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(Cincinnati, Ohio) Records**

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Collection Summary

Title	Cincinnati Bureau of Jewish Education (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records, 1890-1998
Collection Number	MS-761
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Cincinnati Bureau of Jewish Education (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Extent	8.85 linear feet (14 Hollinger boxes, 1 small Hollinger box, 2 oversize boxes, and 1 oversize folder)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch	<p>The Cincinnati Talmud Torah Society, predecessor to the Cincinnati Bureau of Jewish Education, was established in 1887, and moved to its first permanent location in 1892. By that time, two hundred children were registered at its school, which met at the Mishnah Society on Court St. In 1924, the decision was made to form a Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) in Cincinnati, with which the Talmud Torah Society chose to affiliate. New schools were a top priority: an additional school was built in Avondale in 1927, and by 1937 there were schools in Avondale, West End, Price Hill, and Newport.</p> <p>One of the reasons for the rapid growth of Jewish education in Cincinnati was the admission of girls to the Society's schools. This was the work of Dr. Abraham Simon, who became principal in 1917. Dr. Simon was in the vanguard of Jewish education, and placed emphasis not only on the admission of girls to Day Schools, but also upon professionalizing the field of Jewish teaching. This approach engendered increased interest in the Jewish community, and by 1940 the Bureau was overseeing the Jewish education of more than six hundred pupils at seven schools.</p> <p>Not only was the BJE involved in the formal education of its students, but in their extra-curricular activities, as well. Organizations such as Young Judaea and Habonim met at the Bureau; forums were conducted by the Yiddish Culture Federation, Young Israel, Workmen's Circles, and other groups. In the evening, recreational pursuits were offered by the Jewish Center and Big Brothers.</p> <p>In 1952, the Bureau separated from the Talmud Torah Association. A study of Jewish Education, commissioned by the Jewish Federation in 1967, recommended revitalization of the Bureau to meet the new needs of a new era. Max Frankel came to Cincinnati from Philadelphia in 1971 to assume leadership of the Bureau's schools. During his tenure, teacher in-service training was increased, school visitations and consultations were initiated, a full-service teacher resource library was established, and the collection of audiovisual resources was expanded. Official Standards and Criteria were developed for the Day Schools and Hebrew School; these were used to evaluate schools on an annual basis. The changes instituted by Frankel stood the Bureau in good stead for many years.</p> <p>The Jewish school system continued to undergo change, and by 1998 the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati proposed that the BJE's operations, program and staff become the Council on Jewish Life and Learning, a part of Federation. It was agreed that this would be an effective measure for many reasons, among them having more resources for educational advocacy, having additional educational resources available to Federation for their programming, and administrative cost savings.</p>
Scope and Content	Includes early history (1890-1946), board meeting minutes (1945-1998), reports, press releases, curricula, blueprints (1949), contracts (1944-1966), and scrapbooks (1955-1997). Photographs (1938-1996) constitute the largest part of the collection.
Arrangement	The collection is divided into seven (7) series: A. History; B. Board Meeting Minutes; C. Chronological Records; D. Blueprints, Beth Am; E. Contracts; F. Photographs; G. Scrapbooks.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
Preferred Citation	<p>Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Cincinnati Bureau of Jewish Education (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:</p> <p>[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-761. Cincinnati Bureau of Jewish Education (Cincinnati, Ohio) Records. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.</p>
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Index Terms

Subjects Cincinnati Talmud Torah Association / Cincinnati Talmud Torah Society
Personal Names Frankel, Max
Corporate Names Bureau of Jewish Education (Cincinnati, Ohio) / Jewish Culture and Art Committee (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Media Architectural Drawings / Charters and articles of incorporation / Minutes / Photographs / Press releases / Scrapbooks

Series A. History

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Materials describe the Bureau's early days as the Talmud Torah Society, then the Talmud Torah Association. These were the years of the Bureau's most active growth.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Constitution. Talmud Torah Society. Annual report, 1926-1927, 1890-1937

Box 1. Folder 2. Keren Ami letters, 1930-1934

Box 1. Folder 3. Bureau of Jewish Education history, 1929-1933

Box 1. Folder 4. Bureau archives, 1931-1937

Box 1. Folder 5. Talmud Torah Association, 1941-1946

Series B. Board Meeting Minutes

Extent 1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Documents the activities and topics of interest to the board from 1945 through 1998.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 2. Folder 1. Board meeting minutes, 1945-1948

Box 2. Folder 2. Board meeting minutes, 1949-1952

Box 2. Folder 3. Board meeting minutes, 1953

Box 2. Folder 4. Board meeting minutes, 1954-1956

Box 2. Folder 5. Board meeting minutes, 1957-1959

Box 2. Folder 6. Board meeting minutes, 1960-1962

Box 2. Folder 7. Board meeting minutes, 1963-1966

Box 2. Folder 8. Board meeting minutes, 1967-1970

Box 2. Folder 9. Board meeting minutes, 1971

Box 2. Folder 10. Board Executive Committee meeting minutes, includes financial reports, 1972

Box 3. Folder 1. Board meeting minutes, 1973

Box 3. Folder 2. Board meeting minutes, 1974
Box 3. Folder 3. Board meeting minutes, 1975
Box 3. Folder 4. Board meeting minutes, 1976
Box 3. Folder 5. Board meeting minutes, 1977
Box 3. Folder 6. Board meeting minutes, 1978
Box 3. Folder 7. Board meeting minutes, 1979
Box 3. Folder 8. Board meeting minutes, 1980
Box 3. Folder 9. Board meeting minutes, 1981
Box 3. Folder 10. Annual meeting minutes, 1977-1990
Box 4. Folder 1. Board meeting minutes, 1982
Box 4. Folder 2. Board meeting minutes, 1983
Box 4. Folder 3. Board meeting minutes, 1984
Box 4. Folder 4. Board meeting minutes, 1985-1986
Box 4. Folder 5. Jewish Welfare Fund, 1948-1952
Box 4. Folder 6. Jewish Welfare Fund, 1972
Box 4. Folder 7. Jewish Welfare Fund, 1972
Box 4. Folder 8. Bureau of Jewish Education. 50th and 60th anniversaries, 1975, 1985
Box 5. Folder 1. Board biographical information, 1987-1995
Box 5. Folder 2. Board meeting minutes, 1994-1995
Box 5. Folder 3. Board meeting minutes, 1995-1997
Box 5. Folder 4. Board meeting minutes, 1996-1998
Box 5. Folder 5. Board meeting minutes, 1997-1998
Box 5. Folder 6. Merger of Bond Hill-Roselawn Hebrew School with Talmud Torah Association, 1956
Box 5. Folder 7. BJE history, 1950s
Box 5. Folder 8. Director's reports. BJE constitution. Contract, 1950s
Box 5. Folder 9. Education Committee, 1954-1955
Box 5. Folder 10. Board meeting minutes, 1954-1959

Series C. Chronological Records

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of documents of all kinds generated by the Bureau, and include reports, job descriptions, curriculum, correspondence, committee meeting minutes, proposals, and statistics.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 6. Folder 1. Director annual reports, 1956-1957
Box 6. Folder 2. Cincinnati Community Hebrew Schools. Statistics.
Folder 1957-1958, 6 (3)

Box 6. Folder 4. Hebrew Schools Evaluation and Recommendation. Curriculum Guide, 1960s

Box 6. Folder 5. Miscellaneous, 1960s

Box 6. Folder 6. Report on the Status of Jewish Education in Cincinnati, 1968

Box 6. Folder 7. BJE History. School Standards. Education Director Job Description. Curriculum outline, 1960s-1970s

Box 6. Folder 8. Correspondence, 1969-1976

Box 6. Folder 9. Statement of Continued Existence, 1971

Box 6. Folder 10. Press releases, American Israelite, 1971-1972

Box 6. Folder 11. Education Committee, Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 1977-1979

Box 6. Folder 12. Education Committee, Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 1980-1981

Box 7. Folder 1. Education Committee, Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, 1982-1984

Box 7. Folder 2. Miscellaneous, 1970s-1980s

Box 7. Folder 3. Cincinnati Community Hebrew Schools, 1975

Box 7. Folder 4. Hebrew in Public Schools/Finneytown, 1964-1977

Box 7. Folder 5. Hebrew in Public Schools, includes Akiva High School proposal, 1975-1977

Box 7. Folder 6. Annual honorees, 1980-1996

Box 7. Folder 7. Jewish Demographic Study - Cincinnati, 1980-1985

Box 8. Folder 1. BJE Directors Fellowship, 1994

Box 8. Folder 2. BJE Directors Fellowship, 1995-1996

Box 8. Folder 3. Covenant Awards, 1990s

Box 8. Folder 4. Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education, undated

Box 8. Folder 5. Hebrew at Sycamore High School, 1997

Box 8. Folder 6. Reform Retirees Luncheon Speech. Howard Ruben, 1998

Box 8. Folder 7. Task Force on Jewish Youth Initiatives, 1998

Box 8. Folder 8. Jewish-Catholic Teacher to Teacher Conference, 1998

Box 8. Folder 8. Culture and Art Committee, 1995-1998

Box 8. Folder 9. Board Committees mission statement, 1996-1998

Box 8. Folder 10. Board of Rabbis meeting minutes, 1998

Box 8. Folder 11. Merger with Jewish Federation, 1998

Box 8. Folder 12. Governance, 1991, 1995, 1997

Series D. Blueprints, Beth Am

Extent 0.14 linear feet (0.25 Hollinger box and 1 oversize folder)

Scope and Content Note Includes an index to drawings, elevation drawings, reinforcing steel details, ground layout plans, site plans, parts orders, survey plat, design proposal, and plot plans.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 9. Folder 1. Blueprints and building plans, Beth Am, 1949

Box FF:C6/D1. Blueprints, Beth Am.

Series E. Contracts

Extent 0.1 linear feet (0.25 Hollinger box)

Scope and Content Note Documents cover the purchases of various pieces of property.

Box and Folder Listing

Box FF:C6/D1. Talmude Torah Association of Cincinnati, Ohio articles of incorporation, 1944 November 7

Box 9. Folder 2. Beth Am property papers, 1948-1959

Box 9. Folder 3. Seymour Avenue property, 1947-1959

Box 9. Folder 4. Rockdale Avenue property, 1958-1966

Box 9. Folder 5. Roselawn Synagogue agreement, 1958-1959

Box 9. Folder 6. Ohav Shalom agreement, 1958

Series F. Photographs

Extent 2.4 linear feet (6 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Items in the series, many of which were originally housed in scrapbooks, are for the most part identified and dated. They are a mixture of black and white, color, large (8x10) and small (3x5) photographs.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 10. Folder 1. Talmud Torah classes, 1938, 1939

Box 10. Folder 2. Pictures, 8x10, 1940s-1950s

Box 10. Folder 3. Pictures, 8x10, 1940s-1950s

Box 10. Folder 4. Pictures, 8x10, 1960s

Box 10. Folder 5. Protesting Maalot Massacre, 1974

Box 10. Folder 6. Bible contest winners, 1974, 1976

Box 10. Folder 7. High school graduation. Kaplan Scholarship, 1976

Box 10. Folder 8. Scrapbook pages, 1976, undated

Box 10. Folder 9. Jewish Teacher Center, 1977 May

Box 10. Folder 10. Consecration. National Bible Contest. Siddur induction, 1977

Box 10. Folder 11. Jr. Bible contest winners, 1979

Box 10. Folder 12. Miscellaneous, 1970s

Box 10. Folder 13. Miscellaneous, 1970s

Box 10. Folder 14. Miscellaneous, 1970s

Box 10. Folder 15. Miscellaneous, 1970s

Box 10. Folder 16. Miscellaneous, 1969-1975

Box 10. Folder 17. Miscellaneous, 1974-1975

Box 11. Folder 1. Book fairs, 1970s-1980s

Box 11. Folder 2. Book fairs, 1970s-1980s
Box 11. Folder 3. Book fair, 1988
Box 11. Folder 4. Teacher conferences, 1980s
Box 11. Folder 5. Teacher conferences, 1980s
Box 11. Folder 6. Consecration. Siddur induction.
Box 11. Folder 7. Consecration. Siddur induction, 1981
Box 11. Folder 8. Scrapbook pages, 1981
Box 11. Folder 9. Bible contest awards assembly, 1982 May
Box 11. Folder 10. Scrapbook pages, 1982
Box 11. Folder 11. Consecration. Siddur Induction, 1982-1984
Box 11. Folder 12. Scrapbook pages, 1984
Box 11. Folder 13. Principals Workshop, 1985
Box 11. Folder 14. Teacher conference, 1986
Box 11. Folder 15. Yom Ha'atzmaut, 1987 May 10
Box 11. Folder 16. Lillian Miller Teacher Incentive Grants, 1988 April 26
Box 11. Folder 17. City-wide teachers conference, 1988 December 19
Box 11. Folder 18. CAJE conference, 1988
Box 11. Folder 19. JCC Early Childhood class, 1988
Box 11. Folder 20. Pillar of Fire Lecture Series, 1988 October 17
Box 11. Folder 21. Day School Teachers Regional Conference, 1989
Box 11. Folder 22. In-service day, 1989 February 8
Box 12. Folder 1. Tu B'Shevat celebration, 1990 February 7
Box 12. Folder 2. Regional Day School Teachers Conference, 1990
Box 12. Folder 3. Larry Katz farewell, 1991 June
Box 12. Folder 4. Teacher Resource Complex, 1991
Box 12. Folder 5. March of the Living, 1990, 1992
Box 12. Folder 6. Tikvah seniors, 1992
Box 12. Folder 7. 53rd annual meeting, 1978
Box 12. Folder 8. 54th annual meeting, 1979
Box 12. Folder 9. 55th annual meeting, 1980
Box 12. Folder 10. 55th annual meeting, 1980
Box 12. Folder 11. 56th annual meeting, 1981
Box 12. Folder 12. 57th annual meeting, 1982
Box 12. Folder 13. 58th annual meeting, 1983
Box 12. Folder 14. 59th annual meeting, 1984
Box 12. Folder 15. 59th annual meeting, 1984
Box 13. Folder 1. 60th annual meeting, 1985
Box 13. Folder 2. 60th annual meeting, 1985
Box 13. Folder 3. 61st annual meeting, 1986
Box 13. Folder 4. 62nd annual meeting, 1987
Box 13. Folder 5. 62nd annual meeting, 1987

Box 13. Folder 6. 63rd annual meeting, 1988

Box 13. Folder 7. 65th-66th annual meetings, 1990-1991

Box 13. Folder 8. 67th-68th annual meetings, 1992-1993

Box 13. Folder 9. 69th annual meeting, 1994

Box 13. Folder 10. 69th annual meeting, 1994

Box 13. Folder 11. JC&A entertainers.

Box 13. Folder 12. JC&A entertainers.

Box 13. Folder 13. JC&A entertainers.

Box 14. Folder 1. The Avianes.

Box 14. Folder 2. Cantors concert.

Box 14. Folder 3. Emil Cohen and Sandy Schmuely.

Box 14. Folder 4. Farbund Theater Troupe.

Box 14. Folder 5. Festival of the Performing Arts, 1975-1976

Box 14. Folder 6. Gloria Feidman Trio.

Box 14. Folder 7. Kleveland Klezmorim.

Box 14. Folder 8. Klezmer Conservatory Band.

Box 14. Folder 9. Mike Burstyn Concert.

Box 14. Folder 10. Miriam Mizakura, the Japanese-Jewish Girl.

Box 14. Folder 11. Mizrahi and Stark.

Box 14. Folder 12. The Rebbetzin from Israel.

Box 14. Folder 13. Sam Levinson.

Box 14. Folder 14. Serenade Judaica.

Box 14. Folder 15. Spotlight on Cincinnati.

Box 14. Folder 16. Yiddish musical theater.

Box 14. Folder 17. Art Exhibit, 1973 May

Box 14. Folder 18. Biduron, 1974-1976

Box 14. Folder 19. Jewish book review contest, 1986-87

Box 14. Folder 20. Children's art exhibit, 1987 May 10

Box 14. Folder 21. Soviet Jewish experience. Adath Israel, 1987 April 4

Box 14. Folder 22. Book review contest, 1988

Box 14. Folder 23. Super Sunday, 1988 January 24

Box 14. Folder 24. Soviet Jewry vigil, 1988 March 1

Box 14. Folder 25. Patron's reception, 1988 March 13

Box 14. Folder 26. Chidon Hatanach, 1988 March 27

Box 14. Folder 27. Jewish Culture and Art Committee, 1988 November 13

Box 14. Folder 28. Jewish Culture and Art Committee, 1988-1989

Box 14. Folder 29. Orthodox Home, 1989 March 13

Box 14. Folder 30. Jewish Entertainment Series, 1995-1996

Box 14. Folder 31. Jewish Culture Series Committee.

Box 14. Folder 32. Office staff, undated

Box 14. Folder 33. Office staff, undated

- Box 15. Folder 1. Miscellaneous.
- Box 15. Folder 2. Miscellaneous.
- Box 15. Folder 3. Miscellaneous.
- Box 15. Folder 4. Miscellaneous.
- Box 15. Folder 5. Miscellaneous.
- Box 15. Folder 6. Miscellaneous.
- Box 15. Folder 7. Miscellaneous, undated
- Box 15. Folder 8. Miscellaneous, undated
- Box 15. Folder 9. Miscellaneous.
- Box 15. Folder 10. Miscellaneous, undated

Series G. Scrapbooks

Extent 3 linear feet (2 oversized boxes)

Scope and Content Note Contains newspaper articles, generally short in length, often accompanied by a photograph.

Arrangement The series is arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

- Box X-306. Folder 1. Newspaper articles, 1955-1959
- Box X-306. Folder 2. Newspaper articles, 1980-1984
- Box X-306. Folder 3. Newspaper articles, 1960-1973
- Box X-306b. Folder 1. Newspaper articles, 1984-1992
- Box X-306b. Folder 2. Newspaper articles, 1992-1997