

Temple Shalom of Sussex
Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest Archives

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Record Group: 1

Collection Number: 28-01

Creator: Temple Shalom of Sussex

Inclusive Dates:

1966-2001; Bulk dates: 1980-1994

Extent:

1 cf

Abstract:

Congregational records of Temple Shalom of Sussex. The collection includes Board minutes, financial information, newsletters and photographs.

Acquisition information:

Acquired by the Society in 2001

Preferred Citation:

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Access restrictions:

Series IV: Rabbi Search is restricted to members of the Executive Board of Temple Shalom due to the confidential nature of the records.

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History:

Temple Shalom of Sussex is an independent congregation located in Franklin, New Jersey. It is the result of the merger of Temple Shalom of Vernon and the Congregation Sons of Israel of Franklin on February 5, 1975.

Congregation Sons of Israel was an Orthodox congregation founded by Hungarian Jews in 1909, who in 1919 acquired the Oak Street building currently in use by the congregation from the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin Furnace. In 1920, the congregation acquired land abutting North Church Road for the purpose of a cemetery. The congregation expanded to 50 families, and continued to grow until the mid 1950s, when the closing of the New Jersey Zinc Company Mine reduced

the population of Franklin by 1,000. By 1963, there were only 10 families remaining, and there was no regular rabbi.

Meanwhile, in nearby Vernon, the population was expanding rapidly, and a group of young Jewish families had banded together to form Temple Shalom in the Reform tradition. In 1975 these two congregations merged to become Temple Shalom; at the time of the original merger the new congregation was to be operating within the Orthodox tradition, but today the congregation follows a Reform structure. In 2005, Temple Shalom had over 90 families and a thriving Hebrew School, and is led by Rabbi Gerald Catano. (Information in this note was gathered from the Temple website (www.templeshalomofsussex.org) and the *NJJN*, 4/14/2005 edition)

Scope and Content:

This collection is comprised of paper and photographs and is divided into 12 series as follows:

- I. Administrative
 - a. Building
 - 1. Construction
 - 2. Building Estimates and Repairs
 - 3. Real Estate
 - b. Constitutions, By-laws and other governance documents
 - c. Correspondences
 - 1. Incoming
 - 2. Outgoing
 - 3. Presidential
 - d. Legal
 - 1. Application
 - 2. Appraisal
 - 3. Deeds
 - 4. Incorporation
 - 5. Land Purchase Receipt
 - 6. Official Documents
 - 7. Merger
 - 8. Tax Documentation
 - e. Meeting Minutes and Reports
 - f. Finance (Treasurers Reports and other Finance related documents)
 - g. Misc.
- II. Affiliations
 - a. Synagogue Council of Morris and Sussex Counties
 - b. Union of American Hebrew Congregations
- III. Cemetery Association
 - a. Cemetery Mapping
 - b. Cemetery Rules

- c. Correspondences
- d. Finance
- e. Meeting Minutes and Reports
- f. Plot Owners
- g. Press
- h. Sales
- IV. Committees
 - a. Committees
 - 1. Education Committee
 - 2. Ritual Committee
 - aa. Rabbi Search (**RESTRICTED TO TEMPLE BOARD**)
- V. Membership
- VI. Men's Club
- VII. Photographs
- VIII. Publications
 - a. Newsletters
- IX. Press
 - a. Newspaper Clippings
- X. Religious School
- XI. Sisterhood
 - a. Administrative
 - b. Events
 - c. Membership
- XII. Artifacts

Notes:

Also included is an Annual Congregation Report submitted on (12/12/80) to the Maintenance of Union Membership – found in the Meeting Minutes and Reports, 1979-1980 folder.

The ritual committee files contain resumes and recommendations about rabbis.

*****NOTE***The materials in this folder are restricted and can only be viewed by board members of the Temple. B3 f4**

Of interest:

Services - Photocopies from a 1941 Yom Kippur Service and a 1948 Brit Milah ceremony. Also included is a photocopy of services showing the segregated women of the temple (some names included) B3 f11

Gavel from Temple Shalom and an embossed stamp from Temple Shalom of Vernon - B3 F23

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Conservation Notes:

Board Meeting Minutes from 1984-1985 are in spiral notebook and must have metal fastener removed.

Removals:

One blue-print map was removed due to being moldy.

Organization:

The materials are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically within the series.