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

**Manuscript Collection No. 339**



Synagogue Shalom Shalom, Duke Street, Kingston, Jamaica. Photo by American Jewish Archives

## Collection Summary

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

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

### Series A. General, 1884-1999

#### Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Annual reports, 1952, 1958-1970

Box 1. Folder 2. Annual reports, 1971-1998

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Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence, programs and documents, 1980-1983

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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

Box 3. Folder 3. Prayerbooks, 1963, 1969

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Box 3. Folder 5. Registry. Births and deaths, 1884-1990

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