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**INDIANA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION  
PERIODICALS ADDITION, 2010–2011**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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**COLLECTION DATES:** 2010-2011

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**NOTES:**

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) was founded in 1972. The organization is headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and it holds events throughout the state. IJHS's mission is to collect, preserve, and publish information on the 250 years of Jewish life in Indiana. IJHS is the only organization in the state which focuses exclusively on the entire Hoosier Jewish experience. The Indiana Jewish Historical Society's archive collection at the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis contains more than 7,000 items of Jewish interest and the society continues to seek materials for the collection. As such, all of the collections have been academically cataloged and are listed on the internet. The Indiana Jewish Historical Society continues to actively collect articles and information with the community's assistance

Between 1850 and 1870, Jewish immigrants from Germany arrived and settled in Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana. Another influx of immigrants from Eastern Europe arrived after 1890, during which time the Jewish community in Michigan City grew significantly. Adath Israel was the first congregation large enough to build a synagogue in the area in 1907. Several other congregations flourished during this time, including the first Reform Jewish congregation under the leadership of Moses Moritz. This congregation adopted the name "Sinai Congregation" in 1912 or 1913.

The Michigan City Jewish community saw its most rapid growth in membership during the post-World War II years. In the fall of 1945, Sinai Congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and passed a resolution to engage a resident rabbi. The increase in membership also made the need for a new Temple Center imperative, and in 1947, Sinai acquired a lot for a new Temple on Franklin Street. The official groundbreaking ceremony took place on May 4, 1952, and the new Sinai Temple was dedicated a year later with worship services, a gala banquet, and a celebration of the Religious School. It is still in operation today.

### Sources:

Indiana Jewish Historical Society. "About the Indiana Jewish Historical Society." <http://ijhs.org/about.html>. Last accessed 27 July 2017.

Sinai Temple of Michigan City, "Our History." <http://www.sinaitemplemc.org>. Last accessed 27 July 2017.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains nine issues of the *Sinai Temple Bulletin* of Michigan City, Indiana. These include issues from November–December 2010, January–March 2011, and May–August 2011. Also included is one issue of *The Historical News*, a publication from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, dated in February 2011. These periodicals were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lickerman when they lived in Columbus, Indiana.

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