

**Young Israel of Newark/Young Israel of South Orange
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Creator:

Young Israel of Newark/Young Israel of South Orange Jewish Center

Inclusive Dates:

1946– 1977

Extent:

1.5 cf

Abstract:

Records Young Israel of Newark. The collection includes audits, anniversary journals and newsletters.

Acquisition information:

These materials have been acquired by the Society in 1995.

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History:

Founded in 1922, Young Israel of Newark eventually became one of the largest Orthodox synagogues in the state, with a membership of 400 families. The congregation met either in Congregation Ahavath Zion on 16th Street or at the YM-YWHA on High Street. Finally in 1942 it moved to Lyons Avenue where it remained for some 30 years.

From 1945 to 1978, Rabbi Zev Segal was its leader and eventually the congregation moved to Center Street in South Orange, and finally to West Caldwell. Over the course of years, the congregation had many name changes. It was originally called Congregation Ahavas Israel Anshe Linitz and in 1965 was

renamed Young Israel of Newark and South Orange. In 1970 the congregation merged with Beth Ephraim Jewish Center of Maplewood. The congregation has eventually been named Maplewood Jewish Center and it currently is located in Maplewood, NJ.

Just like the Board of Ed purchased the YMHA on Chancellor Avenue for additional classroom space, they purchased Young Israel's Weequahic Ave. building. Young Israel's building now serves as an annex for the Maple Avenue School, an elementary school.

Scope and Content:

This collection is deficient in some important documents, especially from the infancy of the synagogue. While this collection is lacking in certain materials, it does hold only a small amount of the financial audits and contains newsletters from 1946-1977. Of interest are the numerous anniversary journals from 1950-1970.

This collection is comprised of documents and is divided into 2 series as follows:

- I. Finance
- II. Publications
 - a. Anniversary Journals
 - b. Newsletters

Conservation Notes:

N/A

Removals:

N/A

Organization:

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