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REGISTER: RODEPH SHOLOM
CONGREGATION – ROME, GA

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Rodeph Shalom Congregation was established in 1875 by David Jacob Meyerhardt. Land atop Mount Aventine, one of the Seven Hills of Rome, was given to the congregation for a cemetery by J.J. Cohen, in 1875. The deed is recorded in the Floyd county Courthouse.

Gradually, as more Jewish people moved to Rome in the 1920's and 1930's, the congregation began to attain stature within the civic and business life of Rome. Numerous Jewish organizations and their local chapters were active within the Jewish and larger community, including B'nai B'rith, Youth Groups, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Hadassah and Young Judea.

In 1931, the first confirmation service was held by the Congregation, with Rabbi Benjamin Parker, of Ochs Memorial Temple in Chattanooga, officiating. Rabbi Abe Feinstein, also of Ochs Memorial Temple, led the second confirmation service in 1933. Until 1955, Rome employed a full-time rabbi, but since then, student rabbis from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, have been serving the congregation during the school term on a bi-monthly basis and also during the High Holy Days. Rodeph Shalom Congregation is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Sisterhood of the congregation has been a vital force throughout the years. The women of the congregation have been responsible for fund-raising, supporting religious school, organizing and baking for Shabbat and holiday observances, organizing social events, and many more activities. Likewise, the religious school has continued its long tradition of parent volunteers, meeting for several hours each weekend.

Presently, Rodeph Shalom continues to be active through High Holidays and conducts monthly services, a weekly religious school with eleven students, a congregational Passover Seder, and an active sisterhood.

The Records of Rodeph Sholom Congregation consist of minutes, correspondence, cemetery records, financial and legal records, and general administrative files. Of special interest to researchers are the indenturesm, which provide a clear account of the congregation's property.

The Rodeph Sholom Congregation Records, 1875-2005 are arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

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- 1 Subject file: Annual-Board Minutes, 1950-1993.
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Folder 6: Centennial celebration, 1975-1976.

Folder 7: Centennial celebration – program book and guest book, 1975.

Folder 8: Centennial newspaper clippings, 1975.

Folder 9: Central Conference of American Rabbis, undated.

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Folder 11: Confirmation requirements, 1963.

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Folder 13: Congregation Memorial Services at Cemetery, undated.

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Folder 6: Directory, 1983-1989.

Folder 7: Epstein, Harry H. Rabbi., undated

Folder 8: Esserman, Joseph, 1973.

Folder 9: Financial statements, 1982-1997.

Folder 10: Gavant, Louis, 1975.

Folder 11: Goren, Uri Rabbi, 1983.

Folder 12: Havdalah, undated.

Folder 13: Hebrew Union College, 1958-1991.

Folder 14: Hebrew Union College – Regulations on Student Congregations

Folder 15: High Holidays format, undated.

Folder 16: History of Rodeph Shalom, 1971.

Folder 17: History of Rome Georgia, 1975.

Folder 18: The Hoyt Firm, 1997.

Folder 19: Indentures, 1875-1897.

Folder 20: Invitations, 1963.

Folder 21: Letterhead, undated.

Folder 22: Medalie family, undated.

Folder 23: Membership lists, 1959-1977.

Folder 24: Max Meyerhardt, 1977 - 1991.

Folder 25: Miscellaneous, 1938-1997.

Folder 26: Newspaper clippings, 1975.

Folder 27: Newsletters, 1949 – 1997.

Folder 28: Oakland Cemetery, 1914-1976.

Folder 29: Policies, undated.

Folder 30: Purim, 1979.

Folder 31: Questionnaire, 1991.

Folder 32: Rabbi, undated.

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Folder 10: Shepard family – award and family history, undated.

Folder 11: Sisterhood – newsletters, 1984.

Folder 12: Sisterhood, 1969-1987.

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Folder 14: Speeches, undated.

Folder 15: Steine, David, undated.

Folder 16: Temple directories, 1989-1999.

Folder 17: Union of American Hebrew Congregation, 1997.

Folder 18: Visitations, 1991-1997.

Folder 19: Yahrtzeits, 1985-1986.

Folder 20: Youth group, 1969.