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A scholar, linguist, and bibliophile, Jacob Freedman (1903-1986) served as Rabbi at Temple Beth-El in Fall River, Mass., during the 1930s and early 1940s, and later at congregations in Pittsfield, Springfield, and Stratford, Conn.

The collection contains the published newsletter of Temple Beth-El from 1937-1941, as well as other published materials and a photograph of Rabbi Freedman.

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Background on Jacob Freedman

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Freedman received a BA from Columbia University in Greek, where he was awarded the Romaine Prize, remaining there for an MA before studying to become a rabbi and master of Hebrew Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Active in the Menorah Club at Columbia and Harvard, when he studied there briefly, Freeman was involved in the Zionist student movement and other Jewish student activities, serving as adviser to Jewish students and as director of the Jewish Student House at Columbia as a post-graduate.

Scope of collection

The collection contains the published newsletter of Temple Beth-El in Fall River, Mass., from 1937-1941, as well as a photograph of Rabbi Freedman and published materials from other temples where Freeman served, including Congregation Knesses Israel (Pittsfield, Mass).

Inventory

Bulletin of Temple Beth El (Fall River, Mass.), vol. 1
1937 Sept. 27-1938 June 17
2 copies
Box 1: 1-2
Second copy incomplete.

Bulletin of Temple Beth El (Fall River, Mass.), vol. 2
1938 Sept. 16-1939 June 16
2 copies
Box 1: 3-4

Bulletin of Temple Beth El (Fall River, Mass.), vol. 3
1939 Sept. 14-1940 June 28
Box 1: 5

Bulletin of Temple Beth El (Fall River, Mass.), vol. 3
1939 Sept. 14-1940 June 28
Box 2: 1

Bulletin of Temple Beth El (Fall River, Mass.), vol. 4
1940 Oct. 3-1941 May 2
Box 2: 2

Photograph: Jacob Freedman
undated
Box 2: 3

Congregation Knesses Israel Golden Jubilee Journal, 1903-1953, Pittsfield, Mass.
1953

Box 2: 4
Congregation Knesses Israel, Pittsfield, Mass., 1970
1970

Box 2: 4
Program: Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service, Temple Beth El, Springfield
undated

Box 2: 5
Program: Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood of Hyde Park, Scholarship Donor Dinner
1946

Box 2: 6

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Gift of Jacob Freedman, 1986.

Bibliography

A brief entry on Freedman appeared in the Bridgeport Power (Sept. 7, 1962)

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