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STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS ORGANIZATION INDIANA RECORDS, 1948–2005

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Manuscript Materials: 8 Document Cases; 1 Oversized Manuscript Folder; 7 Audiocassettes Visual Materials: 2 Boxes of Photographs; 5 Color Photograph boxes Artifacts: 17 Artifacts
COLLECTION	1948–2005

DATES:

PROVENANCE: State of Israel Bonds, Indiana Office, Indianapolis, Indiana,
December 2005; August 2007

RESTRICTIONS: Negatives may be viewed with the assistance of library staff.
The 41 video cassettes in the collection are the original tapes.
Researchers wanting to view the tapes must request them in
advance from the Director of Manuscript and Visual Collections
so that copies can be made for viewing.

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006.0090, 2007.0251

NOTES: 2007.0251 is an addition to 2006.0090
The 41 video cassettes are stored in manuscript boxes 1–4.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

According to the State of Israel Bonds Development Corporation for Israel (founded in 1951) website:

The idea to create an organization to sell securities issued by Israel's government was proposed by David Ben-Gurion during a time of crisis for the new-born state. The economy was foundering in the aftermath of the War of Independence; immigrants were pouring in by the hundreds of thousands; and a national infrastructure had to be rapidly developed.

The new Israel Bonds organization rose to the challenge, mobilizing the Jewish community and securing first year sales of \$52 million. This marked the first of many critical periods in which Israel Bonds generated vital economic resources for Israel.

In a landmark survey issued in September 2004, the Bank of Israel cited proven dependability as one of the hallmarks of Israel Bonds, noting the organization "has shown itself to be capable of reacting quickly to increased needs for foreign currency." Similarly, in a July 2006 research update, Standard & Poor's said, "State of Israel Bonds . . . provide(s) significant funding flexibility, in particular at a time of heightened uncertainty."

Today, Israel has again turned to the Bonds organization as the nation copes with the war against Hezbollah and its aftermath. Northern Israel, envisioned as the focus of new economic development, must first recover from terrible destruction caused by thousands of rockets and missiles. Extensive efforts will be necessary to repair heavy infrastructure damage. Moreover, defending its citizens has cost Israel billions of dollars, and national economic growth has slowed.

Israel Bonds has already taken enormous steps to keep the economy stable. In August, the Bonds organization held

solidarity meetings across North America, producing millions of dollars in new funding. In the coming weeks and months, Israel Bonds will accelerate efforts on every level to ensure that Israel's economic needs continue to be met.

Locally, the State of Israel Bonds, Indiana office opened in 1951 and closed in 2005. Michael Blain represented the Indianapolis office for 31 years (1974-2005) until it closed. Dinners were held annually to sell bonds and to honor local Jewish community leaders. In 2003 Indiana invested \$5 million in Israeli bonds and again in 2007. A women's division of the State of Israel Bond organization formed in 1954 and remained active through the 1960s and 1970s but failed to gain new members in the later decades of the 1980s and 1990s and consequently disintegrated.

Sources:

Email, Phone, and Personal Interviews with Michael Blain. 2-3, 8-9, 24 August 2007.

Materials in the collection.

State of Israel Bonds. "About Us: State Of Israel Bonds – A Legacy of Dependability."

<http://www.israelbonds.com/aboutus.html>. Last accessed 2 August 2007.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is divided into five major series. The first series includes all written records relating to the State of Israel Bonds office (boxes 5–8); series two consists of videocassettes (boxes 1–4); series three contains color (boxes 1–5) and black and white photographs (boxes 1–2); series four consists of audiocassettes (CT 2060–2066); and series five is comprised of artifacts.

The first series containing records and correspondence includes newspaper clippings beginning with a reproduction of a 1948 article chronicling the establishment of Israel. The newspaper clippings resume in 1952 after the State of Israel Bonds has been established and end in 2005 when the Indianapolis office closed. Programs and invitations of Bond events throughout the state are included in this series. Miscellaneous materials include business cards, State of Israel Bond stickers, revised song lyrics, and speeches. The oversized manuscript folder contains awards and posters from the State of Israel Bonds.

Videocassettes in series two are organized chronologically and a brief description (when available) of the film is provided in the series content.

Photographs are both in color and black and white and date back to the 1950s. Most photographs are of the annual Israel Bond drive dinners. Negatives are included in this series.

The audiocassettes are recordings of the Israel Bond dinner. Recordings begin in 1989 and end in 2004 but are incomplete.

In total there are 17 artifacts and range from medals to flags. A list is provided below.

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Series 1: Records and Correspondence, 1948–2005

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Indianapolis Programs, 1977–2005

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<i>Annual Directory of Jewish Life</i> , 2005–2006	Pamphlet Q Collection: F535.J5 A55 2005

Series 2: Videocassettes, 1986–2003

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The State of Israel Bonds Dinner Oct. 29, 1989	Box 1, Tape 4
Israeli Bonds Sept. 30, 1990	Box 1, Tape 5
“Welcome to Israel” (Russian Jewry) State of Israel Bonds, 1991	Box 1, Tape 6
1991 is 1948 for Israel Once Again Jewish History is Being Made	Box 1, Tape 7
“Ethiopian Immigrants” 20/20 ABC-TV Network June 7, 1991 14:40	Box 1, Tape 8
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Marvin Mitchell Celebrity Roast Israel Bonds Oct.20, 1991	Box 1, Tape 11
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CNN Dec. 4, 1991	Box 2, Tape 1
Mike Blain Interview with Jeff Wolin Aug. 12, 1992	Box 2, Tape 2
CNN Business Morning Oct. 6, 1992	Box 2, Tape 3
Israel Bonds Fall 94 Leadership Conference Video Meeting the Challenges of a New Era 8:11	Box 2, Tape 4
Israel Bonds Dinner Hammond 1995 Mickey	Box 2, Tape 5
Israel Bonds Campaign 1995 Video with Ehud Olmert Message	Box 2, Tape 6
Israel Bonds New Leadership Delegation 1995 (revised)	Box 2, Tape 7
Israel Bonds 1996 Campaign Message	Box 2, Tape 8
With our Sons and Daughters: A Video for Synagogue Schools and Day Schools. State of Israel Bonds 1997	Box 2, Tape 9
The Bloomberg Forum State of Israel Bonds Gideon Patt, President Interview May 27, 1997	Box 2, Tape 10
Where the Money Goes: State of Israel Bonds Campaign Jubilee Video 1997–1998	Box 2, Tape 11
The Birth of Israel Bonds 1998	Box 2, Tape 12
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Mike Blain 25 th Anniversary Israel Bond Video Oct. 10, 1999	Box 3, Tape 3
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Political Figures, 1960s–1980s	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 3
Negatives belong with contact sheet included in the political figures folder. Congressman David Evans and Mrs. Evans meeting with Mayor Teddy Kolleck in Israel, ca. 1981.	35 mm Acetate negatives Envelope 1–2, Bin 1
Negatives belong with contact sheet included in the political figures folder. Congressman David Evans in Israel meeting with Dr. Yehuda Ben Meir, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, ca. 1981	35 mm Acetate negatives Envelope 3, Bin 1
Negatives belong with contact sheet included in the political figures folder. Congressman David Evans and Mrs. Evans in Israel meeting with Dr. Yehuda Ben Meir, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, ca. 1981	35 mm Acetate negatives Envelope 4, Bin 1
Negatives belong with contact sheet included in the political figures folder. Congressman David and Mrs. Evans meeting with Yizhak Rabin, member of Knesset, ca. 1981	35 mm Acetate negatives Envelope 5, Bin 1
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Gary, 1968	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9
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Robert Borns, 1970s–1989	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 3
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Hart Hasten, 1970s–1980s	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 5
Bond Dinner, 1972	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 6
Bond Dinner, 1973 (1 of 2)	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 7
Bond Dinner, 1973 (2 of 2)	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 8
Indianapolis Women's Division, 1976	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 9
Dinner, 1977	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 10
Bond Event, 1979	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 11
Mark Hasten, 1960s–1990s	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 12
Events, 1990s	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 13

Israel Bonds Dinner, 2004	Photographs, Box 2, Folder 14
Events, ca. 1970s	Color Photographs, Box 1, Folder 1
Prints are contained in events folder ca. 1970s. Israel Bond Dinner. Mike Blain presenting award in first negative, ca. 1970s	35 mm Color Acetate Negatives Envelope 6, Bin 1
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Prints are contained in events folder ca. 1970s. Israel Bond Dinner. Mike Blain in first negative, ca. 1970s	35 mm. Color Acetate Negatives Envelope 8, Bin 1
Prints are contained in events folder ca. 1970s. Israel Bond Dinner, ca. 1970s	35 mm Color Acetate Negatives Envelope 9–15, Bin 1
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Israel Bonds Dinner, 1997 (2 of 2)	Color Photographs, Box 4, Folder 8
Bond Dinner, 1999	Color Photographs, Box 5, Folder 1
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Series 4: Audiocassettes

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Israel Bond Dinner Oct. 29, 1989	CT 2060
State of Israel Audio Dub Oct. 29, 1989	CT 2061
Bond Dinner–S. Bend Nov. 19, 1989	CT 2062
Israel Bonds Dinner 1993	CT 2063
1996 Israel Bonds Dinner	CT 2064
Israel Bonds Dinner Nov. 8, 2001	CT 2065
2004 Israel Bonds Dinner	CT 2066

Series 5: Artifacts

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Plastic sleeve with label: "Israel's 25th Anniversary Year", ca. 1973

Official municipal flag of Jerusalem in blue velvet-covered box, 1974 (30 x 21 x 3.6 cm.)

American-Israeli Friendship Tribute Frame, ca. 1978 (16 1/2" x 13 1/2")

Campaign Achievement Award, wood and metal, 1982 (30.5 x 22.8 x 3.9 cm.)

Israel Shekalim Award, Israeli money on wood plaque, 1986 (34.8 x 22.8 x 2.4 cm.)

United Jerusalem 20th anniversary medal presented to Silvia Blain, 1987

"Israel Bonds/ Your Link with Israel's Future Celebrating Israel's Fiftieth Anniversary," blue nylon with white print (142 x 21 cm.)

Israel Freedom Award, glass in box, 2002 (23.5 x 9.2 x 11.5 cm.)

Oversized 2003 check award from State of Indiana to State of Israel for \$5,000,000

"Our Land/ Our People/Our Bond" blue nylon with white print, wood rod, (49 x 48 cm. with gold cord)

"Our Land/ Our People/Our Bond" blue nylon with white print, wood rod, (45.2 x 29 cm.)

"Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land/ Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof./Lev. XXV.10," gold cloth with blue and white stitching (81 x 56 cm.)

Frame of menorah surrounded by symbols (17" x 14")

Plaque shield with no identification, wood and metal (22 x 16.5 x 3 cm.)

Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal Project, wood and metal trophy n.d. (20.3 x 12.5 x 5 cm.)

Outstanding Achievement Award to Michael Blain, n.d.

Silver-colored Torah shield trophy (23 x 15 x 1 cm. plus chain) in blue velvet-covered box (26.8 x 18.5 x

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