The William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) houses the collections from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS). These collections were donated to the IHS by the IJHS, which is based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in order for the materials to be more centrally located and available to a wider audience. The IJHS, founded in 1972, holds events throughout the state and aims to “collect, preserve, and publish information on the 250 years of Jewish Life in Indiana.” The records for the state association of B’Nai B’rith are located in the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, 1845–2002. This and the other IJHS collections contain records for Jewish communities around the state of Indiana, including congregation records and some cemetery records. For the genealogist with Jewish ancestors, these records can aid in tracking his/her ancestor’s journey through Indiana.

The Independent Order of B’nai B’rith, Hebrew for “children of the covenant,” was founded in 1843 on the lower east side of New York City as the first Jewish fraternal organization in the United States. B’nai B’rith had more than fifty lodges by 1860, including one in Evansville, Indiana, and membership was a “coveted social distinction” among German Jews. In 1939 membership had grown to 85,000, and the emphasis of the organization centered on social causes, with the mission of humanitarian aid and service. Since then B’nai B’rith has expanded internationally and sponsored the creation of three influential Jewish organizations: the Anti-Defamation League, Hillel, and B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO).

Although there are materials about B’nai B’rith in this collection dating back to the 1870s, these records are for local lodges and not for the Indiana state association. The state association held its first convention in 1921, but this collection only has programs for select years between 1921 and 1935. B’nai B’rith convention programs provide a number of names of people who were involved in administration roles and in the programs. The programs from the 1930s are especially interesting, since they provide a few essays and articles about both the
state’s and the host lodge’s history. Individuals’ names often appear more than once in each program; however, in the following index, names in each year’s program have been included only once. Quite a few names repeat over the years and those have been listed.

Notes
2. Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, 1845–2002, M0743, Box 123, Folder 6, Indiana Historical Society. There are two other collections from the IJHS: M1023 and M1016.

**Names Extracted from B’nai B’rith Convention Programs, 1922–1935**

**1922: State Convention at Gary, Indiana**
Levin, Eph
Jacobs, Rabbi Pizer W.
Johnson, (Mayor) R. O.
Glueck, Louis H.
Schanfarber, Hon. Edwin J.
Feder, Dr. Wm.
Hyman, Rabbi Schuman
Lewis, Leon

**1923: Third Annual Convention at South Bend, Indiana**
Levin, A. N.
Rosenberg, Nate
Glueck, Louis H.
Dekelbaum, Z.
Friesem, Mrs. Lee
Ries, H. E.
Greenberger, Bernard
Hurwich, Lester
Mark, Rabbi Julius
Feig, Judge R. S.
Sandock, Dr. I.
Weisberger, Philip
Cohn, Sam C.
Marks, Henry
Hurwich, David
Alper, Samuel
Glicksman, David
Fink, Rabbi Joseph L.
Seebirt, (Mayor) Eli F.          Bassin, Benjamin M.
Blumenswig, Mrs. M.            Aronov, A.
Feig, Hon. Ralph S.            Blum, Joe
Lewis, Leon L.                Cohen, I. M.
Jacobs, Rabbi Pizer W.         Cohen, Hon. Alfred M.
Rosenbloom, Herbert

1924: Fourth Annual Convention at Evansville, Indiana
Rosenberg, Nate                Ichenhauser, Silas
Glueck, Louis H.               Salm, Isaac
Fine, Isadore J.               Newman, Julius L.
Paul, Ben N.                   Hammer, Stanley
Loewenthal, Harry              Raphael, Philip
Levi, Morris R.                Levi, Mrs. Emil A.
Hess, Harry                    Emden, Rabbi B.
Oberdorfer, Sidney             Elmendorf, (Mayor) William H.
Kahn, Isidor                   Skirball, Rabbi J. H.
Raphael, Harry                 Oberdorfer, Mrs. Sidney Z.
Shane, Norman                  Olff, Mrs. Chester
Weil, Ervin                    Krass, Dr. Nathan
Bernstein, David S.            Chivian, Mrs. Philip
Erich, Dr. William

[No 1925 Program]

1926: Annual Convention at Lafayette, Indiana
Fine, Isadore/Isidor J.          Rosenthal, H.
Frankenstein, S. K.              Zimmerman, William
Fried, Andrew                   Messing, Mrs. A. L.
Pottlitzer, Edward H.            Bercovitz, Mrs. D.
Alred, Leffman                   Fried, Mrs. Andrew
Loeb, Ernest                    Loeb, Mrs. B. E.
Perlman, Dr. S.                  Pottlitzer, Mrs. Ed H.
Perlman, Harry                   Rosenthal, Mrs. Henry
Silverman, Meyer J.             Singer, Mrs. Jacob
Singer, Jacob                   Winski, Mrs. L. R.
Winski, Louis R.                 Zimmerman, Mrs. William
Segal, L.                       Bamberger, Rabbi Bernard J.
Bercovitz, D.                   Ross, (Mayor) Albert R.
Feinstein, I.                   Markowitz, Rabbi S. H.
Bosco, I.                       Mayerberg, Samuel S.
Winski, M.                      Feibleman, Isadore
Messing, A.
1927: Annual Convention at Hammond, Indiana
Frankenstein, S. K.                     Posner, Dave
Greenberger, Bernard                   Brandman, P.
Munter, Saul L.                        Wolf, Leo
Fried, Andrew                          Friedman, Julius
Levin, Eph                             Levin, Sam
Weiss, Arthur J.                       Ottenheimer, Abe
Kramer, Rabbi Simon G.                  Blum, Mrs. J. F.
Mandel, L.                             Nagdeman, Mrs. M.
Haft, Harry                            Tinkham, (Mayor) Hon. A. E.
Schlessinger, S.                       August, Rabbi Gary
Chayken, Irving                        Feibleman, Isador
Hirsch, Adolph                         Borinstein, Louis
Dobson, Morris                         Riff, D. M.
Kraus, Fred                            Bogen, Boris D.
Hirsch, Jos. L.                        

[No 1928 Program]

1929: Annual Convention at Marion Indiana
Munter, Saul                           Savesky, Meyer
Fried, A.                              Maedenberg, D.
Fleck, S.                              Perlberg, Wm.
Levin, H. N.                           Bernstein, H. J.
Riff, David                            Meyer, M.
Winnick, W.                            Isackson, Wolf
Mantel, Sam                            Savesky, Moe
Lazerwitz, Jack                        Berman, D.
Kaplan, Jos.                           Waldner, H.
Paul, Ben                              Simons, E. P.
Hurwich, Irving                       Klain, L.
Levin, Eph                             Ganz, H.
Levin, H. W.                           Dinkelspiel, Eli
Rosenberg, Nate                       Alexander, Sig
Glueck, Louis                          Shiff, Dave
Frankenstein, S. K.                   Maedenberg, Meyer
Fine, I.                               Klain, Mark
Greenberger, B.                        Goldreich, Aaron
Bloch/Block, Ed.                      Lauber, Max
Alexander, M. M.                      Bloch, Mrs. E.
Savesky, M. E.                         Simons, Mrs. E. P.
Zimmerman, Geo.                       Savesky, Mrs. M. E.
Rosenbaum, A.                          Fleck, Mrs. S.
Kuppin, Jos.                           Kuppin, Mrs. Joe
Spiegel, C.                             Goldreich, Mrs. H.
Goldreich, H.                           Segal, Rabbi L.
McConnell, (Mayor) James H.  
Rauch, (Ex-Congressman) Geo. W.  
Bloom, Allan  
Strauss, Morris  
Brown, Louis  

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### 1930: Annual Convention at Michigan City, Indiana

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Fleck, Samuel  
Levin, Harry N.  
Cohen, M. D.  
Levin, Eph  
Munter, Saul  
Riff, David M.  
Schwartz, Sam  
Mantel, Samuel  
Kaplan, Joseph  
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Lieber, Al  
Shon, M. E.  
Kessler, Benjamin  
Miller, M.  

Aronson, M.  
Stern, Rabbi William  
Tuthill, (Mayor) H. B.  
Bloom, Allan  
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Maza, H. L.  
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Freiberg, Leonard H.  
Markowitz, Rabbi S. H.  
Taxay, Rabbi J. M.  
Shapero, Max  
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Wolens, S.  
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Hirsch, H.  
Kaplan, B.  
Atlas, I. B.  
Horwitz, A.  
Ruby, J.  
Breskin, C.  
Hirsch, Mrs. H.  

### 1931: Annual Convention at South Bend, Indiana

Heller, Simon  
Maza, H. L./Hyman  
Abrams, A. R.  
Fleck, Samuel  
Levin, Harry N.  
Cohen, Morris D.  
Ottenheimer, Abe.  

Fried, Andrew  
Munter, Saul  
Rosenbloom, Herbert  
Schwartz, Samuel P.  
Mantel, Samuel J.  
Vigran, I.  
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Fine, I. J.
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Hink, (Mayor) Wm. Riley
Levin, Harry N.
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August, Rabbi Gerry
Kadis, Isador
Simon, Arthur S.
Stern, Rabbi Wm. S.
Greenstern/Greenstein, Rabbi Philip
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Maza, Mrs. H. L.
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Hurwich, Mrs. D.
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Rossin, Mrs. S. H.
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Weisberger, Seymour
Gilbert, Jacob H.
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