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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1904-2014

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NOTES: This forms part of the collection of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society was founded in 1972 to collect, preserve and publish material involving two hundred years of Jewish life in Indiana. The organization aims to gather and preserve the records of synagogues, temples and societies; Jewish life cycle demonstrations, such as Bar Mitzvah certificates, Confirmation certificates, Katubbot (marriage contracts); personal memorabilia, scrapbooks and diaries; burial and cemetery records; government documents such as naturalization records; newspaper and magazine articles; and photographs.

Another goal of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is to provide data not always available to historians, scholars and authors, thus helping to provide an awareness of the role played by Jews and Jewish communities in the creation of the religious climate of Indiana.

The IJHS founders ensured that the Jewish experience throughout the state would be preserved and conveyed. They began an annual publication, *Indiana Jewish History*, which recorded:

- settlers in Richmond and Terre Haute in 1818
- the beginning of the Fort Wayne congregation in 1848 and the dedication of the Madison synagogue in 1855
- stores founded more than 100 years age in Plymouth, Wabash, Huntington, and North Manchester
- the role of the Lafayette congregation in the Reform movement in the late 19th century and the history of self-help organization in the community, beginning in 1907
- a forum which brought W.E.B. Du Bois of the NAACP and other speakers to Hammond during the heyday of the Ku Klux Klan life in Muncie and Columbia City in the 20th century

Sources: Preface and Introduction from *A Users Guide to the Indianapolis Holdings of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society*.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is an addition to the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, M 0743. It contains records documenting Jewish life in three different areas of the state, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Northwest Indiana (Illiana). The records have been divided into ten series by organization/person/congregation.

Series 1 contains records from the Education Committee at the B'nai Jacob Religious School in Fort Wayne (ca. 1983-2009). This includes Committee minutes, reference materials for consecration and confirmation ceremonies, budgets, handbooks and correspondence.

Series 2-9 are all organizations and individuals from the Indianapolis Jewish community.

Series 2 contains correspondence, advertising, minutes and notes relating to the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Adult Board's annual fundraiser, the 500 Mile Sweepstakes, which coincides with the Indianapolis 500 every May.

Series 3 contains mostly clippings documenting the social activities of Congregation B'nai Torah and the B'nai Torah Sisterhood.

Series 4 contains the personal papers of Hilda Ettinger, who was very active in Zionist organizations, particularly Hadassah. She served as the head of the Mid-West Region of Hadassah in the late 1940s, and this series contains correspondence, publications, minutes, conference programs from her involvement with Hadassah. This series also contains mementos from the trip to Israel she took with her husband Shoolem in 1955.

Series 5 contains newsletters and photographs from the Hooverwood Guild, an organization that raises money for activities and treats for residents of the Hooverwood nursing home and assisted living facility.

Series 6 contains financial records and minutes for the Keren L'Israel Investment Club.

Series 7 contains minutes, clippings, and manuals for a local chapter of Mizrahi Women, now called AMIT. This is a Zionist organization that supports the education and care of women and children in Israel.

Series 8 contains the personal papers of Zachary Schreier, a Polish Jew who immigrated first to the United Kingdom and later to the United States after the Anschluss resulted in the destruction and takeover of his stationery store in Vienna. The series contains his scholastic records from Poland and Austria, as well as vital records, but most of the correspondence relates to Schreier's quest for restitution from the German government for his loss and destruction of property. His request was never granted.

Series 9 contains various records from different Jewish congregations and organizations in Indianapolis such as Beth-El Zedek and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Series 10 is made up solely of a VHS tape that documents the Jewish Federation of Illiana.

Series 11 contains minutes from the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood in Gary, Indiana.

Series 12 contains parts of the Women of Valor exhibit the IJHS put together in 2006 for the Indiana Welcome Center in Northwest Indiana to highlight trailblazing Jewish women of the Calumet Region.

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