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Ahavath Achim Congregation

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Ahavath Achim Congregation was organized in 1886 as Congregation Ahawas Achim (Brotherly Love) and is Atlanta's second oldest Jewish congregation. Organized by Jews of Eastern European descent, the congregation's founding members felt uncomfortable in the established Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (The Temple) comprised primarily of Jews from Germany, who by the late 1800s had begun to liberalize their Orthodox doctrine. Originally located in a rented room at 106 Gilmer Street, the congregation would make a succession of moves, to 120 Gilmer Street, to a hall on Decatur Street in 1895, to its first building in 1901 on the corner of Gilmer Street and Piedmont Avenue, to its second building on Washington Street in 1921, and finally, to its present location on Peachtree Battle Avenue in 1958.

Four different Rabbis, Rabbi Mayerovitz (1901 – 1905); Rabbi Joseph Meyer Levine (1905) – 1915); Rabbi Yood (1915 – 1919); and Rabbi A.P. Hirmes (1919 – 1928) provided spiritual leadership for Ahavath Achim until 1928, when Rabbi Harry H. Epstein was hired as Rabbi. He retained that position for the next 50 years. Rabbi Epstein became Rabbi Emeritus in 1986 and was succeeded by Rabbi Arnold Goodman.

During the early years of Rabbi Epstein's tenure, he slowly made innovations and modifications in congregational activities. By 1952, Ahavath Achim joined the Conservative Movement, with the most noticeable shift from Orthodoxy being the gradual change to mixed seating. Today, Ahavath Achim Congregation is the largest Conservative congregation in Atlanta.

Ahavath Achim Congregation Records, 1887-1988, consist of annual reports, minutes, correspondence, financial records and membership information. The collection is arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within each folder. The social historian interested in the roots of Conservative Judaism in Atlanta will find this collection of special interest.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar.

Number of containers: 23

Photographs: Removed to visual arts.

Shelf space occupied: 12 cubic feet.

CONTAINER

- 1 Subject file, A-B, 1887 – 1988.
- Folder 1: Adult Education Committee, 1946-1988.
- Folder 2: Ahavath Achim Foundation, nd.
- Folder 3: Aliyah reports, 1935-1943.
- Folder 4: Annual meetings (including President's speeches,) 1948-1984.
- Folder 5: Annual reports, 1950-1957.
- Folder 6: Annual reports, 1962-1986.
- Folder 7: Art exhibit, 1966-1967.
- Folder 8: Articles of Incorporation and change of name, 1887-1960.
- Folder 9: Bible class – newsletter, "The Scroll," 1923.
- Folder 10: Board of Trustees – correspondence, notices of meetings and rosters, 1962-1964.
- Folder 11: Brotherhood – general, 1934-1949.

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- 2 Subject file, A-B, 1887 – 1988.
- Folder 1: Brotherhood – minutes, 1932-1948.
- Folder 2: Bulletins, 1930-1943 (incomplete).
- Folder 3: Bulletins, 1946-1981 (incomplete).
- Folder 4: Calendar. 1956.
- Folder 5: Calendar. 1957.

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- 3 Subject file, Ca, 1959-1961.
- Folder 1: Calendar, 1959.
- Folder 2: Calendar, 1960.
- Folder 3: Calendar, 1961.

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- 4 Subject file, Ca, 1962-1964.
- Folder 1: Calendar, 1962.
- Folder 2: Calendar, 1963.
- Folder 3: Calendar, 1964.

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- 5 Subject file, Ca-CO, 1887-1965.
- Folder 1: Calendar, 1965.
- Folder 2: Camp Schonthal, 1942.
- Folder 3: Cemetery Committee and Chevra Kadisha Committee – reports, 1950-1953, 1964.
- Folder 4: Centennial celebration, 1964.
- Folder 5: Charter and renewals, 1887 – 1941.
- Folder 6: Community Chest, 1955.
- Folder 7: Constitution and by-laws, 1907-1960.
- Folder 8: Constitution and By-laws Committee, 1954.
- Folder 9: Correspondence – condolence letter, 1929, 1959-1960.
- Folder 10: Correspondence – condolence letters, 1961.
- Folder 11: Correspondence – condolence letters, 1962.

Folder 12: Correspondence – condolence letters, 1963.

Folder 13: Correspondence – condolence letters, 1964-1965.

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6 Subject file, Co, 1923-1976..

Folder 1: Correspondence – Epstein, Rabbi Harry H., 1938-1959.

Folder 2: Correspondence – Epstein, Rabbi Harry H., 1960-1961.

Folder 3: Correspondence – Epstein, Rabbi Harry H., 1962-1964.

Folder 4: Correspondence – form letters, applications received, 1957.

Folder 5: Correspondence – form letters, dues, 1959-1964.

Folder 6: Correspondence – general, 1923-1951.

Folder 7: Correspondence – general, 1952-1956.

Folder 8: Correspondence – general, 1957-1959.

Folder 9: Correspondence – general, 1960-1976.

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7 Subject file, Ed, 1928-1986.

Folder 1: Education – Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education, 1963-1964.

Folder 2: Education – Committee, 1952-1966.

Folder 3: Education – Confirmation, 1955-1956.

Folder 4: Education – Confirmation, 1956-1957.

Folder 5: Education – Confirmation, 1957-1958.

Folder 6: Education – Confirmation, 1959.

Folder 7: Education – Confirmation, 1959-1960.

Folder 8: Education – Confirmation, 1962.

- Folder 9: Education – General records, 1928-1965.
- Folder 10: Education – Jewish Day School, organizational records, 1953-1956.
- Folder 11: Education – Nursery School, 1941-1965.
- Folder 12: Education – Nursery School, bus, 1945-1963.
- Folder 13: Education – pre-Confirmation, 1956-1961. (1961 correspondence arranged A-U).
- Folder 14: Education – Programs, Confirmation and Religious School, 1943-1986.
- Folder 15: Education – Religious School, bus 1942-1957.
- Folder 16: Education – Religious School, graduation, 1956-1963.

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8 Subject file, Ed-Fi, 1919-1982.

- Folder 1: Educational Center – applications for use of rooms, 1949.
- Folder 2: Educational Center – Campaign, cash journal, 1938-1943.
- Folder 3: Educational Center – Campaign, general records, 1942.
- Folder 4: Educational Center – Campaign, pledges A-F, 1938-1941.
- Folder 5: Educational Center – Campaign, pledges, G-P, 1938-1941.
- Folder 6: Educational Center – Campaign, pledges, R-Z, 1938-1941.
- Folder 7: Educational Center – general records, 1937-1955.
- Folder 8: Epstein School, 1982.
- Folder 9: Financial records – Bar Mitzvah bills, 1955-1959.
- Folder 10: Financial records – cash journal, 1919-1926.

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- 9 Subject file, Fi, 1946-1954.
- Folder 1: Financial records – cash journal, 1946-1951.
- Folder 2: Financial records – check copies, 1953, numbered order 4819-4949.
- Folder 3: Financial records – check copies, 1953, numbered order 4950-5100.
- Folder 4: Financial records – check copies 1953, number order 5101-5199.
- Folder 5: Financial records– check copies 1953-1954, numbered order 5200-5300.
- Folder 6: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 5301-5400.
- Folder 7: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 5401-5499.
- Folder 8 Financial recorders – check copies, 1954, numbered order 5500-5600.
- Folder 9: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 5601-5699.
- Folder 10: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 5700-5799.
- Folder 11: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 5800-5899.

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- 10 Subject file, Fi, 1932-1954. Check copies and dues records.
- Folder 1: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 5900-5999.
- Folder 2: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 6000-6099.

- Folder 3: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 6100-6199.
- Folder 4: Financial records, check copies, 1954, numbered order 6200-6299.
- Folder 5: Financial records – check copies, 1954, numbered order 6300-6306, 6527.
- Folder 6: Financial records – dues, 1932.
- Folder 7: Financial records –eu3w, 1932-1953, A-Ben.
- Folder 8: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, Ber-BI.
- Folder 9: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, Bo-Ci.
- Folder 10: Financial records dues, 1932-1953, CI-D.

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11 Subject file, Fi, 1932-1953.

- Folder 1: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, E-Ga.
- Folder 2: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, Ge-Gu.
- Folder 3: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, H-J.
- Folder 4: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, K.
- Folder 5: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, L.
- Folder 6: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, M.
- Folder 7: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, N-Q.

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12 Subject file, Fi, 1932-1953.

- Folder 1: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, R.
- Folder 2: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, Sa-Sh.
- Folder 3: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, Si-Su.

- Folder 4: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, T.
- Folder 5: Financial records – dues, 1932-1953, U-Z.
- Folder 6: Financial records - dues, Hebrew School, 1950-1951, A-L.
- Folder 7: Financial records – dues, Hebrew School, 1950-1951, M-Z.

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13 Subject file, A-B, 1887 – 1988.

- Folder 1: Financial records – dues, Hebrew School, 1951-1956, A-Z.
- Folder 2: Financial records – dues, Hebrew School – Sunday only, 1951-1952, A-Z.
- Folder 3: Financial records – dues, National Enrollment Plan, 1962-1964.
- Folder 4: Financial records – Financial Committee, 1962-1964.
- Folder 5: Financial records – funds, memorial, 1935-1943.
- Folder 6: Financial records – funds, miscellaneous, B-K, undated.
- Folder 7: Financial records – funds, miscellaneous, L-R, undated.

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14 Subject file, Fi, ca. 1919-1962.

- Folder 1: Financial records – funds, miscellaneous, S-U, undated.
- Folder 2: Financial records – general ledger, Oct. 1, 1951 – Oct. 1, 1952.
- Folder 3: Financial records – general ledger, Oct. 1, 1952 – Oct. 1, 1953.
- Folder 4: Financial records – general ledger, Oct. 1, 1953 – Sept. 30, 1954.
- Folder 5: Financial records – membership increases, 1941.

- Folder 6: Financial records – miscellaneous, ca. 1919-1962
- Folder 7: Financial records – monthly statements, 1948-1954.
- Folder 8: Financial records – mortgage fund, 1933-1943.
- Folder 9: Financial records – notes, 1938-1948.
- Folder 10: Financial records – payroll, 1953-1955.

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15 Subject file, A-B, 1887 – 1988.

- Folder 1: Financial records – pledges journal, 1939-1941.
- Folder 2: Financial records – receipts and miscellaneous, 1936-1955.
- Folder 3: Financial records – sales and use tax, 1956-1959.
- Folder 4: Financial records – sales and use tax, 1960-1963.
- Folder 5: Financial records – subscriber's card, 1936.
- Folder 6: Foundation, ca. 1967.
- Folder 7: Fraternities – Georgia Colleges and universities, 1955-1956.
- Folder 8: Free Loan Association, 1930.
- Folder 9: Girl Scouts, 1958.
- Folder 10: Golden Jubilee, 1978.
- Folder 11: Havdalah, undated.
- Folder 12: Hebrew Sheltering and Aid Society, undated.
- Folder 13: Historical material, 1966-1987.
- Folder 14: Holidays – general, undated.
- Folder 15: Holidays – Hanukah, 1948-1973.
- Folder 16: Holidays – Passover, 1942-1968.

- Folder 17: Holidays – Purim, 1943-1961.
- Folder 18: Holidays – Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, undated.
- Folder 19: Holidays - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Admissions cards and instructions, 1937-1986.
- Folder 20: Holidays – Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, seat assignments, 1937.
- Folder 21: Holidays – Sabbath, 1938-1963.

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16 Subject file, Ho-Me, 1924-1987.

- Folder 1: Holidays – Shavuoth, 1949.
- Folder 2: Holidays – Simchas torah, 1953-1964.
- Folder 3: Holidays – Sukkot, undated.
- Folder 4: Holidays – Tu Bishvat, 1984.
- Folder 5: House Committee, 1962-1964.
- Folder 6: Individuals – A-Z, undated (biographical information).
- Folder 7: Individuals – Clein, Philip Sholem (1882-1959), 1952-1959.
- Folder 8: Individuals – Cohen, Gerald, 1980.
- Folder 9: Individuals – Cuba, Joseph, 1967.
- Folder 10: Individuals – Epstein, Rabbi Harry H., 1924-1982.
- Folder 11: Individuals – Goodman, Rabbi Arnold M., 1974-1983.
- Folder 12: Individuals – Kraft, Michael (1912-1965), 1965.
- Folder 13: Individuals – Levitas, Ida, 1972-1987.
- Folder 14: Individuals – Srochi, Dora, 1942-1976.
- Folder 15: Insurance, 1954-1962.

- Folder 16: Israel, State of – Congregational pilgrimage, 1976.
- Folder 17: Jewish population survey, 1975-1976.
- Folder 18: Jewish Theological Seminary, 1953-1962.
- Folder 19: Lecture Series, undated.
- Folder 20: Library – book list, undated.
- Folder 21: Membership applications, A-Z, 1933.
- Folder 22: Membership applications, A-Z, 1934.
- Folder 23: Membership applications, A-Z, 1935.
- Folder 24: Membership applications, A-Z, 1936.
- Folder 25: Membership applications, A-Z, 1937.
- Folder 26: Membership applications, A-Z, 1938.
- Folder 27: Membership applications, A-Z, 1939.

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- 17 Subject file, Me, 1920-1977.
 - Folder 1: Membership applications, F, 1941.
 - Folder 2: membership applications, A-K, 1944-1945.
 - Folder 3: Membership applications, L-Z, 1944-1945.
 - Folder 4: Membership applications, A-G, 1946.
 - Folder 5: Membership applications, H-Z, 1946.
 - Folder 6: Membership committee, 1961-1964.
 - Folder 7: Membership – general, 1955-1956.
 - Folder 8: Membership list – founders, 1920. (copy)
 - Folder 9: membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).
 - Folder 10: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 11: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 12: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

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18 Subject file, Me, 1977.

Folder 1: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 2: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 3: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 4: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 5: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 6: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 7: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

Folder 8: Membership profile, 1977, (original numbered order).

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19 Subject file, Me, 1920-1986.

Folder 1: Membership profile, A-C, 1986.

Folder 2: Membership profile, D-G, 1986.

Folder 3: Membership profile, H-L, 1986

Folder 4: Membership profile, M-R, 1986.

Folder 5: Membership profile, S-Z, 1986.

Folder 6: Membership profile – supporting records, 1986.

Folder 7: Memorial tablets – contracts, A-Z, 1956-1959.

Folder 8: Memorial tablets – general, 1940-1956.

Folder 9: Memorial tablets – general, 1957-1959.

Folder 10: Memorial tablets – pledges, A-Z, 1959.

Folder 11: Memorial tablets – proposed, ca. 1920.

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20 Subject file, Mi –N, 1890-1967.

Folder 1: Minutes, 1890-1894.

Folder 2: Minutes, 1894 (loose pages).

Folder 3: Minutes, 1890-1894 (copy).

Folder 4: Minutes, 1894-1895.

Folder 5: Minutes, 1939-1943.

Folder 6: Minutes, 1950-1953.

Folder 7: Minutes, undated.

Folder 8: Miscellany, 1908-1956.

Folder 9: Mr. and Mrs. Club, 1961-1964.

Folder 10: Music festival, 1967.

Folder 11: New building – architects, 1955.

Folder 12: New building – bids, 1956.

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21 Subject file, N, 1944-1964.

Folder 1: New building (Peachtree Battle) – contracts, 1956-1959.

Folder 2: New building – correspondence, 1944-1956.

Folder 3: New building – correspondence, 1957-1964.

Folder 4: New building – estimates and specifications, 1954-1957.

Folder 5: New building – financial , Acme Sales Company, 1959-1960.

- Folder 6: New building – financial, Fulton National Bank, 1953-1958.
- Folder 7: New building – financial, ledger, 1944-1949.
- Folder 8: New building – financial, paid bills, a-M, 1955-1959.
- Folder 9: New building – financial, paid bills, P-W, 1954-1960.

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22 Subject file, N-Si, 1921-1987.

- Folder 1: New building – financial, petty cash vouchers, 1957.
- Folder 2: New building – financial, pledge cards, 1955-1958.
- Folder 3: New building – financial, pledges charged off, 1953-1954.
- Folder 4: New building – financial, pledges for seats, 1953-1954.
- Folder 5: New building – financial, sale of stock, 1957-1960.
- Folder 6: New building – financial, saving account books and related material, 1954-1963.
- Folder 7: New building – financial, State of Israel bonds, 1954-1963.
- Folder 8: New building – financial, statements, 1952-1955.
- Folder 9: New building – financial, taxes, City of Atlanta, 1956.
- Folder 10: New building – general records, 1949-1958.
- Folder 11: New building – kitchen, 1957-1959.
- Folder 12: New building – memorials, 1956.
- Folder 13: New building – renovation, 1961, 1984.
- Folder 14: Newspaper clippings, 1931-1986.
- Folder 15: Newspaper publicity, 1956.
- Folder 16: Petition for change of name, 1921.
- Folder 17: Programs and brochures, 1930-1987.

- Folder 18: Public Relations Committee, 1961.
- Folder 19: Ritual committee, 1960-1964.
- Folder 20: Roster – past presidents, 1952-1959.
- Folder 21: Rosters – unpaid members, 1942.
- Folder 22: Rosters – various committees, 1956-1958.
- Folder 23: Scrapbook – Troop 49 1st Girl Scout Troop, 1942-1943.
- Folder 24: Service Committee, 1956.
- Folder 25: Sisterhood, 1954-1976.
- Folder 26: Sisterhood – Karen Ami Fund, 1954-1957.

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23 Subject file, A-B, 1887 – 1988.

- Folder 1: Sisterhood – “Souvenir Journal, “ 1953.
- Folder 2: Sisterhood – “Souvenir Journal, “1987.
- Folder 3: Soviet Jewry, 1972.
- Folder 4: Town hall meetings, undated.
- Folder 5: United Synagogue of America, 1943-1960.
- Folder 6: United Synagogue Youth, 1954-1965.
- Folder 7: usher Committee, 1960-1063.
- Folder 8: Washington Street Building, 1921-1958.
- Folder 9: Washington Street Building – insurance, 1947.
- Folder 10: Yahrzeits, 1958.
- Folder 11: Yahrzeits, undated.
- Folder 12: Yahrzeits, undated.

Folder 13: Yahrzeits, non-members, A-Z, undated.

Folder 14: Youth Services Committee, 1962-1964.

Oversize Bound Volumes

- Bound Volume 1: Free Loan Association record book, 1923.
- Bound Volume 2: General ledger, September, 1923 – January, 1933.
- Bound Volume 3: General ledger, October, 1936 – September, 1939.
- Bound Volume 4: General ledger, October, 1939 – June, 1943.
- Bound Volume 5: General ledger, June 1943 – September, 1946.
- Bound Volume 6: General ledger, October, 1946 – December 1949.
- Bound Volume 7: General ledger, January, 1950- September, 1952,
building fund, 1951-1953.
- Bound Volume 8: General ledger, October, 1953- September, 1954.
- Bound Volume 9: General ledger, October, 1954 – April, 1956.
- Bound Volume 10: Receipts, December, 1954 – September 1955.