A Finding Aid to the
United Congregation of Israelites
(Kingston, Jamaica) Records

Manuscript Collection No. 339
Collection Summary

Title United Congregation of Israelites (Kingston, Jamaica) Records
Dates 1884-1999
Collection Number MS-339
Repository The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator United Congregation of Israelites (Kingston, Jamaica)
Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

The United Congregation of Israelites, Kingston, Jamaica formed in 1921 as a result of a merger between the Amalgamated Synagogue and the Ashkenazi Synagogue. The Amalgamated Synagogue itself was a result of a 1882 merger of two Sephardic synagogues after both buildings were destroyed in a fires. The new congregation became known as the United Congregation of the Israelites or Synagogue Shaare Shalom.

The new United Congregation agreed to maintain Sephardi ritual with a few exceptions. Services remain semi-Reform, semi-Conservative in style. Ministers have included: Nathaniel Jacobs (1927-1935), Henry Silverman (1935-65), Bernard Hooker (1965-1967) and Ernest de Souza (1968-).

Scope and Content

Correspondence, annual reports, programs, documents, prayerbooks, registries, and other materials.

Arrangement

Organized in a single alphabetical series, arranged chronologically within subject headings.

Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the United Congregation of Israelites (Kingston, Jamaica) Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Provenance

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Processing Information


Index Terms

Subjects Jews -- Jamaica -- Kingston / Synagogues -- Jamaica -- Kingston
Corporate Names United Congregation of Israelites (Kingston, Jamaica)
Media Death registers / Marriage records / Prayers / Registers of births, etc.

Series A. General, 1884-1999

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1948-1969
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1970-1979
Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1980-1983
Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1984-1987
Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence, programs and documents, undated
Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1990-1991
Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1994-1995
Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1995-1997
Box 3. Folder 1. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1998-1999
Box 3. Folder 2. Prayerbooks, 1931-1931, 1944
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