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**A Finding Aid to the
Ohev Israel Temple (Newark, Ohio) Records**

Manuscript Collection No. 717

Collection Summary

Title	Ohev Israel Temple (Newark, Ohio) Records
Dates	1936-1998
Collection Number	MS-717
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Ohev Israel Temple (Newark, Ohio)
Extent	0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch	<p>The first Jews began to settle in Newark, Ohio in 1898 as they established retail stores. Jacob Lichtenstein founded Ohev Israel Temple in 1907, and Mike Schonberg was the first elected president. At this time, most of the Jews lived in residential areas off of Jefferson Road and Fairfield (the north end) and east of Main Street. Because of KKK activities and other outbreaks of anti-Semitism in 1936, many of the Jews moved their retail stores toward the center of the city.</p> <p>In 1950, Ohev Israel Temple with the help of Leo Yassenoff, was able to build a synagogue on the corner of Woods and Shelby. The eternal light that hangs in the sanctuary was a gift by the family of Stanley Deutsch, honoring his bar mitzvah which was one of the first conducted in the new Temple.</p> <p>Many people were influential in the growth and maintenance of the Newark, Ohio Jewish community. Some of these individuals include Meyer and Mollie Levin who were pioneers in the establishment of the congregation. Charles Hirsch was heavily involved in both secular and religious aspects of the community, while Bessie Rattenburg was behind the establishment of the Ohev Israel Sunday School. The work of these individuals along with the continued congregational leadership has enabled Ohev Israel Temple to continue to house Jewish religious and community life today.</p>
Scope and Content	Records describe the governance and activities of the congregation. The records consist primarily of meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence, programs, sisterhood meeting minutes, and information regarding Friends of the Shelter, but also contains a limited amount of legal material and some membership lists.
Arrangement	The collection is arranged into three (3) series: A. General; B. Friends of the Shelter; C. Sisterhood.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
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Corporate Names	Ohev Israel Temple (Newark, Ohio)
Media	Minutes

Series A. General, 1954-1996

Extent 0.53 (1.3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Included in this series are the constitution and by-laws, Board of Directors meeting minutes, Temple meeting minutes, annual meeting minutes, financial records, legal records, and

various committee notes. This series also contains membership lists, a history of the Temple, social action in the local and world arena, as well as contact with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Northeast Lakes Council.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. Annual meeting minutes, 1957-1995
- Box 1. Folder 2. Board meeting minutes, 1954-1959
- Box 1. Folder 3. Board meeting minutes, 1973-1984
- Box 1. Folder 4. Board meeting minutes, 1985-1996
- Box 1. Folder 5. Congregational meeting minutes, 1956, 1988-1989
- Box 1. Folder 6. Constitution revisions, 1969, 1986, 1987
- Box 1. Folder 7. Cemetery/Bereavement Committee, 1984-1986
- Box 1. Folder 8. House Committee, 1956, 1975-1991
- Box 1. Folder 9. Miscellaneous committees, 1956, 1988-1993
- Box 1. Folder 10. Program/Social Committee, circa 1970-1990
- Box 1. Folder 11. Religious Committee, 1978-1989
- Box 1. Folder 12. Religious Committee, 1988-1993
- Box 1. Folder 13. Treasury Committee, 1955-1957, 1975-1976
- Box 2. Folder 1. Bulletins, 1976-1992
- Box 2. Folder 2. Contact lists, 1977-1995, undated
- Box 2. Folder 3. Endowments and donations, 1976-1990
- Box 2. Folder 4. Miscellaneous papers, 1975-1992, undated
- Box 2. Folder 5. Northeast Lakes Council, 1980-1992
- Box 2. Folder 6. President book from Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1991
- Box 2. Folder 7. Social Action — World and Local Issues, 1981-1992, undated
- Box 2. Folder 8. Thank you letters, 1950-1992
- Box 2. Folder 9. Union of American Hebrew Congregations contact, 1985-1992

Series B. Friends of the Shelter, 1983-1998

Extent 0.13 linear feet (0.3 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note This organization provided shelter for victims of domestic violence in Licking County. Included in this series are the constitution and by-laws, Board of Director meeting minutes, newsletters, and financial records. Included also in this collection are membership lists and various other documents.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 2. Folder 10. Board constitution/minutes/members, 1983-1984, 1990-1991
- Box 2. Folder 11. Family Counseling Service newsletters, 1984-1991
- Box 2. Folder 12. Financials, 1983-1998
- Box 2. Folder 13. Friends of the Shelter newsletters, 1984-1997

Box 2. Folder 14. Miscellaneous, 1983-1998, undated

Series C. Sisterhood, 1936-1989

Extent 0.14 linear feet (0.3 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note The records include the constitution and by-laws of the Temple's sisterhood, financial information, meeting minutes, and other various documents.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 15. Constitutions, 1965, 1970, undated

Box 2. Folder 16. Meeting minutes, 1936-June 1948

Box 2. Folder 17. Meeting minutes, 1948 August-1952 May

Box 2. Folder 18. Meeting minutes, 1952 October-1955 May

Box 2. Folder 19. Meeting minutes, 1955 October-1962 June

Box 2. Folder 20. Meeting minutes, 1962 August-1968 May

Box 2. Folder 21. Miscellaneous, 1944-1989