

Inventory of the

Ohave Sholom Synagogue
Rockford, IL

Records

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RC 332

INTRODUCTION

The Ohave Sholom Synagogue Collection was donated to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center by Barbara Brown on June 27, 2013. Additional materials were donated on July 23, 2013.

Property rights to the collection are held by the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. Access is restricted for Board Meeting Minutes from 2008-2013 and for Hebrew School Student Records.

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Number of Containers: 12
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of materials from the Ohave Sholom Synagogue, Rockford, Illinois, from 1941-2013, with the bulk of the collection dating from 1980-2005. The materials document the functioning of the synagogue and reflect its spiritual, educational, and social mission. Records dealing with the history of the synagogue prior to the 1970s are few.

The collection is divided into eight series: Ohave Sholom Synagogue Records, Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Ohave Sholom Sisterhood, Hebrew School, Photographs, Volumes and Objects, and Oversize. Series I, dating from 1970 to 2013, contains Board Meeting minutes, Synagogue records and files, newsletters, photographs and library records. While this series mostly consists of administrative and financial materials, it also contains various documents of Jewish significance, such as rituals and holidays. Series II, Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford, consists of Federation records, including Board of Directors minutes, Jewish Community Center materials, and Jewish Community Directories from 1982-2011.

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism materials, contained in Series III, are made up of United Synagogue publications and United Synagogue records and correspondence from 1987 to 2001. Series IV contains Ohave Sholom Sisterhood records from 1962-2009. These include bylaws, meeting minutes and agendas, as well as correspondence and newsletters. The series also consists of Women's League for Conservative Judaism materials and synagogue activities planned and hosted by the Sisterhood.

Series V, Hebrew School Records, consists of administrative records, Board of Education minutes, and curriculum materials. The series also contains student files and report cards and School Teacher Contracts, but access to these records is restricted.

The Photographs in Series VI include images of the interior and exterior of the synagogue and detailed photos of building furnishings and worship objects taken in 2013. Digital prints of these photos are available for access.

Series VII, volumes and objects, consists of prayer and song books about particular ceremonies and customs. The volumes are arranged by topic. Oversize Materials make up Series VIII, and consists of a calendar, certificate, and posters.

Also archived are 211 digital images of the synagogue and the artifacts within it. The digital photographs may be accessed in the Center's reading room.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ohave Sholom Synagogue was established in 1918 as an Orthodox Synagogue in a Gothic style building at 728 1st Avenue in Rockford, but began services as early as 1911 at a building at 5th and Market Streets. The synagogue served the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the Jewish Community of the Rockford Area. Between 1914 and 1918, the Ladies Aid society began and was renamed the Ohave Sholom Sisterhood in the 1920s. Ohave became a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in 1963 and functioned as a Conservative Synagogue thereafter. In June, 1971, the congregation moved to the building at 3730 Guilford Road in Rockford. The Hebrew School at Ohave Sholom closed in 1997. In May, 2013, the congregation sold the synagogue building and moved to a space provided by Rockford's Temple Beth-El on September 15, 2013.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Conservative Judaism
 Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford (Rockford, Ill.)
 Jewish holidays
 Jewish religious education
 Judaism
 Judaism—Prayers and devotions
 Ohave Sholom Synagogue (Rockford, Ill.)
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 Rockford (Ill.)
 Synagogues
 United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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	20	Cantors, 1999-2002, 2004, 2008
	21	Membership, 1975-1979, 1984-1985, 1986, 1990, 2008, 2010, 2013
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	15	Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, 1997

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	27	Ohave Sisterhood Braille Group, 1974, 1977
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	28	Stencil Sheets, no date
	29	United Synagogue Youth (USY) Youth Program Songster, 1970
	30	Taglit Birthright Israel, 2004
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