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Abstract	Congregational papers documenting the religious, historic and cultural life of Temple Beth El from its beginnings in 1847 until 2006 just prior to merger with Shaarey Zedek to form Temple Beth Tzedek in 2008.

Information for Users

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Edward Drozen, President of Temple Beth El, donated the vast bulk of congregational materials in 2007. Muriel Selling donated complementary Temple Beth El materials in 2009 and 2011. With the receipt of several grants and Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies funding, the records were arranged over several phases from 2008 to 2016 and the complete collection was deposited at the University Archives, Special Collections by the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project in May 2016.

The Jewish Buffalo Archives Project was founded in late 2007 under the auspices of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Buffalo with a seed grant from the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies. The Archives Project collects mainly 20th century documentation relating to the diverse histories, religious traditions and cultures of Jewish communities within the Greater Buffalo area of Western New York, encompassing the geographic areas of Erie and Niagara Counties and partners with the University Archives at the University at Buffalo to make these records accessible.

The arrangement and description of the Temple Beth El Records was made possible by funding obtained through the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies.

Accruals and Additions

Additional accruals are expected to this collection from former members and officers.

Processing Information

The collection was processed by Chana Revell Kotzin over several periods. In separate series, Board Minutes and Ball Memorabilia were processed in 2008. A section of oversized materials and all material culture were processed in 2010. Photographs were processed in two phases relating to digital grants awarded for 2008-2009 and 2010-2011, and subsequently reorganized into manuscript boxes in 2016. Architectural plans were processed in 2011. Musical scores were partially processed by Gabrielle Carlo in 2014 as part of an internship. From February 2016 to June 2016, all remaining synagogue records were processed by Chana Revell Kotzin. The Finding Aid was finalized by Chana Revell Kotzin in July 2016. EAD will be created by University Staff in 2016.

Historical Note

Temple Beth El, Buffalo, NY was the first Jewish congregation established in Buffalo, New York and merged with Temple Shaarey Zedek in 2008 to form Temple Beth Tzedek. At a meeting on May 9, 1847 held at the Buffalo Western Hotel, Temple Beth El was founded by a small group of Polish Jewish immigrants and German Jewish immigrants. They established a synagogue of “moderate” orthodox ritual and initially rented the Concert Hall on the southwest corner of Main and Swan Street for services, after a period of using member homes. Appointed as the synagogue’s first President, this nascent congregation was initially led by Mark Moritz. In April 1848, the congregation adopted a constitution and by-laws, based upon the constitution of the “Jewish Congregation of Baltimore,” otherwise known as *Nidche Israel* or Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, founded in 1830 in Maryland. Eventually as membership grew in Buffalo, a worship site was purchased in the block around Main, Pearl, Eagle and Court streets.

Refurbishing an old schoolhouse for synagogue use, the first service was held on July 22, 1850. Rabbi Samuel M. Isaacs of New York City gave the celebratory oration and the first sermon to be delivered in English in a synagogue in Buffalo. Temple Beth El continued to grow, adding a religious school for the benefit of members. After the synagogue weathered a fire and rebuilt, the congregation outgrew the Pearl Street location, and a new space was purchased in 1873 on Elm Street. Within thirty years, this location could no longer accommodate the entire congregation and another search for a new location began. Eventually a site on Richmond Avenue was selected and a cornerstone was laid in 1910, with the new building dedicated in 1911. The drive to locate the Temple away from the city center, and closer to where members lived, was spearheaded by Charles Polakoff. A real estate and insurance agent, Polakoff lead the congregation as President almost continually for the next three decades, from 1909 into the 1930s.

Expansion continued in the years leading up to and after WWI as the synagogue became a “synagogue-center,” offering a wide range of clubs and activities, including separate Women’s and Men’s Temple Societies, a *Bar Mitzvah* Brotherhood, sports clubs and several choirs. It expanded its religious school for bar mitzvah students (and eventually bat mitzvah from the 1940s) as well as adding confirmation preparation. It also continued a tradition begun in the nineteenth century of elaborate annual balls, celebrated at local halls and hotels. In the early twentieth century, Beth El became known for dramatic productions at local theatres that often included sizeable casts and were open to the general public. While the synagogue struggled during the 1930s in the aftermath of the Great Depression, during the war years, through the work of the auxiliaries and the school, enough money was raised to purchase a bomber plane for US military use. The fundraising effort was also matched by regular contribution to war bonds drives. Rabbi Elihu Rickel served as a military chaplain and at the end of 1945, Temple Beth El listed 125 members who had served in the military during WWII. A year-long planning process for a wide range of events began in 1946 culminating in multiple centennial events, and a banquet and play, “Through the Years,” on May 1947.

Demographics became a factor during the 1950s. As part of suburbanization, the Temple established a school building on Eggert Road at Sheridan Drive in 1960 in order to address needs of members located in the suburbs. By the end of the 1960s this site became the final home of Temple Beth El. At Eggert Road, it became “the first Conservative Jewish temple” in the suburbs. Tikvah School, made up mostly of Beth El members, provided schooling for children ranging from nursery school through tenth grade, and later became a merged school for several conservative synagogues. After a fire at Eggert Road in 1978, a new Sanctuary was added and dedicated in 1981. The space was expanded and new classrooms added, a foyer and bridal room, along with space for a large library, museum and basement archives. During this period, Temple Beth El was a significant convening place for the community, used heavily by local Jewish organizations for rented meeting space. At various times Beth El was also a home for the Kadimah School of Buffalo, and the United Jewish High School of Jewish Studies, as well as Tikvah, the combined congregational religious school.

In addition to several temple locations, Temple Beth El purchased a cemetery in 1864 “located in the Broadway Fillmore area”, but these burials were later removed to the Pine Ridge Road Cemetery in 1911, the place of the current Beth El synagogue cemetery when land was purchased. An additional section on Pine Ridge Road was purchased in 1917 and dedicated in 1923. A chapel building designed by architect Louis Greenstein, was dedicated in 1926.

Once again changing demographics led to change, this time contracting numbers of the broader Jewish community rather than congregational geographic relocations. In response to declining synagogue members, the temple ceased existence as a continual entity with the historic name of Temple Beth El. In May 2008, Temple Beth El families voted to merge the congregation with Temple Shaarey Zedek. Temple Beth El held its last service on June 9, 2008. The successor congregation was named Temple Beth Tzedek.

Chronology

- 1847 Congregation Beth El, Buffalo, New York was founded at a meeting on May 9
- 1848 The Hoyt Building, at the northeast corner of Main and Eagle Streets, was used as the first regular place of worship from the spring of 1848
- 1848 New synagogue adopts a constitution and bylaws and elects officers in April
- 1848 Synagogue Beth El is incorporated on June 19
- 1849 A lot located on Pearl Street with a vacant school is purchased as the first permanent site
- 1850 Within the newly built sanctuary, on July 22, a Dedicatory Address is delivered by Rabbi Samuel M. Isaacs of New York City
- 1854 Judah, Touro [Touro], an American Jewish philanthropist from New Orleans, bequeaths \$3,000 to Temple Beth El
- 1865 On January 25, the Temple was damaged by fire that destroys nearby American Hotel
- 1874 On August 15, the synagogue held a dedication event for the second location of Beth El built on Elm Street between Eagle and North Division Streets
- 1897 Temple Beth El's 50th Anniversary was attended by national, state and local dignitaries
- 1909 Charles Polakoff was elected to presidency on April 11 and served the congregation as President for nearly thirty years
- 1909 The Beth El Women's Society, a forerunner to the Sisterhood, was organized on July 25
- 1910 On July 24, the cornerstone on the Richmond Avenue site was laid by Joseph Saperston
- 1911 On September 10, the new Temple building was dedicated
- 1915 In May, Solomon Schechter, president of Jewish Theological Seminary, delivers an address at Temple Beth El
- 1918 Temple Beth El Men's Club was organized as a forerunner to the Brotherhood
- 1919 Membership increased from sixty-eight to two hundred and fifty families
- 1922 Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood begins their Sunday meeting club and continues through the 1970s
- 1926 A new chapel building dedication ceremony in the Beth El section of Pine Hill Cemetery is held in September
- 1944 Expansion and improvement of the Temple Center occurs over the year
- 1945 Temple Beth El lists 125 members who served in the military during WWII
- 1947 The 100th anniversary celebratory year concludes on May 18 with a banquet and play
- 1960 Beth El builds a school at a location on Eggert Road in the Town of Tonawanda

- 1966 On October 9, a final service is held at the Richmond Avenue building
- 1978 Fire destroys part of Temple Beth El's new building on Eggert Road
- 1981 Expansion of synagogue including addition of the Rabbi Samuel I. Porrath foyer
- 1997 Members return to Richmond Avenue, now Temple Emanuel Church, to observe the 150th anniversary of Temple Beth El
- 2000 Cantor Gerald DeBruin is honored for serving as hazzan for fifty years
- 2008 Temple Beth El votes to sell Eggert Road and merge with Temple Shaarey Zedek to form Temple Beth Tzedek

Scope and Content Note

The records of Temple Beth El include a wide range of materials across the working period of the synagogue active years. The materials were stored in a variety of areas including the synagogue safe and a dedicated archives room in the basement located near a boiler that has resulted in a proportion of brittle paper. Due to the size of the collection, some scope and content notes are added at the beginning of each series in addition to this overview.

Series I, contains multiple series beginning with significant trustees, legal and financial records, although Board of Trustees minutes contain gaps, and finish in 1996. Earliest minutes from 1847 survive and are maintained within ledger books, while later minutes are printed on sheets. The earliest records are handwritten and provide insight into changing religious practice and expressions (boxes 1-2). A subsection devoted to constitutional revisions also indicates changing practices (boxes 8-9). A subseries of legal and property records document purchases of land and property changes, and these are found in boxes (boxes 9, 10, 12). Financial records contains a number of company invoices, provide documentation of independent (sole proprietors) general business history in Buffalo as well as the range and costs of building a new synagogue site and a cemetery (boxes 11-12). Subseries D (boxes 13-20) provides an understanding of synagogue life over eight decades through monthly and special publications and is a significant source of event and genealogical information for members, participants and former leaders. It also illustrates the changing range of cultural activities that were available to members, from choir and temple dramatic productions, to sports, lectures and school activities among others. The extensive photographic collection in series E (boxes 21-27) continues this cultural theme, highlighting specific events in Temple Beth El's history, the range of youth activities, festivals observance, youth education, laity and clergy leadership images, as well as the varying building views, internal and external of the different locations occupied by Temple Beth El. Many of these images have been made available online through NY Heritage and associated retrieval numbers are included for many of these images. Subseries G highlights the essential fundraising role of the annual ball, as well as the cultural impact of this event on the temple in boxes (boxes 31-35). Both the annual ball publications and the planning records are available with associated ephemera, and highlight a central role occupied by Beth El in the wider community. Architectural plans and renderings comprise subseries I, and focus heavily on the design of the building on Eggert Road, both realized and unrealized. Subject files in subseries J form the largest subseries and span internal aspects of the synagogue, external relations with state bodies and neighbors, and organizations with the Conservative Judaism movement as well as a range of national and local Jewish organizations.

Series II are composed of the records donated by Muriel Selling (boxes 58-62) and focus on resources she produced in her roles within the synagogue as de-facto Temple historian and as part of the leadership of the cemetery organization. Her combined primary materials and self compiled and created resources of cemetery burial lists, membership rosters and historical materials provide a rich source of genealogical information, general membership information and significant historical context for Temple Beth El.

Series IV is composed of the records of another individual associated with Beth El for decades. The musical scores and bar mitzvah materials of Samuel Luskin provide aspects of the educational, religious music and cultural life of the synagogue and add a unique element to this synagogue collection, particularly given his decades long association and nexus at the helm of educating youth and developing the spiritual life of the congregation through liturgy.

The smaller series, Boy Scouts (series III), and the Men's and Women's auxiliaries (series VI) enable researchers to see different aspects of synagogue center life from the vantage point of specific parts of the membership, and how these related to the functioning of the synagogue and support of the temple. The separate units of Cemetery (VII) and Religious School (VIII) contribute to totality of service that synagogues aimed to provide members from birth through end of life, while also providing elements of the historical development of the synagogue, mapping changes in school development, and cemetery management documented through minutes, curricula, sample forms, clergy materials and other supporting materials. The large and varied series of Memorabilia (V), provides an eclectic view of synagogue activities, events, and milestones through diverse materials including poster boards, scrapbooks and clippings. A small amount of this material was utilized for a wall display in the archives room.

Taken together the nine series of the Temple Beth El collection highlights the changing experience of the first formalized Jewish community structure in Buffalo, NY. It traces a self-identified community from its earliest founding years in 1847 through to the penultimate years of its existence as an independent organization prior to merger. It enables a view of the broader development of Jewish life in Buffalo in general, as well as the specific history of Beth El's transition from city based Orthodoxy to a community aligned with liberal Conservative Judaism, eventually with a suburban orientation. As such it is a microcosm of the changes wrought across congregations founded in the mid nineteenth century and their transformation in the twenty-first century.

Additional Temple Beth El materials from the 1990s through the 2000s is retained at Temple Beth Tzedek, the successor merged congregation of Temple Beth El and Temple Shaarey Zedek.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 9 series with multiple subseries as follows:

Series I. Organizational Files, 1847-2004

Subseries A: Board of Trustees, 1847-1999

Subseries B: Legal and Property, 1850-1985

Subseries C: Financial Records, 1858-2000

Subseries D: Publications, 1923-2004

Subseries E: Photographs, c.1900-2000

Subseries F: Administrator Materials, 1975-1994
Subseries G: Events: Annual Balls, Special Events and Centennial, 1879-2000
Subseries H: Material Culture, 1968-1985
Subseries I: Charts and Architectural Plans, 1926-1988
Subseries J: Subject Files, 1900-2000

Series II: Records of Muriel Selling, 1910-2005

Subseries A: Membership records, 1910-2003
Subseries B: Cemetery Records, 1925-1995
Subseries C: Historical Research Records, 1995-2005

Series III. Boy Scouts, 1944-1970

Series IV: Records of Samuel Luskin, 1921-1982

Subseries A: Bar Mitzvah Records, 1922-1982
Subseries B: Musical Scores, 1921-1961

Series V: Memorabilia, 1847-2006

Subseries A: Poster Boards, 1982-2002
Subseries B: Scrapbooks, 1909-2002
Subseries C: Oversized Photographs, 1921-1982
Subseries D: Ephemera, 1847-1984
Subseries E: Clippings and Publications, 1911-2006
Subseries F: Events, 1910-2005

Series VI: Sisterhood and Brotherhood, 1912-2000

Subseries A: Brotherhood and Forerunners, 1912-2000
Subseries B: Sisterhood and Forerunners, 1909-1992

Series VII: Cemetery, 1914-1975

Series VIII: Religious School, 1915-1988

Subseries A: Religious School and Tikvah School, 1928-1988
Subseries B: Religious School Administrator Records, 1915-1982
Subseries C: Other Religious School Records, 1934-1976

Series IX: Miscellaneous: Antisemitica Literature, 1922-1990

Subseries A: Antisemitica, Clippings and Booklets, 1922-1990
Subseries B: Antisemitica, Oversized, 1935-1939

Container List

Series I. Organizational Files, 1847-2004

Subseries A. Board of Trustees Files, 1847-1999

This subseries is arranged chronologically by record types. Intermittent gaps in records.

Series I, Subseries A1: Minutes, 1847-1996

- 1.1 Board of Trustees, Meeting Minutes [book] 1847-c.1853
Very fragile, separated from spine; Includes minutes from 1847 through to 1853 with additional minutes dated in 1854; Articles for 1853; Inside left cover includes notes relating to names of members of the board; Inside right side of cover includes separated pages dated 1850; penciled in dates appear throughout the minute book and other pencil and pen markings have been added post creation; wrapped in tissue and tied with archival cotton tying tape; 1847 minute book was donated by Muriel Selling
- 1.2 Board of Trustees, Meeting Minutes [book], 1853-1854, 1863-1869 [gaps]
Minutes date from 1853 to September 1854, and from April 1863 to March 1869. Fragile; Disbound by synagogue; missing front and back cover; intermittent pencil markings added, including Gregorian dates; Originally housed in the Temple safe; wrapped in tissue
- 1.3 Board of Trustees, Meeting Minutes, [book], 1856-1863
Minutes date from May 1856 to April 1863. Extremely fragile. Disbound by synagogue; missing front and back cover; intermittent pencil markings added including Gregorian dates. Gault ink bleed through in places; faded pen text; originally housed in the temple safe; wrapped in tissue
- 2.1 OVR Board of Trustees, Meeting Minutes, [book], 1874-1885
Fragile. Separation of front cover
- 2.3 OVR Board of Trustees, Minutes of Special Meetings, 1910-1911, 1913-1914, 1930
- 4.1 Board of Trustees, Minute Book, April 27, 1913-October 5, 1916
Mostly handwritten with occasional typed Trustee minutes affixed with glue
- 4.2 Board of Trustees, Inserted Balance Sheet, 1916
Loose sheet removed from inside 4.1
- 4.3 Board of Trustees, Minute Book, October 17, 1916-July 22, 1919
- 4.4 Board of Trustees, Inserted Correspondence, Notes and Expenditure, 1919
Loose sheet removed from inside 4.3
- 4.5 Board of Trustees, Minute Book, July 30, 1919-September 5, 1926
Includes typed regular meetings and new articles for the constitution;

correspondence glued into the minute book; and congregational meeting minutes

- 4.6 Board of Trustees, Inserted Balance Sheet, 1926
- 4.7 Board of Trustees, Minute Binder, September 27, 1926-February 4, 1935
Binder tied with archival cotton tape due to board separation. Includes notes affixed by the Temple Beth El archivist related to the loss of minutes, 1901-1910 and 1910-1930 are missing.
- 4.8 Board of Trustees, Minutes and Notes, 1909-1939
Fragile, brittle, gaps and undated
- 5.1 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1940-1949 [gaps]
Associated contents, brittle notes, memos, attendance lists
- 5.2 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1950
- 5.3 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1950-1952
Repaired with tape by Temple Beth El Archivist
- 5.4 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1953
Includes shorthand notes
- 5.5 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1954
- 5.6 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1955
- 5.7 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1956 [gaps]
Some affixed minutes; some resolutions on additional paper
- 5.8-5.11 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1957-1969
- 5.12 Board of Trustees, Minutes in Excerpt Draft Form, c.1960s
Many undated
- 5.13 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1961
- 5.14 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1962
- 5.15 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1963
Includes partial records of minutes
- 6.1-6.6 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1964-1969
- 6.7 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1970 [gaps]
January 6, 1970 meeting minutes
- 7.1 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1980
Gap between 1970 and 1980, missing records
- 7.2 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1981, [gaps]
Associated materials: agendas, slate of officers
- 7.3 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1982 [gaps]

- 7.4 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1983 [gaps]
- 7.5 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1984 [gaps]
- 7.6 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1985 [gaps]
- 7.7 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1986 [gaps]
- 7.8 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1987 [gaps]
Minutes between 1988-1991 are missing
- 7.9 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1992 [gaps]
- 7.10-7.13 Board of Trustees, Minutes, 1993-1996

Series I, Subseries A2: Board of Trustees and Membership Relationships, 1920-1999

This is arranged chronologically by record type

- 8.1 Board of Trustees, Correspondence, 1920-1991
- 8.2 Board of Trustees, Resignations and Resolutions, 1921-1960 [gaps]
- 8.3 Board of Trustees, Serving Members Lists, 1931-1949
- 8.4 Board of Trustees, Serving Member Lists, 1950-1966
- 8.5 Board of Trustees, Serving Member Lists, 1988-1997
- 8.6 Board of Trustees, Congregational Meetings, 1944-1965 [gaps]
Includes some attendance lists, presidential speeches, financial information, committee reports and minutes
- 8.7 Board of Trustees, Congregational Meetings, 1982-1989
- 8.8 Board of Trustees, Congregational Meetings, 1997-1999
- 9.1 Board of Trustees, Constitution and Revisions, Booklet and Resolutions, 1889, 1923-1929
- 9.2 Board of Trustees, Constitution and Revisions, Booklet and Resolutions, 1931-1954 [gaps]
- 9.3 Board of Trustees, Constitution and Revisions, Booklet and Relating Materials, 1955
- 9.4 Board of Trustees, Constitution and Revisions, 1958 [2 copies]
- 9.5 Board of Trustees, Constitution, c.1966
- 9.6 Board of Trustees, Constitution, Undated
Two separate versions, brittle, separated by paper
- 9.7 Board of Trustees, Constitution, Name Change, 1944

Certificate of incorporation filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Erie on February 16, 1853; change of name of the Synagogue Beth El of Buffalo to Temple Beth El, pursuant to Section 40 of the General Corporation Law, 1944

- 9.8 Board of Trustees, Constitution and Revisions, 1999
Includes resolution and signatures to the resolutions changes

Subseries B. Legal and Property Files, 1850-1985

This subseries is arranged chronologically by record type. Documents range in physical size and are housed accordingly.

- 3.1 OVR Legal Agreements, Deed Pew Payment, Mone Fridenburg, 1850-1858, 1861
Consists of two items housed in Mylar due to fragility. It was repaired by the synagogue during the 1980s
- 3.2 OVR Legal Agreements, 1882, 1898
Includes Bond, Richard K. Noye, 1882, Fragile mortgage document in mylar, 1882, Two tax documents, 1888-1889, one in the name of Sarah Noye
- 2.4 OVR Legal Indenture, Sarah A. Noye, October 24, 1898
- 9.9 Legal Agreements, Land Transactions, 1906-1909
Includes letter dated 1906 from M.W. Goodman, Secretary of the Congregation Beth El, to certify that Chaz [Charles] Polakoff is given "full favor" to sell the building now occupied by Congregation Beth El, [Elm Street property]
- 9.10 Legal Agreements, Land Transactions, 1910
Includes tax and mortgage documents as well as documents related to Elm Street
- 9.11 Legal Agreements, Architect and Stained Glass, 1910-1911
Includes agreements with H. Osgood Holland, Architect for Richmond Avenue building, and Von Gerichten Art Glass Company of Plymouth, Ohio to make the large feature synagogue stained windows
- 9.12 Legal Agreements, Land Transactions, 1911
Include Abstract Title
- 9.13 Legal Agreements, Land, Mortgage and Creditors, 1912-1913
Includes correspondence and agreements by Sundel Hollander, Charles Polakoff, and Rachel Fyvush
- 9.14 Legal Agreements, Johns-Manville and Lichgarn Decorating, 1915
Acoustic and Architectural Features
- 9.15 Legal Agreements, Land Transactions, 1917-1919
Includes documents relating to Beth El cemetery
- 10.1 Legal Agreements, Mortgage Creditors, 1920-1921

- 10.2 Legal Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding, Property Purchase, 1927-1929
- 10.3 Legal Agreements, Deed, Employment Contract, Insurance List, 1930-1936
- 10.4 Legal Agreements, Bond, Discharge of Mortgage, 1941-1947
- 10.5 Legal Agreements, Discharge of Note, Tax, 1957-1958
- 10.6 Legal Agreements, Cemetery Land and Cemetery Plots, Bonds, 1935-1945
- 10.7 Legal Agreements, Insurances, 1940-1961
- 10.8 Legal Agreements, Correspondence, 1909-1964 [gaps]
Includes legal notes, discharged notes, creditors and war damage claims
- 10.9 Property Changes, Richmond Avenue Sale, 1963-1964
- 10.10 Property Changes, Richmond Avenue Sale, 1965
- 10.11 Property Changes, Richmond Avenue Sale, 1966-1981
- 10.12 Property Changes, Richmond Avenue Ceremonies of Exit, 1966
- 11.1 Property Changes, 2368 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, New York, 1958-1966 [gaps]
- 11.2 Property Changes, 2368 Eggert Road, Opening Ceremonies, 1958-1961
- 11.3 Property Changes, 2368 Eggert Road, New Sanctuary, 1985
May 24, 1985

Subseries C. Financial Files, 1858-2000

This subseries is arranged chronologically by record type. Documents range in physical size and are housed accordingly. Singular invoices are arranged by letter of last name or business name. Multiple invoice for the same company are arranged by company name.

- 2.2 OVR Membership Dues, Financial Ledger, 1898-1909
Begins January 1, 1898. This was originally maintained by S. Selling, A-Z tabbed.
Dimensions: 1½in x 10.5in x 15¾in
- 11.4 Invoices A-D last name, 1911-1915
- 11.5 Invoices E-G last name, 1911-1915
- 11.6 Invoices H-M last name, 1911-1915
- 11.7 Invoices Q-T last name, 1911-1913
- 11.8 Invoices U-Z last name, 1910-1913
- 11.9 Invoices and Contracts, Building Corrections, 1909-1915
Includes range of individual contractors hired to correct building issues
- 11.10 Invoices, Buffalo General Electric Company, 1910-1914

- 11.11 Invoices, W. Bergman, Hardware Co., 1911-1913
- 11.12 Invoices, M.F. Tallmage, 1912-1913
- 11.13 Invoices, Walbridge Co., 1911-1912
- 11.14 Invoices, Zander Plumbing Supply Company, 1910-1911
- 11.15 Invoices, Charles Polakoff, 1909-1928
- 11.16 Invoices, Cemetery Related, 1913-1967
- 11.17 Invoices, Assorted Bills, 1940-1951
- 11.18 Invoices, Assorted Bills, 1952-1962
- 12.1 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1941-1942
- 12.2 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1942-1943
- 12.3 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1943-1944
- 12.4 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1945
- 12.5 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1946
- 12.6 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1946-1947
- 12.7 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1947-1948
- 12.8 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1948-1949
- 12.9 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1950-1955
- 12.10 Receipts and Disbursements, Summaries, 1957-1961
- 12.11 Legal Agreements and Court Cases, 1858; 1883, 1912; 1932
Tillinghurst, 1858; Cemetery, 1883; Gintsler and other individuals, 1912; McCarthy Bros and Ford 1912; Isaac Epstein, 1932
- 12.12 Financial Statements, Multiple Accountant Firms, 1936, 1982-2000 [gaps]
- 12.13 Property and Stock Contributions, Multiple Sources, 1917-1965 [gaps]
- 12.14 Estates and Wills, Multiple Individuals, 1943-1965
Includes Samuel Luskin bequest
- 12.15 Building Fund Committee, Correspondence and Minutes, 1909-1922 [gaps]
For 151 Richmond Avenue building. Fragile and torn
- 12.16 Building Fund Campaign, Reports, Minutes, Correspondence, 1954-1957
For school at Eggert Road site
- 12.17 Building Fund Campaign, Reports, Minutes, Correspondence, 1958-1959
For school at Eggert Road site
- 12.18 Building Fund Campaign, Report, Minutes, Correspondence, 1960-1965

Subseries D. Publications, 1923-2004

This series is organized according to publication type and chronological order. Initially a bulletin was the primary publication of the synagogue, and its title name varied over time, with reversions to earlier names at various times. Gaps in the issue runs are noted. Numbering systems are listed as they have been printed and include the use of both Arabic and Roman numeral numbering system at intermittent and inconsistent intervals. Jewish year, not secular year, begins the volume numbering order. Other publications include those produced for honoring the memory of former members (Yahrzeit booklets) and a range of publications produced within the religious school setting by synagogue staff, students and parents.

Series I, subseries D1: *Bulletin*, 1923-2004

- 13.1 Bulletin, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume IV, 1923-1924
September 6, 1923-April 10, 1924 [gaps]
- 13.2 Bulletin, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume V, 1924-1925
September 25, 1924-March 26, 1925[gaps]
- 13.3 Bulletin, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume VI, 1925-1926
October 22, 1925-March 18, 1926 [gaps]
- 13.4 Bulletin, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume VII, 1926-1927
November 4, 1926-April 14, 1927 [gaps]
- 13.5 Bulletin, *The Synagogue Bulletin*, Volume 8, 1928-1929
September 14, 1928-June 13, 1929 [gaps]
- 13.6 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume 9, 1929-1930
October 4, 1929-March 21, 1930 [gaps]
- 13.7 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume 10, 1930-1931
October 24, 1930-May 22, 1931 [gaps]
- 13.8 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume 11, 1931-1932
Entire volume is missing except for the first issue September 11, 1931, no. 1.
- 13.9 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume 12, 1932-1933
November 4, 1932-May 26, 1933 [gaps]
- 13.10 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume 13, 1933-1934
September 12, 1933 issue only [gaps]
- 13.11 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume 14, 1934-1935
September 7, 1934-March 29, 1935 [gaps]
- 13.12 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume 15, 1935-1936

- September 27, 1935-June 19, 1936 [gaps]*
- 13.13 Bulletin, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume 16, 1936-1937
September 11, 1936- June 16, 1937 [gaps]
 - 13.14 Bulletin, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume 17, 1937-1938
September 3, 1937-June 16, 1938 [gaps]
 - 13.15 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume 18, 1938-1939 [gaps]
Volume 18 has three different format and two different titles. Overall dates September 2, 1938-June 15, 1939. The Temple Bulletin, No 1, Temple Beth El Bulletin, No 2-3 are both 8x10, Temple Beth El Bulletin, from No.5 continues through No.20 in an 5x7 format. Not all issues are present
 - 13.16 Bulletin, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, *The Temple Bulletin*, Volume 18, 1939-1940
Temple Beth El Bulletin (Issues 1-13), The Temple Bulletin (Issues 14-19), September 8, 1939-June 11, 1940
 - 13.17 Bulletin, *The Bulletin*, Volume XX, 1940-1941
October 16, 1940-May 30, 1941 [gaps]
 - 14.1 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXI, 1941-1942
September 2, 1941-May 22, 1942
 - 14.2 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXII, 1942-1943
September 10, 1942-June 7, 1943
 - 14.3 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXIII, 1943-1944
September 23, 1943-May 23, 1944 [gaps]
Note that Volume XXIX includes hand written corrections in pencil
 - 14.4 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXIV, 1944-1945
September 8, 1944-May 13, 1945
 - 14.5 Bulletins, *Special Issue, Service*, April 13, 1945
Memorial Service for Franklin D. Roosevelt (d. April 12, 1945)
 - 14.6 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXV, 1945-1946
September 1, 1945-June 3, 1946 [gaps]
 - 14.7 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Centennial, Volume XXVI, 1946-1947
September 16, 1946-May 23, 1947
 - 14.8 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXVII, 1947-1948
September 5, 1947-May 21, 1948 [gaps]
 - 14.9 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXVIII, 1948-1949
October 1, 1948-June 3, 1949
 - 14.10 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXIX, 1949-1950
September 2, 1949-May 26, 1950 [gaps]
 - 14.11 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXX, 1950-1951

September 11, 1950-June 1, 1951

- 14.12 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXI, 1951-1952
Includes September 28, 1951-May 30, 1952 [gaps]. Note there are numbering errors on some issues, printed as XXXII
- 14.13 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXII, 1952-1953
September 12, 1952-May 15, 1953
- 15.1 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXIII, 1953-1954
September 10, 1953-June 4, 1954
- 15.2 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXIV, 1954-1955
September 28, 1954-May 27, 1955
- 15.3 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXV, 1955-1956
September 16, 1955-May 11, 1956
- 15.4 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXVI, 1956-1957
August 31, 1956-May 31, 1957
- 15.5 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXVII, 1957-1958
September 6, 1957-May 30, 1958
- 15.6 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXVIII, 1958-1959
September 6, 1958-June 5, 1959
- 15.7 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XXXIX, 1959-1960
September 4, 1959-May 27, 1960 [gaps]
- 15.8 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XL, 1960-1961
September 1960-June 23, 1961
- 15.9 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XLI, 1961-1962
August 18, 1961-June 22, 1962
- 15.10 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XLII, 1962-1963
August 21, 1962-June 21, 1963
- 15.11 Bulletins, *Temple Beth El Bulletin*, Volume XLIII, 1963-1964
August 1963-June 12, 1964
- 16.1 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXIV, 1964-1965
August 1964-May-1965, none of the Bulletin issues have specific dates through 2004
- 16.2 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXV, 1965-1966
September 1965-June 1966
- 16.3 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXV, 1966-1967
September 1966-June 1967
- 16.4 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXVI, 1967-1968
September 1967-June 1968

- 16.5 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXLVII, 1968-1969
September 1968-June 1969
- 16.6 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXLVIII, 1969-1970
September 1969-June 1970
- 16.7 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXLIX, 1970-1971
September 1970-June 1971
- 16.8 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XXLX, 1971-1972
September 1971-June 1972
- 16.9 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLI, 1972-1973
September 1972-June 1973
- 16.10 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLII, 1973-1974
September 1973-June 1974
- 16.11 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLIII, 1974-1975
September 1974-June 1975
- 16.12 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLIV, 1975-1976
September 1975-June 1976
- 16.13 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLV, 1976-1977
September 1976-June 1977
- 16.14 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLVI, 1977-1978
September 1977-June 1978
- 16.15 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLVII, 1978-1979
September 1978-June 1979
- 17.1 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLVI, 1979-1980
September 1979-June 1980
- 17.2 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLVII, 1980-1981
September 1980-June 1981
- 17.3 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLVIII, 1981-1982
September 1981-June 1982
- 17.4 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLIX, 1982-1983
September 1982-June 1983
- 17.5 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume XLX, 1983-1984
September 1983-June 1984
- 17.6 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-10, 1984-1985
September 1984-June 1985; Change to month/year listings
- 17.7 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-10, 1985-1986
September 1985-June 1986

- 17.8 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-10, 1986-1987
- 17.9 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-10, 1987-1988
September 1987-June 1988
- 17.10 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-10, 1988-1989
September 1988-June 1989
- 17.11 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-10, 1989-1990
September 1989-June 1990
- 17.12 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-10, 1990-1991
September 1990-June 1991
- 17.13 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-12, 1991-1992
September 1991-August 1992
- 18.1 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-12, 1992-1993
September 1992-August 1993
- 18.2 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-12, 1993-1994
September 1993-August 1994
- 18.3 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-12, 1994-1995
September 1994-August 1995
- 18.4 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, Issues 1-12, 1995-1996
September 1995-August 1996
- 18.5 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume 1, Issues 1-12, 1996-1997
September 1996-August 1997
- 18.6 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume 2, Issues 1-12, 1997-1998
September 1997-August 1998
- 18.7 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume 3, No issue numbers, 1998-1999
September 1998-August 1999 [gaps]
- 18.8 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume 4, No issue numbers, 1999-2000
September 1999-August 2000; Note that some issues have had vouchers clipped out of the bulletin
- 19.1 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, Volume 5, 2000-2001
September 2000-April 2001 [gaps]
- 19.2 Bulletins, *Bulletin*, No volume number, No issue numbers, 2001-2004
December 2001-April 2004 [gaps]

Series I, subseries D2. Other Publications, 1923-2004

Arranged according to record type, with publications for the entire congregation followed by school publications arranged by chronology.

- 19.3 *Yahrzeit* Booklets, 1968-1969, 1970-1979 [gaps]
- 19.4 *Yahrzeit* Booklets, 1980-1989 [gaps]
- 19.5 *Yahrzeit* Booklets, 1990-1999
- 19.6 New Year Booklets, 1980s-1990s [gaps]
- 19.7 *Shofar*, Religious School, 1930
- 19.8 *Maimonides*, Religious School, 1935
Includes festival booklet
- 19.9 *HaShofar*, Pupils of Beth El School, Religious School, Yearbook, 1936
Also includes newsletters and booklets
- 19.10 *HaShofar*, Pupils of Beth El School, Religious School, Newsletters and Booklets, 1937
- 19.11 *HaShofar*, Pupils of Beth El School, Religious School, Yearbook, 1937
- 20.1 *HaShofar*, Pupils of Beth El School, Religious School, Newsletters and Booklets, 1938
[1 of 2]
- 20.2 *HaShofar*, Pupils of Beth El School, Religious School, Yearbook, 1938 [2 of 2]
- 20.3 *HaShofar*, Pupils of Beth El School, Religious School, Confirmation Booklet, 1939
- 20.4 *HaShofar*, Pupils of Beth El School, Religious School, Festival Booklets, 1940-1941
- 20.5 *Beth El Reporter*, Festival Booklets, 1952-1959 [gaps]
- 20.6 Beth El Religious School, *Curricula*, 1962, 1968
- 20.7 *Ore Ayelet Hashachar*, 1970s [gaps]
Various Booklet Issues, "First Morning Light/Dawning of Redemption of the Jewish People"
- 20.8 United Jewish High School, Yearbook, 1977
Celebrating 10th Anniversary of a United Jerusalem. The United Jewish High School is composed of Temple Beth El, Temple Shaarey Zedek and Temple Sinai
- 20.9 *Alon Beth El*, Seasonal Issues, 1978-1981 [May to June]
- 20.10 *Kreative Kibbitzer*, Festival Issues, 1981-1982
Student created publication
- 20.11 Various Titles for Parents and Students, 1963-1996 [gaps]
Includes a bulletin to parents, Temple Beth El School Newsletter, Beth El Junior Reporter's Newsletter, and Talking about Tikvah
- 20.12 Various Titles for Parents and Students, Draft Materials, Undated
- 20.13 *Bulletin Board*, PTA Publication, c.1962-1964
- 20.14 School Resource Publications for Festivals and Prayer Books, 1987
Includes Machzor Rosh Hashanah and a Passover Seder and some other resources

Subseries E. Photographs, c1900-2000

This series is arranged according to imposed subject groupings, and chronology within subject groupings. Subject groupings include exterior and interior aspects of buildings and sites, clergy, male and female lay leaders, members, staff, school educators, views of religious school, youth activities, confirmations, festivals, general activities and cemetery. Oversize photographs are grouped at the end of this subseries. Oversized photographs used in a wall display are located in the memorabilia section.

Series I, subseries E1. Photographs, c1900-2000

This is chronologically within category.

- 21.1 Photographs, Buildings, Elm Street, c.1900s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC005
- 21.2 Photographs, Buildings, 151 Richmond Avenue, Cornerstone Laying, 1910
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC006
- 21.3 Photographs, Buildings, 151 Richmond Avenue, 1920s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC008-JBIC011
- 21.4 Photographs, Buildings, 151 Richmond Avenue, 1940s-1950s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC012
- 21.5 Photographs, Buildings, 151 Richmond Avenue, 1940s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC013
- 21.6 Photographs, Buildings, 151 Richmond Avenue, Torah Scrolls, Undated
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC014
- 21.7 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, 1958
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC015
- 21.8 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, 1958
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC016-JBIC 017
- 21.9 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, 1960-1961
- 21.10 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, 1958-1959
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC019
- 21.11 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, Groundbreaking, 1958-1959
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC020
- 21.12 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, 1960s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC018
- 21.13 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, Cornerstone Laying, 1961

- 21.14 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, 1960
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC021-JBIC022
- 21.15 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, Addition to School, 1964
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC023
- 21.16 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, Addition to School, 1965-1966
- 21.17 Photographs, Buildings, 2368 Eggert Road, 1965-1971
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC024
- 21.18 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Philip Bernstein, c.1870s
- 21.19 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Jacob Landau, 1911-1913 [copy]
- 21.20 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Max Drob, 1913-1919
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC025
- 21.21 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi M. M. Eichler, 1920-1927
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC026
- 21.22 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Israel Efros, 1928-1934
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC027
- 21.23 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Reuben J. Magil, 1934-1939
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC028
- 21.24 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Elihu Rickel, 1940-1951
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC029, JBIC030, and JBIC032
- 21.25 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi William Shuchat, 1945-1946
Acting Rabbi while Rabbi Rickel was serving during WWII, JBIC033
- 21.26 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Milton Feierstein, 1960s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC034-JBIC036
- 21.27 Photographs, Rabbis, Rabbi Samuel Porrath, 1970s and 1980s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC037-JBIC039
- 21.28 Photographs, Cantors, Serving 1850s-1930s, Undated
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC041-JBIC044
- 21.29 Photographs, Cantors, Cantor Gerald DeBruin, 1950s-1980s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC045-JBIC047. Cantor Gerald DeBruin was made Cantor Emeritus in 2011
- 21.30 Photographs, Religious School, Various, 1930s-1990s
Includes Zachariah Gross, serving sexton 1911-1945, born in 1881 and died 1959
- 21.31 Photographs, Choir Master, Abraham Cohen, 1959
- 21.32 Photographs, President, Charles Polakoff, Undated
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC049
- 21.33 Photographs, Male Leaders, Centennial, 1947

Includes NY Heritage images JBIC050-JBIC058

- 22.1 Photographs, Lay Leaders-Male, Various [1 of 3], 1950s-1980s
- 22.2 Photographs, Lay Leaders-Male, Various [2 of 3], 1950s-1980s
- 22.3 Photographs, Lay Leaders-Male, Various [3 of 3], 1950s-1980s
- 22.4 Photographs, Lay Leaders -Female, Various [1 of 2], 1930s-1960s
- 22.5 Photographs, Lay Leaders-Female, Various [2 of 2], 1930s-1960s
- 22.6 Photographs, Lay Leaders -Female, Various, 1970s-1990s
- 22.7 Photographs, Lay Leaders -Female, N.L. Kaplan, Esther Price, Ruth Ross, 1950s-1980s
- 22.8 Photographs, Lay Leaders-Female, Shelly Trossman and Sheila Trossman, 1940s-1980s
- 22.9 Photographs, Lay Leaders -Female, Charlotte Willer, 1950s-1980s
- 22.10 Photographs, Staff Members, Various, 1940s-1980s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC061-JBIC062
Julia Hannenman was the longest running executive director of the temple
- 22.11 Photographs, Annual Ball, 1921
Includes NY Heritage scan JBIC063
- 22.12 Photographs, Centennial Ball, 1947
Includes NY Heritage scan JBIC064
- 22.13 Photographs, Temple Balls, Committees, Events, 1950s-1960s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC065-JBIC066
- 22.14 Photographs, Temple Plays, Various Locations, 1920s-1940s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC067-JBIC070
- 22.15 Photographs, Events, Mortgage Burning, 1947
- 22.16 Photographs, Events, Formal Dinner, 1960s
- 22.17 Photographs, Events, Dedication of Suburban School Buildings, 1961 [April 30]
- 23.1 Photographs, Social Clubs, Couples Club 20-30 Club, 1940s-1950s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC074-JBIC075
- 23.2 Photographs, Men's Clubs, Military Servicemen, Men's Club, Lists, 1940s-1950s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC076-JBIC077
- 23.3 Photographs, Youth-Boys, Basketball, 1930s-1960s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC078-JBIC079
- 23.4 Photographs, Youth-All, Classroom Views, 1960s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC080-JBIC081
- 23.5 Photographs, Youth-Youth Groups, 1940s-1951
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC082-JBIC083

- 23.6 Photographs, Youth, Skits, 1940s-1950s
Includes NY Heritage scan JBIC084
- 23.7 Photographs, Youth, Boy Scouts and Clubs, 1940s-1960s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC085-JBIC088
- 23.8 Photographs, Youth, Girl Scouts, 1940s-1960s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC089-JBIC090
- 23.9 Photographs, Youth, Social Dances, 1950s
Includes NY Heritage scan JBIC091
- 23.10 Photographs, Youth, Arts and Crafts, 1940s-1970s
- 23.11 Photographs, Youth, Thanksgiving, 1940s-1950s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC092-JBIC093
- 23.12 Photographs, Youth, Choirs, 1940s-1960s
- 23.13 Photographs, Youth, Library, 1940s-1960s
Includes NY Heritage scan JBIC094
- 23.14 Photographs, Youth, PTA Visiting Day, 1950s
- 23.15 Photographs, Youth, Award Ceremonies, 1950s
- 23.16 Photographs, Youth, Various Programs and Events, 1950s-1970s
- 23.17 Photographs, Youth, *Shabbat*, Other Jewish Customs and Ceremonies, 1950s-1960s
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC095-JBIC096
- 23.18 Photographs, Youth, *Rosh Hashanah*, 1951
- 23.19 Photographs, Youth and Synagogue, *Sukkot*, 1950s-1965
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC097-JBIC098
- 23.20 Photographs, Youth, *Simchat Torah*, 1950s-1960s
- 23.21 Photographs, Youth, *Chanukah*, 1940s-1960s, 1979
- 23.22 Photographs, Youth, *Tu B'shvat* [New Year for Trees], 1950s
- 23.23 Photographs, Youth, *Purim*, 1940s-1960s
- 23. Photographs, Youth, *Purim*, 1970s-1990s
Loose photographs, 5x7s, four envelopes
 - 23.24.1 Photographs for Purim, 1976, 1979
 - 23.24.2 Temple Beth El Purim Party, 1977
 - 23.24.3 Purim Photos from 1993
 - 23.24.4 Purim Photos from 1995
- 24.1 Photographs, Youth, *Pesach*-Passover and Model *Sederim*, 1950s-1960s
- 24.2 Photographs, Youth, *Pesach*-Passover, 1979, 1980
- 24.3 Photographs, Youth, *Yom Hazma'out*, [Israel Independence Day], 1957-1959

- 24.4 Photographs, Youth, *Lag B'Omer*, 1950s
- 24.5 Photographs, Youth, *Shavous* and Review of Jewish Year, c.1940s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC170
- 24.6 Photographs, Youth, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1920s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC113
- 24.7 Photographs, Youth, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1930s
- 24.8 Photographs, Youth, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1940
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC114-JBIC115
- 24.9 Photographs, Youth, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1950s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC116 [Cantor Gerald DeBruin]
- 24.10 Photographs, Youth, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1960s
Includes NY Heritage image JBIC117
- 24.11 Photographs, Youth, Bar Mitzvah Instructions, 1970
Includes Cantor Gerald DeBruin
- 24.12 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Faculty, 1930s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC118-JBIC121
- 24.13 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Faculty, 1940s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC122-JBIC123
- 24.14 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Faculty, 1950s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC124-JBIC125
- 24.15 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Classes, 1930s [1 of 2]
Includes oversized photograph in envelope and NY Heritage images JBIC127-JBIC138
- 24.16 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Classes, 1930s [2 of 2]
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC139-JBIC 149
- 24.17 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Classes, 1940s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC150-JBIC 151; JBIC171-JBIC174
- 24.18 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Classes, 1950s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC175-JBIC177
- 24.19 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Classes, 1960s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC178-JBIC180. Note that JBIC 179 includes listing of children names
- 24.20 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Classes, 1970s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC181-JBIC182
- 24.21 Photographs, Youth, Religious School Classes, 1980s
Includes original listings made by the Beth El archivist
- 24.22 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1925

Signed by photographer Hauser Bob

- 24.23 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1930s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC184-JBIC187
- 24.24 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1940s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC188-JBIC193
- 25.1 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1950s [1 of 2]
Mounted on boards, as photocopies, labeled with names
- 25.2 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1950s [2 of 2]
Includes originals and boards; Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC194-JBIC195
- 25.3 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1960s
Includes NY Heritage images JBIC154-JBIC160
- 25.4 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1970s
- 25.5 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1980s
Includes clipping in mylar
- 25.6 Photographs, Youth, Confirmation Classes, 1990s
- 25.7 Photographs, Youth, Consecration Classes, 1970s
- 25.8 Photographs, Youth, Consecration Classes, 1980s
Includes list of participants; 8x10 photographs and 8.1 an envelope
- 25.9 Photographs, Youth, Headshots-Envelopes, Undated
Includes small envelopes 25.9.1-25.9.13
- 25.10 Photographs, Youth, Headshots-Envelopes, Undated
Includes small envelopes 25.10.1-25.10.8 and some loose 5x7 photographs
- 25.11 Photographs, Youth, Social Events, Couples, 1980s-1990s
- 25.12 Photographs, Youth, Social Events, Dinner Dance/Ball, 1970s [1 of 2]
5x7s photographs are mounted on boards
- 25.13 Photographs, Youth, Social Events, Dinner Dance/Ball, 1970s [2 of 2]
- 25.14 Photographs, Youth, Social Events, Annual Ball, 1970s
Includes one envelope 25.14.1 with smaller sized photographs. Other photographs retain their original holdings which include identifications
- 26.1 Photographs, Events, Various, 1970s, 1990s-2000
Smaller sized photographs are housed in envelopes 26.1.1-26.1.5
- 26.2 Photographs, Plaques, Undated
Includes NY Heritage scans JBIC657-JBIC658 of the Judah Toura plaque photographs which were cut to shape by the Temple Beth El archivist
- 26.3 Photographs, Reunion, Minyan Group, 1980s-1990s
Includes a mixture of photograph sizes. Reunions were held in 1983, 1986, and 1995;

includes 26.3.1 (1986) and 26.3.2 (1995)

- 26.4 Photographs, Historical Displays, Created by Members, 1990s
Includes 26.4.1 envelope of lay Torah reader Bill Eisen; display in Temple Beth El archives
- 26.5 Photographs, Fire Damage Photographs, 2368 Eggert Road, 1978
Includes 26.5.1 envelope
- 26.6 Photographs, Interior Views, 2368 Eggert Road, 1979, 1986-1987
Images of the interior are housed in envelopes 26.6.1-26.6
- 26.7 Photographs, Chapel Building, Cemetery Pine Hill, c.1940s
- 26.8 Photographs, Miscellaneous Photographs, Members, 1970s-1980s
Images of members are housed in small envelope: 26.8.1

Series I, Subseries E2. Oversized Photographs, c1910-1982

- 27.1 OVR Photographs, Cornerstone Ceremonies, July 24, 1910
Mounted on board. Hare Photography, NY Heritage image JBIC006
- 27.2 OVR Photographs, Charles Polakoff, undated, c. 1910
Paper proof, damaged by water and abraided. Photograph by Morall
- 27.3 OVR Photographs, Very Good Peggy Play, 1917
Mounted on board. Hauser Bob. Play was performed at the Majestic Theatre. Cast was photographed outside of Temple Beth El. Names of cast members are included in an envelope within the sleeve, NY Heritage image JBIC163
- 27.4 OVR Photographs, Confirmation Class, 1917
Information written on back of board has been erased. Image taken by Culver Studio. NY Heritage image JBIC162
- 27.5 OVR Photographs, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, undated, some damage, c. 1920s
Photographed by Hauser Bob
- 27.6 OVR Photographs, Unidentified Play, Young People's Group, 1922
Mounted on board. Photographed by Hauser Bob. Faded image. NY Heritage image JBIC164
- 27.7 OVR Photographs, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1927
Sleeved in board, taken in social hall by Hauser Bob, NY Heritage image JBIC113
- 27.8 OVR Photographs, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1927
Images taken inside the minyan room.
 - 27.8.1 *Photographed by Hauser Bob, 8x 10 image, NY Heritage image JBIC112*
 - 27.8.2 *Photographed by Hauser Bob, long aspect*
- 27.9 OVR Photographs, Beth El Cemetery building at Pine Ridge, 1928
Photograph by Hauser Bob

- 27.10 OVR Photographs, Confirmation Class, May 27, 1928
Photograph has written identifications at its edges. Image by Hauser Bob. NY Heritage image JBIC167
- 27.11 OVR Photographs, Maimonides Class, 1935
Mounted on board
- 27.12 OVR Photographs, Temple Beth El Religious School, 1936
Photograph by Hauser Bob. Two copies of the same image, one 8x10 [27.12.1, NY Heritage scan JBIC126] and one untrimmed photograph [27.12.2]. Photograph taken outside Temple at Richmond Avenue. Image used as book cover to Chana Revell Kotzin, Jewish Community of Greater Buffalo, Charleston, S.C., Arcadia Publishing, 2013
- 27.13 OVR Photographs, Temple Beth El Choral Society with Samuel Luskin, c.1930s-1940s
Same event, with very similar images
 27.13.1 Hauser Bob Photography, NY Heritage image JBIC169
 27.13.2 Hauser Bob Photography. Mounted on board
- 27.14 OVR Photographs, Unidentified Play or Choral Production, 1940s
Unnamed play production. Some identifications were added to the back of the board by Temple Beth El Archivist. NY Heritage image JBIC168
- 27.15 OVR Photographs, Confirmation Classes, 1953-1954
 27.15.1 Confirmation, 1953
 27.15.2 Confirmation, 1954
Photocopies of photographs. No originals. Housed together with 27.17 mylar sleeve
- 27.16 OVR Photographs, Confirmation Class, 1960
Class members have signed the back of the photograph. Frederic Marshall Photography
- 27.17 OVR Photographs, Confirmation Class, 1982
Mounted on board

Subseries F: Administrator Materials, 1975-1994

This subseries is arranged chronologically. Diary books contain appointments of the synagogue administrator, events within the temple complex by internal groups who used spaces, and independent organizations including Kadimah School of Buffalo, and the Jewish Liberal Arts Club that rented. It also includes rehearsal information for plays, shows, and religious activities including model *sederim* for Passover. Classes, *minyan* times, board meetings, community events outside of the synagogue such as Jewish Book Fair, credit union meetings, sisterhood meetings, confirmation dates, conferences and other appointments, events and activities are also included.

29.1-29.10 Administrator Materials, Diary, 1975-1985 [gap]

30.1-30.9 Administrator Materials, Diary, 1986-1994

Subseries G. Annual Balls, Centennial and Other Special Events, 1879-2000

This subseries is arranged according to record type, and arranged according to chronological order.

Series I, Subseries G1: Annual Balls, 1912-2000

Numbering of annual balls changes from when first launched as a tradition, and held intermittently, to annual affairs numbered from the founding date of the synagogue. Record gaps between balls is wider in the earlier years.

- 31.1 Annual Ball, Booklet, 1912
Labeled as first Annual Ball. This copy is brittle and very fragile
- 31.2 Annual Ball, Booklet, 1935
- 31.3 Annual Ball, Booklet, 1938
- 31.4 Annual Ball, Booklet, 1947
This annual ball was part of celebration for the 100th Anniversary, 1947
- 31.5 Annual Ball, Leaflet, 1949
102nd Annual Ball, leaflet only
- 31.6 Annual Ball, Booklets, 1951, 1953-1956, 1958
- 31.7 Annual Ball, Booklets, 1961-1965
- 31.8 Annual Ball, Booklets, 1966-1969
- 31.9 Annual Ball, Booklets, 1970-1973
- 31.10 Annual Ball, Booklets, 1973-1974
The format of annual ball booklet changed in 1973 adopting a calendar style
- 32.1 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1975-1976
- 32.2 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1976-1979
- 32.3 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1980-1981
- 32.4 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1982-1983
- 32.5 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1984-1985
- 32.6 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1986-1987
- 33.1 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1988-1989
- 33.2 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1990-1991

- 33.3 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1992-1993
- 33.4 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1994-1995
- 33.5 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1996-1997
- 33.6 Annual Ball, Calendar Booklet, 1998-2000

Series I, Subseries G2: Ball Ephemera and Annual Ball Planning, 1879-1999

This subseries is arranged according to record type and chronological order. Planning of the centennial year was a significant undertaking. This year-long effort with numerous events is subdivided into multiple file folders. All other balls are housed within one file folder for the relevant ball number. There are intermittent gaps in the records and not every annual ball has been preserved.

- 34.1 Annual Ball, Dance Cards, 1879-1886 [gaps]
Includes dance cards for 1879, 1881-1883 and 1886, with cotton hand bracelets
- 34.2 Annual Ball, Historical Notes, 1912
- 34.3 Annual Ball, 7th Annual, Correspondence, Ephemera, 1918
Held on January 4, 1918
- 34.4 Annual Ball, Circular, 1936
Listed as 19th Anniversary
- 34.5 Annual Ball, Circular, 1927 [June 12th]
- 34.6 Annual Ball, Publicity, Correspondence, Clippings, 1932-1935
- 34.7 Annual Ball, Ephemera, Publicity, Clippings, Correspondence, 1936
Listed as 89th Annual Ball held on February 12, 1936. New numbering system adopted dating from 1847
- 34.8 Annual Ball, Clippings, Ephemera and Memo, 90th Annual Ball, February 10, 1937
90th Annual Ball held on February 10, 1937, held at the Hotel Statler. This venue was used by Temple Beth El through the 1960s
- 34.9 Annual Ball, Publicity Materials, Clippings, February 6, 1938
- 34.10 Annual Ball, Publicity, 92nd Annual Ball, February 5, 1939
- 34.11 Annual Ball, Publicity and Program, 93rd Annual Ball, February 4, 1940
- 34.12 Annual Ball, Invitation and Program, Tickets, 94th Annual Ball, February 12, 1941
- 34.13 Annual Ball, Invitation, Publicity, Program, 95th Annual Ball, February 8, 1942
- 34.14 Annual Ball, Planning and Correspondence, Victory Ball, February 17, 1946
The Victory Ball was held at the Hotel Statler with Servicemen as special guests.

Includes notes, circular, and clippings

- 34.15 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [1 of 11], Correspondence, 1946
Planning for the 1947 Annual Ball began in 1946 as part of the centennial year, and included a rededication service and other events
- 34.16 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [2 of 11], Correspondence, 1947 [January-June]
- 34.17 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [3 of 11], Centennial Committees, 1947
- 34.18 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [4 of 11], Events through year, 1947
Includes speech circulars and service
- 34.19 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [5 of 11], Clippings, Publicity, 1947
- 34.20 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [6 of 11], Ticket Committee, 1947
- 34.21 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [7 of 11], Ephemera, 1947
Includes tickets, ticket diary, bookmarks, invitation
- 34.22 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [8 of 11], Ad Book, 1947
- 34.23 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [9 of 11], Bills, General, 1947
- 34.24 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [10 of 11], Bills, Theatre Production, 1947
- 34.25 Annual Ball, Centennial Planning [11 of 11], Production, "Through the Years," 1947
Includes songs, scripts, program and committee member listings. Memos to class members are housed inside the envelope
- 34.26 Annual Ball, Publicity and Tickets, 101st Annual Ball, February 15, 1948
- 34.27 Annual Ball, Publicity and Tickets, 102nd Annual Ball, February 13, 1949
Includes circulars, clippings, and correspondence
- 34.28 Annual Ball, Publicity and Tickets, 103rd Annual Ball, February 12, 1950
Includes circulars, clippings, and correspondence
- 34.29 Annual Ball, Publicity, Clippings, Circular, 104th Annual Ball, February 10, 1951
- 34.30 Annual Ball, Publicity, Clippings, Circular, 105th Annual Ball, February 10, 1952
Also includes a photograph
- 34.31 Annual Ball, Publicity, Clippings, 106th Annual Ball, March 14, 1953
Also includes circular and memo
- 34.32 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning Materials, 107th Annual Ball, March 6, 1954
Also includes scrapbook pages, bulletins, and memos
- 34.33 Annual Ball, Publicity, 108th Annual Ball, March 5, 1955
Also includes bills, memorandum, correspondence, and tickets
- 34.34 Annual Ball, Publicity, 109th Annual Ball, March 10, 1956
Also includes scrapbook and correspondence

- 35.1 Annual Ball, Publicity, 110th Annual Ball, March 9, 1957
Includes circular, telegram, correspondence, program and scrapbook pages.
- 35.2 Annual Ball, Publicity, 111th Annual Ball, March 8, 1958
Original artwork, scrapbook pages, circular, correspondence and photographs
- 35.3 Annual Ball, Publicity, 112th Annual Ball, March 7, 1959
Scrapbook pages, memos, clippings, tickets, circular
- 35.4 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 113th Annual Ball, March 5, 1960
Includes correspondence, memos and bills
- 35.5 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning Materials, 114th Annual Ball, March 4, 1961
Includes scrapbook pages and correspondence
- 35.6 Annual Ball, Publicity and Circular, 115th Annual Ball, March 31, 1962
- 35.7 Annual Ball, Publicity, 116th Annual Ball, March 9, 1963
- 35.8 Annual Ball, Correspondence, Tickets, 117th Annual Ball, March 14, 1964
- 35.9 Annual Ball, Planning Process, 1967-1972 [gaps]
- 35.10 Annual Ball, Publicity, 127th Annual Ball, March 23, 1974
- 35.11 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 129th Annual Ball, March 20, 1976
- 35.12 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 130th Annual Ball, May 18, 1977
- 35.13 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 131st Annual Ball, March 18, 1978
- 35.14 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 133rd Annual Ball, March 22, 1980
- 35.15 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 134th Annual Ball, April 11, 1981
Includes clippings and correspondence
- 35.16 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 136th Annual Ball, April 30, 1983
- 35.17 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 137th Annual Ball, May 19, 1984
Includes correspondence, press releases, and notes
- 35.18 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 138th Annual Ball, May 4, 1985
Includes notes, tickets, clippings, and correspondence
- 35.19 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 139th Annual Ball, May 10, 1986
- 35.20 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 140th Annual Ball, May 9, 1987
- 35.21 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 141st Annual Ball, May 7, 1988
- 35.22 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 142nd Annual Ball, May 6, 1989
Includes circular and ticket
- 35.23 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 143rd Annual Ball, May 12, 1990
Includes circular, publicity, and ticket

- 35.24 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 144th Annual Ball, May 11, 1991
Includes circular, publicity, ticket and listings
- 35.25 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 146th Annual Ball, March 20, 1993
Includes invitation and circular
- 35.26 Annual Ball, Script and Correspondence, 150th Annual Ball, June 8, 1997
Letter from President Bill Clinton [May 22, 1997] and other letters from US Representatives including Bill Paxon, and Senators including Sheldon Silver; Includes other congratulatory correspondence for organizations and institutions affiliated with Conservative Judaism. A script by Bernard Buddy Feinsinger, "Memories, Memories," written for the 150th is also included
- 35.27 Annual Ball, Publicity and Planning, 152nd Annual Ball, June 13, 1999
Includes invitation

Subseries H: OVR: Material Culture, c.1968-1985

- 36.1 OVR Rabbi Samuel I. Porrath, High Holiday Robes, c.1985
- 37.1 OVR Boy Scouts, Temple Beth El, Troop 196, Uniform, Undated
Labeled patches includes Greater Niagara Falls Council New York; Boy Scouts of America in white, red, green and yellow
- 37.2 OVR Boy Scouts, Temple Beth El, Pack 196, Flag, Undated
Cotton Twill material with BSA [Boy Scouts of America] Lion Emblem in blue, yellow, and maroon
- 37.3 OVR Boy Scouts, Temple Beth El, Pack 196, Boy's Kerchief, Undated
Cotton materials with Beth El emblem in red and blue colors
- 37.4 OVR Boy Scouts, Temple Beth El, Troop 196, Scout Banners, 1968-1972
Labels on banners include Beth El School; Dr. Emmett Izard Kenton Fun-O-Ree, 1972; Honor Unit 1968 Roundup; A small patch reads: Kenton 1969 Fall Camp-o-Ree District; Kenton District Trail The Eagle Camp; Honor Unit 1969 Roundup; Honor Unit 1967 Roundup; National Unit Award Breakthrough for Youth Program in white, blue, gold, yellow, red and purple colors
- 37.5 OVR Boy Scouts, Temple Beth El, Troop 196, Flag, Undated
Flag composed of red, white, green and yellow colors
- 37.6 OVR Boy Scouts, Temple Emanu-el, Troop 156, Flag, Undated
Coated Linen. Irregular shaped tapered flag. Small square patch in the middle with a circle and v-shape symbol in red, white, blue and yellow

Subseries I: OVR: Charts and Architectural Plans, 1926-1988

This subseries is arranged by site location and chronology, and spans a cemetery site and two separate synagogue sites. The plans for the Richmond Avenue synagogue relate to seating plans and memorial. Architectural plans for the Richmond Avenue were missing from the collection. The architectural plans for Eggert Road include school plans, and synagogue complex and include unrealized and realized plans.

Subseries I1: Charts and Architectural Plans, Cemetery Plans

- 38.14.2 OVR Map of Part of Delavan Acres, part of lot 35, T-11, R-7, February 1926
For J. Joseph O'Leary, George G. Diehl engineers, Blueprint. Scale 1 inch to 100 feet
- 38.14.1 OVR Beth El Cemetery Pine Ridge Plan, April 23, 1926
Louis Greenstein, Architect, Harris and Hall, Landscape Architect Engineers. Diazo print. Highly damaged. Scale 1 inch to 16 feet
- 38.15 OVR Lewis [family name] Gravestone Monument design, October 9, 1934
With separate map with location of monument. Blueprints (2). McDonnell & Sons, 17 Manchester Place, Scale 1½ inches to 1 foot
- 38.12 OVR Satuloff Monument Plans, Beth El Cemetery, Pine Ridge, May 30, 1945.
Louis Greenstein, Architect. Series of eight stapled blueprints. Abraided

Subseries I2: Charts and Architectural Plans, 151 Richmond Ave, Buffalo, NY

- 39.1 OVR High Holiday Balcony Seating Chart, A to H, 151 Richmond Ave, 1962.
Diazo Base, annotated with names in pencil, 39.1-39.4 are rolled together
- 39.2 OVR High Holiday Seating Chart, Auditorium A to U, 151 Richmond Ave, 1965
Diazo Base, 39.1-39.4 are rolled together
- 39.8 OVR Memorial Name Plaques, 151 Richmond Avenue, A-W, 1850-1962
Diazo Plan, Scale ⅓, February 25, 1988

Subseries I3: Charts and Architectural Plans, 2368 Eggert Road Plans, Tonawanda

- 39.5 OVR High Holiday Seating Chart, Reception Room, A to E, 2368 Eggert Road, undated
39.5-39.6 are rolled together, Hand Drawn, size is 24 1/2x19 ¾
- 39.6 OVR High Holiday Seating Chart, Balcony, A to G, 2368 Eggert Road, undated
39.5-39.6 are rolled together; Hand Drawn, size is 18 x 11 ¾
- 38.10 OVR Judaica Shop Floor Plans, 2368 Eggert Road, Diazo, no scale, Undated
- 38.1-39.9 OVR School & Auditorium Plans [9 plans], 2368 Eggert Road, April 29, 1959

*Architect. Louis Greenstein, Diazo prints, evidence of damage. Width 25.5".
Latest revision, November 11, 1959*

- 38.11 OVR Garden Plan, 2368 Eggert Road, 27 January 1960.
By Four Winds Nursery. Green graph paper, Scale 1 inch to 10 feet
- 39.3 OVR High Holiday Seating Chart, Suburban Main Floor, A to U, Right, 2368 Eggert Road, 1962
Diazo Base, Annotated with names in pencil, 39.1-39.4 are rolled together
- 38.13 OVR Bimah Chair Plan, 2368 Eggert Road, May 23, 1960.
Louis Greenstein, Architect. Torn. Scale 1 inch to 1 feet
- 39.4 OVR High Holiday Seating Chart, Suburban Main Floor, A to U, Left, 2368 Eggert Road, Diazo Base, 1962
Annotated with names in pencil, 39.1-39.4 are rolled together
- 39.7 OVR Seating Plans with Names, Balcony and Main Seating, 151 Richmond Avenue, 1962
Blueprints, Blank and completed copies, (four total), Damaged
- 40.1 OVR School & Auditorium, Basement, Balcony and Plot Plan, February 25, 1960
2368 Eggert Road and Sheridan Drive, Town of Tonawanda, Block #4908, Elmwood C.O., Conduit Print [1 of 2]
- 40.2 OVR Preliminary Plan, Plot Plan, 2368 Eggert Road and Sheridan Drive, February 10, 1964
Tonawanda, New York, Main C.O., Scale 1" 30', Conduit Print [1 of 1]
- 40.5 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, Scheme E, 2368 Eggert Road, October 22, 1974
Tonawanda, New York, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda], Comm. No. 74 PR40,
- 40.6 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, Scheme A, 2368 Eggert Road, August 20, 1974
Tonawanda, New York, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda]
- 40.7 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, Floor Plan, 2368 Eggert Road, August 20, 1974
Tonawanda, New York, Scale 1/8 = 1'-0 [hard to see], Scheme B, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda], Comm. No. 74 PR-20,
- 40.8 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, Site Plan, Scheme B, 2368 Eggert Road, August 20, 1974
Tonawanda, New York, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda], Comm. No. 74 PR-20,
- 40.9 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, Floor Plan, 2368 Eggert Road, October 22, 1974
Tonawanda, New York, Scale 1/8 = 1'-0 [hard to see], Scheme D, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda], Comm. No. 74 PR-20
- 40.10 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, Floor Plan, 2368 Eggert Road August 20, 1974
New Tonawanda, York, Scale 1/8 = 1'-0 [hard to see], Scheme A, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda], Comm. No. 74 PR-20

- 40.3 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, 2368 Eggert Road
Tonawanda, New York, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda], undated, c.1975
- 40.4 OVR Proposed Sanctuary, 2368 Eggert Road, June 2, 1975
Tonawanda, New York, Edwin Geo. Egan, Architect [1450 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda]

Subseries I4: Renderings and Drawings, 2368 Eggert Road Plans, Tonawanda, NY

- 41.1 OVR Site Buildings, Artistic Renderings, Undated
Three aspects from different road locations, in color, painting, [20x24]
- 41.2 OVR Tree of Life, Art Sculpture, Rendering with Pencil and Gold Paint, Undated
On tracing paper, Ascalon Studios, Berlin, New Jersey [12x20]
- 41.3 OVR Architectural Sketch, Drawings, No. 4, Undated.
Two separate sketches, outside and inside of building sanctuary with brick fascia. Both designs were not realized
- 41.4 OVR Judaica, Library, Reception Lounge, Museum, Architectural Renderings
Undated
Series of Taupe Colored Line Ink Drawings [20x12] No scale
- 41.5 OVR Ark and Bimah, Drawing, Tracing Paper, Undated
In pencil mounted on a card frame [12x20]
- 41.6 OVR Ark and Bimah, Architectural Artistic Composite Image, Undated
In Two-tone Color Overlays, [9x12]
- 41.7 OVR Temple Beth El's 136th Anniversary Ball Booklet, April 30, 1983
Mockup Panels by the Architect, 8 views

Subseries J. Subject Files, 1900-2000

This subseries is organized in alphabetical order by topic. These synagogue archivist, Melvin Levy, created subject files from correspondence files, that he reorganized according to organizational categories. He included a range of other materials including flyers, clippings, programs, bulletins, photographs, notes and ephemera. Materials has been retained in their original categories, date ordered and sleeved. Many of the files were untitled and titles have been derived from their contents.

- 43.1 Subject Files, Adult Education, 1962-1977 [gaps]
Includes programs
- 43.2 Subject Files, Advisory Board, Undated

- 43.3 Subject Files, Airplane, 1940s
Includes photograph of airplane for the US military purchased by Beth El fundraising
- 43.4 Subject Files, American Jewish Archives [AJA], Beth El Minute Books, 1958, 2016
Relating to the microfilming of a minute book and its deposit at the AJA
- 43.5 Subject Files, Archivist, Melvin H. Levy, Reports, 1984, 1993
- 43.6 Subject Files, Assessor's Office, Town of Cheektowaga, 1985-1990 [gaps]
- 43.7 Subject Files, Alumni Reunions, 1947, 1964-1968
- 43.8 Subject Files, Awards [Students], 1969-1985 [gaps]
- 43.9 Subject Files, Advanced Training Center Agreements, 1981-1985
- 43.10 Subject Files, Auction Planning, 1984-1986
- 43.11 Subject Files, Bakery, Kosher Products Rabbi Dr. J.H. Ralbag, 1974
- 43.12 Subject Files, *Bal Koreh*, William Eisen, 1991
- 43.13 Subject Files, Bar Mitzvah Planning, 1931-1984 [gaps]
- 43.14 Subject Files, Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, 1940-1986 [gaps]
- 43.15 Subject Files, Bas/Bat Mitzvah Planning, 1943-1986 [gaps]
- 43.16 Subject Files, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Calendar, 1962-1965
43.16.1 and 43.16.2 are envelopes included
- 43.17 Subject Files, Basketball, 1946-1952
Photograph in New York Heritage for 1920s
- 43.18 Subject Files, Bible Reading Class, 1947
- 43.19 Subject Files, Bills and Board, Out of Town Guests and Speakers, 1961-1963
- 43.20 Subject Files, *Bimah* Schedule, 1991-1992
- 43.21 Subject Files, Bingo, 1991
- 43.22 Subject Files, Blood Drive, 1953
- 43.23 Subject Files, Board, Miscellaneous, 1940-1965 [gaps]
- 43.24 Subject Files, Bonds-US/War, 1942-1944
- 43.25 Subject Files, Bonds-Companies, 1975-1982
- 43.26 Subject Files, Bonds-Temple for Fundraising, 1965
- 43.27 Subject Files, Books, Purchases and Repairs, 1925-1983 [gaps]
- 43.28 Subject Files, Bowling League, 1964
- 43.29 Subject Files, Broadcasting, Radio WGRN, 1941-1948
Includes broadcasts performed by Beth El Players for a Passover play and a radio play

broadcast relating to WWII war

- 43.30 Subject Files, Budget Hearing, 1966-1967
- 43.31 Subject Files, "Builders" Shabbat [Special Shabbat Services], 1929-1985 [gaps]
- 43.32 Subject Files, Bulletin Methods and Design Copy Content, 1966
- 44.1 Subject Files, Cabaret Program, 1984
- 44.2 Subject Files, Camp *Ramah*, 1968-1986
- 44.3 Subject Files, Caterers, 1967-1985
Includes kosher rules
- 44.4 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantors-General, 1931-2000 [gaps]
Includes Chazanaim Management Bureau
- 44.5 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Samuel Arluck, 1912
Includes letter and contract; Samuel Arluck is the father of Hyman Arluck, who became Harold Arlen.
- 44.6 Subject Files-Cantors, Rev. Wolf Brown, 1915
- 44.7 Subject Files-Cantors, Rev. S. Friedman, 1913
- 44.8 Subject Files-Cantors, Dr. H. Genhart, 1940
- 44.9 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor William Glueck, 1949
Includes photograph
- 44.10 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Jacob Goldstein, 1949
- 44.11 Subject Files-Cantors, Mr. Louis Gordon, 1949
- 44.12 Subject Files-Cantors, Rev. Felix Groveman, 1949-1950
- 44.13 Subject Files-Cantors, Rev. Mordecai Heiser, 1949
Includes clippings, telegrams, programs
- 44.14 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Adolph Katchko, 1941
- 44.15 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Debroah Katchko Zimmerman, 1997-1999
- 44.16 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Saul Kirschenbaum, 1949
- 44.17 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Harry Kaufman, 1928-1949
Includes correspondence, contracts and programs. Highly brittle and fragile materials
- 44.18 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Josef S. Lengyel, 1949-1950
- 44.19 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Robert Loewenthal, 1949
- 44.20 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor David Osen, 1949-1950
- 44.21 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Earl Rackoff, 1949

- 44.22 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Abrasha Robofsky, 1949-1950
- 44.23 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Harry Rothstein, 1949
- 44.24 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Abraham Salkov, 1949
- 44.25 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Israel N. Sack, 1949
- 44.26 Subject Files-Cantors, Rev. Bernard Schachtel, 1931
He served for 16 years from 1915 to his death ins 1931
- 44.27 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Albert Schindler, 1950
- 44.28 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Max Schwartzman, 1931
- 44.29 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Deborah Shapiro, 1999-2000
- 44.30 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Abraham Silensky, 1949
Includes photograph
- 44.31 Subject Files-Cantors, Cantor Jacob Singer, 1949
- 44.32 Subject Files, Cemetery, 1932-1989 [gaps]
- 44.33 Subject Files, Choirs, 1913-1970
Junior and senior choirs, girls choir. Includes photograph
- 44.34 Subject Files, Churches, 1970, 1979 [gaps]
- 44.35 Subject Files, Claim-Insurance, Vandalism, 1973-1974
- 44.36 Subject Files, Club [Mr. and Mrs. Discussion Group], 1960-1992 [gaps]
- 44.37 Subject Files-Committees, Committees-General, 1924-1984 [gaps]
- 44.38 Subject Files-Committees, Activities [Junior], 1954-1955
- 44.39 Subject Files-Committees, Adult Education, 1953-1965 [gaps]
- 44.40 Subject Files-Committees, Ball, 1950-1951
- 44.41 Subject Files-Committees, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, 1961-1962
- 44.42 Subject Files-Committees, Budget, 1933
- 45.1 Subject Files-Committees, Cabaret, 1992
- 45.2 Subject Files-Committees, Combined Schools, 1976
Temple Beth El and Temple Shaarey Zedek
- 45.3 Subject Files-Committees, Communications, 1975
WGR-TV 2, Edward Herbert-Jewish Life Program and WKBW-TV, Walter Liss, Channel 7, "Directions"
- 45.4 Subject Files-Committees, Community Religious School, 1982
- 45.5 Subject Files-Committees, Congregational Dinner, 1940-1941

- 45.6 Subject Files-Committees, Cooperating, Undated
- 45.7 Subject Files-Committees, Constitution, 1950-1954 [gaps]
- 45.8 Subject Files-Committees, Continuing Education, 1991
- 45.9 Subject Files-Committees, Curriculum, 1970
- 45.10 Subject Files-Committees, Dedication, 1961
- 45.11 Subject Files-Committees, Destiny of Our Temple, 1968
Includes minutes
- 45.12 Subject Files-Committees, Dues Review, 1940
- 45.13 Subject Files-Committees, Education, 1989
- 45.14 Subject Files-Committees, Endowment Tree, Undated
- 45.15 Subject Files-Committees, Executive Correspondence and Minutes, 1947-1964
- 45.16 Subject Files-Committees, Finance, 1935-1961
- 45.17 Subject Files-Committees, Friday Night Service, c.1940
- 45.18 Subject Files-Committees, Goodwill, c.1953
- 45.19 Subject Files-Committees, Gymnasium, 1915, 1943, 1950
- 45.20 Subject Files-Committees, High Holidays, 1989, 1991
- 45.21 Subject Files-Committees, House, 1957-1985 [gaps]
- 45.22 Subject Files-Committees, Insurance Report, 1955
- 45.23 Subject Files-Committees, Investigating a New Site, 1951, 1954
- 45.24 Subject Files-Committees, Israel Bonds, 1962
- 45.25 Subject Files-Committees, "Law" Committee, 1952
Jewish Law and Standards
- 45.26 Subject Files-Committees, Library Committee, 1923-1991 [gaps]
- 45.27 Subject Files-Committees, Management, 1937
Copy made due to condition
- 45.28 Subject Files-Committees, Membership, 1926-1985 [gaps]
Fragile items
- 45.29 Subject Files-Committees, Mergers-Proposed, 1958-1967 [gaps]
Includes Temple Sinai proposed merger in 1959 that includes ballot votes and a legal agreement. Also includes Temple Emanu-el proposed merger in 1967. Neither mergers realized in this time period.
- 45.30 Subject Files-Committees, Museum, 1979-1988
Includes photograph, minutes, articles, copies of receipts, correspondence

- 45.31 Subject Files-Committees, Nominating, 1955-1965 [gaps]
Includes minutes, memos, correspondence
- 45.32 Subject Files-Committees, Officer's Committee, 1936-1967 [gaps]
- 45.33 Subject Files-Committees, *Oneg Shabbat*, Undated
- 45.34 Subject Files-Committees, Program Planning, 1939-1950 [gaps]
- 45.35 Subject Files-Committees, Publications, Undated
- 45.36 Subject Files-Committees, Rabbi Reviews/Search, 1987-1999 [gaps]
- 45.37 Subject Files-Committees, Religious Activity, 1940-1991 [gaps]
- 45.38 Subject Files-Committees, Religious Education, 1982
- 46.1 Subject Files-Committees, Rental and Fees, Undated
Includes Lodges, Hadassah, NCJW and Scout troops
- 46.2 Subject Files-Committees, Review, 1948-1965
- 46.3 Subject Files-Committees, Ritual, 1947-2000 [gaps]
- 46.4 Subject Files, Committees, Russian Resettlement, 1979
- 46.5 Subject Files-Committees, Sanctuary Plaques, 1984
Includes 46.5.1 and 46.5.2 with inscription requests
- 46.6 Subject Files-Committees, Sanctuary Survey [Feasibility Study], 1973-1975
Includes report
- 46.7 Subject Files-Committees, School Board, 1915-1950 [gaps]
- 46.8 Subject Files-Committees, Social Action, 1915, 1970-1973
- 46.9 Subject Files-Committees, Special Funds, 1989
- 46.10 Subject Files-Committees, Subscription, 1934
- 46.11 Subject Files-Committees, Suburban Extension, 1955
- 46.12 Subject Files-Committees, Temple Relations, 1953
- 46.13 Subject Files-Committees, Ushering, 1985-1986
- 46.14 Subject Files-Committees, Ways and Means, 1930-1941 [gaps]
- 46.15 Subject Files-Committees, Visitation, 1954-1955
- 46.16 Subject Files-Committees, Youth, 1935-1985 [gaps]
- 46.17 Subject Files-Confirmation, Administration, 1933-1969
- 46.18 Subject Files-Confirmation, Administration, 1970-1976
- 46.19 Subject Files-Confirmation, Administration, 1977-1988

- 46.20 Subject Files-Confirmation, Correspondence, 1937-1999
- 46.21 Subject Files-Confirmation, Costs, 1952-1970
- 46.22 Subject Files-Confirmation, Programs, 1911-1945 [gaps]
Missing programs from 1913-1917 inclusive and 1920; Includes special souvenir issues: 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946
- 46.23 Subject Files-Confirmation, Programs, 1947-1969
Missing programs from 1955-1965; No confirmation service was held in 1951. Only a select number of invitations were saved, and all are included
- 46.24 Subject Files-Confirmation, Programs, 1970-1985 [gaps]
Limited number preserved. Missing: 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983
- 47.1 Subject Files, Congregational Kiddush, 1992
- 47.2 Subject Files, Congressman LaFalce, John A., Undated
- 47.3 Subject Files, Consecration Administration, 1977-1985
- 47.4 Subject Files, Consecration Administration, 1986-1989
- 47.5 Subject Files-Correspondence, Blank Headed Letterhead, 1920s-1980s
Includes a variety of different letterheads with changing personnel, cantors, rabbis and synagogue locations
 - 47.5.1 151 Richmond Ave, Buffalo, NY
 - 47.5.2 2368 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, NY
- 47.6 Subject Files-Correspondence, Correspondence Received, 1910-1986 [gaps]
- 47.7 Subject Files-Correspondence, Correspondence Sent, 1915-1990 [gaps]
- 47.8 Subject Files-Correspondence, School Related, 1964
- 47.9 Subject Files-Correspondence, Thank You Letters, 1962-1965
- 47.10 Subject Files-Contributions, Contributions A-H, 1940-1963
Charitable organizations, local, national, and international; American Association of Jewish Blind through Hadassah
- 47.11 Subject Files-Contributions, Contributions H-J, 1940-1964
Charitable organizations, local, national, and international; from Haganah through Jewish Theological Seminary
- 47.12 Subject Files-Contributions, Contributions K-P, 1940-1965
Charitable organizations, local, national, and international, from Keren Ami through Palestine Lighthouse Inc.
- 47.13 Subject Files-Contributions, Contributions R-Y, 1931-1975
Charitable organizations, local, national, and international, from Rosa Coplon Old Folks Home through YMHA, Buffalo. Valuable source of local Jewish organizational addresses.

- 47.14 Subject Files, Credit Unions, 1959-1985
- 47.15 Subject Files, Council of Conservation Synagogues, 1963-1977
- 47.16 Subject Files, Council of Congregational Presidents of Western New York, 1970-1986
Includes a Constitutional Revisions Proposal
- 47.17 Subject Files, Council of Temple Beth El, 1931, 1965
- 48.1 Subject Files, Daemen College, 1981-1982
- 48.2 Subject Files, Dedication Ceremonies as Planning Examples, 1957-1965
Includes Suburban Congregation later renamed Beth Am, Williamsville, New York
- 48.3 Subject Files, Deficit Assessment, 1978-1979
- 48.4 Subject Files, Dinner Dance-Cantor Gerald De Bruin's 25th Anniversary, 1973-1974
Planning materials and ephemera including invitations and certificate. The anniversary event was held on June 9, 1974
- 48.5 Subject Files, Disaster Appeal-Hurricane Hugo, 1989
- 48.6 Subject Files, Donations Received, 1961-1992 [gaps]
- 48.7 Subject Files, Dues Reviews, 1970-1979 [gaps]
- 48.8 Subject Files, Dues Reviews, 1984-1985
- 48.9 Subject Files, Education, 1921-1991 [gaps]
- 48.10 Subject Files, Education-Teacher Administration, 1968-1970
- 48.11 Subject Files, Elders of Beth El, 1999
- 48.12 Subject Files, Emanu-el Temple Church, 1966-1969
- 48.13 Subject Files, Employment Duties and Responsibilities, 1954-1992
- 48.14 Subject Files, Erie County Sherriff's Department, 1985
- 48.15 Subject Files, Eternal Light Publication, 1966-1974 [gaps]
- 48.16 Subject Files, Expenses, Office, Executive Director, 1947-1964 [gaps]
- 48.17 Subject Files, Facilities Procedures and Fees, 1965-1966
- 48.18 Subject Files, Federal Disaster Claims regarding Blizzard of 1977, 1977
- 48.19 Subject Files, Fees, 1933-1985 [gaps]
For rental of parts of the synagogue facility
- 48.20 Subject Files, Film, Ben-Gurion Remembers, 1974
- 48.21 Subject Files, Financial Records, 1942-1995 [gaps]
- 48.22 Subject Files, Fiscal System, 1968
- 48.23 Subject Files, Forms [Blank] for Temple Administration, 1940s-1965

- 48.24 Subject Files, Foundation, Bernard and Estelle Siegel, 1976-1986
- 48.25 Subject Files, Fundraising, General, 1933-1991 [gaps]
- 48.26 Subject Files, Funds-Various Named, 1943-1990 [gaps]
- 48.27 Subject Files, Gold Certificates Purchased, Undated
- 48.28 Subject Files, Graves, Individual buried at the Beth El Cemetery, 1992
Also see Series II for other cemetery materials
- 48.29 Subject Files, Hadassah Rental, 1987
- 48.30 Subject Files, Chanukah Dinner, 1977
- 48.31 Subject Files, *Hatan Bereshit Kalat Torah* Award, 1975
Translation: Groom of Genesis and Bride of Torah. Award given to a husband and wife teams for contributions to extra-curricula activities at Temple Beth El
- 48.32 Subject Files, Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association, 1973, 1975
- 48.33 Subject Files, Hebrew Classes for Adult Attendance List, c.1950s
- 48.34 Subject Files, Hebrew Publishing Company, 1969
- 48.35 Subject Files-High Holidays, 151 Richmond Avenue, 1927-1949 [gaps]
Includes speeches, messages, tickets, and correspondence
- 48.36 Subject Files-High Holidays, 151 Richmond Avenue, 1950-1960
Correspondence and notes about of seating arrangements:
 - 48.36.1 High Holidays, Seating, 1951
 - 48.36.2 High Holidays, Notes, Cards, Memos, 1950-1960
 - 48.36.3 High Holidays, Seating, 1960
- 49.1 Subject Files-High Holidays, Administration, Participants, 1961-1966
- 49.2 Subject Files-High Holidays, Administration, Circulars, Participants, 1967
- 49.3 Subject Files-High Holidays, Administration, Circulars, Participants, 1968
- 49.4 Subject Files-High Holidays, Administration, Circulars, Participants, 1969
- 49.5 Subject Files-High Holidays, Administration, Circulars, 1983-1989 [gaps]
- 49.6 Subject Files-High Holidays, Administration, Circulars, 1991-1999 [gaps]
- 49.7 Subject Files, High School Graduations, Programs, 1938-1951 [gaps]
Pamphlets
- 49.8 Subject Files, History Snapshot for Expo 1976, 1976
Summary page about basic facts about Temple Beth El
- 49.9 Subject Files, Hotel Church Directory, 1966, 1978
- 49.10 Subject Files-Holidays, Holidays-General, c.1940s

- 49.11 Subject Files-Holidays, Holidays, Chanukah, 1946-1996
Includes tests, songsters, readings, and games
- 50.1 Subject Files-Holidays, Passover/Pesach, Correspondence, 1932-1948 [gaps]
- 50.2 Subject Files-Holidays, Passover/Pesach [*Haggadot*], 1948-1986 [gaps]
- 50.3 Subject Files-Holidays, Passover/Pesach, Seder Meal, 1981-1983
- 50.4 Subject Files-Holidays, Passover/Pesach, Seder Meal, 1984-1991
- 50.5 Subject Files-Holidays, Purim, 1948-1985
Includes BJE Materials
- 50.6 Subject Files-Holidays, Shavuot, 1958, 1985
- 50.7 Subject Files-Holidays, Tisha B'Av, 1985
Includes Chabad materials
- 50.8 Subject Files, Holocaust Memorial Sculpture of Beth El, 1985-1987
Includes planning, brochure, and photograph.
- 50.9 Subject Files, Honor Roll [Military], 1943
- 50.10 Subject Files, Israeli Art Exhibit, 1969
- 50.11 Subject Files, Institute of Adult Education, 1961-1962
- 50.12 Subject Files, Installation of Officers, 1973-1986 [gaps]
- 50.13 Subject Files, Israel Bond, Dinners and Funds, 1958-1976 [gaps]
Includes photograph, invitation, and seating arrangements
- 50.14 Subject Files, Israel Bonds, 1974-1987
Includes photograph of speaker, invitations, and seating arrangements
- 50.15 Subject Files, Israel Trip, 1976-1979
Includes diary of Rev. William Treacy, 1978, 17 pages
- 50.16 Subject Files, Jewish Community Center, 1946-1986 [gaps]
- 50.17 Subject Files, Jewish Family Service, 1970-1985 [gaps]
- 50.18 Subject Files, Jewish Federation of Social Service, 1946-1947
- 50.19 Subject Files, Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, 1979-1990 [gaps]
- 51.1 Subject Files, Jewish Liberal Arts Club, 1978-1991 [gaps]
Includes correspondence, contracts and 1982 membership roster. Also see MS 200.36
- 51.2 Subject Files, Jewish National Fund, Purchase of Trees, 1973-1979
Includes names in which trees purchased in honor or memory of, as part of Religious School program
- 51.3 Subject Files, Jewish Post, 1969-1970

- 51.4 Subject Files, Jewish Publication Society of America, 1983-1984
- 51.5 Subject Files, Jewish Review [*Buffalo Jewish Review*], 1986
- 51.6 Subject Files-Jewish Theological Society of America, Reports, 1940-1944
Includes correspondence and conference reports
- 51.7 Subject Files-Jewish Theological Society of America, Reports, 1945
Includes correspondence and conference reports
- 51.8 Subject Files-Jewish Theological Society of America, Reports, 1946-1966
Includes correspondence and regional conference reports
- 51.9 Subject Files-Jewish Theological Society of America, Reports, 1967-1989
Includes correspondence and regional conference reports
- 51.10 Subject Files, Joint Retirement Board of Rabbinical Assembly, 1982
- 51.11 Subject Files, Joint School Proposal, Undated
Proposed with Temple Shaarey Zedek, also see: 53.8 and 56.12-56.13
- 51.12 Subject Files, Junior Auxiliary, c.1900
List of names on three different pieces of paper
- 51.13 Subject Files, Junior Congregation, 1977-1995 [gaps]
Includes member names, award services programs
- 51.14 Subject Files, *Kallah* Service, 1967-1980 [gaps]
The first Kallah was initiated by Rabbi Milton Feierstein in 1967. Later Kallot were organized by Temple Beth El's Sisterhood. File includes invitations, statement relating to women's participation, ceremonial guide, programs, administration, service song sheets
- 51.15 Subject Files, Kashrut Guide and Laws, 1970-1974 [gaps]
- 51.16 Subject Files, Kenmore Kiwanas, 1983
- 51.17 Subject Files, *Keren Ami* Council, 1949-1950
- 51.18 Subject Files, Kitchen Usage, 1975-1985
Includes records relating to private catering events including weddings, bar mitzvahs or other events with a range of private kosher catering companies
- 51.19 Subject Files, Korean Clothing Drive, Disaster Relief, 1951
Linked to American Relief for Korea
- 51.20 Subject Files, *Kohanim*, List of Names, Undated
- 51.21 Subject Files-Lawn Fete, Mixed Materials, 1981-1983
Includes contracts, licenses, publicity, press releases and correspondence. Also see oversized materials in box 75
- 51.22 Subject Files-Lawn Fete, Mixed Materials, 1984-1986
Includes contracts, licenses, publicity, press releases and correspondence. Also see

oversized materials in box 75

- 52.1 Subject Files, Library, 1942-1970
Includes children book reviews, book lists and reports
- 52.2 Subject Files, Library, 1971-1996
Includes minutes, reports, book lists, and programs
- 52.3 Subject Files, Luskin, Samuel, 1911-1961
Includes 1911 contract and clippings of articles published on Luskin's death in 1959 as well as materials relating to the Samuel Luskin Fund. Also see Series IV, Boxes 64-71
- 52.4 Subject Files, Marriage Regulations, 1943-1964 [gaps]
Includes records of individual marriages. Also see weddings, 57.12
- 52.5 Subject Files, Masonic Service, 1980
- 52.6 Subject Files, "Matchmates," 1961-1963
Includes reports and programming
- 52.7 Subject Files, Melody Fair, 1975
Includes small envelope 57.7.1 housing ephemera
- 52.8 Subject Files-Membership, Individuals, Charles Polakoff former President, 1939-1940
Includes eulogy. An oversize photograph of Charles Polakoff can be found in Box 27
- 52.9 Subject Files-Membership, Individuals A-L, 1939-1991
Includes Professor Selig Adler, Janet Adler, David Coplon, Ruth Fridman, Harry J Grossman, Julia Hanneman, Sharon T. Lax, and Howard Levine
- 52.10 Subject Files-Membership, Individuals M-Z, 1928-1975
Includes Joseph Markel, Nathan Mesnekoff, John Palley, Samuel Presser, Laura Rosenblitt, Sydney Siegel, Morris Tarasow, and Syril Trossman
- 52.11 Subject Files-Membership, Individual, New Year Cards, 1940-1942
These smaller items are placed in envelope 52.11.1
- 52.12 Subject Files-Membership, Correspondence, 1912-1948 [gaps]
- 52.13 Subject Files-Membership, Correspondence, 1950-1959 [gaps]
- 52.14 Subject Files-Membership, Correspondence, 1960-1969 [gaps]
- 52.15 Subject Files-Membership, Correspondence, 1983-1998 [gaps]
- 52.16 Subject Files-Membership, Categories, 1943-1992 [gaps]
Dual, life and military categories
- 52.17 Subject Files-Membership, Membership Fees, 1930-1965
Includes significant quantity of various undated forms and envelopes
- 52.18 Subject Files-Membership, Membership Rosters, 1911-1999 [gaps]
Includes changes to the roster. See also Series II: Muriel Selling
- 52.19 Subject Files-Membership, Membership Survey of Affiliations in Buffalo, 1944-1947

- 53.1 Subject Files-Memorials, Memorial Books, 1968
Correspondence, name list, prayer service draft
- 53.2 Subject Files-Memorials, Memorial Books, Forms, 1990
- 53.3 Subject Files-Memorials, Memorial Tablets, 1926-1993 [gaps]
- 53.4 Subject Files-Memorials, Memorial Tablets-Brooklyn Bronze Tablet Corporation, 1967-1988
Memorial Names and Correspondence
- 53.5 Subject Files-Mergers, Proposed Mergers, With Temple Beth David, 1955
Also refer to box 45.29
- 53.6 Subject Files-Mergers, Proposed Mergers, Temple Sinai, 1958-1959
Minutes, reports, correspondence; also refer to box 45.29
- 53.7 Subject Files-Mergers, Proposed Mergers, Temple Emanu-el, 1964
Report and correspondence; also refer to box 45.29
- 53.8 Subject Files-Mergers, Religious School Mergers [Conservative], 1967
Composed of four Conservative synagogues including Temple Sinai. Also see 45.29, 51.11 and 56.12—56.13
- 53.9 Subject Files, Migliore, Joseph, Property Issues, 1970
- 53.10 Subject Files, *Minyan*, Daily, c.1938-1987
Includes materials relating to the inclusion of women as full members. Small envelope 53.10.1 houses minyan attendance cards, 1951-1965
- 53.11 Subject Files, Music Song Sheets, 1947-1970
Includes congregational music and USY materials with Hebrew transliteration and English language texts
- 53.12 Subject Files, Naming [Hebrew Ceremony], 1991
- 53.13 Subject Files, Named Designation of Temple Beth El, Undated
Consists of notes where no author is listed
- 53.14 Subject Files, National Alliance for Family Life, 1984
- 53.15 Subject Files, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 1986
- 53.16 Subject Files, *Networking* Conference held at Temple Beth El, 1981
Also refer to Judy Kantor Collection, MS 200.39 (1.12 through 1.16)
- 53.17 Subject Files, New Member Shabbat, 1968-1971
- 53.18 Subject Files, New York Board of Rabbis, 1977-1985 [gaps]
- 53.19 Subject Files, New York State Racing and Wagering Board, 1980-1981
Includes materials relating to Bingo events at the synagogue
- 53.20 Subject Files, Nominating Committee, Board of Trustees, 1963-1975
Includes nominating committee acceptance cards with signatures, 1964-1968, housed

in 53.20.1

- 53.21 Subject Files, Nursery School, 1948-1974
- 54.1 Subject Files-Officers, Officer Meeting, List of Members and Attendance, 1925-1959 [gaps]
- 54.2 Subject Files-Officers, Officer Meetings, Minutes, 1963-1966
- 54.3 Subject Files-Officers, Executive Director Marvin Garfinkel, Correspondence, 1946-1959 [gaps]
- 54.4 Subject Files-Officers, Executive Director Richard S. Meleson, 1991-1993
- 54.5 Subject Files, Oneg Shabbat, 1979
- 54.6 Subject Files, Organ [Controversy], 1915-1956, 1991
Includes response by telegram from Cyrus Adler at Jewish Theological Seminary
- 54.7 Subject Files, Organizations Within the Temple, 1966
- 54.8 Subject Files, Passover/Pesach, 1970-1988
Includes Guides, model seder events, sale of chametz, and services
- 54.9 Subject Files, Past Presidents of Temple, 1976-1983 [gaps]
- 54.10 Subject Files, Presidents' Reports, 1910-1990 [gaps]
Some copies are incomplete
- 54.11 Subject Files, Pledges, 1978-1979
- 54.12 Subject Files, Poetry, 1936, 1985
- 54.13 Subject Files, Porrath, Samuel I. [Rabbi], Correspondence, 1974-1981 [gaps]
Includes clippings and pamphlets
- 54.14 Subject Files, Porrath, Samuel I. [Rabbi], Correspondence, 1985-1987
Also see his own separate collection MS 208
- 54.15 Subject Files, Porrath, Samuel I. [Rabbi], Correspondence, 1988-1990
- 54.16 Subject Files, Prayer Books, 1967-1973 [gaps]
- 54.17 Subject Files, Prayers, Undated
- 54.18 Subject Files, Pre-USY [Pre-United Synagogue Youth], 1979-1987 [gaps]
Also see USY files 57.1-57.3
- 54.19 Subject Files, President's Dinner Dances, 1959, 1965-1968
Individual years are divided by separators
- 54.20 Subject Files, Presidents Installations, 1969-1972
- 54.21 Subject Files, Principals Council of Greater Buffalo, 1987
Formed from the various Jewish religious schools in Greater Buffalo

- 55.1 Subject Files-Programs, Programs, Friday Night, 1985-1991
- 55.2 Subject Files-Programs, Programs, 1926-1965
- 55.3 Subject Files-Programs, Programs, 1982-1991
- 55.4 Subject Files-Programs, Programs, Undated
- 55.5 Subject Files, Property, 1959-1991
Includes architect's agreements and memorial plaques, also see: 53.4
- 55.6 Subject Files, PTA, 1934-1964 [gaps]
Includes minutes and programs
- 55.7 Subject Files, Rabbi Search Committees, 1952-1989 [gaps]
- 55.8 Subject Files, Rabbinic Cabinet, 1984
- 55.9 Subject Files, Rabbinic Support Group, 1984
- 55.10 Subject Files, Radical Rapping Rabbis, 1990
- 55.11 Subject Files, Raffle 500, 1980
- 55.12 Subject Files, Rentals, High School of Bureau of Jewish Education, 1966
- 55.13 Subject Files, Resolutions, 1944, 1947, 1944-1985 [gaps]
Includes responses to the white paper
- 55.14 Subject Files, Rickel, Elihu, H. [Rabbi], Clippings and Photographs, 1943-1952
- 55.15 Subject Files, Rickel, Elihu, H. [Rabbi], Service in Korea, 1951-1952
Includes correspondence, clippings and photograph
- 55.16 Subject Files, Rickel, Elihu, H. [Rabbi], Correspondence, 1940-1943
Correspondence with other Rabbis, individuals within Conservative Judaism, local Jewish agencies and organizations, original clippings. Also includes undated materials.
- 55.17 Subject Files, Rickel, Elihu, H. [Rabbi], Correspondence, 1943-1969
Correspondence with other Rabbis, individuals within Conservative Judaism, local Jewish agencies and organizations, original clippings.
- 56.1 Subject Files, *Tefillin*, Undated
- 56.2 Subject Files, Transportation Survey, Religious School, 1965
- 56.3 Subject Files, Treasurer Report and Responsibilities, 1940-1941, 1985
- 56.4 Subject Files, Torah Reader, Daniel Monk, 1977
- 56.5 Subject Files, Torah Scroll Repairs [Hebrew and English], 1970-1981
Torah Reader Daniel Monk, 1977
- 56.6 Subject Files, Town of Tonawanda Police, 1979-1984

- 56.7 Subject Files, Twenty-Thirty Club [20-30], 1947-1948
Includes ephemera in small envelope 56.7.1
- 56.8 Subject Files, Union's Thanksgiving Service, 1931
- 56.9 Subject Files, United Fund, 1951-1983 [gaps]
- 56.10 Subject Files, United Jewish Federation of Buffalo, 1949-1957 [gaps]
- 56.11 Subject Files, United Jewish Federation of Buffalo, 1965-1990 [gaps]
- 56.12 Subject Files, United Jewish High School of Jewish Studies, 1972-1975
Director Rabbi Shay Mintz. Includes contract for Rabbi-Director and contract between synagogues
- 56.13 Subject Files, United Jewish High School of Jewish Studies, 1976-1983
Director Rabbi Shay Mintz. Includes class lists, correspondence, minutes
- 56.14 Subject Files-United Synagogue of America, Mixed Materials, 1940-1969
Includes correspondence, conference information, surveys and programming
- 56.15 Subject Files-United Synagogue of America, Mixed Materials, 1970-1985
Includes correspondence, conference information, resources, and financial records
- 56.16 Subject Files-United Synagogue of America, Mixed Materials, 1986-1991
Includes correspondence, membership information and membership lists [dot matrix print outs, folded]
- 57.1 Subject Files-United Synagogue Youth (USY), Mixed Materials, 1953-1961
- 57.2 Subject Files-United Synagogue Youth (USY), Mixed Materials, 1962-1979
- 57.3 Subject Files-United Synagogue Youth (USY), Mixed Materials, 1980-1993
- 57.4 Subject Files, United Synagogue Disaster Fund Wilkesbarre, 1972
- 57.5 Subject Files, United Synagogue Review, 1978-1980
- 57.6 Subject Files, Usher Corps, 1940, 1982-1990 [gaps]
- 57.7 Subject Files, Voluntary Dues, 1968-1972 [gaps]
- 57.8 Subject Files, Volunteers, 1968-1980 [gaps]
- 57.9 Subject Files, Weiss, Norman, President, 1990
Mainly correspondence
- 57.10 Subject Files, Weiss, Norman, President, 1991-1992
Mainly correspondence
- 57.11 Subject Files, Weiss, Norman, President, 1992-1997
Correspondence, programs, other ephemera
- 57.12 Subject Files, Weddings, 1965-1979
Includes individual names also see: 52.4 Marriage Regulations

- 57.13 Subject Files, Wisdom of Buffalo, Undated c.1999
An adult education series of courses. Also see poster boards 41.12-41.14 and scrapbook 74.8, and other materials in 76.8
- 57.14 Subject Files, Workman's Circle Membership List [Children], c.1947
- 57.15 Subject Files, World Council of Synagogues, 1965, 1976
- 57.16 Subject Files, *Yahrzeit* [Annually produced list], 1969, 1996
- 57.17 Subject Files, *Yeshivat Etz Hayim*, Israel, 1985
- 57.18 Subject Files, *Yizkor* Booklets, 1968
- 57.19 Subject Files, Young Adults, 1985
- 57.20 Subject Files, Young Couples Club, 1940-1970 [gaps]
- 57.21 Subject Files, Young Marrieds, 1952-1974
Some crossover with contents of 57.20
- 57.22 Subject Files, Youth Group, 1945-1965 [gaps]
- 57.23 Subject Files, Youth League, 1941-1950
- 57.24 Subject Files, Zion Tallis [Company], 1969

Series II: Records of Muriel Selling, 1910-2005

Muriel Selling, retired general contractor, was involved in a range of organizations in lay leadership positions. At Temple Beth El, Muriel Selling, served as the synagogue historian and Cemetery Administrator. She also co-founded the Jewish Genealogy Society of Buffalo in 1986 and conducted much of the research for Temple Beth El's synagogue history exhibit in 2002. Heavily involved in cemetery administration for the independent fraternal Holy Order of the Living, and the cemetery of Temple Beth El of Buffalo, both located in Cheektowaga, New York on Pine Ridge Road, she produced and maintained extensive lists within computerized data sets, which remain within the cemetery organizations.

Much of the materials, even where copies, are the only remaining copies, and are not replicate within the organizational records.

Series II, Subseries A: Membership, 1910-2003

This subseries is organized according to record type and in chronological order

- 58.1 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Birth Records A-K, 1960s-1980s
Includes copies, originals and copies not in Temple records. Includes Hebrew names
- 58.2 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Birth Records K-Z, 1960s-1980s

- Includes copies, originals and copies not in Temple records. Includes Hebrew names*
- 58.3 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Clergy Records, 1960s-1994
Includes copies, originals and copies not in Temple records. Includes Hebrew names
- 58.4 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, c.1910-1920
Original documents, brittle, fragile
- 58.5 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1911-1929
Original and copied documents with annotations
- 58.6 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1935, 1939
Original and copied documents with annotations, copied documents are only one available in Temple Beth El archives
- 58.7 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1940-1950
Original and copied documents with annotations, copied from likely only originals
- 58.8 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1953-1959 [gaps]
Original and copied documents with annotations
- 58.9 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1960-1964
Original with annotations
- 58.10 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1964-1969
Original with annotations and errata. Also includes a new membership gift of Birkat HaMazon prayer book, 1964
- 58.11 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1971-1975
Includes original with annotations
- 59.1 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1981-1989 [gaps]
Includes originals with annotations
- 59.2 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists 1991-1993
Includes originals and copied lists with annotations. Copies do not exist in Temple's records. Also includes a Service for New Members pamphlet
- 59.3 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, 1994-1998
Includes originals and copied lists with annotations. Copies do not exist in Temple's records. Also includes a Service for New Members, pamphlet
- 59.5 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership Lists, Original, 2003
- 59.4 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El School Membership Lists, 1953-1991
School roster, roster changes, and directory names, multiple sources
- 60.1 OVR Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Membership List Dot Matrix Printout, undated
Created and compiled by Muriel Selling, "A work in progress. Cannot be considered complete. Records are missing. Sixty years of minute books, 1885-1926, 1935-1949, 1954-1960, plus various years of rosters." Printout 1½ inches thick, 190 pages, 3,400 members. Includes last name, first name, date joined, date that name is found in roster, spouses' date of birth and dates of death and marriage dates. Some entries

include Hebrew name, place of work, company name, business name, college or university, profession, and Levy or Cohen status. Continuous feed, separated in places (may be multiple versions, and updates) with additions added in ink sometimes identified by markers.

Series II, Subseries B: Cemetery Records, 1925-1995

This subseries is organized in chronological order.

- 59.6 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Cemetery Materials, 1925-1960
Includes original Beth El records including dedication of new cemetery ephemera, and right of occupancy for pew and burial plots
- 60.2 OVR Muriel Selling, Cemetery Records, Compiled 1992-1995
Created and compiled by Muriel Selling. These cemetery records include the grave number, membership number, last name, first name, date of death, reserved space status, whether body was shipped from overseas [military service], family relationships; deed information; summary lists, headstones details, location; cemetery topography and features (tree nearby) and pew holder status. These are a 3-inch-thick series of loose oversize pages

Series II, Subseries C: Historical Research Records, 1995-2005

This subseries is organized in chronological order

- 59.7 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El 150th Anniversary Committee, 1995-1997
Includes details of a book project which was not realized
- 59.8 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El 150th Anniversary Committees, 1997
Events and ephemera. Unidentified 4x6 photographs housed with 59.8.1 and 59.8.2 both and unidentified 5x7 photographs housed within 59.8.3
- 59.9 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El Historical Research, Compilation, 1997
Materials include original and copied items, 1946-1997, which are not present in Temple Beth El organizational files compiled for 150th Anniversary
- 59.10 Muriel Selling, Temple Beth El, Certificate, Siyum Ha Torah Milah, 1997
Selling family sponsored a word [Milah] in the Torah that was finished in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of Temple Beth El
- 61.1 Muriel Selling, 150th Anniversary Family History Project, 1997
Volume 1 A-L [4-inch black binder] compiled by Muriel Selling. Includes individually filled out forms with family history information, some with attached clippings, original materials, photographs, family histories and other documents; handwritten letters or typed materials

- 61.2 Muriel Selling, 150th Anniversary Family History Project, 1997
Volume 1 M-W [4-inch black binder] Continues with family names through Z; Includes individually filled out forms with family history information, some with attached clippings, original materials, photographs, family histories and other documents; handwritten letters or typed materials
- 62.1 Muriel Selling, Historical Clipping Binder Volume 1, Compiled, 1997
Filled with original and copied historical materials compiled by Muriel Selling. Some items unique and not present in Temple Beth El organizational files
- 62.2 Muriel Selling, Historical Clipping Binder Volume 2, Compiled, 1997
Filled with original and copied historical materials compiled by Muriel Selling. Some items unique and not present in Temple Beth El organizational files
- 62.3 Muriel Selling, 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Binder, Compiled, 1997
2-inch black scrapbook file folder which includes clippings and resolutions recognizing the 150th Anniversary of Temple Beth El in 1997
- 62.4 Muriel Selling, Cantor DeBruin Scrapbook I, Binder, Compiled, 2005
1-inch scrapbook including materials from Temple Beth El archives. This scrapbook was a work in progress. Contains materials from 1961-2005. Materials relating to an additional Cantor DeBruin scrapbook in progress can be found at: 78.1-78.4

Series III: Boy Scouts, 1944-1970

Boy's scouting materials are arranged chronologically. Materials culture in the form of flags and other items can be found in Series I, subseries I, box 37. Scouting related photographs are to be found in file folders 23.7 and 23.8. Complementary materials can be found in ms200.11, the Annette Blanchard papers, 1951-1978 papers, and the Haskell Penn papers within ms150.4

- 63.1 Boy Scouts, Troop Official Certification, 1944, 1970
- 63.2 Boy Scouts, Troop Handbooks, 1958-1966 [gaps]
- 63.3 Boy Scouts, Troop Record Books, 1966-1969 [gaps]
Includes notes and minutes
- 63.4 Boy Scouts, Troop Applications B-L, 1966-1969
- 63.5 Boy Scouts, Troop Applications M-S, 1966-1969
- 63.6 Boy Scouts, Troop Financial Records, 1966-1969
- 63.7 Boy Scouts, Troop Insurance, 1967, 1969
- 63.8 Boy Scouts, Troop Duties and Responsibilities, 1967
- 63.9 Boy Scouts, Troop Bank Statements, 1967-1969 [gaps]

- 63.10 Boy Scouts, Troop Camp Information, 1967
Includes the map of Scout Haven, Freedom, New York
- 63.11 Boy Scouts, Troop Individual Records, 1967
- 63.12 Boy Scouts, Troop Merit Badge and Ephemera, 1967
Includes information about the merit badge
 - 63.12.1 Certification cards: first class, second class, star and tenderfoot
 - 63.12.2 Recruiter patches
 - 63.12.3 Other patches
- 63.13 Boy Scouts, Troop Adult Registration, 1968
- 63.14 Boy Scouts, Troop Administrative Materials, 1969

Series IV: Records of Samuel S. Luskin (1882-1959), 1921-1982

Samuel Luskin was born in Horka, in the Mogilev Gubernia of Russia in 1882 to Leon and Fannie Luskin. The Luskin family fled Russia in the 1900s in response to state sponsored anti-Semitism. By 1906 Samuel Luskin settled in Buffalo, USA and married Celia Bransburg, also a Russian immigrant in 1911. They had two sons Leo and Harold. Trained as a musician in Russia, where he taught violin and served as Director of Music in Mohelew, he continued his study of the violin with Julius Singer in Buffalo. He was appointed Musical Director at Temple Beth El in 1911, and from 1914 until 1957 he served as choirmaster as well as an instructor in the Hebrew School, where he tutored *bar mitzvah* students for over forty years. A gifted musician who played violin, French horn, trumpet, flute and the piano, he was also a member of the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra. Samuel Luskin composed music for voice and organ that was used nationally and internationally and was a prolific music arranger. With Harry Hart Kaufman, a Temple Beth El cantor, he composed and published a liturgical service, *Manginot Beth El* that was published on April 9, 1945. Founder director of the Buffalo Jewish Choral Society, he served as its director for 16 years from 1929 to 1945. Many of his arrangements are included in the Temple Beth El holdings, however, many more compositions and arrangements were filed within the Buffalo Jewish Choral Society library, whose holdings were donated to the Buffalo Central Library. Described by Dr. Elazar Goelman, Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Buffalo as “the dean of Buffalo Hebrew teachers”, in 1956, he was cited by the American Association for Jewish Education as a Hebrew teacher with the longest tenures in America. At the age of 75 in 1957, he was honored by Temple Beth El, Buffalo, for 45 years as musical director, with a special performance by the Jewish Choral Society, directed by Allen Sigel. He died in July 1959 and was buried at Temple Beth El Cemetery, Pine Hill. Buffalo, NY.

Series IV: Subseries A: Bar and Bat Mitzvah, 1922-1982

Samuel Luskin taught bar mitzvah skills for decades and a set of his portions readied for use by individual bar and bat mitzvah students was compiled specialized labeled binders that also had an affixed inside labels, "Gift of Mrs. Morris Steinhorn, in honor of her grandson James Steinhorn's bar mitzvah." This series includes other bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah portions arranged within the original filing structure established by Samuel Luskin. Original and new versions of the same Arabic numbering systems exist. A complicating aspect of these records is that Samuel Luskin reused speeches several times over for multiple candidates, although some copies bear handwritten markings of a named student. Some of these bar and bat mitzvah materials were also reused by Cantor Gerald DeBruin.

- 64.1 *B'nei Mitzvah* Addresses, Volume I, Genesis, Library Manual, Compilations, Undated
- 64.2 *B'nei Mitzvah* Addresses, Volume II, Exodus, Library Manual, Compilations, Undated
- 64.3 *B'nei Mitzvah* Addresses, Volume III, Leviticus and Numbers, Library Manual, Compilations, Undated
- 64.4 *B'nei Mitzvah* Addresses, Volume IV, Number and Deuteronomy, Library Manual, Compilations, Undated
- 64.5 *B'nei Mitzvah* Addresses, Volume V, Special Sabbaths and Holidays, Library Manual, Compilations, Undated
- 64.6 *B'nei Mitzvah* Addresses, Volume VI, General, Library Manual, Compilations, Undated
- 65.1 Correspondence and Other Materials, 1922-1959
Includes a code system for filing Torah portions confirmation speeches, and correspondence received on a wide range of subjects along with his own notes
- 65.2 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, New Series, 1-25, 1930s-1950s
- 65.3 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, New Series, 25-50, 1930s-1950s
- 65.4 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, New Series, 51-75, 1930s-1950s
- 65.5 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, New Series, 76-103, 1930s-1950s
Some overlap with 65.6
- 65.6 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, New Series, 96-152, 1930-1950s
- 65.7 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, General, 1-43, 1930s-1950s
- 65.8 Bar Mitzvah Speeches-Group One, 1950s
- 66.1 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, Group Two, 1940s-1950s
- 66.2 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, Group Three, 1940s-1950s
- 66.3 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, Group Four, 1940s-1950s
- 66.4 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, Group Five, 1940s-1950s
- 66.5 Bar Mitzvah Speeches, Miscellaneous, 1930s-1950s

A compilation of speeches compiled by Mel Levy Archivist with a note to refile them

- 66.6 "Samuel Luskin Remembered," 1982
Scrapbook folder created by Madeline Levy
- 66.7 Religious School, 1926-1943
With several inserts
 - 66.7.1 Passover Hagadah, include notations for hymns/songs by Luskin, undated
 - 66.7.2 Bureau of Jewish Education Synagogue Melodies, 1926
 - 66.7.3 Transliteration of hymns and Kaddish, undated
 - 66.7.4 Invitation Cards to Shabbat Services, 1941-1943
 - 66.7.5 Brass Key, undated

Series IV: Subseries B1: Music Related Records, 1921-1961

This subseries includes Samuel Luskin's creative compositions, and reference materials as well as his musical activities, and his methods of organizing synagogue and choral music utilized by a choral group he established and directed. Samuel Luskin utilized all paper surfaces for notes, for multiple purposes on different occasions and this can make identifying the primary purpose of a document challenging. This subseries also includes some materials created after the death of Samuel Luskin, including a fund established by contributing donors in his honor, and monies he left for a fund as part of a will. A scrapbook highlighting aspects of his role in the community, as well as his work at Temple Beth El, is also part of this posthumous record. This part of the subseries of music related records does not include the library of scores that Samuel Luskin created and originally bound into binders. This section of the subseries are found separated in Subseries B2. The scores were removed from the binders within the Temple archives and stored with loose scores.

- 66.8 Samuel Luskin, Musical Schools and Reference Materials, 1928-1941
 - 66.8.1 Saint-Saens, Camille, "Christmas Oratorio" with markings
 - 66.8.2 Jewish Choral Book, Journal, 1941
 - 66.8.3 Songs for Alto, 1928 includes affixed musical notations by Samuel Luskin in Hebrew, English and transliteration
- 66.9 Samuel Luskin, Jewish Choral Society Constitution, 1939
Director Samuel Luskin
- 66.10 Samuel Luskin, Esther Zweig, Correspondence, 1940-1950
Includes correspondence regarding Zweig's translations of Katonu which used Samuel Luskin composition. Includes clippings and correspondence in Hebrew, Yiddish and English
- 67.1 Composition books, Volume 1, Undated
Consists of multiple books of music derived from various Cantors including Cantor H. Weintraub. Some songs are labeled
- 67.2 Composition books, Volume II: Songs for High Holidays, undated

- 67.3 Composition books, Volume II: No Title, undated
This is not a duplicate of 67.2
- 67.4 Composition books, Volume IV, undated
- 67.5 Composition books, Volume VI, undated
Consists of a range of individual scores from composers including Goldstein, Goldfarb Kaddish, Lewandowsky, Sulzer Service, Naumberg Service, Gerowitz Service, and Weintraub Service. Also includes scores in several keys by Harry Hart Kaufman and Samuel Luskin
- 67.6 Index cards to musical scores, undated
Series of Musical Compilations on index cards created by Samuel Luskin
 - 67.6.1 Index cards
 - 67.6.2 Index cards
- 67.7 Samuel Luskin, School Sabbath Hymnal Choir Copy Alto, with property of Temple Beth El, Buffalo, 1921
- 68.1 Samuel Luskin, Large Format Music Score Sheets, c.1928-1950s
Includes Luskin's arrangements and notations. Extremely brittle and fragile
- 68.2 Samuel Luskin, Musical Scores, Undated
Michtom L'Dovid and Adon Olom, NY Heritage scans, JBIC659-JBIC660
- 68.3 Samuel Luskin, Composition Books, Undated
- 68.4 Samuel Luskin, Children's High Holiday Service and Composition Book, Undated
- 68.5 Samuel Luskin, Sheet Music, Undated
- 68.6 Samuel Luskin, Temple Beth El Reference Library Catalogue, Undated
Numbering system for MS 222 Box 70 (70.15-70.19) and Box 71 (entire box)
- 68.7 Samuel Luskin, Friday Night Music, Undated
- 68.8 Samuel Luskin, Composition Books and Various Compositions, Undated
- 68.9 Samuel Luskin, *Maginot Beth El* with Markings by Samuel Luskin and Harry Hart Kaufman, April 9, 1945
- 68.10 Samuel Luskin, *Maginot Beth El* with Markings by Samuel Luskin and Harry Hart Kaufman, April 9, 1945
Different set of markings
- 69.1 Samuel S. Luskin, Ledger, The Ledger Fund, 1957-1961
- 69.2 Samuel S. Luskin (1882-1959), Scrapbook, c1960
Created by his daughter; divided in subsections

Series IV: Subseries B2: Musical Scores, Undated

These series are arranged according to the title of the liturgical hymn or folk tune within, the original letter filing or numbering system devised by Samuel Luskin. The numbering system is complex, sometimes relating to an ongoing page numbering system. Where multiple copies exist they are in different keys and different voice versions. Where other multiple versions are retained, they include additional markings made by Samuel Luskin. Other users of the scores include Cantor Gerald DeBruin, Temple Beth El choirs and the Buffalo Jewish Choral Society.

- 70.1 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, A
- 70.2 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, B-C
- 70.3 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, E
- 70.4 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, F-G
- 70.5 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, H
- 70.6 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, I-L
- 70.7 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, M
- 70.8 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, N-R
- 70.9 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, S
- 70.10 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, T
- 70.11 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, U
- 70.12 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, V
- 70.13 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, W-Z
- 70.14 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Liturgical, Buffalo Choral Society, Undated
Various liturgical and other music, these bear a stamp from the Buffalo Choral Society
- 70.15 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 1 to 10
- 70.16 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 11 to 20
- 70.17 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 21 to 30
- 70.18 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 31 to 40
- 70.19 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 41 to 50
- 71.1 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 51-70 [gaps]
- 71.2 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 71-90 [gaps]
- 71.3 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 91-110 [gaps]
- 71.4 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 111-130 [gaps]
- 71.5 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 131-150 [gaps]

- 71.6 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 151-170 [gaps]
- 71.7 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 171-190 [gaps]
- 71.8 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 191-210 [gaps]
- 71.9 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 211-230 [gaps]
- 71.10 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 231-250 [gaps]
- 71.11 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 251-270 [gaps]
- 71.12 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 271-290 [gaps]
- 71.13 Samuel Luskin Music Scores, Music Library System, 291-310 [gaps]

Series V: Memorabilia, 1847-2006

Organized into six different subseries categories according to record type, and arranged chronologically within record type. Some items are covered with non-archival film by synagogue. Due to the wide range in sizes, these collections are housed over a range of boxes rather than in a continuous sequence.

Subseries A: Poster Boards, 1982-2002

- 42.1 OVR Poster Board, "Looking for a Home." Undated
With images of the Judah Touro plaques
- 42.2 OVR Poster Board, "The Way We Are." Undated
- 42.3 OVR Poster Board, "Regan," sign in Hebrew and English, undated
- 42.4 OVR Poster Board, "Presidents of Temple Beth El," 1982
Name listing, no dates of service
- 42.5 OVR Poster Board, "TBE 135th Anniversary Ball, *Buffalo Jewish Review*, clipping, May 7, 1982, p.11
- 42.6 OVR Poster Board, "Samuel Porrath becomes Rabbi Emeritus, *Buffalo Jewish Review* clipping, March 17, 1989, p. 9.
This item is affixed to reverse of 41.5
- 42.7 OVR Poster Board, "Confirmation Trip NYC, Photomontage, October 1990
Some photographs are loose
- 42.8 OVR Poster Board, "Temple Anniversary 144th Annual Ball, 1991
- 42.9 OVR Poster Board, *Buffalo Jewish Review*, 150th Anniversary, Negatives, 1997
150th Anniversary. Two Imprints.

- 42.10 OVR Poster Banner, Blue Background, 150th Anniversary, 1997
- 42.11 OVR Poster Board, Cantor Gerald DeBruin Celebrates 50 Years, August 25, 2000
Newspaper Clippings
- 42.12 OVR Poster Board, Wisdom of Buffalo, October 27, 2000
Buffalo Jewish Review clippings and photographs
- 42.13 OVR Poster Board, Wisdom of Buffalo, *Buffalo Jewish Review*, 2001
Clippings and photographs, September 28, 2001, p. 2 and November 9, 2001, p. 16
- 42.14 OVR Poster Board, Wisdom of Buffalo, *Buffalo Jewish Review*, 2002
Clippings and photographs, September 20, p. 3 and September 27, 2002, no page number
- 42.15 OVR Poster Board, Purim Board, Photomontage, March 2, 2002

Series V. Subseries B: Scrapbooks, 1929-2000

Scrapbooks to honor various individuals, specific events, building history or labeled memorabilia by Temple archivists were compiled by Melvin Levy, Muriel Selling and others. Not all were fully realized. They are organized as Series V, Subseries B1.

Temple Scrapbooks, are a subseries of scrapbooks, and consist of programming fliers, clippings affixed to pages or hole-punched and placed directly into the binder. Each "binder-scrapbook" is labeled with individual tags in boxes 72-73, in order to retain their original housing. Scrapbooks in boxes 72-73 were created by the Sisterhood volunteers, or by administrative staff. Gaps between years may be due to loss of records.

Scrapbooks retain original binders and are arranged chronologically within subseries groupings.

Series V, Subseries B1, Scrapbooks honoring Individuals, Events, 1929-2000 [gaps]

- 75.6 OVR Memorabilia, Death of Sundel J. Hollander, Scrapbook, Some Loose Items, 1929
Includes speeches, summaries, clippings
- 78.3 Memorabilia, Cantor DeBruin, Scrapbook II 1941-2000, 1941-1982
This scrapbook was unfinished See also 62.3. Program and schedule of services; some reuse of Samuel Luskin materials
- 78.4 Memorabilia, Cantor DeBruin, Scrapbook II 1941-2000, 1948-2000
This scrapbook was unfinished See also 62.3. Correspondence, programs, includes 50th anniversary signed program by Cantor DeBruin
- 78.1 Memorabilia, Cantor DeBruin, Scrapbook II 1941-2000, 1956-1998
This scrapbook was unfinished. See also 62.3. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Lists by date
- 78.2 Memorabilia, Cantor DeBruin, Scrapbook II 1941-2000, 1956-1998

This scrapbook was unfinished. See also 62.3. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Lists by surname

- 74.2 Memorabilia, Scrapbook Pages-Loose, Sections, 1947-2002 [gaps]
Binders missing. Materials within 74.2.1 remain in original enclosures
 - 74.2.1 Memorabilia, Scrapbook Pages-Loose, 1947
 - 74.2.2 Memorabilia, Scrapbook Pages-Loose, 1949-1953
Very brittle
 - 74.2.3 Memorabilia, Scrapbook Pages-Loose, 1961-1974 [gaps]
 - 74.2.4 Memorabilia, Scrapbook Pages-Loose, 1999-2002
- 74.4 Memorabilia, Scrapbook [work in progress] for Shirley Trossman, 1950s-1980
Binder is missing. Materials placed in series of 4 sub-files in concertina file
 - 74.4.1 Memorabilia, Shirley Trossman Scrapbook, Awards, 1 of 4
 - 74.4.2 Memorabilia, Shirley Trossman Scrapbook, Clippings, 2 of 4
 - 74.4.3 Memorabilia, Shirley Trossman Scrapbook, Scrapbook Initiated, 3 of 4
Vinyl pages have been cut at edges so items may loosen. Fragile
 - 74.4.4 Memorabilia, Shirley Trossman Scrapbook, Notes, Correspondence, 4 of 4
- 74.3 Memorabilia, Scrapbook, "My Dad," 1957-1959 [Harry Seeberg]
Identified as a gift of Susan Adelman to Temple Beth El in 1996; includes Beth El material, Jewish Theological Society and Rosa Coplon Home as correspondence, script, and other ephemera. Original photograph was removed by Beth El
- 74.11 Memorabilia, Scrapbook, Library, 1970s
Entitled, "Books, Libraries, and Publications of Temple Beth El, Buffalo, New York." Created by Mrs. Paul N. Bernstein, president; Mrs. Morton Mendelsohn, vice president programs and education; Mrs. Marvin Amdur, library chairperson; and Mrs. Joseph Mallek, BLP chairperson
- 74.5 Memorabilia, Scrapbook Rabbi S. Porrath, 1981-1982
A select series from the Buffalo Jewish Review.
For more materials relating to Rabbi Porrath, see his own collection MS 208
- 74.1 Memorabilia, Scrapbook, Temple Beth El Properties (1909-1985), 1985
Includes original material and copies; original binder missing from archives
- 74.8 Memorabilia, Scrapbook, Wisdom of Jewish Buffalo, 1986
Includes posters; program of plan; insert sheet with history of Wisdom of Buffalo series. Also includes a tape cassette taped into the scrapbook with a recorded [untested] lecture given by Dr. Milton Plesur on "Hollywood, the Jewish Focus."
- 28.6 OVR Memorabilia, Scrapbook, "Thou Shall Not Forget," Temple Beth El Holocaust Memorial Dedication, April 11, 1986
Large blue wide format scrapbook which reproduces the dedication pamphlet it does also include a letter inside that gives a little bit more information about the Memorial sculpture that was created by Ascalon Studios; which was created under the auspices of Rabbi Samuel I. Porrath; this Holocaust Memorial sculpture is now at Temple Beth Tzedek, Getzville, NY
- 74.9 Memorabilia, Scrapbook, Clergy Notebooks, 1980s

Includes subdivisions, congratulations, condolences, sick visits, hospital visits; subdivided amongst Buffalo General, Kenmore, Mercy, and Millard Fillmore; home visits, weddings, deaths; binder only back cover only, front cover is broken off; at front includes an inset picket folder with materials in it from 1982

- 74.10 Memorabilia, Scrapbook, Clergy Notebooks, 1990s
Includes subdivisions, congratulations, condolences, sick visits, hospital visits; subdivided amongst Buffalo General, Kenmore, Mercy, and Millard Fillmore; home visits, weddings, deaths
- 74.6 Memorabilia, Scrapbook, Temple Administration Handbook, 1999-2000
Blue binder

Series V, Series Subseries B2, Temple Scrapbooks, 1967-1979 [gaps]

- 72.1 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1967
- 72.2 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1968
- 72.3 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1970
- 72.4 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1971
- 73.1 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1972
- 73.2 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1973
- 73.3 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1977-1978
- 73.4 Memorabilia, Temple Scrapbook Binder, 1978-1979

Series V, Subseries C: Oversized Photographs: Flat box, 1921-1982

These items were housed together within the archives and may have been part of an archives special display area.

- 76.1 OVR Memorabilia, Boys and Men, Photographs Hauser Bob, c.1921-1922
Photographs are mounted on boards;
- 76.1.1 OVR Beth El Basketball Team, Hauser Bob, 1921-1922
- 76.1.2 OVR Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, Hauser Bob, 1922
- 76.1.3 OVR Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood, Hauser Bob, January 26, 1923
- 76.6 OVR Memorabilia, Charles Polakoff Dinner Photograph, Hauser Bob, 1926
Given to the members of Temple Beth El on the 15th Anniversary of his Presidency, May 13, 1926. Housed with 76.7
- 76.3 OVR Memorabilia, Confirmation Photographs 1948, 1950, 1952, 1957, 1958, 1959
Photocopied; mounted on scrap paper

- 76.7 OVR Memorabilia, Girl Scout Troops, Photograph, Washington D.C., July 1967
Housed with 76.6
- 76.2 OVR Memorabilia, Pillar of Struggle, Photograph, Temple Beth El, 1982
Photograph looking up to the sky through meta steel structures of the new building
by N. J. Weiss

Series V, Subseries D: Ephemera, 1847-1990s

- 78.13 Memorabilia, Ephemera, Small items, 1847-1955 [gaps]
Smaller item are housed in separate envelopes including Bank Deposit Books and photographs of the first pages of 1847 Minute Book
- 75.1 OVR Memorabilia, Ephemera, 1910, 1960s
Cemetery Signage, c.1910, Temple Functions, Diagrams, c.1960s
- 75.7 OVR Memorabilia, Golden Book, *Sefer Zichron*, 1924
Created for Temple Beth El, Buffalo, New York, 5685/1924 by E. Sahlin. Calligraphy art with includes biblical references, and includes the Board of Trustees, Rabbi information. Incomplete. Space for confirmations, deaths, marriages, but record book was not completed
- 76.5.1 OVR Memorabilia, Denver National Home for Jewish Children, 1927
Election of Charles Polakoff to board. Housed with 76.5.2
- 76.4 OVR Memorabilia, Certificates and Awards, 1937-1983
Various individuals and events
- 76.5.2 OVR Memorabilia, Army and Navy of the United States, Certificate, 1944
In Recognition of the Patriotic Sacrifices Temple Beth El for the Service of Elihu Rickel as a Chaplain, August 11, 1944. Housed with 76.5.1
- 74.7 Memorabilia, Ephemera, Jewish Chaplain Car Plate, Wood [painted], c.1970s
- 75.8 OVR Memorabilia, Lawn Fete Posters, 1984
This is the heaviest item and should be returned to bottom of box when refilling
- 76.8 OVR Memorabilia, Envelope with Card Posters, c.1980s-1990s
Wisdom of Jewish Buffalo and ball related posters, 150th Anniversary Posters and other similar materials

Series V, Subseries E: Clippings and Publications, 1911-2006

This subseries into clippings and oversized clippings both arranged by chronology.

Series V, Subseries E1: Clippings, 1911-2006

This subseries is organized by chronology. The clippings were photocopied from originals. These original clippings were discarded due to mold concerns.

- 77.1 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1911-1919
- 77.2 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1920-1929
- 77.3 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1931-1939
- 77.4 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1940-1946
- 77.5 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1947-1949
- 77.6 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1950-1959
- 77.7 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1960-1968 [gaps]
- 77.8 Memorabilia, Clippings, 1970-2006 [gaps]
- 77.9 Memorabilia, Clippings, Undated

Series V, Subseries E2: Oversized Clippings and Publications, 1911-1981

Due to their fragility and size, 74.4 and 75.5, should be placed beneath 75.2 and 75.3

- 75.2 OVR Memorabilia, *American Jewish Review*, 1919, *Jewish Standard*, 1981
Both publications have extensive sections relating to Buffalo Jewry. The American Jewish Review, 1919 was published in Buffalo and served Jewish communities in Rochester and WNY. The Jewish Standard had a "Tribute to the Jewish Community of Buffalo" published in Toronto, July 1-14, 1981 edition.
- 75.3 OVR Memorabilia, Buffalo Jewish Review, 1920s-1973 [gaps]
Includes a Buffalo Jewish Review, May 21, 1948 reprint [establishment of the State of Israel] re-issued in 1973. Also includes a 1920s Courier Express article for the Young Women's Club at Temple Beth El. Photographs were taken by Cole Grove Brother Studio. A second Courier Express article, "Buffalo Courier Express Pictorial," May 4, 1947 records the centennial of Temple Beth El
- 75.4 OVR Memorabilia, Illustrated Buffalo Express, Temple Beth El Article, c. 1911
Due to extreme brittle and fragile state, these have been retained in the sleeve created by the Temple Beth El archivist made
- 75.5 OVR Memorabilia, Buffalo Evening News, Buffalo Jewish Purim Edition, April 6, 1974
A special article on the history of Jewish Buffalo by Ellen Tausing, entitled, "Tides of Yesterday." This clipping is fragile.

Series V, Subseries F: Events, 1910-2005

These materials were located in an unorganized memorabilia box without file folders and as loose items.

- 78.5 Memorabilia, Cantatas and Musical Concerts, 1938-1998 [gaps]
- 78.6 Memorabilia, Play Performances, 1915-1945
Photographs, correspondence, programs
- 78.7 Memorabilia, Play Scripts, Undated
- 78.8 Memorabilia, Merchant of Venice in School Curriculum, 1936
Correspondence
- 78.9 Memorabilia, Events and Publicity, 1910-2004
Wide range of ephemera, programs, tickets, clippings, correspondence, awards, etc.
- 78.10 Memorabilia, 135th, 138th Anniversary Proclamations, 1982, 1985
- 78.11 Memorabilia, 150th, 155th Anniversary Events, 1997, 2002
Proclamations, photographs, clippings
- 78.12 Memorabilia, Photographs, Various Events, 1959-2005 [gaps]
Mainly black and white 8x10 photographs
 - 78.12.1 Small envelope with Chanukah, 1978 and King and Queens Royal Feast, 2005

Series VI: Auxiliaries: Brotherhood and Sisterhood

The organizations of Brotherhood and Sisterhood, otherwise known as Auxiliaries, have been arranged into their gender divisions reflecting operational practices, and organized according to their earliest iteration with title name from time period. Where order was established, this has been retained.

Subseries VI A: Brotherhood and Forerunners

- 79.1 Men's Club and Young Men's Club, Minutes/Reports, Men's Club, 1912-1965
- 79.2 Men's Club and Young Men's Club, Officer Lists of Men's Club, 1923-1967 [gaps]
- 79.3 Men's Club and Young Men's Club, Correspondence, Men's Club, 1924, 1942-1967
- 79.4 Men's Club and Young Men's Club, Programming, Men's Club, 1948-1959
- 79.5 Men's Club and Young Men's Club, Young Men's Club List of Names and Program, 1928, 1930
- 79.6 Brotherhood, Officer List, 1975-1982
- 79.7 Brotherhood, Minutes/Reports, 1976-1998 [gaps]
- 79.8 Brotherhood, Correspondence, 1975-2000
- 79.9 Brotherhood, Programs, 1976-1999
- 79.10 Brotherhood, Associated Records, Beth El Council, 1931-1933

79.11 Brotherhood, Associated Records, Building Campaign, 1959-1961

Subseries VI B: Sisterhood and Forerunners

Histories of Temple Beth El highlight the formation of the Women's Temple Society in 1910, however records saved by the Temple indicate that a Women's Auxiliary was formed the year before, in 1909. A separate Young Women's Club was also active. In the Temple Board minutes there is an indication of an early nineteenth century grouping of women who fundraised for the Pearl Street location in 1850.

Organized according to record type and chronology.

- 3.3 OVR Sisterhood Forerunner, *Ladies Auxiliary, Board Minutes, 1909-1934*
Records range from October 10, 1909-January 7, 1934. Includes predominately handwritten minutes, typed report and includes a list of board members for 1930-1931; Also includes attached constitution on the left inside cover or original binder
- 79.12 Sisterhood Forerunners, Women's Temple Society, Young Women's Club, 1923-1933 [gaps]
Young Women's Club-Correspondence and Loose Minutes. Loose minutes derived from insider the cover of 79.13. Brittle and fragile.
- 79.13 Sisterhood Forerunners, Women's Temple Society, Young Women's Club, 1930-1932
Minute Book in back Binder. On the right side inside flap is an affixed list of officers for 1926-1927. Brittle and fragile.
- 79.14 Sisterhood Forerunners, Women's Temple Society, Young Women's Club, 1924-1932
Young Women's Club Account Book with Loose Inserts
- 80.1 Sisterhood Forerunners, Women's Temple Society, 1924-1948 [gaps]
Report, membership lists, and financial statements
- 80.2 Sisterhood Forerunners, Women's Temple Society and Sisterhood, 1934-1948
Minute book indicates name change to Sisterhood from 1942
- 80.3 Sisterhood, Sisterhood Minute Book, 1945-1954
- 80.4 Sisterhood, Sisterhood Minute Book, 1952-1954
- 80.5 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1954-1955
June 1954-June 1955; Binder is missing
- 80.6 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1955-1957
July 1955-May 1957; Binder is missing
- 80.7 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1957-1958 [gaps]
Includes rosters and reports
- 81.1 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1958-1959
June 1958-December 1959; includes attendance and notes

- 81.2 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1960-1961
January 1960-April 1961; attendance, notes, invitations, financial summaries
- 81.3 Sisterhood, Constitution, Officer Lists, 1965-1972 [gaps]
- 81.4 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1974-1977
November 1974-June 1977
- 81.5 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1977-1979
August 1977-December 1979
- 81.6 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1980-1981
Reports, officer lists
- 81.7 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1981-1981
May 1981-December 1981
- 81.8 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1982
- 82.1 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1983
- 82.2 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1984
- 82.3 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1985
- 82.4 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1985-1986
May 1985-April 1986
- 82.5 Sisterhood, Minutes, 1986-1987
May 1986-May 1987
- 82.6 Sisterhood, Sisterhood Motions, 1981-1984
- 82.7 Sisterhood, Publications, 1944-1966
- 82.8 Sisterhood, Mother and Daughter Luncheon Judaism in the Home, 1958
8x10 black and white Frederic Marshall Photographs
- 82.9 Sisterhood, Miscellaneous, 1945-1992 [gaps]
Includes correspondence

Series VII: Temple Beth El Cemetery Records, 1914-1975

The Cemetery of Temple Beth El was, and continues to be operated as a separate entity, but records were found spread across several categories. In order to keep the order in which the synagogue maintained these records, those original categories were retained. Other places for cemetery records within the Beth El records are within series I-B, Land agreements, 9.15, 10.6, Series I-C, Legal agreements, 11.16, 12.11, Series I-E, Photographs, 26.7, 27.17, Subseries I-I, Architectural plans 38.12 OVR, 38.4.1 OVR, Series I-J 44.32 and 48.28, Series II-B 59.6, 60.2.

Materials in box 83 are arrangement by record type and chronology

- 83.1 Cemetery, Administrative Forms, Undated
Unfilled forms and tallit label [sample] of type used with men's burials
- 83.2 Cemetery, Correspondence, 1914-1965
- 83.3 Cemetery, Cemetery Finances and Disbursements, 1930-1975
- 83.4 Cemetery, Cemetery Committee and Rules and Regulations, 1935-1964
- 83.5 Cemetery, Cemetery Lists of Accounts, 1935-1936
- 83.6 Cemetery, Cemetery Lists of Accounts, 1938-1942
- 83.7 Cemetery, Legal, 1949-1951
- 83.8 Cemetery, Other Cemeteries, Undated
- 83.9 Cemetery, Clergyman's Records, 1941-1952
- 83.10 Cemetery, Miscellaneous, Undated

Series VIII: Religious School Records, 1915-1988

The Religious School Records are arranged into three subseries according to record type and chronology. School publications created by administrators, students and parents are found in Series I, Subseries D: Publications, box 20.

Series VIII: Subseries A: Religious School and Tikvah School Minutes, 1928-1988

- 84.1 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1928-1934 [gaps]
- 84.2 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1935-1949
- 84.3 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1950-1952
- 84.4 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1953-1959
- 84.5 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1960-1962
- 84.6 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1963-1965
- 84.7 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1966-1968
- 84.8 Religious School, School Board Minutes, 1971-1972
- 84.9 Religious School, Tikvah School, Merger Agreements and Resources including Bylaws 1982 for the Tikvah Community School, 1966-1984
- 84.10 Religious School, Tikvah School, School Board Minutes, Minutes and Associated Materials, 1982-1983
- 84.11 Religious School, Tikvah School, Minutes and Associated Materials, 1984-1985

- 84.12 Religious School, Tikvah School, Minutes and Associated Correspondence, 1986-1988
[gaps]

Series VIII: Subseries B: Religious School Administrator Records, 1915-1982

- 85.1 Religious School, Administrator Records, 1915-1925 [gaps]
85.2 Religious School, Administrator Records, 1931-1939
85.3 Religious School, Administrator Records, 1940-1949
85.4 Religious School, Administrator Records, 1950-1959
85.5 Religious School, Administrator Records, 1960-1968
Includes materials related to the new school building
85.6 Religious School, Administrator Records, 1960-1970 [gaps]
Rosters only
85.7 Religious School, Administrator Records, 1972-1982 [gaps]
Rosters only

Series VIII: Subseries C: Other Religious School Records, 1934-1976

- 86.1 Religious School, Attendance Records [High School], 1934
86.2 Religious School, School Examinations [Teachers and Students], 1934-1960s
86.3 Religious School, Administrative Forms [unused samples of forms], 1940s-1970s
86.4 Religious School, Student Activities and Clubs Fundraising includes Beth El Bomber, 1943, 1973-1976 [gaps]
86.5 Religious School, School Board Manual, 1952-1953
3.4 OVR Religious School, Scrapbook, 1957-1958,
Entitled, "School Building Fund Campaign, 1957-1958, plus later items." Composed of fliers, campaign literature, clippings and other correspondence and other loose items

Series IX: Miscellaneous, Antisemitica and Antisemitism, 1922-1990

These materials were grouped together, and may have been utilized as a teaching collection for the religious school.

Subseries A: Antisemitica, Clippings and Booklets, 1922-1990

- 77.10 Anti-Semitica, Clippings, 1922, 1934-1938

- 77.11 Anti-Semitica, Clippings, 1939-1940
- 77.12 Anti-Semitica, Clippings, Undated
- 77.13 Anti-Semitica, Responses to Anti-Semitism, Pamphlets, 1935-1939 inclusive
- 77.14 Anti-Semitism, Responses to Righteous Gentiles, 1980-1990

Subseries B: Antisemitica, Oversized, 1935-1939

- 28.1 OVR Antisemitica, Cartoons Selections and Newspapers [Copies], 1935-1936
Newspaper includes The Storm, American Gentile, Nationalist, National American
- 28.2 OVR Antisemitica, Printed materials, 1935
Includes American Bulletin, 1935 and U.S. Invisible Government Diagram
- 28.3 OVR Antisemitica, An American Creed [Copy], 1936
Reproduction of a poster, the advert
- 28.4 OVR Antisemitica, Newspapers, 1937
Includes National American Bulletin, The Serpent of Judah, New York Rundschau, and Christian Free Press, two issues
- 28.5 OVR Antisemitica, Newspaper Excerpts, 1939
Deutscher Wechruf [German American Bund]; Robert Reynolds poster seen as an enemy of America; a social justice issue, this was the organ of Father Coughlin and National American, one of their issues; the cover copy of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, 1912; front cover of pamphlet not the actual item and the front cover is from 1912 edition

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Associated Material

Related Resources in other holdings

American Jewish Archives:

MF-359a to MF-359c, Temple Beth El, Buffalo, NY, Microfilm reels, Minute books, 1847-1885; together with bylaws of the congregation, 1853. Filmed July 1958.

Related Resources in the University Archives

MS 206, American Jewish Committee Buffalo/Niagara Chapter, 1977-2008 (bulk 1985-2007)
MS 203, Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Buffalo, 1933-2009
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MS 150.1, Jewish Archives of Greater Buffalo, Records of the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, 1902-1979
MS 150.2, Jewish Archives of Greater Buffalo, Selig Adler Papers, 1932-1988
MS 150.3, Jewish Archives of Greater Buffalo, Local Jewish Community Records, 1844-1976
MS 150.4, Jewish Archives of Greater Buffalo, Papers of Prominent Local Jews, 1912-1988
MS 150.5, Jewish Archives of Greater Buffalo, Synagogue Records, 1884-1986
MS 225, Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, circa 1970-2009
MS 202, Jewish Federation of Niagara Falls, circa 1930-2001 (bulk 1935-1994)
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