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Congregation B'nai Jehudah Collection

[Jewish Community Archives]

1950-2011

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*The Congregation is the oldest reform temple in Kansas City, MO. includes newsletters and publication from the Congregation.*

### HISTORY:

The oldest reform temple in Kansas City, Congregation B'nai Jehudah was organized on October 2, 1870 by 25 Jewish pioneer residents who utilized acreage in Elmwood Cemetery for services until the first permanent sanctuary at 6<sup>th</sup> and Wyandotte was dedicated in 1875. Moving to larger facilities first at 11<sup>th</sup> and Oak (1885) and Linwood Boulevard (1908), the congregation organized a Temple Sisterhood (1906) and a Temple Brotherhood (1936). Under the leadership of Rabbi Samuel Mayerberg (1928-1960), who garnered much publicity for his outspoken criticism of the Pendergast machine in the 1930s, the temple further expanded and built a new school building, social hall, and chapel at 69<sup>th</sup> and Holmes in 1956. Under Mayerberg's successor, Rabbi William Silverman (1960-1976), an activist from Nashville, the temple became heavily involved in local civil rights legislation spearheaded by the sisterhood and dedicated a New Reform Temple sanctuary in 1967. With the majority of members moving to Johnson County in the 1990s, the temple sold its Holmes property to the Helzberg family (which subsequently built a University Academy Charter School there) and moved to its present location at 124<sup>th</sup> and Nall in 2000.

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## DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of a memo tablet , newsletter issues and a publication, *B'nai Jehudah Service for Sabbath Evening*.

## INVENTORY:

**BOX 001**

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| Folder 1 | Publication: <i>B'nai Jehudah Service for Sabbath Evening</i> , 1950, memo tablet                             |
| Folder 2 | Newsletter- <i>The Temple Bulletin</i> , June-July 2010 (KA1884)  |
| Folder 3 | Photocopy: Dedication Bnai Jehudah <i>The Modern View</i> New Year 1908. Corner Linwood and Flora Boulevards. |
| Folder 4 | Newsletter: <i>The Temple Bulletin</i> , December 2010, October 2010, February 2011.                          |
| Folder 5 | Newsletter: <i>The Temple Bulletin</i> , April, May, June/July 2011   |