

**Congregation Anshe Roumania**  
**Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest Archives**  
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**Record Group: 1**

**Collection Number: 37-02**

**Creator:** Unknown

**Inclusive Dates:** 1929-1988

**Extent:** .5 cf

**Abstract:**

Congregational records of Congregation Anshe Roumania. The collection includes correspondence, ledgers and a few legal papers.

**Acquisition information:**

Acquired by the society in 2002. No other information found

**Preferred Citation:**

Congregation Anshe Roumania, Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest

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**History:**

Archivist Note: This is one of the oldest Orthodox Congregations' in Newark, it remains difficult to research. The previous archivist's intern, Jeffery Bennett provided the following history:

Congregation Anshe Roumania (alternative spellings exist) was an immigrant generation Newark congregation located on Prince Street and possessed a burial ground in Rosedale cemetery. The synagogue was founded in 1893 by Romanian Jews.

Anshe Romania's last leadership eventually settled in Irvington. On Wednesday evening, February 17, 1988, the trustees of the Congregation met in the home of

Mrs. Rose Hershkowitz to formally dissolve the congregation. The last monies in the Congregation's bank account were use to endow the Congregation's cemeteries and to benefit other Jewish charities. In 1993 the last money of Anshe Roumania was given to Congregation Beth Shalom in Livingston. In return, Beth Shalom installed a plaque:

IN HONOR OF  
CONGREGATION ANSCHEI ROUMANIA KEIDUSHAS LEIVY  
1893-1965  
BY THE HERSH AND HERSHKOWITZ FAMILIES

**Scope and Content:**

This collection arrived at the JHS in 2002. No donor notation is indicated.

This collection is comprised of paper and photographs and is divided into 5 series as follows:

- I. Administrative
- II. Cemetery
- III. Correspondence
- III Finance
- IV. Legal

The items in this small collection contain:

- Mortgage Papers for Congregation Anshe Roumania's Prince Street building (1929)
- Tax Assessment Papers for the Cemetery (1970)
- Meeting agenda about the "dissolution of Congregation Anshe Roumanina (1988)
- A photocopied check (gift) to Temple Beth Shalom of Livingston with a request for a plaque reading "Congregation Anshei Roumanian Keidushas Leivy" (1993)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Ave Cemetery Map
- 2 Cemetery Plot Deed Books (1931-1974)
- Expense Book (1950)
- Memorial Tablet Account Ledger (1951-1957)  
(In this book is a one page membership page (?) with the header reading "Kedushas Levi Rabbinu Konvitz" and undated lists of members

**Conservation Notes:**

N/A

**Removals:**

N/A

**Organization:**

Alphabetical, then chronological