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Guide to the

Beth Ha-Tefilah Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation records

1963-1995

Sc MG 568

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Summary

Creator: Beth Ha-Tefilah Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation (Mount Vernon, N.Y.)

Title: Beth Ha-Tefilah Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation records

Date: 1963-1995

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Abstract: In 1972, Rabbi and Rabbinit Yahanatan founded the Beth Ha-Tefilah Ethiopian (Black) Hebrew Congregation in St. Albans, Queens, New York, as a spiritual branch of the Headquarters Commandment Keepers Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation in Harlem. By the early 1980s, the Beth Ha-Tefilah congregation had relocated to Mount Vernon, New York. Although the temple was still in existence as of 2005, there was no congregation. The Beth Ha-Tefilah Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation records include the constitution; by-laws; minutes of board meetings (1963-1988); and a scrapbook containing correspondence with other Hebrew congregations, newsletters, flyers, programs, and copies of telegrams expressing sympathy upon the death of members' relatives.

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Key Terms

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