



Guide to the Midbar Kodesh Temple Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Midbar Kodesh Temple (Henderson, Nev.)
Title:	Midbar Kodesh Temple Records
ID:	MS-00714
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1986-1995, 2005-2017
Physical Description:	0.25 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 folder (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.71 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	1,777 Digital Files (2.43 GB) JPEG, PDF
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Midbar Kodesh Temple Records (approximately 1986-1995, 2005-2017) are comprised primarily of event photographs, event programs, and bulletins created and maintained by Midbar Kodesh Temple in Henderson, Nevada. The collection also includes video recordings of the synagogue's groundbreaking in 1995 from local news channels and the 1986 <i>Nevada Study on the Holocaust</i> program.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

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 2021 Midbar Kodesh continues to provide a place for worship, education, and socialization for Conservative Jews in the Green Valley area.

Source:

"Midbar Kodesh Temple," Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project, UNLV University Libraries. Accessed May 7, 2021. <http://digital.library.unlv.edu/jewishheritage/congregations/midbar-kodesh-temple>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 and 2017 by Marcy Welt and in 2019 by Barbara Tabach; accession numbers 2015-028, 2017-028, and 2021-057.

Processing Note

In 2017, Tammi Kim minimally processed the materials during accessioning and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. Digital files were transferred from a USB thumb drive and described. In 2021, Tammi Kim accessioned the 2021 addition and updated the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- Synagogues
- Jews -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- photographs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Synagogue groundbreaking, Holocaust history, "Genocide" video recordings, approximately 1986 to 1996 Physical Description: 6 VHS Tapes	box 01
Midbar Kodesh temple events and education center photographs; monthly synagogue bulletins, 2005-2017	digital file 00

Physical Description: 1777 Digital Files (2.43 GB) JPEG, PDF

"Songs of the Prophets Shirei Nevi'im" event program, Midbar Kodesh Temple Haftarah dedication ceremony program, "Journey to Israel Group #4" program, "Repairing the World" temple gala program, approximately 2007	box SH-051
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