major books of Jewish scripture, law, and
 commentary, undated
Auto-Emancipation by Leo Pinsker (booklet), 1956
 Essays on the social implications of religion, 1957-1962
 "Jewish Teens - Jewish Choices" (reading materials and activities),
 undated [2 folders]
 "Slowing Down the Social Pace" by Grace Hechinger in *New York Times*
Magazine (newspaper clipping), April 14, 1963
 Issues of *Our Synagogue*, published by Behrman House, Inc. and Winston
 Press, Inc. (three series), circa 1974
 Booklets on Judaism, circa 1984 and undated
 "Dressing the Torah" sheet from workbook, undated
 Answer key to activity book, circa 1984
The Bread of Affliction. The Matzah of Hope booklet, 1986
 Readings, activities, and a teacher's guide on Tzedakah (charitable
 giving), 1987 and circa 1990s

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Issues of *Noah's Ark: A Newspaper for Jewish Children* (includes a teacher's
 guide), 1989-1990

Oversize Flat Box 2

Chronicles: News of the Past (volumes I and II), circa 1970

Box 7 (cont.)

Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Union for Reform Judaism)
 booklet of monthly family educational programs, 1992-1993

Oversize Box 2

Newsletters, newspaper clippings, notes, teachers' manuals, and an issue
 of *Jewish Education News*, 1992-1994

Box 7 (cont.)

A Guide to Death and Mourning Traditions booklet published by the
 Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation (includes a letter confirming
 the Temple's request and envelope), 1993
 Booklets on death and mourning, undated

Box 8

University of Illinois course syllabus for Religious Studies 221, 1996
 Issues of student-made newspapers on various topics, 1996

Informational sheets on Jewish Web/Net Week, 1998
 "A Letter from Rabbi Gamaliel ben Gamaliel" from *Jesus Through Jewish Eyes: Rabbis and Scholars Engage an Ancient Brother in a New Conversation*, 2001
 Blessings for meals, undated

Oversize Box 2 (cont.)

Faxed copy of *Bim Bam* (newsletter), 2005

Box 8 (cont.)

"Small Congregations Best Practices Programs" booklet, 2005
 Biographical information on contemporary Jewish philosophers, 2009
The Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board: Its History and Program by A. Alan Steinbach, undated
 Coloring pages with scenes from the Torah, undated
 Copies of cartoon drawings, undated
 Blue boxes for making donations to the Jewish National Fund, undated

Holidays

Let's Discover Holidays booklets, 1997
 High Holy Days
 Special issue of *World Over: A Magazine for Boys and Girls* for the High Holy Days, 1959
 Handmade Rosh Hashanah cards, undated
 "Yom Kippur: Activity Ideas for Class and Group" by Dov Goldflam & Gila Ansell Brauner, 1995
 Informational sheets on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, undated

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah workbook, circa 1979
 Readings and activities for Sukkot (includes a play script), 1990
 Lesson materials for Sukkot and Yom Kippur, undated
 Sukkot activity instructions and recipe, undated

Hanukkah

Hanukkah recipes, readings, and song sheets, 1967 and circa 1988-1991
 Hanukkah information sheets, activities, and lesson plan (includes plastic dreidel and other plastic pieces), 1990
 Religious school card for Hanukkah, undated
Let's Celebrate Hanukkah booklet, circa 1994
 Hanukkah songs, blessings, readings, and an issue of *Being Jewish: Relevant Judaism for Modern Life*, 2004
 Hanukkah readings and activity sheet, 2007 and undated

Tu Bi'Shevat

Tu Bi'Shevat texts, 1990, 1994, and undated

Box 9

Readings, activities, and service bulletins for Tu Bi'Shevat, circa 1990

Tu Bi'Shevat texts by Esther Adler, 1992-1993

Oversize Box 2 (cont.)

Tu Bi'Shevat activities, planting instructions, and newspaper article, 2005 and undated

Box 9 (cont.)

Purim

Issues of *Shofar Magazine* for Purim and a "Shofar's Ready to Use Lessons" booklet, 1990-1991

Purim readings, song sheets, and a play script, circa late 1990s
Purim Home Service booklets, undated

Texts and activities for youth on Purim and Pesach, undated

Instructions to make a Purim tzedakah box for the home, undated

Passover/Pesach

Passover Haggadot (Seder meal readings), circa 1956 and 2001

Annotated youth Passover Haggadot (Seder meal readings), undated

Passover Haggadot, circa 1970 and 1991

Issue of *Shofar Magazine* on Passover, song sheets, Haggadah inserts for a 5th child and 5th cup of wine, and children's Haggadot, 1991 and undated

"Uncle Eli's Special-for-Kids Most Fun Ever Under-the-Table Passover Haggadah" Haggadot by Eliezer Lorne Segal, 1995

Planning and informational materials for Passover, Passover

Haggadot, and Christian Haggadah, 2001, 2003, and undated

Issue of *Outreach: Reach More People for Christ* (Easter edition), 2004

Letter from Grace United Methodist Church, 2009/2010

"The Seder for Primary Children" scripted Haggadah, undated

"The Confirmation Class Wishes You a Happy Passover" Haggadah, undated

Various

Reading materials and project guidelines (includes Purim, Passover, Lag B'omer and Shavuot), circa 1953-1955 and undated [4 folders]

Readings, activity sheets, and crafts about holidays and themes in the Torah, 1967-1974 and 1994-1997

Box 10

There Is a Season: A Values Approach to Jewish Holidays (booklet), 1973

Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Sabbath) booklet, circa 1987

Informational readings and song sheets for Shabbat, undated

Shabbat activity sheets for young children, circa 1990s

Passover and other activity sheets, circa 1990s

Let's Celebrate booklets, 1994 and 1997

Shavuot information sheets, activities, and a lesson plan, undated

Information sheets on Jewish holidays and figures, undated

Antisemitism and the Holocaust

Pages from *Congress Bi-Weekly* (includes "Lessons of the Swastika Killings" and "Our 'Jewish Chronicle'," 1961

Copy of "The Test" by Bea Stadtler (short story), circa 1973

Bigotry on Campus: A Planned Response by Kenneth S. Stern (booklet), 1990

Article on the Danish rescue of the Danish Jews during World War II, 1993

Issue of *The Chronicle* open to "Not In Our Town: The Courage to Resist Hatred" by Samuel M. Cohon, 1995

Box 3a (cont.)

Cassette tape with oral histories of the Holocaust published by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, circa 1995

Box 10 (cont.)

Letter referring to cassette tape from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, circa 1995

Protecting Your Jewish Institution: Security Strategies for Today's Dangerous World (informational readings and CD/DVD), circa 2005 [14 folders]

Copies of articles from the Anti-Defamation League website, 2007-2009

Oversize Box 2 (cont.)

Map of the Anne Frank house with informational text, undated
Israel and Hebrew Language

All About Israel: A Series of Educational Four-Page Leaflets, undated

Box 10 (cont.)

A Cultural Map of the Middle East booklet by National Geographic, circa 1972

Oversize Box 2 (cont.)

Features from Jerusalem: Special 30th Independence Day Edition (folder of articles about different aspects of Israeli history), 1978

Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) information sheets, activities, and lesson plans, circa 1984 and undated

Box 10 (cont.)

A Teacher's Guide to the Secret Grove by Cheri Ellowitz Silver, circa 1986

Box 11

Israel: The Land (informational booklet and map), circa 1988

"The Holy Land: A Historical Perspective" (article), undated

Haggadah for Yom Ha'atzmaut booklet, 2002

"Jewlicious Birthright Israel is BACK" blog post, 2009

Confirmation Hebrew Class progress reports, 2009-2010

"Modern Israel in Focus: 32 Snapshots of the Jewish State," set of photo cards with information and questions on backs, circa 2010

American Committee of Jerusalem (Teshivath Sfath Emeth) brochure, undated

Informational leaflet on Henrietta Szold, undated

RONI Project booklet, undated

Oversize Flat Box 1 (cont.)

Homeland kits, undated

Classroom posters, undated

Box 11

“Hatikvah – The Hope” cards, undated

Page from book on the Hebrew alphabet, undated

Hebrew text on yellow sheets, undated

Stencil for practicing Hebrew alphabet, undated

Plastic Israeli flag, undated

Oversize Box 2 (cont.)

Paper Israeli flags and Hebrew leaflets, undated