

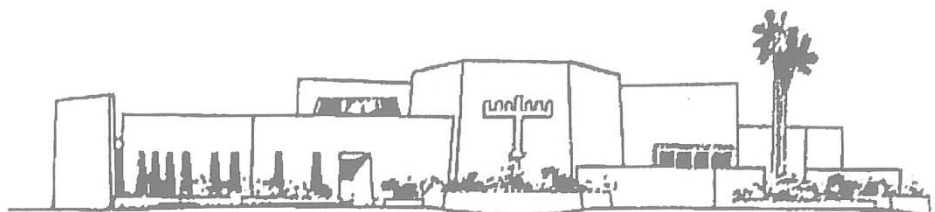


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**A Finding Aid to the  
Temple Beth Shalom (Sun City, Ariz.) Records**

**Manuscript Collection No. 641**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Temple Beth Shalom (Sun City, Ariz.) Records
<b>Dates</b>	1969-2001
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-641
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Temple Beth Shalom (Sun City, Ariz.)
<b>Extent</b>	1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Following the establishment of the Jewish Congregation of Sun City, Arizona (which was a Conservative congregation) supporters of Reform Judaism began to plan their own organization. On 11 June 1969, Temple Beth Shalom was formally welcomed into the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with 29 members. Their first president was Dr. A.A. Papermaster. Among their board members was Benjeman Gould, who was moving to Sun City in September 1969 and who had only been in contact with Temple Shalom by mail.

Services were originally held in the Town Hall. Despite the small original membership, in one year the congregation grew to 55 members. Services were conducted by student rabbis from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The first full time rabbi, Albert A. Michels began in 1971. Rabbi Michels remained a guiding force in the community until his death in 1994. His "Evening with the Rabbi" and "Breakfasts with the Rabbi" were an integral part of the Temple Programming. His wife, Helen Michels became the first Choir Director. Both retired in 1981. Rabbi Bernard Kligfield served next as Rabbi for Temple Beth Shalom until 1997. Rabbi Arthur J. Abrahms became rabbi in 1998.

By 1974, the Temple had an option to purchase land for a permanent synagogue. In 1977, the cornerstone was laid and by 1978 the building was functional and ready for dedication ceremonies. In 1980 the books and periodicals of the temple were catalogued and a librarian engaged. An Archives Committee was formed to preserve the history of Temple Beth Shalom.

Educational programs began in 1971 with the arrival of Rabbi Michels. A Social Action Committee was formed in 1980, with a particular focus on helping Soviet Jewry. The Temple sponsors numerous outside lectures on a variety of topics from computers to Bible study. An active Sisterhood and Brotherhood also assist in the varied activities of the Temple.

### Scope and Content

Material sent from the Archives of Temple Beth Shalom, Sun City (Ariz.) including: annual meeting reports, budgets, correspondence, newspaper clippings, programs, publications and temple bulletins.

### Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

### Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Temple Beth Shalom (Sun City, Ariz.) Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-641. Temple Beth Shalom (Sun City, Ariz.) Records. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Provenance

Received from Temple Beth Shalom, Sun City, Ariz., 1989-

### Processing Information

Processed by Melinda K. McMartin, May 2000.

## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Jews -- Arizona -- Sun City / Synagogues -- Arizona -- Sun City / Synagogues -- Organization and administration
<b>Personal Names</b>	Kligfeld, Bernard / Michels, Albert
<b>Corporate Names</b>	Temple Beth Shalom (Sun City, Ariz.)
<b>Media</b>	Photographs / Synagogue bulletins

## **Series A. General, 1969-2001**

**Scope and Content Note** Newspaper clippings prior to 1991 are loosely organized into the following categories: Brotherhood, business, education, people, services and Sisterhood.

**Arrangement** The materials are arranged chronologically within the folders.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 1. Folder 1. American Jewish Archives, 1989-1995
- Box 1. Folder 2. Beth Hyam Cemetery consecration, 1983
- Box 1. Folder 3. Business [annual meetings, budgets, officers], 1972-1993,1998
- Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1969-1994
- Box 1. Folder 5. History, undated
- Box 1. Folder 6. Membership lists, 1972-1976
- Box 1. Folder 7. Newspaper clippings, 1969-1970, 1972-1973
- Box 1. Folder 8. Newspaper clippings, 1974-1976
- Box 1. Folder 9. Newspaper clippings, 1977-1982
- Box 1. Folder 10. Newspaper clippings, 1985-1987
- Box 2. Folder 1. Newspaper clippings, 1988-1990
- Box 2. Folder 2. Newspaper clippings, 1991-1993
- Box 2. Folder 3. Newspaper clippings, 1994-1995
- Box 2. Folder 4. Newspaper clippings, 1997-2001
- Box 2. Folder 5. Photographs, -2001
- Box 2. Folder 6. Programs and publications, 1972-1983
- Box 2. Folder 7. Programs and publications, 1985-1987
- Box 2. Folder 8. Programs and publications, 1988-1990
- Box 2. Folder 9. Programs and publications, 1991
- Box 3. Folder 1. Programs and publications, 1992
- Box 3. Folder 2. Programs and publications, 1993
- Box 3. Folder 3. Programs and publications, 1994
- Box 3. Folder 4. Programs and publications, 1995
- Box 3. Folder 5. Programs and publications, 1999-2000
- Box 3. Folder 6. Programs and publications, 2001
- Box 3. Folder 7. Temple bulletins, 1987-1990
- Box 3. Folder 8. Temple bulletins, 1991-1993
- Box 3. Folder 9. Temple bulletins, 1994-1995
- Box 3. Folder 10. Temple bulletins, 1997-2000
- Box 3. Folder 11. Temple bulletins, 2000-2001