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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 aide 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. 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.

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

1 Joel Lodge, Declaration Book of Joel Lodge I.O.B.B. No. 118. April 16, 1871-July 8, 1936.
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.

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


Schoenkopf, Rabbi Solomon. *Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Beth Israel Congregation, 1861-1936.* Plattsburgh, New York, 1936. (Spec. Coll. PAM 1/11; a copy of this is also in Box 5, File 4 of this manuscript collection)

**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 |

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
2/9  *Yiddish Instructional Book for Children, Part II,* 1939. Yiddish language. On flyleaf: Gerald Litzky 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 (separate OVERSIZE folder) 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

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

5/1 “Local Jews nearing anniversary,” Clipping of newspaper article by Temple Beth Israel’s Rabbi Yossi J.Liebowitz, ca. 1981 1 item
5/2 Holocaust Memorial sculpture photo, and 1981 Dedication Ceremony (article in Hebrew) 2 items
5/4 Anniversary and Congregation History pamphlets (11 items):
5/4/1 “The River of Life” by Norma U. Levitt; a Sabbath Service in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods 1 copy
5/4/2 Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Beth Israel Congregation, 1861–1936 1 copy
5/4/3 Ninetieth Anniversary of Beth Israel Congregation, 1861–1951 2 copies
5/4/4 100 Years of Living Judaism, Beth Israel, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 2 copies
5/4/5 120th Anniversary temple Beth Israel, April 3, 1982 1 copy
5/4/6 135th Anniversary Temple Beth Israel, May 1996 1 copy
5/4/7 The Tercentenary Program: Marking the Three Hundredth Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America, June 5, 1955 1 copy
5/4/8 “From Generation to Generation, the Jewish Congregations of Plattsburgh, N.Y.,” by Henry K. Freedman, M.D., 1975, 32 pp. booklet, second printing 1998, with original proof manuscript 2 copies
5/5 Anniversary invitations, papers and sponsors (21 items):
5/5/1 Centennial Dinner tickets, October 7, 1961 2 copies
5/5/2 From Generation to Generation exhibition notices, May 31–Aug. 19, 1998 2 copies
5/5/3 75th Diamond Jubilee Dinner invitation, April 26, 1936 1 item
5/5/4  75th Anniversary Dinner program, April 26, 1936  1 item
5/5/5 Centennial Celebration, Service of Rededication announcement letter,
Service to be held Oct. 6, 1961, at the Temple  2 copies
5/5/6 Temple Beth Israel, Centennial Year letterhead  2 copies
5/5/7 135th Year of Service, Invitation to a special service on May 17, 1996,
with guest speaker Rabbi Alexander Schindler  1 item
5/5/8 Handwritten accounting of “copies on hand” on bolt company
letterhead  1 item
5/5/9 Solicitation letter for donations to the 135th anniversary commemorative
booklet, dated March 8, 1996  1 item
5/5/10-12 135th anniversary congratulatory donation sheets for the 1996
commemorative booklet  3 items
5/5/13-15 135th anniversary declinations to contribute to the 1996
commemorative booklet  3 items
5/5/16 1996 Commemorative Booklet donation list (3 pages)  1 item

5/6  Video from 135th Anniversary Celebration of Temple Beth Israel
Friday, May 17, 1996-Rabbi Alexander Schindler, speaker.  on video shelf

5/7  Correspondence and notes related to Temple Beth Israel Congregation
History  9 items

5/8  Temple Events and Memorabilia (19 items):
5/8/1 Cadillac Dinner June 7, 1969, menu and contributors  2 copies
5/8/2 UAHC Leader’s Digest, Vol. 6, no. 8, Nov. 1970  2 copies
5/8/3 Purim Reminder clipping, n.d.  1 item
5/8/4 Antique and Art Show and Sale, Clinton County Fairgrounds
Admission card, ca. 1970  1 item
5/8/5 3rd Antique and Art Show of Temple Beth Israel, June 1971, notice
to vendors  1 item
5/8/6 “Antiques and art displayed,” newspaper article, n.d.  1 item
5/8/7 Pancake Supper, Oct. 28, 1973, ticket poster  1 item
5/8/8 Newspaper clippings, 1980 (“Festival of Lights,” “Temple Beth Israel
has new rabbi,” “Religious school scheduled at temple”  3 items
in Judea, Samaria and Gaza?”  1 item
5/8/10 Montreal Events Schedule, April 1988: “Lectures on the Kabbalah”  1 item
5/8/11 Jewish Book Month, handwritten celebration notice, n.d.  1 item
5/8/12 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Dedication Service program,
May 7, 1977, Palmer Street, Plattsburgh  1 item
5/8/13 Newspaper clipping, n.d., Sharon Stuart Ruben recital notice at
Temple Beth Israel  1 item
5/8/14 Newspaper clipping, n.d., farewell dinner for Rabbi Eric Slaton  1 item
5/8/15 UAHC Leader’s Snapshot, about Sol Levites, past president of Beth
Israel Congregation, n.d.  1 item
5/8/16 Holocaust Memorial Dedication program, Feinberg Library,
Oct. 30, 1994  1 item
5/8/17 War Dept. Theater, Plattsburg Barracks, N.Y., movies program calendar
for October 1938. Movie list on back is handwritten in Hebrew  1 item
5/9  Historical Articles and Memorabilia on Jews in Plattsburgh (9 items):

5/9/1  "Stories of Two Former Peddlers of Northern New York," photocopy of article from Plattsburgh Sentinel, May 22, 1891, p. 8  1 item

5/9/2  "Paragrams, J.F. Arnett..." photocopy from Plattsburgh Sentinel, Nov. 20, 1891, p. 1  1 item

5/9/3  "New York," photocopy of a section of The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, 1969, pp. 196-205  1 item

5/9/4  "New York State" photocopy of a section of Encyclopaedia Judaica, 1971, Vol. 12, pp. 1126-1127  1 item

5/9/5  "Smalltown Rabbis, Is anyone listening out there?" by Muray Polner, from The National Jewish Monthly, Sept. 1977.  1 item

5/9/6  "Plattsburgh Cigar Maker of the North County," by Allan S. Everest, in The Antiquarian, Clinton County Historical Association, Fall 1988  1 item

5/9/7  Business card: "Mr. Morton M. Markstone, Fitting Arches Since 1904 Margaret St., Plattsburgh, N.Y."  1 item

5/9/8  Business card: "Mr. Morton M. Markstone, Fitting Arches Since 1904 Margaret St., Plattsburgh, N.Y."  1 item

5/9/9  Business card: "Markstone’s Boot Shop, 48 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, N.Y."  1 item

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

6/1  Newspaper clippings on construction and dedication of the new Temple Beth Israel, 1969–1970  8 items

6/2  Bidders’ Notice and General Construction Contract for the new Temple Beth Israel, 1968–1969  1 item

6/3  Bidders’ Notice and Contract for Electrical and Electric Heat, 1969  1 item

6/4  Building Committee Correspondence (Incoming), 1968–1970  3 items

6/5  Building Committee Meeting Minutes, 1967–1970  5 items

6/6  Jeremiah Oosterbaan, Architect, correspondence regarding construction  5 items

6/7  Bids received for various aspects of the construction, 1968–1969  3 items

6/8  Floor plans for New Temple, Jeremiah Oosterbaan, Architect, 1968  1 item

6/9  1950 Map of Walworth Park where the New Temple was constructed  1 item

6/10  Publicity brochure for the New Temple Beth Israel  3 copies

6/11  Promissory Pledge Agreements for the New Temple construction  52 items

6/12  Building Funds Itemizations, 1969–1971  14 items

6/13  Price Lists for Itemized New Temple Furnishings  4 items

6/14  Catalogs for Room Dividers, Railings, etc.  2 items

6/15  Agreements and Contracts 1968–1970, including typed copy of the 1878 Articles of Incorporation of the Beth Israel Congregation; owner/architect contracts for the construction of the New Temple; order for new pews and their installation  11 items

6/16  Bills and Invoices related to construction and maintenance at Temple Beth Israel, 1949–1991  13 items
| 6/17 | Correspondence concerning installation the Ark Proscenium and the Organ at the Temple, 1965, 1968 | 3 items |
| 6/18 | Cornerstone Ceremony Invitation and list of items deposited in box, 1969; Dedication Ceremonies Invitation and Brochures for the New Temple, Nov. 1970 | 6 items |
| 6/19 | Complete newspaper with article and pictures of New Temple Cornerstone Laying Ceremony, *Plattsburgh Press-Republican* Sept. 8, 1969 | 1 item |
| 6/20 | Application for use of the Temple for a Bat Mitzvah, 1989 | 1 item |
| 6/22 | Papers related to Performance Bonds for Mechanical and Plumbing Work, 1969 | 11 items |
| 6/23 | Flier and Newspaper Clipping about moving things from the Old Temple to the New Temple, April 1968 | 2 items |
| 6/24 | Photocopy of Old Temple, Oak Street Deed 1866, and part of a Protective Covenant related to Plattshaven Estates | 2 items |
| 6/25 | Documents related to the Beth Israel Cemetery Association, and the establishment and use of the Cemetery | 7 items |
| 6/26 | Papers related to Property Acquisition by SUNY Plattsburgh in the vicinity of Temple Beth Israel, 1973 | 3 items |
| 6/27 | Papers related to contract work and payments on air conditioning in Temple Beth Israel, 1993–1995 | 31 items |

**Box 7: Special or Specific Services**

| 7/2 | Shabbat Services 1980, 1990 | 2 items |
| 7/3 | Confirmation Service Programs 1933, 1971, 1986, n.d. | 4 items |
| 7/4 | Rabbi Installation Services, pamphlets and invitations, for Rabbis Alfred Landsberg (1965), Fred Davidow (1973), Kerry Baker (1978), and Yossi Liebowitz (1981?) | 10 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
9/2 The New Haggadah: For the Pesah Seder, Mordecai M. Kaplan, ed., 1942. English and Hebrew 1 copy
9/3 Haggadah for Passover. Copied and illustrated by Ben Shahn, 1965. 1 copy

Box 10: Administrative Documents, Correspondence, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (Loose Files), Mailing Lists, Treasurer’s Reports

10/1 Memos to Board Members about meetings, 1982-1989 13 items
10/3 Correspondence—Incoming, 1986–1988 22 items
10/4 Correspondence—Outgoing, 1986–1989 9 items
10/5 Memos to the Congregation, 1982–1990 6 items
10/6 Job Descriptions: Administrator, Rabbi, Religious School Administrator 3 items
10/7 Congregation By-laws, Constitutions, Resolutions and Procedures 4 items
10/8 Long Range Planning Committee Goals 1987, Ritual Committee meeting notice 1988 3 items
10/10 Board Meeting Minutes, 5/1978 to 6/1982 29 items
10/11 Board Meeting Minutes, 8/1985 to 7/1987 27 items
10/12 Board Meeting Minutes, 9/1987 to 2/1988 73 items
10/13 Board Meeting Minutes, 4/1988 to 6/1989 87 items
10/14 Meeting Agendas, 1987–1989 17 items
10/15 Temple membership mailing lists, 1967–2003 51 items
### Box 11: Prayer Books

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### Boxes 12A and 12B: B’nai B’rith Joel Lodge 118, Meeting Ledgers, Membership Lists

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<td>Membership Lists 1970, 1980; Activity Notes, Mememoranda1970s</td>
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### Box 13: Jewish Culture and Religion Books

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<td>Prayer and Service Book (pocket guide for the Rabbi?), n.d., bound in Czecho-Slovakia. Ex Libris Mark A. Rabin.</td>
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<td><em>The Jewish Religion,</em> M. Friedlander, 1913. on flyleaf: “to Master Maxwell Fineberg on the occasion of his Bar-Mitzvah, September 1914”</td>
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<td>Hebrew Union College Annual, Vol. VI, 1929. copyright 1930.</td>
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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).

  15B/5b 1976  64 pp.

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