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Guide to the

Beth Elohim Hebrew Congregation records

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Summary

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Abstract: Beth Elohim Hebrew Congregation is a Black Jewish congregation in New York City. It was founded in 1983 by Chief Rabbi Levi Ben Levy, Rabbi Sholomo Ben Levy, and the Levy family. Religious instruction is provided by a Sabbath School for Children and by Cushi Talmud Torah Hebrew School for Adults and Children. The synagogue is located in St. Albans, Queens in New York City. The Beth Elohim Hebrew Congregation records include: the certificate of incorporation; minutes of executive board meetings (1987-1993); correspondence with members, other congregations, and U.S. officials regarding involvement in the Gulf War of 1990-1991; and a file on the synagogue's Talmud Torah Hebrew School. There are files pertaining to the Ethiopian Hebrew organization known as the International Israelite Board of Rabbis, and copies of their newsletter, "Ha-Kol" (1989-1995), as well as the 1989 yearbook of the Israelite Rabbinical Academy, also based at the synagogue. News clippings about this congregation and other Ethiopian Hebrew congregations are included in the collection (1973-1993).

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