INDIANA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
COLLECTION ADDITION, 1985–2009

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes; 9 DVDs

COLLECTION DATES: 1985–2009

PROVENANCE: Indiana Jewish Historical Society, March 2010

RESTRICTIONS: None

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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 age 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 M0743, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, 1845–2002. It contains archive materials related to the Jewish life in Indiana, and has been split into four series:

Series 1: Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery Project
This series contains materials related to the IHC Cemetery Project, which aimed to document the locations of gravestones in the Kelly Street Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN (ca. 2008). The information collected was added to the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR). Materials in this collection include various maps of the Kelly Street Cemetery, three printed photographs of the project team, various printed materials detailing the project specifications, and information about JOWBR. This series also contains 10 DVDS containing photographs and documents related to the project.

Series 2: Individuals
This series contains materials related to a few individuals. There are a few news clippings related to Dr. Irvin Borish, a Jewish optometrist. There are also many news clippings and other printed materials related to Bob Freed, a Jewish jeweler, and his family. This series also contains a pamphlet which tells the story of the Kohn twins of Kokomo, IN.

Series 3: Temple B’nai Israel Materials
This series contains materials relating to Temple B’nai Israel of Kokomo, IN. Materials in this collection include miscellaneous printed materials such as pamphlets, brochures, handouts, and directories, news clippings about the temple’s 65th anniversary in 2007, the transcript of a speech given by Frances C. Freed at the temple on May 16 1992, and a collection of ten yarmulkes worn in various ceremonies and events at the temple, along with a note written by Robert Freed describing the collection.

Series 4: Miscellaneous Jewish Organizations Materials
This series contains miscellaneous printed materials relating to various Jewish organizations of Indianapolis. Organizations include the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Congregation Sons of Abraham, National Council of Jewish Women, the Bureau of Jewish Education, Inc., the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah. Materials include newsletters, mailings, membership directories, calendars, and various pamphlets/booklets. This series also contains the CD, “Echoes and Reflections: A Multimedia Curriculum on the Holocaust,” which was produced by the Anti-Defamation League.
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For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:
   http://opac.indianahistory.org/
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M1016).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.