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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

REGISTER:
Ahavath Achim Congregation Sisterhood Records

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Ahavath Achim Congregation Sisterhood was founded in 1920 by 18 women as a synagogue-affiliated organization with an emphasis on Jewish values, traditions and education. Originally known as the Ladies Auxiliary, the first task of the Sisterhood was to assist in the erection of the Synagogue building on Washington Street. In 1921, the Sisterhood sponsored the Sunday School of the Congregation as its major project. The School later became part of one of the largest and finest religious educational centers in the South.

Over the years the Sisterhood has continued to sponsor numerous projects and activities including adult education, a book shop, Girl Scouts, the Jewish Home and Keren Ami. Today Sisterhood projects include holiday workshops, the training of women to transcribe textbooks in Braille, interfaith gatherings with various church groups, ongoing classes and study groups, and the publication of a kosher cookbook. Sisterhood funds have also helped to support teachers' salaries in the Religious School, holiday celebrations, Camp Ramah, Israel pilgrimage stipends and the purchase of pieces of equipment for the School and Synagogue.

The Ahavath Achim Congregation Sisterhood Records, 1933-1992, are primarily composed of minutes, program books, souvenir journals, speeches, and programs and invitations relating to the varied activities and sponsored projects of this Synagogue affiliated organization. Congregation Ahavath Achim is the second oldest Synagogue in Atlanta, and the researcher will be able to study the development of the Congregation through the use of the Sisterhood records as well as through the nearly complete series of congregational bulletins, 1947-1983, contained in series II of the collection. The researcher interested in women's history and the role that Jewish women have played in the development of synagogue life as well as community life will also find this collection of special interest.

The collection is divided into two series. Series I contain the records of the Sisterhood and is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder. Series II is comprised entirely of congregational bulletins which are arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar
Number of containers: 5
Photographs and slides: Removed to visual arts collection
Shelf space occupied: 2.5 cubic feet.

Series I
Subject files, 1933-1991

CONTAINER

- 1 Subject file, A-Pr, 1933-1991, including Constitution and by-laws, holiday workshop books, invitations, newsletters and a president's notebook.

Folder 1: Adult education, 1980-1981

Folder 2: Anniversary celebration-50 years, correspondence, 1971.

Folder 3: Anniversary celebration-50 years, general file, 1970-1972

Folder 4: Anniversary celebration-60 years, general file 1982.

Folder 5: Bulletin of Sisterhood-unnamed. 1968.

Folder 6: Certificates, 1959-1982.

Folder 7: Constitution and by-laws, undated

Folder 8: Correspondence, 1936-1978.

Folder 9: Donor, 1981.

Folder 10: Holiday workshops-all holidays, undated.

Folder 11: Holiday workshops-Chanukah, 1951-1968.

Folder 12: Holiday workshops-Passover, 1964.

Folder 13: Holiday workshops-Purim, 1952.

Folder 14: Holiday workshops-Succoth, 1952.

Folder 15: Invitations, 1935-1991.

Folder 16: Joint Sisterhood, undated.

- Folder 17: Miscellany, 1973 and undated.
- Folder 18: Newsletter-"Profile," 1977-1979.
- Folder 19: Newsletters-other organizations, 1956-1959.
- Folder 20: Newspaper and magazine articles, 1933-1985.
- Folder 21: President's notebook, 1935-1937.

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- 2 Subject file, Pr-W, 1938-1992, including president's reports, souvenir journals, speeches and programs.

- Folder 1: President's reports, 1949-1958.
- Folder 2: Programs, 1960-1992.
- Folder 3: Souvenir journals, 1938-1948.
- Folder 4: Souvenir journals, 1949-1951
- Folder 5: Souvenir journals, 1953-1955.
- Folder 6: Souvenir journals, 1955-1956.
- Folder 7: Speech and history by Mary Dwoskin, undated
- Folder 8: Speech by Phyllis Levine, 1969.
- Folder 9: Telegrams, 1960-1963.
- Folder 10: The Temple-bulletin and letter re. State of Georgia election, 1966.
- Folder 11: Women's League of Conservative Judaism, 1961-1969.

Series II
Congregation Ahavath Achim bulletins, 1947-1983.

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- 3 Bulletins of Congregation Ahavath Achim, 1947-1966.
- Folder 1: Bulletins of Congregation, 1947-1956.
- Folder 2: Bulletins of Congregation, 1957-1958.
- Folder 3: Bulletins of Congregation, 1959-1960.
- Folder 4: Bulletins of Congregation, 1961-1962.
- Folder 5: Bulletins of Congregation, 1963.
- Folder 6: Bulletins of Congregation, 1964..
- Folder 7: Bulletins of Congregation, 1965.
- Folder 8: Bulletins of Congregation, 1966.

CONTAINER

- 4 Bulletins of Congregation Ahavath Achim, 1967-1974.
- Folder 1: Bulletins of Congregation, 1967.
- Folder 2: Bulletins of Congregation, 1968.
- Folder 3: Bulletins of Congregation, 1969.
- Folder 4: Bulletins of Congregation, 1970.
- Folder 5: Bulletins of Congregation, 1971.
- Folder 6: Bulletins of Congregation, 1972.
- Folder 7: Bulletins of Congregation, 1973.
- Folder 8: Bulletins of Congregation, 1974.

CONTAINER

5 Bulletins of Congregation Ahavath Achim, 1975-1983.

Folder 1: Bulletins of Congregation, 1975..

Folder 2: Bulletins of Congregation, 1976-1977.

Folder 3: Bulletins of Congregation, 1978.

Folder 4: Bulletins of Congregation, 1979.

Folder 5: Bulletins of Congregation, 1980.

Folder 6: Bulletins of Congregation, 1981.

Folder 7: Bulletins of Congregation, 1982-1983.