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INDIANA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION ADDITION, 1903–2012

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1903–2012

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection M 0743; Indiana Jewish Historical Society Addition M 1016, M 1023, M 1193, M 1230; Indiana Jewish History Printed Materials Collection, M 0929

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NOTES: This forms part of the collection of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society was founded in 1972 to collect, preserve and publish material involving two hundred years of Jewish life in Indiana. The organization aims to gather and preserve the records of synagogues, temples and societies; Jewish life cycle demonstrations, such as Bar Mitzvah certificates, Confirmation certificates, Katubbot (marriage contracts); personal memorabilia, scrapbooks and diaries; burial and cemetery records; government documents such as naturalization records; newspaper and magazine articles; and photographs.

Another goal of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is to provide data not always available to historians, scholars and authors, thus helping to provide an awareness of the role played by Jews and Jewish communities in the creation of the religious climate of Indiana.

The IJHS founders ensured that the Jewish experience throughout the state would be preserved and conveyed. They began an annual publication, *Indiana Jewish History*, which recorded:

- settlers in Richmond and Terre Haute in 1818
- the beginning of the Fort Wayne congregation in 1848 and the dedication of the Madison synagogue in 1855
- stores founded more than 100 years ago in Plymouth, Wabash, Huntington, and North Manchester
- the role of the Lafayette congregation in the Reform movement in the late 19th century and the history of self-help organization in the community, beginning in 1907
- a forum which brought W.E.B. Du Bois of the NAACP and other speakers to Hammond during the heyday of the Ku Klux Klan life in Muncie and Columbia City in the 20th century

Sources:

Preface and Introduction from *A Users Guide to the Indianapolis Holdings of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society*.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is an addition to Manuscript Collection M 0743, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, 1845–2002. It contains archive materials related to the Jewish life in Indiana, and has been split into three series:

Series 1: Refusenik Materials

This series contains materials related to efforts by American Jewish organizations to help refuseniks, Soviet Jews denied permission to emigrate. This includes newsletters and news releases from the Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry, the Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Also in this series are event flyers, information on refusenik families, news clippings, articles, petitions for exit visas, and correspondence.

Series 2: Sinai Temple Materials

This series contains materials from and related to Sinai Temple in Marion, Indiana. It includes temple records such as Board of Directors meeting minutes, budget records, committee reports, insurance materials, a lot appraisal, member and rabbi lists, financial records, bingo records and Temple Endowment Fund materials. Other materials are temple bulletins, service programs, news clippings, photos, negatives, Temple Sisterhood materials, Sabbath school materials, memorial project materials, correspondence, and the temple's articles of incorporation and by-laws.

Series 3: Miscellaneous Materials

This series contains miscellaneous materials related to Jewish life in Indiana. The series includes B'nai B'rith materials, such as correspondence and meeting minutes. Other materials are organization photos, bulletins from Indiana Jewish congregations and institutions, Marion Jewish Federation records, news clippings, and newsletters.

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