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M 1233

INDIANA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION ADDITION, 1947–2016

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box; 1 folder black and white photographs, 1 folder color photographs, 1 artifact, 3 folders OVB photographs.

COLLECTION DATES: 1947–2016

PROVENANCE: Indiana Jewish Historical Society, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2016

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection M 0743; Indiana Jewish Historical Society Addition M 1016, M 1023, M 1193, M 1230; Indiana Jewish History Printed Materials Collection, M 0929

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2016.0134

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 ago 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 Manuscript Collection M 0743, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, 1845–2002. It contains Jewish organization and congregation bulletins and newsletters, a commemorative journal of the Bureau of Jewish Education's Centennial Purim Ball, a student handbook for the Indiana University Hillel Israel Advocacy Group, articles written by Arthur Meyers, interview summaries, B'nai B'rith correspondence, photos and an award plaque.

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