A Finding Aid to the
Roselawn Synagogue (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Records

Manuscript Collection No. 732
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### Administrative Information

#### Biographical Sketch

The Cincinnati, Ohio—Roselawn Synagogue (Agudath Achim) is an Orthodox congregation that was incorporated on May 22, 1952. In 1948, Adath Israel vacated a building (an old movie theater) on Reading Road which was then taken over by another congregation that took the name "Roselawn Synagogue."

The first spiritual leader was Hyman Cohen of South Bend, Indiana. He was followed by Rabbi Marvin Needle. Needle was followed by Rabbi Max Newman, who had served as the Educational Director for Adath Israel. Rabbi Newman was succeeded by Rabbis Avraham Avnit, Avram H. Herzog, and the present spiritual leader, Amiel R. Kaissar.

Though once a thriving congregation, membership has rapidly declined over the years. One reason for the decline stems from the younger generation leaving the Roselawn area of Cincinnati. This decline led to the synagogue moving into the Essex House on Reading Road in 2000. Sadly, this new home would only last six more years. Citing financial difficulties and declining members, Roselawn Synagogue closed in June 2006.

#### Scope and Content

Records include membership rosters, board minutes, weekly bulletins, and photographs.

#### Arrangement

The collection is divided into two (2) series: A. Administrative; B. Miscellaneous.

#### Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

#### Preferred Citation

Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Roselawn Synagogue (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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### Index Terms

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### Series A. Administrative, 1952-2006

#### Extent

0.1 linear feet (0.25 Hollinger box)

#### Scope and Content Note

Consists of the congregation's incorporation constitution, board minutes and membership roster.

### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. Incorporation/constitution, 1952

Series B. Miscellaneous, 1958-2005

Extent 0.3 linear feet (0.75 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Consists of weekly synagogue bulletins, Aliyah Records, various social activities and photographs of past presidents and a Sisterhood gathering.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 5. Bulletins draft, 1993
Box 1. Folder 6. Bulletins draft, 1997
Box 1. Folder 7. Aliyah record, 1991
Box 1. Folder 10. Mr. & Mrs. Club minutes, 1958-1959
Box 1. Folder 11. Sisterhood dinner luncheon, 1976, 1988
Box 1. Folder 12. Photographs, undated