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## MICHIGAN CITY JEWISH ARCHIVES COLLECTION, 1919–2008

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 1 DVD

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1919–2008

PROVENANCE: Carolyn Lickerman, Columbus, Indiana, December 19 2008

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Indiana Jewish Historical Society (M 0743)

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

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH**

### **Carolyn Lickerman (1929–)**

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.

### **Sinai Temple, Michigan City, IN**

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.

### **Indiana Jewish Historical Society**

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.

Sources:

Sinai Temple of Michigan City: *Our History*. <http://www.sinaitemplemc.org>

Ancestry Library Edition. Available at: <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com>

Oral histories from longtime LWV members in Indiana: *Carolyn Lickerman, MAL living in Columbus, Ind.* [http://www.lwvin.org/about/oral\\_history.html#Columbus](http://www.lwvin.org/about/oral_history.html#Columbus)

*Indiana Jewish Historical Society, Collection 1845–2002*. M 0743. William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society .

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains a variety of materials related to the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the Sinai Temple of Michigan City, Indiana. These items were donated to the Indiana Historical Society by Carolyn Lickerman on December 19, 2008. The first folder contains four scrapbook pages with newspaper clippings, pamphlets, photographs, and Sinai Temple confirmation services programs which all relate to a Dr. B.H. Kaplan and his family. These scrapbook pages date from 1919–1945. Located in Folder 1, along with the scrapbook pages, are photocopies of two documents which were hand-written on lined paper: “The Job of the Jewish Woman in the Post War World” (n.d.) and “Flower Prayers” (n.d.). These documents are all kept in the manila envelope which they were donated in.

Folder 2 contains two Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) mailings from 2008. The first is the February 2008 issue of IJHS’s “The Historical News.” The second is an announcement and event details about the IJHS Spring Meeting which took place on Sunday, May 18 2008. Along with these two mailings is a blank card with envelope which has the image of a building on the cover.

Folders 3 and 4 contain eleven 2008 issues of the Sinai Temple Bulletin, which is a monthly publication mailed out to members. Folder 3 contains the January, March, April, May, June, and July 2008 issues. Folder 4 contains the August, September, October, November, and December 2008 issues.

The final item in this collection is a compact disc which contains the “Citizens Bank Interview” of Irving Levin (1909–78). Levin was a prominent member of the Sinai Temple congregation and of the Michigan City community. He established a store, “Society Lingerie,” in Michigan City. Following his death, the Sinai Temple established the Irving Levin Jewish Cultural fund.

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Irving Levin Citizens Bank Interview, n.d.

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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, M1009).
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