



Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner (BIAV) Collection (K0916)

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Collection Title: Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner (BIAV) Collection

Dates: 1969

Creator: Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner (BIAV)

Abstract: This collection contains a “Grace and Blessings” booklet and a yarmulke from the Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner Mortgage Burning Dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Israel Bettinger.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English and Hebrew.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri on May 5, 2005 (Accession No. KA1356).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner (BIAV) Collection can be found in the following collections:

Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner Collection (K1303)
Louis Ardie Cumonov Papers (K1054)

Notes: This collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

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Historical Note:

The Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner began in 1890 when minyan meetings were held in the Hammerslough Building at Fifth and Main Street in Kansas City, Missouri. This group was called Etz Chaim (Tree of Life), and in 1894, it founded the Tefereth Israel Congregation. In 1959, it merged with two other congregations, Beth Abraham and Beth Medresh Hagadol, becoming Beth Israel Abraham and moved to a new location at 83rd and Holmes in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1960, it merged with Voliner Anshei Sefard to become Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner. The Congregation opened a branch in an Overland Park office building in 1987, followed by the purchase of its current location on 99th and Antioch in Overland Park, Kansas.

Israel Bettinger was born on April 15, 1890 in Zborow, Galicia, Poland. He married Libby Brandes (born February 28, 1895 in Austria) on December 31, 1916, in Jackson County, Missouri. The couple had three children, Abe (1917-1957), Goldie (1919-2004), and Leonard (1934-1994). His and Libby's gravestones indicate that they were members of the Jewish community. It is likely that both were members of Congregation Beth Israel. Israel and Libby both died in Kansas City, Missouri, Israel on August 27, 1982, and Libby on August 10, 1970.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into two folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The first folder contains a "Grace and Blessings" booklet listing prayers said at mealtimes, weddings, and for holidays and festivals. The booklet is written in both English and Hebrew, generally with the English on the left hand page and the Hebrew translation on the right.

The second folder contains a yarmulke, a cap worn by Orthodox and Conservative Jewish men at the synagogue and at home. Both items are labelled with "Congregation Beth Israel Abraham & Voliner Mortgage Burning Dinner Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Israel Bettinger April 20, 1969."

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	"Grace & Blessings," 1969
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