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Descriptive Summary

Title: Rosenberg collection of Stockton and Sacramento Jewish history materials

Dates: 1855-1976

Collection number: MSS 51

Creator: Rosenberg, Bernard D. Rabbi

Collection Size: 5 linear feet

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Abstract: 20th century Stockton Rabbi, Bernard Rosenberg, collected genealogical material and records on early Jewish history of Stockton.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Biography / Administrative History

By 1849 there were over two hundred Jews in the Gold Rush transportation hub city of Stockton. Two years later they formed a benevolent society, Ryhim Ahvooim [Brotherly Love] (1851), and in 1855 formally organized a congregation. This group was nominally orthodox, though some traditional practices were abandoned to conform to life in a growing western town. During its first twenty-one years the congregation was generally headed by cantors with rabbis present only on high holy days or for short periods. From 1890 there was a strong movement within the congregation to adopt Reformed Judaism and eventually the cantor was removed, women were allowed to join the congregation and a rabbi was found who could preach in English (1896).

Scope and Content of Collection

20th century Stockton Rabbi, Bernard Rosenberg, collected genealogical material and records on early Jewish history of Stockton. Much of it came from Ryhim Ahvooim's Board of Trustees Minutes and financial records (1855-1957) and from Stockton's Jewish Cemetery, which was established in 1851 and is the oldest one of its kind in continuous use west of the Rocky Mountains. Also present in the collection are the Minutes and some financial records of Hope Lodge No. 126 of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith (1869-1929,1976) and similar materials from the Jewish Community Council (1948-1956), its precursor, the Jewish Community Center (1925-1947), and the local Hadassah (1908-1957). There are also clippings,

photographs and other materials pertaining to the congregation and construction (1953) of Temple B'nai Israel in Sacramento (1892-1957).

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Ryhim Ahoovim Congregation (Stockton, Calif.)

Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. |b District Hope Lodge No. 126.

Temple B'nai Israel (Sacramento, Calif.)

Jewish Community Center (Stockton, Calif.)

Jews - California - Stockton.

Jews - California - Sacramento.

Cemeteries (Jewish law)

Series 1: TEMPLE ISRAEL [CONGREGATION RYHIM AHOOVIM]

Box 1

Laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (1905)

Bylaws of the Congregation Ryhim Ahoovim (1912)

Congregational Minutes (10/16/1950)

Congregational reports Rabbi (1920; 1932-34; 1936-37)

President of Congregation reports (1929; 1932-37)

Treasurer's reports & financial statements. (1928; 1931-37; 1950)

Property information and 95th anniversary

Board of Trustees Minutes (1886-1905) [ledger]

Board of Trustees/Board of Officers of the Congregation (1905-1919) [ledger]

Annual meetings of the Congregation (1890-1916) [ledger]

Box 2

Congregation Minutes (1917-1950) [ledger]

Dues Book (1909-1915) [ledger]

Dues Book (1917-1919) [ledger]

Receipt Book (1855-1927) [ledger]

Box 3

Receipts (1900-1921)

Correspondence (1906-07; 1910; 1912; 1916-17; 1919)

Misc. notes, scraps, publications

Photographs of United Jewish Appeal Dinner (1957)

Misc. Programs

Series 2: INDEPENDENT ORDER OF B'NAI B'RITH [HOPE LODGE NO. 126]

Box 3 (cont.)

By-laws (1915); amendments (1923)

"Temple Tidings" - Death of Rabbi Harvey Franklin (Jun 4, 1976)

Minutes (1869-77) [ledger]

Minutes (1898-1906) [ledger]

Box 4

Minutes Book (1906-1916) [ledger]

Minutes (1917-24) [ledger]

Minutes (1924-29) [ledger]

Minutes of 60th Anniversary Program (2-6-29)

Financial records (1909-1919)

Treasurer's Reports (1916; 1918-19)

Remittance statements (1918)

Misc. receipts (1918-19)

Correspondence. w/ Grand Lodge No. 4 (1900-05; 1918; 1921-22; 1929)

Club Room Committee (1920-21)

Misc. (1917)

Withdrawal cards (1918; 1922; 1928)

Notes, scraps, resolutions

Box 5

Minutes of Hope Auxiliary (1926-1931) [ledger]

Series 3: JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CENTER

Box 5 (cont.)

Jewish Community Council - Constitution, Manual and Guide for Use of Officers

Jewish Community Center Minutes Directors of Center (1925-45) [ledger]

Board of Directors of Center (1944-48)

Jewish Community Center Correspondence of Board of Directors (1931; 1947)

Jewish Community Center Financial records: receipts & disbursements (1951)

Jewish Community Center Misc. notes, scraps, programs

Temple Israel, Stockton---List of Congregation Presidents (1905-56)

Ku Klux Klan letter to Mrs. N. Burstein, Stockton (1924) [parody letter probably written by visiting Rabbi Harvey Wessel]

Robert Tat. "The effect of inter-marriage on Jewish identity in Stockton" (1968)

Misc. notes, list of Rabbis

Temple Israel, Stockton---Genealogical correspondence & notes

Biographical sketch of Rabbi Henry Lowenthal, San Francisco

Series 4: TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL, SACRAMENTO; WESTERN JEWISH HISTORY MISCELLANY, JEWISH PUBLICATIONS

Box 6

Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento: Minutes (1904)

Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento: Correspondence---David Lubin (1900)

Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento: Correspondence ---Robert Burns McAulay (1957)

Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento: Misc. photographs, clippings, etc.

Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento: Misc. programs (1892-1935)

Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento: Temple construction & dedication photographs (1953)

Kate B. Carter. "The Jews in early Utah" (1952) from *[Hidden] Treasures of Pioneer History*

Notes showing Jewish donors to construction of Sacramento Catholic cathedral (1874)

Temple Beth Israel, Tacoma, Washington. Golden Jubilee (1942)

Temple Israel at 50, Long Beach, California (1974)

History and dedication of Temple B'nai Israel (Sacramento) scrapbook *Emanu-El* (1903-1925)

***The Jewish Layman* (Jan, Mar 1933)**

***B'nai B'rith Magazine* (Nov 1923; Aug-Sep 1934)**

***The Montividean* (7-16-55)**

"Israel: The new face of an old people," *San Francisco Examiner* (10-4-64)

***The Jewish Voice* (San Jose State)**

***Reprint from a Bicentennial Festschrift for Jacob Rader Marcus* (1976)**

"The Use of Genealogy in Western Jewish Historical Research." *Brand Book Number Four* San Diego Corral of the Westerners (1976)

***American Jews in the West* (July, 1974)**

"Ketubot from early California" by Robert E. Levinson (1975) *Michael, On the History of the Jews in the Diaspora* (1975)

Series 5: STOCKTON HADASSAH RECORDS AND MISCELLANY

Box 7

Minute Books (1927-32; 1941-44) [two ledgers]

Treasurer's Account Books (1908-29) [two ledgers]

"Sisterhood of Temple Israel" Minute Book (1948-57) [ledger]

Box 8

Stockton Hadassah Account Books (1911-20) [two ledgers]
Rabbi Wise's trip to California (1877)
Congregation Ada Yeshurm records
Congregation Ada Yeshurm records (1920-1930)
Minutes of congregation (1910-1920)
Congregation Ahavas Aachim records

Series 6: TEMPLE ISRAEL CEMETARY RECORDS

Box 9

Cemetery rules, 1st set
Cemetery financial and maintenance
Cemetery Committee Reports
Cemetery Deed
Cemetery operations and procedures
Cemetery dedication & photos
Cemetery commission for the preservation of pioneer Jewish cemeteries
Cemetery scrapbook and misc. notes
Cemetery newspaper clippings
Temple Israel Cemetery plaque dedication, Stockton (1961)

Series 7: TEMPLE ISRAEL RECORDS, FAMILY HISTORIES, AND EARLY HISTORIES OF STOCKTON JEWISH SETTLEMENTS.

Box 10

Annual report, 1958-1959
By laws, 1960s-1970s
Membership, 1970s
Committees, 1970s
Rabbi Rosenberg's testimonial dinner, 1976
Scrapbook, 1970s
Bea Schwartz biography
Bea Schwartz correspondence
Bea Schwartz photos of Temple and community center, 1961
Bea Schwartz family correspondence 1938-1939
Levy Family history
Berg Family history
Blumenthal Family history
Corran Family history
Friedberger Family history
Levinsky Family history
Louis Family history
Early Jewish history in California
Early Jewish history in Stockton
Early history Stockton Jewish Settlement
Memorial services
Publications; Archives
Hebrew Documents
Ritual information/ food faire

Box 11

Temple Israel Scrapbook (photocopy)