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ETZ CHAIM SEPHARDIC CONGREGATION HISTORY, 1906–1997

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Etz Chaim is an Orthodox Sephardic Jewish Congregation in Indianapolis , Indiana. The first Sephardic (of Spanish origin) Jews settled in Indianapolis in 1906. By 1916 there was a community and a congregation, and so a rabbi was hired in 1916. In 1919 the new congregation purchased a building for a Kahal (synagogue), and named the congregation Etz Chaim (tree of life). As the Jewish community in Indianapolis moved to the north side of town, the congregation purchased a church at the corner of 64th Street and Hoover Road in 1963, and moved the synagogue there. The congregation dedicated its new building, at 6939 Hoover Road, on 25 September 2005.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

<http://etzchaimindy.org>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a 14-page history of the congregation, prepared by Sylvia Cohen, and some associated notes. The history includes handwritten corrections and updates. Portions of the same history appear on the congregation's web page.

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