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**A Finding Aid to the
Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.)
Records**

Manuscript Collection No. 525



Collection Summary

Title	Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.) records
Dates	1764-1977 (bulk 1800-1928)
Collection Number	MS-525
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.)
Extent	3.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes, 2 oversize boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch	Founded in 1749, K.K. Beth Elohim is considered the fourth oldest Jewish congregation in the United States. In 1841, it became the first Reform congregation in the U.S. and was one of the founding synagogues of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (1873).
Scope and Content	Records consist of constitution and by-laws (1820-1847), minutebooks (1838-1928), fragment of minutes (1775), charter petition (1791), court cases and indentures (1764-1775), bicentennial materials (1950), miscellaneous correspondence and records (1855-1977), cash ledgers (1799-1865), receipt books (1866-1870), and offering books (1799-1823).
Copies	The Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.) Records include microfilm. The microfilm may be a duplicate of the collection or include different materials. See MF-84 and MF-832. Microfilm is available through interlibrary loan.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
Preferred Citation	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.) Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows: [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-525. Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.) Records. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Provenance	Received from Congregation Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, Charleston, S.C, and various donors.

Index Terms

Subjects	Jews -- South Carolina -- Charleston / Synagogues -- South Carolina -- Charleston
Corporate Names	Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.)
Media	By-laws / Constitutions / Microfilms / Minutes

Series A. General, 1764-1977

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. Constitutions and bylaws, 1820-1947
- Box 1. Folder 2. Minute book, pages 1-199, 1866-1875
- Box 1. Folder 3. Minute book, pages 200-370, 1866-1875
- Box 1. Folder 4. Minute book, 1875-1884
- Box 1. Folder 5. Fragment of minutes, re: Congregational dispute, land purchase, 1775 January 27
- Box 1. Folder 6. Charter petition and report of state senate committee approving petition, 1791 January
- Box 1. Folder 7. Report of a lawsuit re: mode of services, 1843 May 25

Box 1. Folder 8. Court case concerning membership rights in congregation, 1846 January

Box 1. Folder 9. Resolution and circular requesting aid to rebuild synagogue, 1838 May

Box 1. Folder 10. Resolution declining to join the proposed "general union" of congregations, 1841

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Box 2. Folder 1. Congregational records, including membership lists , financial statements, and correspondence, 1855-1872

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Box 2. Folder 6. Hymnals. Congregational hymnal of Edgar M. Lazarus and Sabbath School hymnal, 1842, 1932

Box 2. Folder 7. Cash ledger, 1799-1810

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