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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Sheila Greenwald
Sheila Greenwald is a Life Member of the B’nai B’rith girls, and has been very active in the Indianapolis BBG and B’nai B’rith Youth Organization for many years. She is currently the BBG Advisor for Indianapolis BBYO. Sheila Greenwald is married to Lawrence “Larry” Greenwald, past president of the B’nai B’rith Indianapolis Lodge #58. Both are very active members of the Indianapolis Jewish community. This collection includes two copies of the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck monthly newsletter, Besamim, and one issue of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI) newsletter, addressed to Sheila Greenwald.

Sinai Temple, Michigan City
Sinai Temple is located at 2800 Franklin Street, Michigan City, Ind. It is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. The history of Sinai Temple dates back to 1904, when the first reform Jewish services were held in Michigan City. In 1912–13, a congregation under the leadership of Moses Moritz adopted the name “Sinai Congregation.” After an increase in membership post-World War II, a new Temple Center imperative emerged, leading to the construction of the current Temple building (which opened in May of 1953).

Prior to the first reform Jewish services in Michigan City, early Orthodox Jewish services for the area had been centered in nearby LaPorte. Following an influx of Eastern European Jewish immigrants to Michigan City in the 1890s, an Orthodox Jewish temple was built in 1907. This original synagogue was torn down in the 1960s, and its Eternal Light is still housed at the Sinai Temple.

Howard and Carolyn Lickerman
Carolyn Lickerman is an active member of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, the League of Women Voters of Indiana, and a board member of the Society of the Friends of Music in support of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Carolyn Lickerman held a seat on the City Council of Michigan City, Indiana from 1976–1988. She currently lives in Columbus, Indiana with her husband, Howard Lickerman. The collection includes nine issues of the Sinai Temple, Michigan City monthly newsletter dating from July 2009–April 2010, addressed to Howard and Carolyn Lickerman.

Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI)
From the JFGI website:

“The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is the central philanthropic, planning and community relations organization of the Jewish community. The Federation and its agencies, in cooperation with the synagogues, function to promote the general welfare of the Jewish community and to ensure the creative survival and continuity of the Jewish people. The Federation community mission is grounded in a pluralistic understanding of the historical, moral and cultural values of Judaism.”
Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis, Indiana

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck came into existence in 1928 with the combination of two existing congregations: Beth-El, which formed in Indianapolis in 1915, and Ohev Zedeck. After thirty years housed in its location at 34th and Ruckle Streets, the congregation moved northward to 600 W. 70th St. in 1958. Congregation Beth-El Zedeck is affiliated with both the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

Sources:

Information from the collection.


Oral histories from longtime LWV members in Indiana: Carolyn Lickerman, MAL living in Columbus, Ind. http://www.lwvin.org/about/oral_history.html#Columbus


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection was donated to the Indiana Historical Society in June 2010 by Sheila Greenwald. It is housed in one half-width legal manuscript box. The collection includes nine issues of the Sinai Temple Bulletin (Michigan City, Indiana), ranging from July 2009–April 2010. These occupy folders 1 and 2. Folder 3 contains two issues of the Congregation Beth-El Zedeck monthly newsletter, Besamim (No. 5-6, 2010), addressed to Sheila Greenwald. Folder 4 contains the January/February 2010 edition of the JFGI news, addressed to Sheila Greenwald.
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