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**Sinai Temple
Records, 1914 – 2019**

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Administrative

Box 1

Miscellaneous administrative correspondence, 1946, 1964-1969
Sinai Temple Constitution, 1968 and circa 2001
Bylaw revision proposals and mailings, 1968-1969, 2000-2001
Minutes of meetings to revise bylaws, 2001
Bylaw revision proxy voting forms, 2001
Champaign Urbana Jewish Federation, 2001
Annual congregational meeting, 2002

Long range planning committee report, 2003 (with Lisa Libman's comments)

Annual meeting

Agendas and reports, 1980-1983

Agendas and reports, 1990, 1992-1995

Agendas and reports, 1998-2004

Mixed materials, 1999-2002

Board of Directors Records

The board records may consist of meeting minutes, financial records, and meeting related materials. Related meeting materials can include committee reports, handbooks and guidelines, board related correspondence, and mass mailings and flyers. The records vary between listing only the year and more detailed folders per year, as was arranged in the order acquired. While this governing body has been referred to as the Sinai Temple Board of Directors for the bulk of the material, it has also been referred to as the Board of Trustees as well as the executive board. Additional board materials are arranged in Sets B, C, and D by source. Items from Set B come from former Sinai Temple Board President Gary Porton with dates ranging from 1967 to 2009. Set C contains items donated from past presidents Stan and Joan Levy from between 1970 to 1998. Set D contains items found from other records in the collection.

Box 1 (continued)

1966

1967

1968

1969

1970

1971

1972

1973

1974

1975

1976

1977

1978

1979

1980

1981

1982

1983

1984

1985

Board minutes

Committee reports

Meeting notices

Treasurer's reports

1986

Board minutes

Meeting notices

- Temple funds
- Treasurer's reports
- 1987
 - Committee reports
 - Contracts
 - Agendas
 - Bequests
 - Fees
 - Dues
 - Meeting notices
 - Officers and chairman
 - Retreat
 - Treasurer's report
 - Special events
 - Meeting minutes
- 1988
 - Board minutes
 - Committee reports
 - Rabbi's reports
 - By-law change (proposed)
 - Meeting notices
 - Officers and directors
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Resolutions
 - Special events
- 1989
 - Board minutes
 - Agendas
 - Amendments proposed
 - Rabbi's reports
 - Committee reports
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Correspondences - president
 - Meeting notices
- 1990
 - Board minutes
 - Committee reports
 - By-law changes
 - Amendments proposed
 - President's reports
 - Agendas
 - Correspondence
 - Meeting notes
 - Rabbi's reports
 - Treasurer's reports
- 1991
 - Board minutes

Agendas
 Rabbi's reports
 Correspondence
 President's reports
 Meeting notices
 Nominations
 Committee reports
 Treasurer's reports

Box 2

1992

Financial reports
 Agendas
 Amendments
 Bids
 Correspondence
 Endowment funds
 Meeting notices
 Religious school
 Committee reports
 Special events
 Treasurer's reports
 Board minutes
 Rabbi's report

1993

July to December board records
 June to January board records
 Board minutes
 Agendas
 Amendments
 Bids
 Board members
 Committee reports
 Computer
 Correspondence
 Deeds
 Educator
 Endowments
 Grounds
 Jewish Population Survey
 Meeting notice
 Office equipment
 Special activities
 Treasurer's reports
 Union for American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC)

1994

Board records January through June 1994

1995

- Board minutes
- Agendas
- Building and grounds
- Committee reports
- Contracts
- Correspondence
- Meeting notices
- Music
- Naming ceremony
- Office equipment
- Onegs
- Parallel parenting
- President's reports
- Rabbinic search
- Union for American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC)
- Yom Kippur

1996

- Board minutes
- Annual meeting
- Treasurer's reports
- Agendas
- Capital improvement plan
- Committee reports
- Confirmation
- High holidays
- Installation
- Legal
- Meeting notices
- New members
- Nominations
- Pre-school
- President's reports
- Social action
- Special activities
- Union for American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC)

1997

- Board minutes
- Annual meeting
- Capital improvements
- Treasurer's reports
- Agendas
- Arts and acquisitions
- Committee reports
- Financial
- High Holy Days
- Nominations

Olin-Sang-Ruby Institute
Personnel
President's reports
Special activities

1998

April board records
May board records
June board records
July board records
August board records
September board records
October board records
November board records
December board records

1999

January board records
February board records
March board records
April board records
May board records
June board records
July board records
August board records
September board records
October board records
November board records
December board records

2000

January board records
February board records
March board records
April board records
May board records
June board records
August board records
September board records
October board records
November board records
December board records

2001

January board records
February board records
March board records
April board records
May board records
June board records
June introductory comments

August board records
 September board records
 October board records
 November board records
 December board records

2002

January board records
 February board records
 March board meeting
 April board records
 May board records
 May executive session
 June board records
 July board records
 August board records
 September board records
 October board records
 November board records
 December board records

2003

February board records
 March board records
 April board records
 May board records
 June board records

Set B (from former Sinai Temple Board President Gary Porton), 1967 to 2009
 Finance committee, 1967-1969

Box 3

Board records, 1969-1970
 Mailings, 1969-1971
 Board minutes, 1970-1971
 Finance committee, 1970-1983
 Board minutes, 1971-1972
 Board minutes, 1972-1973
 Religious education, 1977
 Board records, 1981-1983 (3 folders)
 Correspondence, 1982-1983
 Cemetery and social action, 1983
 High Holy Days, 1983
 Reference to board decisions, 1989-2003 (3 folders)
 Board records, 1991-1992
 Board records, 1992-1993
 Board records, 1996-1998 (nonchronological, original order retained)
 Gary Porton, 1997-1998 (3 folders)
 Board minutes, 2008-2009

Box A

Cassette Tapes, June 1998 - May 2000
 Diskette, January 2000
 Microcassettes

Box 3 (cont.)

Set C (from past presidents Stan and Joan Levy), 1970 to 1998
 Board records, 1970-1983 (nonchronological, original order retained)
 Board records, 1972-1979
 Board records, 1979-1981 (3 folders)
 Board records, 1982-1987
 Reference to board decisions, 1984-2001 (3 folders)
 Stan and Joan Levy, 1987-1988
 Board records
 Board notes, handwritten
 Stan Levy board records, 1987-1988

Box 4

Board records, 1994-1996
 Board and administrative records, 1997-1998
 Board records, 1997-1998
 Set D (from other sources in the collection), 1999-2003
 Board records, 1999-2001 (2 folders, likely from Lisa Libman)
 Board of Trustees: Officers, 2001-2003

Religious Education

Religious school
 Oneg Shabbat correspondence from Rabbi Samuel Weingart, 1971-1973
 Curriculum circa 1980s (2 folders)
 Jewish reading program for parents and children, 1988-1991 (2 folders)
 Guidelines: Lesson Plans for Lifelong Jewish Learning: Intermediate Years, 1992
 (2 folders)
 Curriculum 1999-2000 (2 folders)
 Employee handbook, circa 2000
 ARE curriculum, 2001
 Lesson plans 2004-2005 (3 folders)
 Book inventory, 2005
 Lesson plans 2005-2006 (4 folders)
 Lesson plans 2006-2007 (3 folders)
 ARE curriculum, 2013-2014 (2 folders)
 Student records folder, undated

Box 5

Religious education committee
 Records 1991-1992
 Records, 1993-1994
 Records, 1994-1996
 Temple Educator materials, 1992-1994
 Financial records, 1995-2000 (3 folders)

Financial records, 1997-2000
 Committee and school records, 2000-2002 (2 folders)

Confirmation

Service program, 1914 (photocopy)
 Service program, 1955
 Class materials, 1969-1974
 Trips materials, 1970-1973
 Mixed materials, 1970, 1974
 Service program, 1984

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Correspondence, circa 1970s

Camp Shalom materials, 1982-1983

Mixed religious education materials, 2002

Eagle Creek retreat schedule and program materials, 2002

Financial

Gift shop inquiry regarding Union songsters, 1971

Endowment fund assignments, 1992

Audit proposals, 2002

Budget documents, 2003-2004

Publications

Bulletins

Box 8

1955, 1968-1971 (in legal-sized folder)

Box 5 (cont.)

1972-1975
 1991 (2 folders)
 1991-1992
 1992 (2 folders)
 1993 (2 folders)
 1993-1995
 1994 (2 folders)
 1995 (2 folders)

Box 6

1996 (2 folders)
 1997
 1996-2002
 2013-2016
 2017-2019

Printed mixed materials, 1991-1995, 1997, 2001, 2006, 2009, undated

Fundraising and Events

Swinging through the Sinai Century and other fundraising mixed materials, 1973, 2005

Eileen Kohen correspondence and mixed event materials, 1980-1983, 1985, 1987-1991

Hadassah convention registration report, 1990

Fund for the 21st Century Booklet, undated and 1992

Purim prom and auction mixed materials, 2003, and photos, 1994

Calendars for Friday Shabbat Services and onegs, correspondence, 2001-2003

Gift and endowment opportunities booklet, undated

Mixed event and fundraiser materials, 1988-1989, 1996, 2002, 2004 (includes correspondence to Eileen Kohen)

100 Year Anniversary

Gala and book mixed materials, 2004-2005, 2007 (newspaper clipping about 100-year anniversary placed in box D)

Box D

100-year anniversary article in News-Gazette, 2004

Box A

Sinai Temple Art photographs for the 100-year anniversary, 2005 (CD)

Box 6 (cont.)

100 years Sinai Temple logo, gala invitation, and newspaper article
100-year anniversary mixed materials from Lisa Libman, 2003-2005 (newspaper clipping about 100-year anniversary placed in box D)

Box D

100-year anniversary article in News-Gazette, 2004

Box 6 (cont.)

Amid the Alien Corn - 100-year anniversary book and endowment fundraiser invitations, 2007

Capital Campaign

Kick-off, 1996 (from Lisa Libman)

Research committee, 1996 (from Lisa Libman)

Financial records and dedication of new addition book, 1999-2002

Script for "Maid in Japan," undated (from Jewel Kurland)

"Danny Kaye: The Court Jester" materials, 2002 (from Blanche Sudman)

"Opera Comique - HMS Sinai" materials, 2002 (from Blanche Sudman)

Liturgy

The Union Haggadah, 1923

Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship, 1953

Yom Kippur Roll of Remembrance Booklets, 1998-2008

Members and Membership

Isaac Kuhn, 1952, undated

Family membership cards, circa 1970s (3 folders)

Sol Cohen mixed materials, 1970-1988

Sol Cohen, *Years of Pilgrimage: Memoirs of an American Musician*, 1982

Arthur Robinson Tribute, 2015

Rabbis

Rabbi Samuel Weingart

Correspondence from Rabbi Samuel Weingart, 1970-1973 (copies)

Biographical sketch, undated

Rabbinical - Congregational relationship procedures, 1975, and writings, circa 1970s

Rabbi Brad Bloom to Eileen Kohen correspondence, 1994

Rabbi Isaac Neuman Tribute, 2012

Building and Grounds

Temple Construction

Project manual, vol. 1, 1972

Project manual, vol. 2, 1972

Slides of groundbreaking, 1973

Correspondence and blueprints from architecture firm, 1973-1974 (from Donald Brotherson) (more blueprints may be found in box D)

Wenger catalog and correspondence, 1975-1976 (from Donald Brotherson)

Box D

Blueprints, 1972-1975

Groundbreaking article and building photo, 1973 and circa 1970s

Box 7

Test and Balancing Reports – plumbing and heating, 1975

Temple doors correspondence, pamphlets, and order forms, 1982-1985

Groundbreaking photos and temple photos, 1999, 1989 (includes Sisterhood photos. For more, please see Sinai Temple Sisterhood Series and Box C)

Olsen and Associates Architects Project Manual, 1998

Sinai Temple Expansion Contractors, 1998

Correspondence from Abbie Helman regarding courtyard, 1999 (for printed copy, please see Board of Directors, Board Records, 1999-2001, Set D, Folder 2 of 2)

Miscellaneous

Reference Material

Early Jewish Families in Champaign and Urbana, 1906-1908, 1954, 1973-1994, undated

Kuhn Department Store News Feature, 1994

Costs for simple Jewish funeral in Champaign-Urbana, circa 2000

Box D

100-year anniversary article in News-Gazette, 2004

Calendar, 1976

Box 7 (cont.)

Scholarly materials

American Jewish Archives, November 1962 issue

Journal articles, 1962 and 1992

Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, summer 1982 issue

“The Early Years of the Jewish Presence at the University of Illinois,” 1992, and correspondence with author, Winton Solberg, 1994

Box 8

Journal article by Asa Rubenstein, 1982

Sinai Temple Sisterhood

This series includes materials from various iterations of the group most well-known as the Sinai Temple Sisterhood. They were first known as the Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society, which was

formed in March of 1889. Then, from 1897 to 1904, they were called the Ladies Social Circle. In 1911, they renamed themselves the Jewish Ladies Social Circle. In June of 1917, they were renamed again to the Ladies of Sinai Congregation, with dues now being paid to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Soon after, the Ladies of Sinai Congregation became known as the Sinai Temple Sisterhood. In 1994, the Sinai Temple Sisterhood reorganized as the Women of Sinai Temple, which officially dissolved in May of 1998.

Administrative

Sisterhood constitution and bylaws, 1951 and 1956-1980

Sisterhood board member 1968 manual with note about record keeping, 1974-1975

Membership renewal form, 1992-1993

Board Records

The board records may consist of meeting minutes, financial records, and correspondence. The meeting minutes most often refer to both the board of directors and general congregational meeting minutes. The financial records often include financial statements from the Sisterhood and sometimes the religious school. They may include budgets, financial reports, and similar documents. The correspondence might include both mailers and individual letters.

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1948-1950

Meeting minutes, financial records, and event notes, 1952-1954

Meeting minutes, financial records, and correspondence, 1955-1956

Meeting minutes, financial records, and correspondence, 1957-1959

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1960-1962

Meeting minutes and correspondence, 1963-1965

Meeting minutes, 1966-1967

Meeting minutes, financial records, and related material, 1966-1968

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1969

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1970

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1971-1972

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1973-1974

Meeting minutes, financial records, and correspondence, 1974-1975

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1976

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1977-1978

Meeting minutes, financial records, and event materials, 1979-1980

Box 9

Meeting minutes and committee notes, circa 1980s

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1981

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1981 and 1983

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1982-1983

Front and back binder pockets with miscellaneous board materials, 1983-1988

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1983-1984

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1984 (in reverse chronological order, starting in November 1984)

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1985-1987 (in reverse chronological order, starting in April 1987)

Meeting minutes and financial records, 1985
 Meeting minutes and financial records, 1986
 Meeting minutes and financial records, 1987-1988
 Meeting minutes and financial records, 1987-1989 (in reverse chronological order, starting with June 1989)
 Meeting minutes and financial records, 1988 (in reverse chronological order, starting in November 1988)
 Meeting minutes and financial records, 1989-1990 (in reverse chronological order, starting with November 1990)
 Meeting minutes and financial records, 1989- 1991
 Meeting minutes, financial records, and event materials, 1991 (in reverse chronological order, starting in November 1991)
 Meeting minutes and financial records, 1991-1992 (in reverse chronological order, starting with December 1992)
 Meeting minutes, financial records, and event flyers, 1992 (in reverse chronological order, starting in December 1992)
 Handwritten meeting minutes, 1992-1994
 Board records, 1993-1994
 Meeting minutes and financial records (2 folders, each in reverse chronological order)
 Front and back binder pockets with miscellaneous board materials

Box B

Scrapbooks

Red Scrapbook, 1966-1967
 Gold Scrapbook, 1987-1988

Box 7 (cont.)

Financial Records

Funds record book, 1974
 Sisterhood appraisal document from Spitz Jewelers, 1981

Fundraiser and Event Materials

Sisterhood Jewish pioneer biographies, circa 1950s
 Fundraisers, auctions, events, and related materials, 1983-1989
 Sisterhood event reports, 1987-1993
 Event photos, 1996 and undated (from Lisa Libman)
 Fundraiser and events programs and flyers, 1991-1995
 "Swinging through the Sinai Century" and other events materials, 2000-2009
 "Sinai's Got Talent Fundraiser" and other event materials, 2010-2013
 "Something for Everyone Auction" materials, 2011

Newsletters

Newsletters and related materials, 1978-1985
 Newsletters and related materials, 1985-1987 (in reverse chronological order, starting in May 1987)
 Newsletters and related materials, 1987-1990 (in reverse chronological order, starting in March 1990)

Calendars

Calendar booklets with member lists, 1950-1983

Calendar booklets with member lists, 1984-1994

Mixed materials

Skill 'n' Skillet: Favorite Recipes of Sinai Temple Sisterhood Cookbook, 1966

Sisterhood programs and flyers, photographs, and newspaper clippings from
Carol Belber, undated and 1960s-2009

Sisterhood recipes, 1973-1983

Sisterhood correspondence, records, programs, and materials from folder labeled
"from Susan Shomer," 1981-1987

Newspaper clippings and song for Vera, 1983 and 1993

Records from final days of Sinai Temple Sisterhood and transition to Women of
Sinai Temple, 1994

Artifacts

Sisterhood wooden gavel

Sisterhood membership pins

Box C

Photographs

Sinai Temple Sisterhood rummage sale, undated

Sinai Temple Sisterhood Auction, 1989

100-year anniversary gala, 2005

Sinai Temple Sisterhood photos from Bette van Es of the rummage sale, See's candy
shop and sale, Temple interior and exterior shots, 1989