

## JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

**TITLE:** Temple B'nai Tikvah fonds

**No.:** TBT

**DATE RANGE:** 1979-2016

**EXTENT:** 33cm of textual records. – 2 discs. – 2 VHS tapes

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

Temple B'nai Tikvah was established in Calgary in March 1979 as the Calgary Liberal Jewish Congregation, and was incorporated by November of that year. Almost from the beginning, the congregation referred to itself as Temple B'nai Tikvah, though the name wasn't legally changed until August 1984. The first executive included Ron Bing (President), Norm Yanofsky (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Joel Fagan (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Ben Ziv (Treasurer) and Judy Bing (Secretary).

Meetings, services and religious school classes were originally held in the homes of members, including Ron and Judy Bing, Arnie and Susan Slive, and Joel and Sandy Fagan. As the congregation grew, additional space was rented in a variety of places including public schools, libraries and community halls. In 1982 the congregation began leasing space at the Calgary Jewish Centre for bi-weekly services, renting larger spaces as required for High Holy Day services. The religious school rented space on Sunday mornings in various Calgary public schools before settling at Calgary Jewish Academy. Services were conducted by lay-leaders and student rabbis, who joined the congregation regularly throughout the year as well as for High Holy Days. Temple B'nai Tikvah hired its first permanent rabbi, Rabbi Jordan Goldson, in 1987.

Temple B'nai Tikvah undertook a major capital campaign and in 2004 arranged to purchase a church building in the neighbourhood of Britannia. They entered into a series of facility-sharing arrangements with the previous congregation that continued until Temple B'nai Tikvah took full ownership in 2007. The religious school was renamed Shabbat School and classes were moved to Saturday mornings.

Temple B'nai Tikvah programming places an emphasis on community service and social action. For many years the congregation regularly hosted a community shelter through Calgary's "Inn from the Cold" program, and volunteers serve lunch once a month at the Calgary Drop In Centre.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The fonds consists of minutes, unaudited financial statements, correspondence and membership lists from Temple B'nai Tikvah, as well as congregational history, program and event publicity material.

The fonds has been arranged into the following series: Minutes; Financial; Building Purchase; Events.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of fonds

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Ron & Judy Bing (founding members)

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**ACCRUALS:** further accruals expected though not scheduled

**RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS:** JHSSA photo collection; JHSSA Oral History collection

**GENERAL NOTE:** Accession #2016-002

**Series Title:** Minutes

**No.:** .01

**Date Range:** 1979-2005

**Extent:** 21cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of minutes from executive, board and congregational meetings (including AGMs) of the Temple B'nai Tikvah, which include committee and interim financial reports, as well as the 1981 Constitution.

The material has been removed from vinyl binders to file folders, and maintained by the archives as it was received.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Correspondence

**No.:** .02

**Date Range:** 1979-2001

**Extent:** 1cm textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of correspondence received and sent by Temple B'nai Tikvah.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: General; Rabbis.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Financial

**No.:** .03

**Date Range:** 1980-1991

**Extent:** 2cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of unaudited financial statements for Temple B'nai Tikvah.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Religious School

**No.:** .04

**Date Range:** 1980-1989

**Extent:** .5cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of meeting minutes, reports, class and staff lists for Temple B'nai Tikvah Religious School, as well as an informational brochure (1985).

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Facilities

**No.:** .05

**Date Range:** 1979-

**Extent:** 5cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of correspondence, committee reports, rental information, design proposals and lease and purchase agreements regarding Temple B'nai Tikvah facilities, including the purchase of the Living Spirit building on 47th Avenue.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: Rented Spaces; 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue (including building appraisal).

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** History

**No.:** .06

**Date Range:** 1979-1985, 2004, 2013

**Extent:** 1cm of textual records. -1 DVD. -1 VHS tape

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of emails and articles detailing the history of Temple B'nai Tikvah, as well as early membership and board lists, and a 2004 Membership Directory. Also included is a VHS tape called "From Strength to Strength / Temple B'nai Tikvah: A portrait", and a disc entitled "History #1, recorded by Ron & Judy Bing".

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Events

**No.:** .07

**Date Range:** c1985- -2016

**Extent:** 1.5cm of textual records. –1 CD. –1 VHS tape

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of programs and publicity material from various Temple B’nai Tikvah activities and events, including concerts, anniversary celebrations, Rabbi Tributes and Installations, and the 2011 Sanctuary Dedication. Also included is a 1984 “Invitation to Worship”, a CD recorded by Temple B’nai Tikvah in 1999, entitled “Bridge to Prayer: a Kabbalat Shabbat service”, and a VHS tape recording of “Meshuginite 1993”

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Newsletters

**No.:** .08

**Date Range:** 1979-1985, 2003

**Extent:** 1cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of copies of Temple B’nai Tikvah newsletters, including the inaugural issue (November 1979) of *From the Archives*, and 4 issues (March, April, May/June, July/August 1998) of *Kol Tikvah*. The series is incomplete.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access