Guide to the Midbar Kodesh Temple Records

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Summary Information

Creator: Midbar Kodesh Temple (Henderson, Nev.)
Title: Midbar Kodesh Temple Records
ID: MS-00714
Date [inclusive]: 1986, 2005-2017
Physical Description: 6 VHS Tapes
Physical Description: 1777 Digital Files (2.43 GB) JPEG, PDF
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: Midbar Kodesh Temple Records are comprised primarily of event photographs and bulletins created and maintained by Midbar Kodesh temple (Henderson, Nevada) from approximately 2005 to 2017. The collection also includes video recordings of the synagogue's groundbreaking from local news channels and the 1986 Nevada Study on the Holocaust program.

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Historical Note

Midbar Kodesh is a Conservative Jewish temple founded in Henderson, Nevada in 1995 by former members of Temple Beth Sholom, Jewish synagogue located in Las Vegas, Nevada. Population growth and physical expansion of real estate warranted the establishment of the second Conservative congregation in Southern Nevada, whose name means "Holy Desert." Temple Beth Sholom was moving to the west side of the valley, and a group of families--the Kaminskys, Goldmans, Rothmans, Simons, Goldsteins, and Feldmans--decided to start a new temple on the east side of Las Vegas. In the beginning, services were held at Truman White and Greenspun Middle Schools, and in a storefront on Eastern Avenue, across from McCarran Airport. Congregation members published a newsletter and established a preschool and a Hebrew school. In 1997, the Greenspun Family of American Nevada Corporation donated 3.8 acres of land on Paseo Verde Parkway in the Green Valley area of Henderson. While the new building was under construction, the congregation moved to another temporary location at 33 Cactus Garden Drive. The groundbreaking for a permanent home
took place in 1999, and in March 2000 congregation members took turns carrying the Sifrei Torah by hand while walking 4.3 miles to their new synagogue. As of 2017 Midbar Kodesh continues to provide a place for worship, education, and socialization for Conservative Jews in the Green Valley area.

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**Arrangement**

Materials remain in original order.

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**Acquisition Note**

Materials were donated in 2015 and 2017 by Marcy Welt; accession numbers 2015-028, 2017-028.
Processing Note

The collection was minimally processed by Tammi Kim in 2017 at the time of accessioning. The materials were quickly reviewed to provide a general description of the contents of each box and an estimate of dates represented in the material. Digital files were transferred from a USB thumb drive. No further work was performed on the materials.

Names and Subjects

• Synagogues
• Jews -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
• Photographs

Collection Inventory

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