

Congregation Israel of Springfield
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Abstract:

Congregation Israel of Springfield is an Orthodox congregation located in Springfield, New Jersey.

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History:

The history of the congregation has been the result of a series of mergers and relocations. In 1971, a group of Springfield residents formed an orthodox congregation named Young Israel of Springfield. Congregation Israel of Newark assisted the young congregation with Rabbi Israel Turner offering to conduct services. The congregation finally acquired its own building and within a short time, the Newark and Springfield congregations became one house of worship.

Congregation Israel of Newark was the oldest Orthodox congregation in the region and was the successor to Congregations Adas Israel Mishnayes and Congregation Knesseth Israel which were located on Bergen Street in the Weequahic section of Newark, NJ. The present congregation is the outcome of the merger of 16 synagogues in the Greater Newark area, including Congregation Adas Israel Mishnaye, and its earliest predecessor Congregation Shomrei Shabbos, founded in 1882. Also included in this prestigious list are the following congregations: Ahavath Jacob Agudath Achim; Woloczysker Benevolent Society and Synogogue; Adas Israel and Chevra Mishnayes.

For a more information, please refer to the “history” series within this collection.

Scope and Content:

This collection is rather simple and doesn't contain any documents that would guide a researcher to any major decisions or events such as mergers or property purchases that could be found in minutes or other related documents. Rather, this collection seems to have general records without much consistency to topic or chronology. Lacking are photographs, newsletters and minutes.

This collection was originally titled "Rabbi Israel Turner Collection" but has been renamed because the materials are mainly of Congregation Israel of Springfield.

Conservation Notes:

N/A

Removals:

N/A

Organization:

The arrangement is alphabetical, then chronological. This collection is comprised of paper and is divided into nine series as follows:

- I. Administrative
- II. Education
- III. Employees
- IV. Events
- V. Finance
- VI. General Subjects
- VII. Legal
- VIII. Membership
- IX. Publications