ACCESSION # 2012-103

ACQUISITION: Donated by Beth El Congregation June 13, 2012

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library’s Main Library Special Collections division only.

VOLUME: 7 boxes, 5 folders, 25 scrapbooks, 3 binders, 6 books, 54 mats: Approx. 18LF

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains the historical materials and records of Beth El Congregation of Akron, Ohio from approximately 1950-2011. The Beth El Congregation officially began in 1946 at the site of the Akron Jewish Center. The new congregation then later dedicated their own building in 1951. Beth El is a fully egalitarian Conservative congregation affiliated with United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. “We seek to perpetuate a Conservative Jewish identity for the Akron community by promoting and providing a friendly environment for religious, cultural and social activities.”

ARRANGEMENT: This collection is divided into four series: Scrapbooks, Photographs, Publications and Administrative Materials. Each series is grouped by like materials and in general chronologically.

INVENTORY:

SERIES 1: Scrapbooks
Book 1: April 1950-October 1953
Book 2: May 1950-April 1952
Book 3: 1953-1954
Book 4: December 1953-February 1955
Book 5: 1954-1955
Book 6: 1955-1956
Book 7: January 1955-January 1956
Book 8: 1956-1957
Book 9: July 1957-June 1958
Book 10: April 1957-June 1958
Book 11: January 1957-April 1958
Book 12: May 1958- April 1959
Book 13: May 1959- May 1960
Book 14: April 1960- February 1961
Book 15: March 1961- May 1962
Book 16: June 1962- March 1963
Book 17: May 1965- November 1968
Book 18: 1968-1969
Book 19: 1979
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Book 24: Reverend Salzman
Book 25: Chanukah Home Decorating Contests

Folder 1: Loose Items from Misc. Scrapbook (1:2)
Folder 2: Loose Items from Misc. Scrapbook (2:2)
Folder 3: Loose Items from Misc. Scrapbook

SERIES 2: Photographs

Box 1 Categorized Photographs
Sleeve 1: Special Service
Sleeve 2: Israel 50 Jubilee
Sleeve 3: Nathan and Alice Speilberg; Seminary Night 1990
Sleeve 4: Youth group Washington D.C.
Sleeve 5: Congregation in the Kitchen
Sleeve 6: Negatives

Folder 1: SF Landscape: Congregation Event
Folder 2: SF 5x8 BW: Congregation and Admin.
Folder 3: Youth Head Shots (1:2)
Folder 4: Youth Head Shots (2:2)
Folder 5: Congregation/Administration Head Shots
Folder 6: Cantor Stein
Folder 7: Ground Breaking
Folder 8: Book Burial
Folder 9: 25th Anniversary
Folder 10: Reverend Salzman (Ritual Director)
Folder 11: Choir
Folder 12: Youth BW
Folder 13: Bulletin Proofs
Folder 14: 8x10 Youth BW
Folder 15: Administration and Congregation BW 8x10 (1:2)
Folder 16: Administration and Congregation BW 8x10 (2:2)

Box 2 Miscellaneous Youth
Box 3 Miscellaneous Administration and Congregation
Box 4 Congregation and Administration BW

Sleeve1: 1975 Beth El Graduation Confirmation Class Photos
25 Photograph Mats: 1958-2011 Graduation Confirmation Class Photos

SERIES 3: Publications

Box 1- Bulletins from 1970-1992
Folder 1: Loose Bulletin Material
Folder #1
Programs from 1959-1973

Folder #2
Misc. Documents

Book 1: Beth El Commemoration Album 1953
Books 2-4: Beth El Dedication Journal 1951
Books 5-6: Beth El Congregation 25th Anniversary

SERIES 4: Administrative Materials
Box 1: Tapes of Annual Meetings
Box 2: Blueprints

Binder 1: Meetings and Membership Misc. 1970-1972
Binder 2: Meeting Minutes 1968-1969
Binder 3: United Synagogue Youth