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SOCIETY OF ALBANY,  
GEORGIA

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The Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society of Albany, Georgia was organized on February 10, 1878, by 13 women with the purpose of “doing good to all mankind and to bestow charity upon all that are needy and worthy of the same, and to promote in general all that is good and noble.” Throughout its history, the Society has lived up to these ideals and can be credited with benefiting hundreds of Albany’s citizens by providing both charity and benevolence.

The 13 original founders were all members of Temple B’nai Israel. The organization would later work in harmony with The Ladies Aid Society established in 1895, which later became the Temple Sisterhood, and with the Young Ladies Cooperative Society, which was founded in 1901.

The Benevolent Society is considered to be the oldest extant Jewish women’s organization in the State of Georgia. One of the main by-laws of the organization instructed its members that “in the case of sickness of a member of the Society or any female member of their family or a male child under 12 years of age where watch is required, a faithful nurse shall be provided and paid for by the society.” This practice was continued throughout much of the organization’s 125-year-long history.

Over the years, the Society has furnished rooms at the Albany hospital, has provided free lunches for school children in need, sunshine baskets for the sick and needy, Thanksgiving baskets to the Department of Family and Children Services, and contributed financially to numerous charitable societies in Albany, including The Light House for the Blind, the Cancer and Loan Closet, Albany League of Active Teens, the Flint River TB Association, the March of Dimes, and the Youth Association For Retarded Children.

In 1979, the board and congregation of Temple B’nai Israel passed a resolution recognizing the Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society as the charitable arm of the Jewish community of Albany.

The Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society of Albany, Georgia Records, 1878-1985, consist of minutes, correspondence, histories of Temple B'nai Israel and of The Society, financial records, memorial resolutions, membership records, and reports. The complete set of minutes chronicles the work of a women's benevolent organization and provides the social historian with insight into Jewish community life in small communities throughout the South. The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder.

Restrictions: Available to the Serious Scholar

Number of Containers:	3
Photographs:	Removed to Visual Arts
Oversize:	Removed to Oversize Collection
Artifacts:	Removed to Artifact Collection
Shelf Space Occupied:	1.4 cubic feet

CONTAINER

1 Records, A-Mi, 1878-1985.

- Folder 1: Anniversaries, 1928-1968.
- Folder 2: By-laws and resolution, 1951-1979.
- Folder 3: Calendar, officers and rosters, 1930-1978.
- Folder 4: Chronologies and histories, 1949-1958.
- Folder 5: Certificates, 1971-1985.
- Folder 6: Correspondence, 1973.
- Folder 7: Financial records-bank book, 1928-1948.
- Folder 8: Financial records-contributions and related material, 1953-1974. (Includes brochure from Jewish Children's Service-Atlanta)
- Folder 9: Financial records-ledger, 1949-1961.
- Folder 10: Financial records-miscellaneous receipts and reports, 1906-1983.
- Folder 11: Golden Jubilee and Memorial Fund, 1928-1959.
- Folder 12: Induction of officers-program, 1974.
- Folder 13: Letterhead, undated.
- Folder 14: Memorial resolution, undated.
- Folder 15: Membership and attendance, 1956-1964.
- Folder 16: Minutes, 1878-1900. (includes constitution and memorial resolutions)

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2 Records, Mi, 1901-1941.

- Folder 1: Minutes, 1901-1915
- Folder 2: Minutes, 1901-1915 (photocopy)
- Folder 3: Minutes, 1916-1922.

- Folder 4: Minutes, 1923-1928.
- Folder 5: Minutes, 1923-1928. (photocopy)
- Folder 6: Minutes, 1928-1935.
- Folder 7: Minutes, 1935-1941.

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3 Records, Mi-Y, 1908-1982.

- Folder 1: Minutes, 1941-1950.
- Folder 2: Minutes, 1951-1967.
- Folder 3: Minutes, 1967-1975.
- Folder 4: Minutes, 1974-1982.
- Folder 5: Minutes, 1957-1963. (Loose pages)
- Folder 6: Miscellany, 1946-1973.
- Folder 7: Newspaper clippings, 1908-1978.
- Folder 8: Recipe booklet, 1979.
- Folder 9: Reports, 1928-1968.
- Folder 10: Scrapbook, 1951-1968. (photocopy)
- Folder 11: Temple B'nai Israel-history by Mary Frances Landau, undated.
- Folder 12: Yearbooks, 1980-1982.