

**Lake Hopatcong Jewish Community Center**  
**Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest Archives**  
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**Record Group: 1**

**Collection Number: 23-01**

**Creator:** Lake Hopatcong Jewish Community Center

**Inclusive Dates:** 1951-2001

**Extent:** 1.5 cf

**Abstract:**

Historical records of the Lake Hopatcong Jewish Center of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey. This collection includes Board, Sisterhood and Men's Club Minutes as well as financial information and building blueprints.

**Acquisition information:**

Acquired by the Society in 2001

**Preferred Citation:**

Lake Hopatcong Jewish Center Collection, Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest

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**History:**

During the 1930s and 1940s, Lake Hopatcong was the summer retreat for many Jews who traveled from areas like New York City or parts of Pennsylvania. A variety of hotels surrounded the lakefront which catered to its unique clientele who were excluded from many resorts and clubs. Sometime around 1947 a rally was held at the Maxim School for Jewish residents and summer visitors from this lake community. The purpose of the rally was initially held in hope of organizing a Jewish Yacht Club, but eventually the talk turned to establishing a congregation. In 1949, the group had begun conducting Shabbat services at the Grand View Hotel. By 1951 they had purchased the hotel building and called themselves Lake Hopatcong Jewish Center.

Originally housed in a small hotel, the founders envisioned the ultimate change from a Catskills style summer community to one for year-round residents. A Jewish Community Center was built in the mid-1970s on property adjacent to the original structure, complete with dramatic stained glass windows by artist Sol Nodel in the Sanctuary, facing East onto the Lake.

(For more information go to: <http://www.lhjcc.org/aboutlhjcc> and <http://www.lhjcc.org/lhjccinthenews>)

**Scope and Content:** This collection is comprised of paper, blueprints and some photographs, and is arranged in series as follows:

- I. Administrative
  - a. By-Laws and Constitutions
  - b. Minutes - Board Meetings Minutes
  - c. Minutes - General Meetings Minutes
- II. Committees
  - a. Rabbi Search
  - b. Strategic Alliance
- III. Events
- IV. Finance
  - a. Budgets
  - b. Receipts
- V. Foundations - Tillie and Martin Weiner Foundation
- VI. General
  - a. Camp Records
  - b. Correspondences
  - c. Misc. Papers
- VII. Legal
  - a. Building
  - b. Mortgages
- VIII. Men's Club/Sisterhood
  - a. Men's Club Minutes
  - b. Sisterhood Minutes
  - c. Sisterhood Misc.
- VIII. Photographs
- IX. Press
- X. Artifacts

**Conservation Notes:**

Some blueprints need to be removed and flattened once space in the archives is provided.

**Removals:**

None

**Organization:**

Materials are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically within series.

