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REGISTER:  
Adas Yeshurun Synagogue Records  
Augusta, Georgia

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In 1889 five Orthodox Jewish families residing in Augusta, Georgia, formed a minyan that was the origin of Adas Yeshurun Synagogue. The families belonged to J. Edelstein, Morris Steinberg, Isadore Fromberg, Abram Shapiro and J. M. Frank. The group was known as "Mr. Steinberg's Minyan" and met over a drugstore on the 1000 block of Broad Street. Later that year, Abram G. Poliakoff, a shochet, or kosher butcher, was brought to the city to tend to all the religious needs of the Orthodox Jewish community, which by that time numbered about 100, including about eighty men.

In 1890, the men who kept the Sabbath felt they could not participate in a minyan with men whose businesses were open on that holy day, so they formed another minyan. In 1891, a third minyan was formed. In 1891, the three minyans merged.

On October 9, 1891, H. C. Rooney, Judge of the Superior Court of Richmond County, Georgia, granted a corporate charter to Morris Steinberg, Bernard Holatsky, Morris Coffsky, Isadore Fromberg, S. Aaron Bulkovstein, Lesser Steinberg, Benjamin Grunglos, Abram Shapiro, Sam Steinberg, Aaron Steinberg, Solomon Wigodsky, and Mandel Sawilowsky, to be incorporated under the name of the Society Adash Jershurien. Significantly, the petition for a charter did not give religious purposes as a reason for incorporation, but "... for mutual benefit and pleasure and to assist in charitable work."

In 1902 the congregation split again because some of the members felt there was a need for another shochet. After 3 or 4 years, the two congregations came together again. In 1909, Mrs. Henry Levkoff organized the Daughters of Israel. Today it functions as the Sisterhood of the synagogue. By 1945, the congregation had outgrown their synagogue; Rabbi Goldberger enlisted William Estroff to take leadership in the building of a new synagogue. Due to the

untimely deaths of William Estroff and Rabbi Goldberger, the ground of the new synagogue was not broken until 1953.

Adas Yeshurun Synagogue offers a wide range of activities and services. Some of these include: daily shacharit, mincha and maariv services, two strictly kosher kitchens, a beautiful building including a traditional chapel and sanctuary, banquet hall, religious school, bar/bat mitzvah training, sisterhood, men's club, gift shop, weekly programming for teenagers, adult education, newly renovated mikvah, a private cemetery, weekly shalosh seudos services and meal, and family events.

Adas Yeshurun Synagogue Records, 1922 1985, are arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder. The history of Adas Yeshurun Synagogue can be found in Folder 4: 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1979. Of special interest in this collection are the highlights from 1955 – 1985 found in Folder 16: “The Menorah,” which records the history and activities of Adas Yeshurun Synagogue.

Adas Yeshurun Synagogue Records, 1922 – 1985 are primarily minutes, some financial records, and program books relating to the varied activities and projects of this Orthodox synagogue. The Adas Yeshurun Synagogue is the oldest and first congregation in Augusta, Georgia.

Restrictions:	Available to the serious scholar
Number of containers:	1
Oversize flat items:	None
Photographs:	Removed to the visual arts collection
Textiles:	None
Shelf space occupied:	.4 cubic feet

## CONTAINER

- 1 Subject files, 1922 – 1985, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual – Yizkor, this collection includes Adas Yeshurun Synagogue constitution and what this congregation offers it membership, a songster, and a Daughter of Israel Cookbook and newsletters.

- Folder 1 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Adas Yeshurun Synagogue Banquet, 1970.
- Folder 2 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Israel, 1978.
- Folder 3 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1965.
- Folder 4 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1979.
- Folder 5 Affiliate of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. 1995.
- Folder 6 Board Meetings Minutes, 1945 – 1985.
- Folder 7 Chanukah Songster, undated.
- Folder 8 Chanukah Auction 1969.
- Folder 9 Confirmation Service Program Book, 1948 and 1961.
- Folder 10 Constitution of Adas Yeshurun, 1949.
- Folder 11 Constitution Governing Holding Seats and Agreement, 1922.
- Folder 12 Correspondence, 1949 – 1950.
- Folder 13 Correspondence, 1951 – 1960.
- Folder 14 Daughter of Israel Cookbook, undated.
- Folder 15 Financial Records 1944 – 1968.
- Folder 16 High Holy Days Newspaper Article 1993.
- Folder 17 Membership List 1955 and 1957.
- Folder 18 The Menorah 1955 – 1985.
- Folder 19 Rabinowitz, Rabbi Baruch.
- Folder 20 Tanenbaum, Rev. Aaron Obituary, 1967.

- Folder 21      The Voice of Yeshurun, 1951.
- Folder 22      Withholding Statement, 1947.
- Folder 23      Woman of the Year, 1972 – 1991.
- Folder 24      Yizkor Memorial Book, 1956.

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