

Inventory of Temple Sholom Archives

(this is now the most up-to-date inventory list S. Saltzman June 5, 2023)

History

Temple Sholom, a Reform Jewish Congregation, was founded in 1913 in Plainfield, New Jersey. The congregation originally leased a building on Grove Street in North Plainfield, and later built a Synagogue on Seventh Street in Plainfield. The building was expanded in 1961 and again 1979. In 2002, the congregation made a decision to sell the Plainfield building with the intention of moving to the Scotch Plains/Fanwood area, and in 2007 purchased property on Lake Avenue in Scotch Plains. In the meantime, the Temple leased space in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church and held religious school classes in Union Catholic High School. In 2010 the Scotch Plains Planning Board approved the site plan proposal for a new building. .

Scope and Content of Collection

The items in the collection were assembled from a variety of sources, and are a work in progress. Some of the materials were kept in the Temple Sholom office or in a storage facility rented by the Temple during the transition from Plainfield to Scotch Plains. Others were donated by long-time Temple members, some descendants of Temple Sholom's founders. The contents include photographs of Temple events, event programs, invitations to events, official documents, clippings and ephemera. The dates of items in the collection range from those relating to the Temple founding in 1913 through the present, with the bulk of the materials from the 1950s to 2011. Some of the items listed here were also digitized and appear on the Temple Website. Not included in this list are other digitized items including two series of portraits of confirmation classes and Sisterhood presidents, which formerly hung in the Plainfield building; and additional items loaned and returned to their owners.

Archive List for New Boxes

Over-sized Box 1 - Plans, blueprints, reports, cost estimates, etc., related to the construction of 1925 Lake Ave. building.

Unnumbered Box - Bound leather Bible "Temple Sholom" given by Judge William Newcorn (approx. 1914)

Box 2

Book - Hillell's Happy Holidays 1955

Folder 1. Adult Ed newspaper clippings 1970s - 1990s

Folder 2. Adult Ed. program materials 1970 - 1980 assorted; May 1970 Temple Sholom Players production flyer

Folder 3. Adult B'nai and B'not Mitzvah Service program, 1984; 1989

Folder 4. Assorted clippings 1940s - 2007 - Clippings related to temple events

Folder 5. Xerox copy of handwritten certificate of incorporation for Temple Sholom, November 1913. Original Constitution of Temple Sholom, undated, carbon copy. Constitution of Temple Sholom, 1955

Folder 6. Meditations of my heart - 1979 - Photographs, invitation and programs of "Meditations of My Heart", and Adult Education shabbat.

Folder 7. Photographs 1930s -1940s - two 8 x 10 photographs one a formal group portrait of temple members outdoors from June 1939 and the other of a rehearsal of "John Loves Mary" from 1949 (one rehearsal photograph donated by Harold Yood)

Folder 8. Photographs, Large copy of photograph of Martin and Marcia Kestenbaum with Rabbi Nathanson. 1950s - two 8 X 10 photographs of the wedding of Martin and Marsha Kestenbaum in 1950; 1953 photo of long-time Temple members at Marty Schwartz' brother's bar mitzvah. Three photos of services in the Paramount Theater in Plainfield in 1958.

Folder 9. Photographs, 1960's - Marty and Judy Schwartz wedding photos, Sandra and Bill Dreier's wedding,

Folder 10. Photographs 1970's - 2 8 x 10 photographs of confirmation class of 1976. 2 photos from Susan Dreier's bat mitzvah, April 1977. one 4 X 6 photo of four generations of the Schwartz family and Rabbi Nathanson; photograph of Rose Geller, Lucy Taub, Jo Ann Willens and Lennie Gordon hanging Benny Goodman posters, "Meditations of my Heart" service Jan. 79 at 7th Street Sanctuary; Nov. '75 Lucy Taub receives flowers; "Ballad of Ruth" Mar. '81.

Folder 11. 1971 about 10 photos from "Tivoli 2" event; photo about 1973 Rabbi Goldman with Rev. Hargrove, Father Moran, Mayor ?; undated Norman Pianko, Mrs. Adler, unknown; Bill Dreier with Natalie Darwin; 2 (2 ½ x 4) Rabbi Plaut; Max Dumont; Mrs. Bertha Nathanson; front of Plainfield Temple; Kevin Willens; President Sidney Darwin; Luna Kaufman with Bill Gindin; Lucy Taub (all from 1971-1977)

Folder 12. Photographs 1980's-1990's - Photograph of confirmation class of 1989 and assorted photographs of the Board of Trustees, 2 8 x 10 photographs 1981 from performance. 1989 Confirmation class before European trip.

Folder 13. Sisterhood 1950s - program for 46th Anniversary Dinner Dance in 1959 and brochure of Sisterhood events for 1959-1960.

Folder 14. Ushering 1980s - Procedure materials donated by Ben Rosin

Folder 15. Rabbi Goldman - confidential material

Folder 16. Yahrzeit Lists 1968 and 1970

Folder 17. Confirmation photos: 1953 Confirmation class with a relatively young Rabbi Nathanson. The boy on the left is Richard Cohen and the boy on the right is Michael Stonewall. Also, in the picture are: Harriet Robinson, Davida Solomon, Toby Rosen, Phyllis Levine (?), and Ina (?) Klein.

Also: 1975, 1976, 1996, 2001 (with Norman Pianko), 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006 (and Invitation), 2007, 2008 (and Invitation), 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Folder 18. Bussel Fund information 1988

Folder 19. Assorted Funds information

Folder 20. JWB Center Bulletins; 1959, 1965, 1978; K.A.M. (KAM Congregation, Chicago) News; 1959 (mailed to Rabbi Nathanson)

Box 3

"Cemetery Payment Receipts 1939-46"

Folder 1. 40th anniversary documents - 1 copy of "Temple Sholom It's Past, Present and Future" by Isidor Tornberg (address delivered on 40th birthday celebration on 11/7/1953).

Folder 2. 50th anniversary documents - 2 copies of Golden Jubilee Service program from November 22, 1963, 1 copy of Ad Journal (which includes list of all Sisterhood Presidents and Temple Presidents) and typed speech.

Folder 3. 65th anniversary documents - Program from 65th anniversary/50th year at West Seventh Street commemorative year service on September 30, 1977. 2 xerox copies of Temple Topics article about celebration of 50 years on West Seventh Street. Script of Temple History song.

Folder 4. 75th Anniversary document - typed copy of what appears to be a speech given at the planting of an anniversary tree on May 21, 1989 by Stephen Schoeman. Typed copy of remarks of Martin Schwartz at 75th Anniversary Service on May 20, 1989. Also, "Working group meeting" agenda and members.

Folder 5. 80th anniversary documents - invitation to dinner dance held on April 24, 1993; 2 copies of dinner dance program; and w copies of 80th anniversary booklet; Township of Scotch Plains Proclamation certificate

Folder 6. Confirmation service program 1952 (with note) Ilene Blitzer (nee Gartenberg); Confirmation service program from 1959. Copy of article from Jewish State about 90th anniversary.

Folder 7. 1973 - Ad Journal for Theodore Bikel concert, confirmation invitation and service, Uniongram

Folder 8. 1961, 1963, 1968 confirmation service. 1966 confirmation invitation; 1962, 1963, 1969 Yizkor booklets. Undated pamphlet "Temple Sholom... more than a house of worship" ..

Folder 9. Yizkor Books 1970, 1972, 1973-78, 1983, 1989, 2010, 2013, 2015

Folder 10. 1982 service installation of Lee Coopersmith; 1974, 1980, 1981 1982, 1983, 1984, 1989 various event service books. West Seventh Street building expansion - Dedication booklet from November 1961; partial copy of same booklet, and Sanctuary and school dedication program from November 12, 1961. 1978 "a time to build" pamphlet for donations for building campaign for religious school expansion; pamphlet with best picture of original 7th Street Sanctuary.

Folder 11. 2000- 2001 confirmation service booklet., June 13, 2003 - 90th Anniversary and Chai member service program. 2010 Harry Wachtel Bar Mitzvah booklet.

Folder 12. Adult Confirmation 1990; 1997 service in honor of children's Sabbath & Confirmation service; 1979 groundbreaking ceremony; 1979 Chassidic service

Folder 13. Confirmation services 1987-89; photo copy of 1976 Confirmation service inscribed on front by Lisa Anne Kulick to her grandmother (Karen Schack's mother?)

Folder 14. Dedication of Memorial Wall 1976; Dedication of Education Building 1979; "Temple Sholom more than a house of worship"; 1975 news article; resolution from 1971 from Board to invest \$10,000 in State of Israel Bonds; copy of letter to Luna Kaufman from R. Nathanson.

Folder 15. 2011 - 2012 Bnei (B'nai) Mitzvah service booklets; 2012 Rosh Hashanah aliyah honors list.

Folder 16. Mid-1980's Social action materials; copy of regional program on homelessness; Julius Lester communion, Rainbow Sign Peace service; etc. 1989 Diamond Jubilee Journal dated Friday May 19, 1989

Box 4

Folder 1. Dedication Programs 1974-1981. Announcements and programs for various dedications (such as stained-glass windows)

Folder 2. Luna Kaufman memos 1982 - From her presidency. Assorted memos including those regarding Holocaust Weekend 1982.

Folder 3. Nathan Rapaport Sculpture - 1982, 3 copies of program from Holocaust Weekend, 1982, one signed by the artist, photocopy of clipping from 1981 of Luna Kaufman with sculpture.

Folder 4. Oldest living member's correspondence

Folder 5. Past Presidents and award lists - 1974-1988. Copy of 1998 photo of past presidents, list of past presidents 1942-1995, list of annual awards 1963-1995, Temple Sholom award list 1974-198, Martin Schwartz last speech as Temple President.

Folder 6. Assorted photos including Board, last year in Plainfield, 2001-2002.

Folder 7. Scanned photograph of Hazel Tepper with Max Tepper's plaque, 200?; 2 copies of Temple front with inscription "Do Justly Love Mercy"; 2 copies of Small Torah -inscribed "In memory of Benjamin J. Sch . . ."; Torah in white for High Holy Days; 4 torahs with breastplates, covers in blue, green, red, orange; May 1973 Temple Topics letter from Pres. Martin Schwartz;

Folder 8. 1982 Dr. Arno Penzias flier; T.S. presents Theodore Bikel, Plainfield H.S.; 1993 photos of Tu B'shvat Seder; Purim Spiel 1996 - photos and flier.

Folder 9. Copy of news article of R. Nathanson first coming to Temple Sholom 1948; 1972 - 25th Anniversary service in honor of R. Nathanson; 1972 material related to his illness, death, and memorials; 1973 letter confirming request to resign from President Martin Schwartz; 1974 service dedicating Nathanson Chapel; Rabbi Nathanson's obituary, 1975.

Folder 11. Reports on new building: 2008 Trident Environmental Consultants, Reynolds Group, Brawer and Hauptman presentation, 2007 contract for PURCHASE of Lake Ave property by Temple Sholom, etc.....

Folder 12. 5 inch floppy disk containing temple history

Folder 13. Documents, 1913-1940's: Bar Mitzvah invitation from 1914. Copies of 3 articles from the Plainfield Daily Press from 1913 and 1916 about the organization of the Temple and first services, notes on payments and events 1913-1940's; 1913 (3) photocopies of original Grove St. Temple Sholom building

14. Documents, 1950's - Report of Cemetery Committee; "Temple Sholom Cemetery" brochure (8 pages folded); Congregational hymnal booklet (undated).

Folder 15. Documents, 1960's - 1962 Annual Journal booklet; Letter to temple members explaining dues structure and mortgage payments on new building and list of Temple Sholom committees 1962-1963; letter to Board members from Elinor Heyman re: Temple Topics; 1962 community brotherhood service

Folder 16. My Bar Mitzvah Book - 1965 - Bar Mitzvah preparation donated by Gary Darwin

Folder 17. Visiting artists, performers and speakers 1973-1989. Programs, photographs, invitations and clippings including autographed program for "an evening with Theodore Bikel" on November 4, 1973 and Scholar-in-residence programs

<note the following were in this folder and are now missing>

Black and white photos - 1971 -1979(?). Some photos are from an event called Tivoli 2 on January 29, 1971. In some cases the people depicted are written on the reverse.

Box 5

Folder 1. Rabbi Goldman's sermons - printed copies 1983-1985

Folder 2. Rabbi Goldman's sermons - printed copies 1993-1996

Folder 3. Rabbi Goldman retirement - Commemorative journal for Rabbi Goldman on his retirement in 1998, including letter from President Clinton.

Folder 4. 1973- Installation service booklet for R. Goldman; 1983 -Rabbi Goldman 10th Anniversary Dinner program

Folder 5. Memos 1993-1998 written to Senator Lautenberg

Folder 6. High Holy Day Sermons 1977, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995 and Herbert Polskin discussion on Yom Kipper Oct. 6, 1984; possible sermon fragment by Rabbi Nathanson undated on Aliyah with source he used!

Folder 7. Rabbi Goldman undated sermons in alphabetic order; undated lecture "Lonely Man" with note attached

Box 6

Folder 1. Temple Topics, 1960s - June 1963, March 1964, January 1965, Sept. 1966 - June 1967 and October 1976 issues.

Folder 2. Temple Topics, 1970- 1975 incomplete Special Issue October 1972 commemorating Rabbi Nathanson's 25th anniversary, partial copy of November, 1977 issue; Nov. 1978.. And March 1979.

Folder 3. Temple Topics 1980's - 4 1980 issues, 2 copies of June, 1987 issue.

NOT IN FOLDER: Original *Temple Topics* Vol 1 No. 1 (Sept 1962) - Vol 6. No. 9 (May 1968) with some duplicates.

NOT IN FOLDER: Sept. 1968-June 1973; Sept. 77, Jan. 78, Mar, 78 NOT ALL OF Sept. 1997 - Dec. 1999

Box 7

Folder 0

Undated remarks by Marsha Kestenbaum on installation of Lee Coopersmith as Cantor of Temple Sholom

misc stationary

Folder 1

Assorted sermons from approx 1977- 1997 of Rabbi Gerald A. Goldman

Folder 2

1961- Dedication program of Sanctuary and School
1975 - July 1 - Letter to congregation about the death of Rabbi Nathanson
1978 - Copy of "Courier" article "Temple signals its confidence in city"
1981- Press release and article about Luna Kaufman becoming first woman Temple President.
1982- May - Letter to congregation from President Luna Kaufman about new artwork donated to Temple
1984 - May - Annual Award speech by Sandra Dreier on Ben Rosin
1982- Sept - R. Goldman letter on visit of Israeli Ambassador to Temple
1977 copy of letter to David Schnur from Pres. Mort Rutenberg
1976 Letter concerning Temple Holocaust Memorial Schrolls
1976 program on Dedication of the Torah Scroll and Ornaments

Folder 3

1983 - Thank you letter to R. Soslow
1985- Thank you letter to Mr. & Mrs. Steven Saltzman
1986 - Thank you letter to David Schnur
1986 - Letter to R. Hugo Gryn
1998 - Letter from R. Goldman announcing his retirement

Folder 4

1990 - Letter of nomination for community service award ; 1993- March Program for services Honoring R. Goldman's 20th year; 1993- March Announcement of West Point Jewish Choir at above service; 1993- March Invitation to above services; 1993-March Invitation dinner for R. Goldman's 20th year (\$150/person); 1993- April Invitation for Shabbat dinner for R. Goldman's 20th year; 1993 April Ad journal flyer; 2004 January - envelop containing photo of first service Temple Sholom in Fanwood; 2003 June - Annoucement of "Farewell" Service in Plainfield, June 13 2003; 2003 June 13 90th Anniversary & Chai Members service ; 2003 June 13 - Rabbi Gerald A. Goldman's address upon his return for this occasion ; 1984 - April 19 - letter to Rabbi John Tepfer, rabbi of Temple Sholom for two years during World War II and distinguished scholar at UAHF in NYC.; March 27, 1984 letter to Arnold Weinstein from R. Goldman "most of these mice are not members of the Temple"

Folder 5

2008-9 Sari and Ali Dorn's Bat Mitzvah services, invitations, and photos
2006 & 2008 Confirmation services
2011 Confirmation class invitation
2014 Elizabeth O'Brien Bat Mitzvah invitation

Folder 6

Alan Neuhauser Bar Mitzvah invitation

Jordan Cooke Bar Mitzvah service (son of Barbara Cooke Temple Sholom Office Manager)
Clarissa Lyons Bat Mitzvah invitation
Blake Lyons Bar Mitzvah invitation
Clara Smith Bat Mitzvah invitation
Elyse Nussenfeld Bat Mitzvah invitation
Jordan Cooke Bar Mitzvah invitation, service & party at ballpark invitation (son of Barbara Cooke Temple Sholom Office Manager)
Cassandra Ryan Teschner - Bat Mitzvah invitation. Also Bat Mitzvah Service program (with insert. Reply card.
Lauren Brumfield Bat Mitzvah invitation & service
Emily Koprowski Bat Mitzvah invitation
Elizabeth Smith Bat Mitzvah invitation - in envelop
Emma Rothman Bat Mitzvah invitation
Keri Rothman Bat Mitzvah invitation
Hannah Isaacs Bat Mitzvah invitation
Folder 7

Twenty-two page handwritten list of Temple confirmands 1915-1986 (very incomplete)
Sunday school class lists 1984-5
Letter to confirmands from R. Goldman 1989 -- inviting them to attend special celebration
return card for this
1920-88 selected list of past confirmands for above?
Letter from Marty Schwartz to R. Goldman 1989

folder 8

1995 - Mt. Lebanon Cemetery Regulations
1997 Cemetery Report
1999 Deed to Albert A. and Sylvia Stonehill
1992 correspondence on Cemetery fees
1938 Agreement between Temple and Mt. Lebanon
1990 maintenance charges letter
1990 - Temple attorney review letter
1988 letter on vandalism at Mt. Lebanon

Box 8

Folder 1

Complete Grant Application, status and final reports from 1995-9, plus fliers and letter related to some of the programs funded.

Folder 2

Grant application to Union County Arts program 1986 with accompanying documentation

Jan. 15, 1992 letter and additional pages requesting NJCH funding for scholar-in-residence program from TM Rosenblatt

Jan. 30, 1992 letter and additional pages to Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage affairs requesting financial support for Temple programs.

April 29, 1993 letter to NJ Comm for the Humanities requesting financial support for Temple programs.

Folder 3

Seven (7) letters from various foundations saying they can not provide financial support for Temple programs from 1980

“How to get more grants” brochure

Folder 4

assorted materials from 1979 - 1981 related to the Building Campaign to construct the religious school wing of the Plainfield building

Folder 5

1939-1989 Various Constitutions of Temple Sholom

Folder 6

“information about Local Genealogy resources”

several Adult ed fliers

photo copy of R. Goldman (undated), Rindy Lasus teaching her Bnai Mitzah Class, unknown adult students

article on, “Black Soldiers in two World Wars” by Clement A. Price with note “for Margaret [Cohen] 10/29/95”

program on “Jewish Voices 200 Years of Poetry in English” Daniel A. Harris, Ph.D. from 1999

program on “Storytelling. . .” with Norman Salsitz

Box 9

Folder 1- Invitations to Temple music and other programs 1977-82

Folder 2- - “Reflections on becoming a cantor” by Cantor Carla Boscoe-Reynolds

Union County Arts Grant application 1996 +plus documentation

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NJ Historical Commission Grant application 1995

Folder 3 - Adult Ed grant applications and related materials 1994-95

Folder 4 - Adult Ed press releases 1994-95

Folder 5 Adult Ed - Committee members 1995

Bagel brigade instructions

Scholar-in-Residence confirmation letters

table talk flyer

Memos from Maxine (Mickey) Neuhauser to various people -94-5

Box 10

Folder 1 - Event flyers 2000-2 - mostly related to Religious School

Folder 2 - Event flyers 2003-4; Caring Comm. Minutes Nov. 2004 and May 2005

Folder 3 - Event flyers 2006-9

Folder 4 - Newspaper articles - 2009 -11; 2018; 2019 most are scanned. Some are on Temple website

2008 Report of Geotechnical investigation for new building

Box 11

Folder 1 - Adult Education - Grant applications 1997-8 (incomplete)

Folder 2 - Adult Education - Grant applications 1998- 2000 (incomplete)

Folder 3 - Adult Education - assorted fliers - 1997 - 2000

Folder 4 - Temple Treasurer's Reports: Dec. 31, 1996 and Nov. 30, 1997

1997 list of officers and members of Board of Trustees

1997 original letters to Margaret Cohen from Congressman Bob Frank and Freeholder Linda Stender

1995 Adult Education final report to NJ Historical Commission

1997 Adult Education request for grant from Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs

1998 Adult Education Interim report to UCOCHA

Folder 5 - assorted newspaper articles from 2011

Folder 6 - assorted newspaper articles 2006- 10

Folder 7 - 1971 geographic distribution of temple members; 1971, 1972, 1974 list of trustees and officers; 1974 membership categories; 1976 letter on cost analysis of temple property; 1960 "Facts concerning temple" for membership committee; 1950 list of Bar Mitzahs

Box 12

Folder 1

Various cost estimates for new building - 2012; Survey, 1995 of 1925 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains (proposed building site).

Folder 2

Purim Spiels from 1995 - 2001
Purim Spiel - 2010

Folder 3

1997-8 Temple Directory
2003 - Chai members Shabbat service
1983- program book for Rabbi Goldman's 10th Anniversary
1983- Gift and service auction booklet
1993, 2000 and 2001 Adult education booklets
Sept. 1994 and April 1995 - Temple Topics
undated pamphlet to promote membership in Temple

Folder 4

photocopy of check for \$1,288,612.25 to Temple Sholom from 12/16/04
copy of one page of Temple Monthly Income / Expense report from 1991

Folder 5

1975 - letter to Temple members announcing party in honor of outgoing President Dr. Hyman Tobey
1979 - same as above for Bill Dreier
undated - presidents speech for annual meeting ? approx. 1982
1982 - Invitation to First Annual Reception at the home of Rabbi Gerald and Roberta Goldman
1984- letter announcing dinner in honor of Ben Rosin

Folder 6

1962 - letter ordering 100 Union Prayer Books and list of names for imprints;
1981 - Open "letter" of sympathy to Southern Christian Leadership Conference and others signed on multiple pages from many Temple Sholom members and children;
1982 - 1988 assorted letters from R. Goldman;
1990 - letter to Priscilla Jenkins of the Plainfield Area Peace Committee from R. Goldman accepting invitation to participate in forum.
2001 - thank you letter to Temple from Star-fish;
1994 postmark - envelop with photos of speakers / performers at Temple;
June 21, 1995 report "The Role of Non-Jewish Members of Temple Sholom in Ritual Services"
Undated - remarks of Adam Levin at service for Peace in honor of the memory of Anwar El-Sadat

Folder 7

1977 Party flier

1989 - Joseph & the amazing technicolor dreamcoat program with lots of students signed

Tu B'shvat Seders programs - undated approx 2008-10

article on Shabbat Pray and Play undated approx. 2011

Folder 8

Caring Committee Mission Statement

Social Action Committee Mission Statement

1995 - list of officers, Board members and committee chairs

1998 - list of officers, Board members and committee chairs

undated 2 copies of "Report of the Temple Sholom Survey Committee March 29, 1985 - one page demographic survey of member family towns (signed Abe [Banker]?)

Box 13

Folder 1

letter from Penny Margolies - Executive Director of JCC to Luna Kaufman -President of Temple Sholom Jan. 18, 1982

"From the President's Desk" and letters to the Congregation from Luna Kaufman July

1981 - Nov. 1982

(2) Invitation to home of Temple member Adam Levin to meet Rabbi Awraham

Soetendorp - chief Rabbi of Holland (\$100/person) April 21, 1982

Excerpts about Rabbi Soetendorp

Folder 2

two copies of *Ammi*, Journal of World Union of Progressive Judaism 1975 and 1978

Folder 3

handwritten proposed terms for Rabbi Goldman's new contract 1983-1990

Copies of March 10, 1983 Evaluation of Rabbi Goldman's job performance

handwritten letter from Bill Gindin to "Luna, Bill, Abe and Jerry" concerning Rabbi's contract (Luna Kaufman, Bill Dreier (?), Abe Banker, Rabbi Gerald Goldman)

Evaluation worksheets

Folder 4

Stained glass window - in Plainfield

brochure from Duval Studios

35mm color negatives and color positives of 3 windows created for Temple Sholom

May 1979 proposal for six windows for \$33,000

article from 1979 about the stained glass windows

March 4, 1981 proposal for three windows for \$ 22,500

Folder 5

2012 Confirmation invitation

2011 Invitation to attend program with Temple architect on new building plans May 7

2011 Bonim Update mailed to all congregants

assorted newspaper articles 2012 back to 1990's

Folder 6

Religious School expansion materials 1978-9 - Summary of plans, artist rendering of facade and floor plans. 4 5 x 7 BW photos of groundbreaking ceremony. Program from Groundbreaking Ceremony and Rally, April 8, 1979; Service of Dedication of Education Building Oct. 12, 1979; letter to members Oct. 12, 1978 from William Dreier on plans for building expansion; artists rendering of new building; building floor plans

Box 14

Envelop with drafts of the History of Temple Sholom by Ben Rosen (very useful and informative)

Bar/Bat Mitzvah materials 2003- 2005

Folder 1

1998 Mum dues report; Treasurer's reports April 1999, June 2001, Dec. 2001, June 2002, June 2003; blank Temple Sholom Topics stationary

Folder 2

Temple Sholom - Schedule of Services Sept. 1950 - March 1953 (this was an early version of "Temple Topics")

Folder 3

2006 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Guidebook; 2005-6 Jewish U Post B'nei Mitzvah Students; copy of 2012 letter of to Cong. Rodef Shalom; 2003 flyer on last service in Plainfield; 2003 letter on Chai Members service; 2006 - congregational identity summary; 2012 copy of on line article about Temple Yom Hashoah program; 2012 press release on Ann Saltzman winning the Sister Rose Thering Award; 2011 "Bonim Update" flyer; 2013 "Yom Hashoah Service of Remembrance and Hope"

Folder 4

1972 Treasurer's Report and leadership organization, 1973 letters to congregation

Folder 5

1950 - School committee report; various youth activities materials

Folder 6

2 copies of Service of Dedication of the Temple Sholom Education Building on October 12, 1979; c. 2012 Donor Recognition list for Bonim Campaign; class of 5772 note on their gift to

Temple; 2013 (5773) Confirmation service postcard and actual service

Folder 7

1988 Art Auction leaflet (with note from Lucy Taub about her role); Gala Art Auction brochure 2013; Letter to congregation May 20, 2013 announcing slate / budget for annual meeting; June 9 2013 Annual meeting agenda

Folder 8

Family Birthday Service booklet (undated); A service for Healing (undated); and program from "Regional Conference on the Homeless" Temple Sholom, Nov. 22, 1987

Folder 9

April 15, 2013 letter from Martin Schwartz to Steve Saltzman with enclosed key presented to his father Harold Schwartz for his work on the addition to the building of Temple Sholom in 1960.

Box 15

folder 1 - 1984 Building Expansion Pledge information

 "Security for Sholom" brochure

folder 2 - 1985-87 (approx.) Capital campaign pledge and payment data

folder 3 - Yizkor books 1981, 83, 84

 Confirmation service books 1979, 1982, 1983

 Adult Ed program book "kapelle Woodwind Trio" 1983

 Program book from dedication of Rapoport Sculpture (5 copies) 1982

 Sanctuary seating charts n.d.

 antisemitic incidents in NJ 1979

 Letter from Jac Wiseman to Maurice Lipton 1982

 Letter from James D. Miller to Luna Kaufman 1981

 Brochure "The Story of Your Temple"

folder 4 - list of Temple rabbis 1913-1997 (note stating first service 11/21/13) also there is a cryptic reference to a connerstone box in the building from 1927! ;

 list of Temple Presidents 1913- 2012

 1983 (?) - from the President

 1977 - note from Mort Rutenberg to Hon. Wm. Dreier; recommendation from the awards committee

 1979 - special meeting of the board of trustees to review bids for the expansion

 1964 - letter to members

 n.d. Statement of policies; Regulations governing permanent seats; proposal to re-evaluate Award-of-the-year

 1982 - Special Meeting March 1, 1982

folder 5 - Undated "From the President" by Luna

 May 1982 ltr to all congregants by Luna Kaufman

 May 1981 memo to Freida Richard by Irene Scovronek on dance

Mar 1981 ltr "to whom it may concern" by David Dener
May 1982 ltr to Dr. Maurice Lipton requesting financial info from Jac B. Weiseman
"How of a committee"
List of resignations 1981-82 with possible reasons
1978-79 National Council of Jewish Women "A running account (sic) for committee
chairwomen"
Sept. 1980 Jewish Community News[letter] by Luna Kaufman

folder 6 - Copy of Ben Rosin's book on the history of Temple Sholom (incomplete)

folder 7 - news articles 1979-83

folder 8 - review of Temple funds with some references to approval dates and background

Box 16

Folder 1 - 1914 Concert and Ball Program

1920 - Dramatic Performance and Dance pamphlet by Young Folks' League
1928 - Temple Bulletin (with lecture by Dr. [Stephen] Wise)
1921 - Shevuoth - Order of Service (confirmation service)
1927 - Dedication of Temple Sholom
1927- Cornerstone 'Exercises'
1930 - Confirmation Exercises
1939 - Temple Sholom Bulletin May 5-6; May 19
1943 - Thirtieth Anniversary program
1944 - Program to honor Rabbi Augustus F. Loeb military induction
1959 - service invitation
1956 - Thanksgiving Sabbath
1966 - Post Thanksgiving Ecumenical service
1989 - Remarks by Wm. A Dreier honoring Rabbi Goldman
1989 - service of ordination and investiture for Cantor Susan Berkson
1989 - Youth Group Creative service

Folder 2

2011 Bonim Campaign related materials:

Project binder
List of dedication opportunities
Steering Comm. Powerpoint pages
Fundraising training booklet
cost reports
etc

Folder 3

assorted letters going back to 1929: Ed Stubenhaus to Herbert Schuldenfrei; 1945 Dan Eisenberg to Harold Schwartz; 1979 Rabbi Alexander Schindler to Rabbi Kroloff (of Westfield); responses

to letter for names of confirmands, 1972 letter to Nathanson from American Jewish Archives asking for a donation; 1988 letter to Goldman answering question about names of Rabbis who worked at Temple in 1920's and more

Folder 4

Background information about Jews of Plainfield; 1926 census of Jewish congregations nationwide; directory of house of worship in Plainfield; survey of original Plainfield property; 1985 city map of Plainfield and more

Folder 5

Assorted flyers and pamphlets; 1989 Legacy Arts Judaica Report

Folder 6

two plays from 1950's Templars; Sisterhood Sabbath service

Folder 7

Rabbi Abraham and family related newspaper clippings; 5779 (2018) Rosh Hashanah sermons by R. Abraham;

50th Anniversary (1963) letter and invitation listing; 1979 memo on new building dedication by R. Goldman

Folder 8

2014 Shabbat morning service; Yom Kipper pamphlet

2017 Rosh Hashanah pamphlet; Yom Kipper pamphlet

2018 Shavuot service; Rosh Hashanah pamphlet

2018 proposed budget for 2019; list of officers and board members; annual meeting agenda;

Proposed new constitution (referred to as Bylaws now)

2015 letter from Plainfield library archives acknowledging donation of some of our (duplicate) records to them

Folder 9

Holocaust memorial sculpture on wall in Plainfield
menorah

1915 Confirmation class

1943 Confirmation class

2-3 group pictures from Plainfield

Hospitality tent for Temple Sholom with Michelle Abraham and Robin Lyons

2001 approx. 5 pictures from unknown dinner event names on backs

2 pictures of Herbert and Selma Schuldenfrei (founders)

mid-1950's picture of The Templers High School Youth group with most of the names

Folder 10

Nov.24 1930 letter to R. Krohn informing him his contract would not be renewed

Letter from Leonard Gidding to Board "after the annual meeting"

newspaper article: "Rabbi A Krohn leaves Temple"

Box 17

folder 1

1966 – Post-Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service program;
1966 ltr to R. Nathanson
1980 – Interfaith Model Seder;
1980 ltr R. Goldman Presbyterian church and Mosque of Plainfield

folder 2

1981 – NJ Assembly citation for Interfaith Memorial Service for Anwar Sadat;
1996 – Adult Education Committee calendar and roster;
1997 – List of nominations for Board of Trustees;
2005 – Poem “In This House” by Beth Schafer;
Undated ltr. by R. Goldman on Union County Operation Homeless fund-raiser.

folder 3

circa 1961 – Architect Gaspari’s plans for proposed addition to Plainfield structure

folder 4

Weekly newsletters 9/1979 – 6/1980; Parents book, 1993

folder 5

Petitions re: contracts for Rabbis Levine (1940) and Jacobs

folder 6

2003 – Note and materials from Ellen O’Brien correcting historical record;
2014 – Proclamation from Scotch Plains Mayor Glover for new building;
2014 – Prayers for dedication of new building;
2017 – Shabbat service program Nov. 10;
2018 – ltr. from R. Abraham and Mark Nussenfeld re: shooting in Pittsburgh.

folder 7

1967 -- Rules governing permanent seats; 1975 – High holidays sanctuary seating chart;
Undated – Booklet member congregations by state and community

folder 8

B’nai mitzvah ltrs. and lists 2003-2005;
B’not & B’nai Mitzvah List 1987- 1999;
Oct. 2004 Sharon Bort Bat Mitzvah program

folder 9

Nov. 1964 – Poem by Peter Dreier;
March 1965 – Call to Racial Justice;
Aug. 1965 – ltrs. btw R. Nathanson and Morris Egert on Faith and Truth

Box 18

Hillel's Happy Holidays, by Mamie G. Garmran (1955) inscribed "Ruth Bussel" but donated by Gary Darwin

folder 1 - 1979 -1980 records relating to construction of Temple addition

folder 2 - 1980 - additional records relating to construction of Temple addition

folder 3 - Sunrise sculpture used for Simcha plate inscriptions with photos and negatives in color and black & white. Sculpture was hung on wall in social hall in Temple Sholom, Plainfield

folder 4 - July 14, 1979(?) photocopy of letter to "Bill" from "Jerry" [Rabbi Goldman]
Dec. 1977 ltr to Luna Kaufman from Myron E. Schoen, FTA of UAHC
May 1978 ltr to congregation from Wm Dreier (President) about studying the
issue of space in the building due to increasing number of students.
May 1978 Memo from R. Goldman to Bill Dreier et al
Apr 1978 fact-sheet on Temple Anshe Emeth

folder 5 - correspondence 1979 from James S. Gaspari related to building addition
floor plan for first floor of new religious school wing from about 1979

folder 6 - Sept. 15, 1967 - June 7, 1968 - carbon copies of preparation materials for Temple Topics

folder 7 - 1979 - 1984 additional records on costs related to building addition

folder 8 - Confirmation speeches 1995 - 2002 (incomplete)

folder 9 - 1980 Shabbat service announcement; 1999 contract with Iams Temple; 2008 Congregation Education Day flyer (found by Alan Nacht who went through many cabinets and saved materials for the archives).

folder 10 - 1969- 1970 materials for preparing Temple Topics / weekly announcements

folder 11 - folder 14 Religious School Board meeting minutes 2001 - 1991

Box 19

Membership applications from 1960's - 1970's

Folder labeled 1960's

Folder labeled 1930's - 1959

Box 20

May 2007 - Feasibility Study for Bonim (Capital) Campaign by Barry Judelman
- "The Fundraising Process" by Barry Judelman (undated)

folder 1 - 100th Birthday folder - Nov. 2013 - Temple Topics; Gala Invitation; Rosh Hashanah announcements.

folder 2 - 1953 speech by Isidor Tornberg for the 40th birthday celebration of Temple Sholom;
1962 - speech by Sidney Darwin; 1972 Kol Nidre address by Martin Schwartz; "Memorandum on cornerstone laying of new Temple Sholom Building" Nov. 6, 1960.

folder 3

1988 - Misc. Diamond Jubilee Comm minutes and reports to Board

1989 - Diamond Jubilee Ad Journal (dated Friday May 19, 1989)

folder 4

- 2015 Yom HaShoah service booklet; "Memories of Israel"; R. Goldman "When a parent dies"

2018- Interfaith service "Holding fast to the tree of Life" to remember the victims of the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh

2016; 2018- Yom Hashoah programs

2019 - Yom Hashoah Service of Remembrance and Hope

2019- Yom Hashoah An Evening of Remembrance April 28, 2019

folder 5 - 2013, April letter calling for emergency meeting of congregation

2013, July letter calling for emergency meeting of congregation

2013, July letter from Unity Bank with proposal for Construction Loan and

Mortgage

2004; Promissory Note for \$7,500 signed by Susan Weiseman, Pres.

folder 6 - 2013 assorted 100th Birthday Gala Dinner and Service photos

100th Bday address by Martin Schwartz

Rsvp card and invitation to Gala

Nov. 8 shabbat service pamphlet

Nov. 15 Shabbat service pamphlet (100 Bday) 4 copies

Nov. 2013 - Temple Topics

Centennial Celebration Journal (5 1/4 x 8 1/2 inches) 2 copies

Draft copy of Centennial Journal

folder 7 - 2014 Yom Hashoah service and program

4/8/14 letter from Marty Schwartz with 1940's map of part of Plainfield and

Fanwood

- 2017 Yom Hashoah program newspaper clips

- 2019 Misc. clippings

folder 8 -

1988 note from Ben Rosin about Board minutes missing before 1927

1947 - 48 Annual meeting agenda (handwritten notes)
Cemetery map of Beth Israel Woodbridge n.d.
Dec. 1938 - newspaper article "Temple Sholom will celebrate 25th Anniversary. . ."
Jan. 7, 1939 ltr from Raphael Yood - resigns from Board
Apr. 7, 1939 ltr from Joseph Rosin - resigns from Board
Nov. 10, 1939 ltr to "members of Temple Sholom" from William Newcorn
Nov. 20, 1940 ltr from Samuel Schwartz
Dec. 30, 1946 ltr from Harold Schwartz to Jerome Newcorn upon death of Wm. Newcorn
announcement of Wm Newcorn death
15 addresses of Bd members on copy of letter
photocopy of list of "sons and daughters who served in our armed forces" undated
folder 9 -1974 Letter on membership
1976 news release
1977 mailing list
1978 religious school letters; religious practice letter; confirmation trip letter; building
evaluation letter; board of education letters

Box 21

Board minutes: 1970- 1982

Box 22

currently empty

Box 23

folder 1 - Adult Ed flyers 1970's
folder 2 - Adult Ed flyers 1980's
folder 3 - Adult Ed flyers 1990's
folder 4 - Adult Ed flyers 2000's
folder 5 - Other flyers - invitations - services
folder 6 - Adult Ed flyers 1990's and undated

Box 24

Temple Topics Dec. 1986 - June 1997
Temple topics 2006 -2007

Box 25

large folder with various services (Sisterhood, Confirmation, Shabbat, Healing, etc)

folder 1- fronts of Board Books 1977 - 1999

Box 26

Temple Topics Jan. 1998 - Dec. 2003

Folder 2 - member personal data sheets from late 1970's

Folder 3 - 5th grade Jewish Journal 1995

- typed written history of Temple Sholom (1968?) Multiple drafts
- misc correspondence of President Cathy Gilbert 1998 -1999
- Obit. of Dr. Phillip Levine 1975
- deed of gift to Jewish Historical soc. of Central NJ 1993

Folder 4 - 2014 first service at Lake Ave; Proclamation honoring move to new building

Folder 5 - 2004 Records related to sale of Plainfield building

Box 27

Folder 1 - 1980 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 2 - 1981 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 3 - 1982 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 4- 1984, 1985 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 5- 1986 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 6- 1987, 1988 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 7- 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 8- 1995 Annual meeting minutes; 1995-6 Treasurer's report

Folder 9- 2000-2011 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 10-2013, 2014, 2016, 2022 Annual meeting minutes

Folder 11- 2020 Annual meeting minutes

2022 Annual meeting minutes and 2023 Agenda and Budget

Box 28

Folder 1 - Adult Education materials, contracts, flyers, etc. 1970's, 1980's, 1990's

Box 29

Folder 1 - 1981 Building Campaign materials, blueprints, donor letters, etc.

Blueprint of new building

Folder 2 - 1977 Havdalah service;

1999 photo sheet "Festival of Enlightenments";

1999 Rose of Sharon service;

1999 Rel practice minutes;

2003 commemorative page for last service in Plainfield and first in new building;

2003 Renaissance Shabbat;

2014 Shavuot service booklet;

Folder 3 -

1972-74 engagement notices; R. Goldman biography and photo; two confirmation trip itineraries; 2002 and 2003 Rabbi Annual Message;

1928 copy of "Reform Advocate" with reference to Temple Sholom;
1976 Sholom Selectables Unlimited booklet;
1970 sanctuary seat contributors

Folder 4 - 1984 Yom Kipper discussion;
undated approx 1990 Shavuot speeches; 1999 R.
Goldman letter to R. Abraham;
1991 memo from Goldman to Cantor Broden;
undated approx 1950 Congregational Hymnal

Folder 5 - assorted newspaper clippings covering 100 years
1993 or 1994 photos of various events

Box 30

Book of Memory - Day of Atonement Yizkor books 1961- 2012, 2019, 2021-22 (originals);
"Yahrzeit List - extra copy" 1973; 1985 Midred's original Yahrzeit list

Box 31

Blue folder on Bonim campaign used for promotion

Folder 1 Temple President photos (black and white) 8 ½ x 11; 1914-2000 all Temple presidents through Cathy Gilbert

Folder 2 - 2007 - 2011 notes, memos, financial projections, drawings related to new building project specifications etc.

Folder 3 - PHOTOS- 1982 reception for Nathan Rapaport; 1996 Steven Saltzman teaching Hebrew translation class; Rabbi Goldman; misc Sunday school photos; undated sukkot in Plainfield; undated adult Hebrew conversation class; 1999 Board of Trustees; 2000 Shabbat dinner Sylvia and Irving Berger, Miriam & Maurice Lipton; undated wall of remembrance (Memory wall) in Plainfield

Folder 4 - PHOTOS - 2014 First service at Lake Ave.

Folder 5 - 1982 Nathan Rapaport related materials

Folder 6 - misc correspondence from Temple presidents 1992-1995

Folder 7 - founding members information; original or charter membership list

Folder 8 - 1967 - 1972 misc correspondence of Rabbi Nathanson; 1973 letter from Temple President Marty Schwartz

Box 32

Folder 1 - Temple Topics from Sept 2014 through Aug 2015

Folder 2 – assorted newspaper clippings 2015
 Folder 3 – minutes special Bd meeting 6/30/98
 Folder 4 - Comments of Mildred Vogel on a survey she completed 7/00
 1993 Long range planning report
 Folder 5 - 1976 letters/material related to acquisition of Holocaust memorial Torah
 Folder 6 - 1964 letter from Comte de Chudson on name change
 - 1965 angry letter to board from Dr George Diamond
 - 1972 letter from Milton Brown
 - 1977 letter from Wm Gindin on bequest
 - 1950 photocopy of Martin Schwartz Bar Mitzah invitation
 - 1974 letter from R. Goldman
 - 1976 local paper article about Temple Sholom Havurah?

Folder 7 - adult ed flyers, Yom Hashoah home lighting ceremony booklet, Interfaith Thanksgiving service booklet 2014; 75 years temple invitation 1989; memorial plaque purchase order 1981 for family of Luna Kaufman; 2015 High Holiday Guest ticket (of granddaughter of Steven Saltzman); confirmation invitation 2003, 2000

Folder 8 - Confirmation materials 1995-1996 and 2007 Confirmation trip

Not in folder: Temple topics sept 2015 – jan/feb 2018

Box 33

Board of Trustees Minutes 2001-2013, Feb. - May 2014

Folder 1 - annual meeting minutes 2000-2011
 Some Annual meeting minutes interspersed with Board Minutes as well

Box 34

Folder 2 - "Temple Sholom Scrolls 1013-1963" typed report: 1961 seven year story about expansion of temple after World War II; 1963 rough draft of scroll report above

Folder 3 - 2017 NJJN article about intergenerational inter-racial dialogue
 - 2017 letter requesting donations for new High Holy Day prayer books

Folder 4 – 2006 materials relating to request for UAHC dues reduction

Folder 5 2001 Reports from "3M" move, merge, maintain committees
 2007 Proposal from donor recognition comm.; Building comm. Report to Bd.
 2001 – Long range planning comm. Report May 2001

Folder 6 – 1963 report to temple members from Arthur F Kohn Jr. (sic)
 1971-2 Bar/bat mitvah list
 1959 officers and committees
 1944 membership list

1965 membership list
1970 membership list
1968 Yahrzeit list
1972 letter from George Hunt and Eleanor Colville of the Fanwood Presbyterian church marking the death of Samuel Schwartz and noting his donation of land to **build that church!!**
(Marty Schwartz had said this to me a few years ago but this letter provides corroboration of his account).
Folder 7 - 2019 May - Application for Security Grant to State of NJ
Folder 8 - Tax Exempt Permit 07-01-1966; Postmaster letter stating that Temple Sholom is tax exempt
Folder 9 – 2015 resolution establishing Temple Endowment Fund;
2020 High Holiday letter from Rabbi Abraham and Cantor Sharlein;
2020 Letter with annual budget proposal to congregation

1961 - Looseleaf scrap book in poor condition

Box 35

1967 - 1979 Annual Meeting minutes

Box 36

Board minutes: 1930's, 1940's, 1950-1957 (April)

Box 37

Board minutes: 1957- 1965

folder 1 - 1978 Board Minutes March; October; November

Box 38

Board minutes: 1980's; 1990's

Folder 11- Board Minutes 2000-2001

Box 39

folder 1 - Annual meeting minutes 1927, 1930's

folder 2 - Annual meeting minutes 1940's

folder 3 - Annual meeting minutes 1950 - 1953

looseleaf binder - 1954- 1956, 1957-1965

Box 40

Mildred's old yarzeit lists

Box 41

Extra copies of 1989 Diamond Jubilee Book, 1993 80th Anniversary Book
10th Anniversary celebration for Cantor Sharlein at Temple Sholom Pamphlet 12/2022
3-15-2000 Appraisal report on Temple Sholom building in Plainfield
June 2022 Honoring Women on Our Own service book

folder 1 - 2020 Yom Kipper Morning Service

folder 2 - historical research notes on Temple; torah history notes; etc.

folder 3 - Yom Hashoah commemoration via zoom 4-19-2020
- Multi-congregational Czech scrolls program 11-2019

folder 4 - Temple Topics (sent digitally to members) May - Aug. 2020 (printed copy);
Temple Topics Sept-Oct 2022

folder 5 - T. S. Art inventory lists (compiled by Ronnie Liebowitz)

folder 6 - Restoration of Torah scrolls report prepared by Neil Yerman (scribe) 2-4-2010

folder 7 - Miscellaneous Bonim Materials

folder 8 - Yom Hashoah materials, services, programs, letters 2012-2017; 2016-18 Yom haShoah
Materials; Service undated

folder 9 - 5756 Confirmation service booklet
Purim spoof – undated
1996 Another Purim Spiel
1995 Purim spiel; children's service
Undated High Holiday children's service
1994 High Holiday children's service for Rosh Hashanah

folder 10- 5780 Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kipper service booklets
Nov. 15 Friday night service booklet
Additional service booklets

Folder 11 – June 2019 – photo of Adult Confirmation of Sandra Nussenfeld & Lisa Rossello

unboxed -

Blue looseleaf binder (9x11 ½ inches) containing Monthly Board of Trustees Minutes Jan. 1966- Dec. 1968

oversized (14 x 16) scrapbook donated by Ruth Rutenberg, 1969, 8 pages

oversized photo book (17 x 12), 1982 “in memory of those who perished in the holocaust”, 7 pages. each dedicated by a different family. (photo book is falling apart)

NOT IN Folder Folder 4 - 2014 first service at Lake Ave

Day of Atonement - Yizkor books 2011- 1981 not all years

missing: Journal January 1950 - Sept. 1953 and various funds receipts;

X. Box x?? (not an archive box, in Temple office)

1. Scrapbook, 1950s - 1960s
2. Scrapbook, 1960s
3. Wooden box, religious school items from 1982?