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

**Manuscript Collection No. 732** 

### **Collection Summary**

Title Roselawn Synagogue (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records

**Dates** 1952-2006 **Collection Number** MS-732

**Repository** The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

**Creator** Roselawn Synagogue (Cincinnati, Ohio)

**Extent** 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Language of the Material English

### **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.

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### **Index Terms**

Subjects Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Orthodox Judaism / Synagogues -- Ohio -- Cincinnati

Corporate Names Roselawn Synagogue (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Media Minutes / Photographs / Synagogue bulletins

### 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

Box 1. Folder 2. Minutes, 1991,1999-2006

# 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 4. Bulletins, 1984,1994-2005

Box 1. Folder 5. Bulletins draft, 1993

Box 1. Folder 6. Bulletins draft, 1997

Box 1. Folder 7. Aliyah record, 1991

Box 1. Folder 8. Aliyah record, 1987-1989

Box 1. Folder 9. Book of life and memorial service, 1991-2005

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