Guide to the Beth Israel Congregation Records
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Biographical Note

Incorporated September 1, 1861, the Jewish Congregation of Plattsburgh, N.Y. acquired what had previously been the Oak Street Universalist Church on April 4, 1866. In 1868 it became Beth Israel and was one of the seventy-eight Congregations in the United States at that time. Jacob Ehrich, hired as the first Rabbi in 1862, delivered his sermons in German. These services were not only attended by Plattsburgh Jews, but also by visitors from other parts of upstate New York and Vermont. Most of Beth Israel’s founders migrated from New York City and sold farm and assorted dry goods as self-employed pack-peddlers. Those who moved directly to Plattsburgh usually were following relatives who had already established themselves and found some degree of success locally. Others moved to Plattsburgh because their goods sold well in this area. Many of them were not wealthy when they arrived, but through education, labor, and networking, eventually became successful businesspeople.

Despite a strong congregational unity, eventually the children of the migrants began to associate with non-Jewish children in this heavily Christian-populated area. Two assemblages within the congregation, the Fraternal Brotherhood of Joel Lodge (B’nai B’rith) and the women’s National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods worked to neutralize the secularization effects that resulted from this interfaith association.

The original Beth Israel congregation was Orthodox in character. Though the reform movement was quite popular after the mid-nineteenth century, this orthodoxy remained vibrant as evidenced in the early B’nai B’rith No. 118 ledgers. Established as an independent order in 1843, B’nai B’rith originated as a mutual aid and insurance project launched in New York City. Over two decades later, it had extended its activities to philanthropy and political action for the protection of Jewish rights at home and abroad.

In 1868, the Plattsburgh branch was organized with twenty-nine members between the ages of 21 and 49. The majority of these members were unmarried and had to pass an eligibility examination for acceptance in the order and to determine placement in the first, second, or third degree.¹ Lodges exchanged information and funding to share religious and economic support, to keep track of delinquency and membership, and was the main financial tracking system.

In just prior to the turn of the twentieth century, the local Jewish population dramatically declined—by 1887 its membership totaled sixteen families. Newer generations were steering the congregation towards the Reform movement, which Beth Israel formally joined in 1913. Despite this shift, religious practice remained relatively consistent with the original orthodoxy. However, the changes attributed to Reform were a change in women’s status, a shift from the use of German to almost exclusively English in the synagogue, and greater interaction with non-Jewish Plattsburghers after the turn of the century. These changes served to increase the integration of the Jewish people into the secular community.

¹ Joel Lodge, Declaration Book of Joel Lodge I.O.B.B. No. 118. April 16, 1871-July 8, 1936.
Even after reform, however, the women of Beth Israel retained their traditional roles and passed on these customs to the next generations. Due to their economic security, women were not employed outside their homes. Instead they worked within the community, most notably in the Temple’s Sisterhood. This organization had several functions: they ran the Sabbath school and worked hard to encourage children to attend. Plattsburgh’s branch of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was created in 1918, and by 1922 had assisted at least one poor Jewish family, visited sick congregants in hospitals, and sent “resolutions” of their deceased to the local newspaper. They used the local theater to stage holiday plays for Sabbath school children and opened these plays to the general community. They found much strength in the National Federation and were very involved in the communications and activities offered by the organization.

Scope of the Collection

This collection provides rich documentation of the importance of the local synagogue and its people to the history of Plattsburgh. Comprised of thousands of individual items, the collection includes primary records of congregation membership, events, services, and activities. Of note are materials related to the history of the congregation’s synagogue, including the construction of the temple in 1969-1970. As well, meeting minutes of the B’nai B’rith Joel Lodge 118 from the 19th and early 20th centuries, and of the Beth Israel Sisterhood from the 1920s to 1965, offer special insight into the activities of these organizations. Administrative and operational reports of many kinds are especially detailed in the Board Presidents’ notebooks (1970s-1990s), the Temple Board meeting minutes (1940s-1990s), and compilations of Board of Trustees documents (2000-2011). More than 100 photographs document a variety of congregation events, as well as preserving images of the early temples in Plattsburgh. The collection also includes a variety of books that were utilized by congregation members, including prayer books, hymnals, Haggadahs, and children’s books, some of which are in Hebrew.

Background Sources in Special Collections


**Container List**

**Box 1: Union Prayer Books**

1/1 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part II.* Special Edition published for the Jewish Welfare Board-U.S. Army and Navy. 1918. 2 copies

1/2 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part I: Prayers for the Sabbath, the Three Festivals, and the Week Days.* 1910. On flyleaf: Samuel Cohen. 1 copy

1/3 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part I: Prayers for the Sabbath, the Three Festivals, and the Week Days.* 1912. On flyleaf: This is the property of C. Caplan… 1 copy

1/4 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part I: Prayers for the Sabbath, the Three Festivals, and the Week Days.* 1961. 1 copy

1/5 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part I: Prayers for the Sabbath, the Three Festivals, and the Week Days,* (title page & date missing). 1 copy

1/6 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part II: New Year’s Day, Day of Atonement.* 1917. On flyleaf of copy 1: Belongs to Esther L. Goldman… 2 copies

1/7 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part II: New Year’s Day, Day of Atonement.* 1950. 1 copy

1/8 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part II: New Year’s Day, Day of Atonement.* 1961. 1 copy

1/9 *The Union Prayer Book for Jewish Worship Part II: New Year’s Day, Day of Atonement.* 1962. 1 copy

1/10 *Service of the Synagogue: A new edition of the Festival Prayers with an English Translation in Prose and Verse, Day of Atonement Part I Evening Service.* 1904. 1 copy

**Box 2: Religious School Enrollments, Activities, Children’s Books**

2/1 Enrollment and Record Book for Religious School Classes 1926-1928 1 item

2/2 Enrollment and Record Book for Religious School Classes 1928-1929 1 item

2/3 Newspaper Clippings of children’s activities 6 items
| 2/4 | Religious School Memos, Children’s reports and participation in the cornerstone ceremony of the New Temple | 7 items |
| 2/5 | Holiday programs, choir book, service book and youth group memo | 5 items |
| 2/6 | *Sabbath Service for Young People*. Youth People’s League Publication, Seventh Printing, 1947. | 3 copies |
| 2/7 | *Shavuot*. Miriam Schlein, 1983. | 1 copy |
| 2/10 | “Certificate of Honor” presented to Louis Miller by his Teacher (S. Goldstein) and the School Officers of the Sabbath School of the Congregation Beth Israel at Plattsburgh, August 3, 1879 (In Oversize box with Box 19 materials) | 1 item |

**Box 3: Hymnals and Music Related Items**

| 3/1 | Newspaper clipping of Temple Choir presentation, n.d. | 1 item |

**Box 4: Beth Israel Sisterhood and the U.J.A. Women’s Division**

| 4/1 | Sisterhood Meeting Minutes (loose papers). late 1920s – mid-1930s | 16 items |
| 4/2 | Sisterhood Meeting Minutes (loose papers), 1957–1966 | 68 items |

**Note:** Many of the loose meeting minutes have additional “insert” numbers in pencil indicating where they may belong in the bound meeting journals (see 4/6, 4/7, 4/8).
4/3 Sisterhood Meeting Minutes (notebook), 8/10/1983–1/20/1990 1 item

4/4 Sisterhood letterhead, envelopes, receipts, newspaper clippings, letter from National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods confirming Beth Israel’s Sisterhood organization date of 1914, packet of 100 Shekel Purim notes made by the Sisterhood, mailing address labels 13 items


4/6 Sisterhood Meeting Minutes Journal 1922–1935 1 item

4/7 Sisterhood Meeting Minutes Journal 1936–1949 1 item

4/8 Sisterhood Meeting Minutes Journal 1957–1965 1 item

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**Box 5: Temple and Jewish Anniversary Materials, Congregation History Correspondence, Events and Memorabilia**

5/1 Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Beth Israel Congregation, 1861–1936 4 items

5/1/1 The Isaias Scheier Story: The Beginning of Jewish Life in Plattsburgh

5/1/2 Booklet: Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Beth Israel Congregation, 1861-1936, Plattsburg, New York

5/1/3 75th Diamond Jubilee Dinner invitation, April 26, 1936

5/1/4 75th Anniversary Dinner program, April 26, 1936

5/2 Program: Ninetieth Anniversary of Beth Israel Congregation, 1861–1951 2 copies

5/3 The Tercentenary Program: Marking the Three Hundredth Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America, June 5, 1955 1 item

5/4 Centennial Celebration, 1961

5/4/1 Centennial Dinner tickets, October 7, 1961 2 copies

5/4/2 Letter announcing the Centennial Celebration, Service of Rededication to be held Oct. 6, 1961, at the Temple 2 copies

5/4/3 Letter to the Temple Beth Israel congregation from Senator Kenneth B. Keating, October 16, 1961 1 item


5/4/5 100 Years of Living Judaism, Beth Israel, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 2 copies

5/5 120th Anniversary, 1982

5/5/1 “Local Jews nearing anniversary,” Clipping of Plattsburgh Press-Republican newspaper article by Temple Beth Israel’s Rabbi Yossi J.Liebowitz, October 4, 1980 1 item

5/5/2 Program: 120th Anniversary Temple Beth Israel, April 3, 1982 1 item

5/5/3 Holocaust Memorial sculpture photograph 1 item

5/5/4 1981 Dedication Ceremony article in Hebrew 1 item
5/6 Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1983
   5/6/1 “The River of Life,” A Sabbath Service in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, by Norma U. Levitt, NFTS Honorary President 1 item

5/7 135th Anniversary, May 1996
   5/7/1 Videocassette: 135th Anniversary Celebration, Rabbi Schindler, speaker 1 item
   5/7/2 Program: 135th Anniversary Celebration 1 item
   5/7/3 135th Year of Service, Invitation to a special service on May 17, 1996, with guest speaker Rabbi Alexander Schindler 1 item
   5/7/4 Solicitation letter for donations to the 135th anniversary commemorative booklet, dated March 8, 1996 1 item
   5/7/5 – 7 135th anniversary declinations to contribute to the 1996 commemorative booklet 3 items
   5/7/8 – 10 135th anniversary congratulatory donation sheets for the 1996 commemorative booklet 3 items
   5/7/11 1996 Commemorative Booklet donation list (3 pages) 1 item

5/8 From Generation to Generation Exhibition, 1998
   5/8/1 From Generation to Generation exhibition notices, May 31–Aug. 19, 1998 2 copies
   5/8/2 From Generation to Generation, the Jewish Congregations of Plattsburgh, N.Y.,” by Henry K. Freedman, M.D., 1975, 32 pp. booklet, second printing 1998 2 copies
   5/8/3 Original proof manuscript for Generation to Generation booklet 1 item

5/9 Temple Events and Memorabilia
   5/9/1 Cadillac Dinner June 7, 1969, menu and contributors 2 copies
   5/9/2 UAHC Leader’s Digest, Vol. 6, no. 8, Nov. 1970 2 copies
   5/9/3 Purim Reminder clipping, n.d. 1 item
   5/9/4 Antique and Art Show and Sale, Clinton County Fairgrounds Admission card, June 1971 1 item
   5/9/5 3rd Antique and Art Show of Temple Beth Israel, June 1971, notice to vendors 1 item
   5/9/6 “Antiques and Art Displayed,” newspaper clipping, n.d. 1 item
   5/9/7 Pancake Supper, Oct. 28, 1973, ticket poster 1 item
   5/9/8 Newspaper clippings, 1980 (“Festival of Lights,” “Temple Beth Israel Has New Rabbi,” “Religious School Scheduled at Temple”) 3 items
   5/9/10 Montreal Events Schedule, April 1988: “Lectures on the Kabbalah” 1 item
   5/9/11 Jewish Book Month, handwritten celebration notice, n.d. 1 item
   5/9/12 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Dedication Service program, May 7, 1977, Palmer Street, Plattsburgh 1 item
   5/9/13 Plattsburgh Press-Republican newspaper clipping, May 6, 1988, Sharon Stuart Ruben recital notice at Temple Beth Israel 1 item
   5/9/14 Plattsburgh Press-Republican newspaper clipping, n.d., farewell dinner for Rabbi Eric Slaton 1 item
5/9/15  UAHC Leader’s Snapshot, about Sol Levites, past president of Beth Israel Congregation, n.d.  1 item
5/9/16  Holocaust Memorial Dedication program, Feinberg Library, Oct. 30, 1994  1 item
5/9/17  Interfaith Prayer Service Program, November 2, 2018  2 items
5/9/18  War Dept. Theater, Plattsburg Barracks, N.Y, movies program calendar for October 1938. Movie list on back is handwritten in Hebrew  1 item

5/10  Correspondence and notes related to Temple Beth Israel Congregation History  15 items

5/11  Historical Articles and Memorabilia on Jews in Plattsburgh
5/11/1  Business card: "Mr. Morton M. Markstone, Fitting Arches Since 1904 Margaret St., Plattsburgh, N.Y."  2 copies
5/11/2  Business card: "Markstone’s Boot Shop, 48 Margaret Street, Plattsburg, N.Y."  1 item
5/11/3  “Stories of Two Former Peddlers of Northern New York,” photocopy from *Plattsburgh Sentinel*, May 22, 1891, p. 8  1 item
5/11/4  “Paragrams, The Wm. Cane Clothing House . . . .” photocopy from *Plattsburgh Sentinel*, October 23, 1891  1 item
5/11/5  “Paragrams, J.F. Arnett . . . .” photocopy from *Plattsburgh Sentinel*, Nov. 20, 1891, p. 1  1 item
5/11/6  “New York,” photocopy of a section of *The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*, 1969, pp. 196-205  1 item
5/11/7  “New York State” photocopy of a section of *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, 1971, Vol. 12, pp. 1126-1127  1 item
5/11/9  “Plattsburgh Cigar Maker of the North Country,” by Allan S. Everest, in *The Antiquarian*, Clinton County Historical Association, Fall 1988  1 item

Box 6: Documents Related to the Construction and Maintenance of the New Temple Beth Israel in Plattsburgh

6/1  Photocopy of Old Temple, Oak Street Deed 1866; part of a Protective Covenant related to Plattshaven Estates; and typed copy of the 1878 Articles of Incorporation of the Beth Israel Congregation  3 items
6/2  Building Committee and Steering Correspondence and Meeting Minutes, 1967–1970  8 items
6/3  Promissory Pledge Agreements for the New Temple construction, 1969  53 items
6/4  Bidders’ Notice and Contract for electrical and electric heat, and general construction for the new Temple Beth Israel, 1968-1969  2 items
6/5  Bids received for various aspects of the construction, 1968–1969  6 items
6/6  Agreements and Contracts 1968–1970; owner/architect  8 items
contracts for the construction of the New Temple; order for new pews and their installation 23 items

6/7 Jeremiah Oosterbaan, Architect, correspondence regarding construction 19 items

6/8 Bills and Invoices related to construction and maintenance at Temple Beth Israel, 1949–1991 21 items

6/9 Building Funds Itemizations, 1969–1971 14 items

6/10 Catalogs for Room Dividers, Railings, etc. 2 items

6/11 Correspondence concerning installation of the Ark Proscenium and the Organ at the Temple, 1965, 1968 3 items

6/12 Price Lists for Itemized New Temple Furnishings 4 items

6/13 Publicity brochure for the New Temple Beth Israel 3 copies

6/14 Flier and Newspaper Clipping about moving things from the Old Temple to the New Temple, April 1968 2 items

6/15 Newspaper clippings on construction and dedication of the new Temple Beth Israel, 1969–1970 8 items


6/17 Cornerstone Ceremony Invitation and list of items deposited in box, 1969; Dedication Ceremonies Invitation and Brochures for the New Temple, Nov. 1970 15 items

6/18 Documents related to the Beth Israel Cemetery Association, and the establishment and use of the Cemetery 8 items

6/19 Application for use of the Temple for a Bat Mitzvah, 1989 1 item

6/20 Papers related to contract work and payments on air conditioning in Temple Beth Israel, 1993–1995 22 items

Box 7: Special or Specific Services


7/2 Shabbat Services 1980, 1990, 2016 7 items
Confirmation Service Programs 1933, 1971, 1986, n.d.  4 items

Rabbi Installation Services, pamphlets and invitations, for Rabbis Alfred Landsberg (1965), Fred Davidow (1973), Kerry Baker (1978), and Yossi Liebowitz (1981), David Kominsky (2018)  17 items

**Box 8: Photographs**

8/1  10 Negatives-Children and adults in costume in the New Temple  10 items
8/2  2 Negatives- Front of the Old Temple on Oak Street  2 items
8/3  Rabbi Judelson, Ahavas Sholom Synagogue, 1918–1926  3 items
8/4  Old Temple exterior on Oak Street, and interior and exterior of Temple on Palmer Street, Plattsburgh  16 items
8/5a  Rabbi’s Speech for ground breaking of the Mark and Pearlie Rabin Religious School, May 8, 1998  1 item
8/5b  Ground breaking of the Mark and Pearlie Rabin Religious School, May 8, 1998  12 items
8/6  Temple Beth Israel, February 1990, Photo Album 35 photos  1 album
8/7  Exterior and Interior of the New Temple (Marcy Lane), some negatives  12 items
8/9  Social/special events, including 1950s luncheon(s?) at Plattsburgh Elks Club; Succoth Pilgrimage Festival snapshot 1975; J.W.B. World War I Lawn Party at 46 Cornelia St, Plattsburgh; Isaac Merkel Liquor, Tobacco & Cigars store on Margaret Street (reshoot of a pre-1902 photo)  28 items
8/10  Temple Beth Israel salute to the Girl Scouts of America, March 1966; Congregation Girl Scouts Michel Starr, Gail Abrams, Marla White, Lynn Schlesinger, Kathleen Starr, Jill Merkel; also newspaper clipping of the same photo, March 7, 1966  2 items
8/11  Anne Frank House, Amsterdam. Guide and 4 real photo postcards. Donated to Temple Beth Israel by Evelyn Woolman  5 items

**Box 9: Haggadahs Books**

9/1  *Die beiden Pessachabende* (The Two Passover Evenings). Translated by Dr. R.J. Furstenthal, 1879. German and Hebrew  1 copy
**Box 10: Administrative Documents, Correspondence, Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Minutes (Loose Files), Mailing Lists, Treasurer’s Reports**

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**Box 11: Prayer Books**

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<td>“This Is The Matzah of Oppression” (single sheet, 3 copies)</td>
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**Boxes 12A and 12B: B’nai B’rith Joel Lodge 118, Meeting Ledgers, Membership Lists**

| 12A/1 | Membership Declaration Book, 1868–1919                                     | 1 item   |
| 12A/2 | Membership Dues Ledger, Nov. 1868–Jan. 1875                               | 1 item   |
| 12A/3 | Meetings Minutes Ledger, Nov. 1868–Aug. 1875                              | 1 item   |
| 12B/4 | Meetings Minutes & Membership Lists Ledger, Jan. 1885–Dec.1899            | 1 item   |
| 12B/5 | Meeting Minutes & Dues Receipts Ledger Jan. 1900–Dec.1921                 | 1 item   |
| 12B/6 | Notarized Endowment Gift for Joel Lodge 118, April 1898                   | 1 item   |
| 12B/7 | B’nai B’rith Newspaper, October 1909                                      | 1 item   |
| 12B/8 | Membership Lists 1970, 1980; Activity Notes, Memoranda 1970s              | 27 items |

**Box 13: Jewish Culture and Religion Books**

| 13/1 | *Religion Tomorrow: A Symposium*, Papers delivered at the XXXIII Council Union of American Hebrew Congregations, June 18–22, 1933, Chicago. | 1 copy   |
| 13/2 | *Legends of the Jews, Vol.I, From the Creation to Jacob*, Louis Ginzberg, 1913. | 1 copy   |
| 13/4 | *Legends of the Jews, Vol.III, From the Exodus to the Death of Moses*, Louis Ginzberg, 1911. | 1 copy   |
| 13/5 | *Legends of the Jews, Vol.IV, From Joshua to Esther*, Louis Ginzberg, 1913. | 1 copy   |
13/6 Prayer and Service Book (pocket guide for the Rabbi?), n.d., bound in Czecho-Slovakia. Ex Libris Mark A. Rabin. 1 copy

13/7 Scripture History, Simply Arranged for the Use of Jewish Schools, by Pyke. Second American Edition, 1887. 1 copy

13/8 The Jewish Religion, M. Friedlander, 1913. on flyleaf: “to Master Maxwell Fineberg on the occasion of his Bar-Mitzvah, September 1914” 1 copy

13/9 The Jew and the Moors in Spain, Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, 1887. 1 copy

13/10 Hebrew Union College Annual, Vol. VI, 1929. copyright 1930. 1 copy

Boxes 14A and 14B: Membership and Dues Ledgers
(all ledgers are in Hebrew, except for 14B/7 and 14B/8)

14A/1 1916–1919 Ahavas Sholom congregation (first 50 pages missing) 1 item
14A/2 1923 Ahavas Sholom congregation 1 item
14A/3 1924–1926 Ahavas Sholom congregation 1 item
14A/4 1927–10/4/1929 Avat Sholom congregation 1 item
14A/5 10/4/1929–10/22/1930 Avat Sholom congregation 1 item
14A/6 10/11/1931–8/7/1932 Avat Sholom congregation 1 item
14B/7 10/16/1938–1/1945 Avat Sholom Cash Expenditures 1 item
14B/8 10/17/1938–2/1945 Avat Sholom congregation 1 item
14B/9 1927 this ledger may be from the Ahavas Sholom congregation 1 item

Boxes 15A and 15B: Temple Board Meeting Minutes
Includes Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Membership Lists, Rabbi’s Reports, Committee Reports, Religious School Reports, Budgets & Financial Reports, Policy Statements, etc. These materials were in loose leaf notebooks; the original arrangement of each notebook has been maintained (i.e., latest to earliest, or earliest to latest).

Boxes 16 and 17: Board Presidents’ Notebooks
Notebooks containing a wide variety of materials, including Board meeting agendas and minutes, financial reports, service announcements and readings, memos and handwritten notes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, occasional photographs, etc. Each notebook is several hundred pages.

16/1 President Gerald L. Reuter, 1976–1978
16/2 President David Hirsch, 1979–1983,
16/3 President Barbara Lichtig 1985–1987
17/1 President Jerry Davis 1987–1990
17/2 President Phyllis Freedman, 1996–1997
17/3 President Phyllis Freedman, 1997–1999

Box 18: Temple Beth Israel Bulletins
18/1 1953, May issue only 1 item
18/2 1956, June & Sept. only 2 items
18/3 1973, June issue only 1 item
18/4 1996, missing Jan. & March 10 items
18/5 1997, complete 10 items
18/6 1998, complete 10 items
18/7 1999, complete 9 items
18/8 2000, complete 10 items
18/9 2001, missing Oct., Nov., Dec. 6 items
18/10 2002, missing Jan., Feb., April, May, Oct., Nov. 4 items
18/11 2003, missing Feb., June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct. 6 items
18/12 2004, Jan., Feb., March, April issues only 4 items
18/13 2006, Dec. issue only 1 item
18/14 2007, Nov. issue only 1 item

**Box 19: Ahavas Sholom Congregation**

19/1 Ledger for Ahavas Sholom Congregation, 1921–1939
19/2 Ledger for Ahavas Sholom Congregation Records, June 1954–January 1959
19/3 Ahavas Sholom 16 items

**Boxes 20 and 21 Beth Israel Board of Trustees Documents.**
Includes Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Membership Lists, Committee Reports, Rabbi’s Reports, Religious School Reports, Budgets, Policy Statements, etc. Most files contain 100-200 sheets.

20/1 2000–2001
20/2 2002
20/3 2003
20/4 2004
20/5 2005
20/6 2006
20/7 2007 includes a CD with Temple Beth Israel Bar and Bat Mitzvah Policy
21/1  2008
21/2  2009
21/3  2010
21/4  2011

**Box 22  Temple Beth Israel Property Sales and Acquisitions Documents**

22/1  Documents related to the sale of Temple property on Oak Street in Plattsburgh to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, Inc., 1967. Legal correspondence, receipts, agreements, deeds, orders. 17 items

22/2  Documents related to the Temple's purchase of the Yarmus property on the south side of Bowman Street in Plattsburgh, 1967–1968, and Lakeview Gardens Lot 78 property in Plattsburgh, 1969. Legal correspondence, receipts, title search, memos, agreements, deeds. 33 items

**Box 23  Obituaries**

Copies of newspaper articles containing obituaries of members of the Plattsburgh Jewish community

23/1  Indexes
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