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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Banov family papers
Date(s)	1889-2005
Creator:	Banov family
Abstract:	Writings, correspondence, clippings, financial, organizational, and other materials documenting the personal and professional interests of the Banov family of Charleston, South Carolina. Materials relate to Dr. Leon Banov Jr., proctologist and president of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim from 1965 to 1967, Rita Landesman Banov, community service volunteer and president of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim from 1981 to 1983, and their son, Alan Banov. Materials also relate to the 150th anniversary celebration of Reform Judaism in America organized by the couple and held at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, the birthplace of Reform Judaism in the United States.
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Biographical Note

Dr. Leon Banov Jr. (1914-2007) was born December 19, 1914, in Charleston, South Carolina to Minnie Monash Banov (1889-1985) and Dr. Leon Banov (1888-1971), Charleston County's Public Health Director. Dr. Banov Jr. graduated from the College of Charleston in 1937 with a B.S. degree in history, and from the Medical University of South Carolina with a M.D. in 1941. After internships, assistances, and residencies in Baltimore, Washington, and Cleveland, Banov returned to Charleston where he practiced proctology for the next 55 years. He also served as Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina, was on the surgical staff of the Saint Francis Xavier Hospital, the Charleston Memorial Hospital, Roper Hospital, and Baker Hospital. In addition he was president of the Waring Library Society, the Piedmont Proctological Society, the Charleston County Medical Society, and the Coastal Medical Society. He was also a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston and was a founding director of the Bank of South Carolina, serving on its board for many years. He wrote more than 60 articles on the history of proctology and surgery. In 1973 he was selected to be on the first Food and Drug Administrative Panel regarding hemorrhoidal drugs, and in 1978 testified to the National Commission of Digestive Diseases. He was a member Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim and from 1965 to 1967 served as its president.

Rita Landesman Banov (1920-2002) was born December 7, 1920, in Newark, New Jersey, to Blanche Maybaum Landesman (1896-1991) and Henry Landesman (1890-1955). She was a graduate of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, with a pre-med major. She participated on the boards of Family Services, the USO travelers' aid group, the Community Chest, the Charleston Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Charleston Museum, and Porter-Gaud Academy. As a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society, she served as secretary, junior superintendent and superintendent; for her contributions she was made an honorary life member. She served as president of the National Council of Jewish Women and the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. She was the first woman elected to membership in the historic Hebrew Orphan Society as well as the first woman elected president of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. In addition she taught in the congregation's religious school, was an advisor to the Temple Youth Group, and served as board member, secretary, vice president, and president of the Temple Sisterhood. She also served on the evaluation committees for both the Jewish Community Center and the Charleston Jewish Federation and headed the latter's Jewish Community Relations Committee. The couple had two children: Alan Banov and Jane Banov Bergen.

In 1974 the couple organized a weekend celebration of the 150th anniversary of Reform Judaism in America and of the efforts of Isaac Harby in his role in the founding of The Reformed Society of Israelites. Held at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, the program featured religious services, receptions, and lectures by Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern and Rabbi Sanford Shapiro. Many of Isaac Harby's descendents took part in the events. The couple also worked, as secretary and treasurer, for the Clarotype Company Inc. Founded in 1920 by Leon Banov Sr. and George Mood, the company sold Clar-o-type, a cleansing compound for typewriters, and Flip-it finger moistener.

Collection Overview

Writings, correspondence, clippings, financial, organizational, and other materials documenting the personal and professional interests of the Banov family of Charleston, South Carolina. Materials associated with Dr. Leon Banov Jr. relate to his presidency of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim from 1965 to 1967, his participation in its cemetery committee, published writings, and the N. Edgar Miles M.D. scholarship fund. Materials associated with Rita Landesman Banov relate to her presidency of Charleston's Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim from 1981 to 1983, her participation in national, regional, and local Jewish organizations including the National Council of Jewish Women, the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Hebrew Orphan Society, the Ladies Benevolent Society, and the Jewish Community Center, as well as her teaching materials for the Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim religious school. Materials associated with Alan Banov relate to his participation as corresponding secretary and senior board member of the South East Federation of Temple Youth. There are also financial materials, correspondence, and promotional materials related to the Clarotype Company Inc. Also included are materials associated with Dr. Leon Banov Jr. and Rita Landesman Banov's activities as congregants of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. A large portion of this series consists of material related to the 1974 Reform Judaism sesquicentennial anniversary organized by the couple. History, administrative, publications, events, and clippings relate to the operation, membership, and activities of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim synagogue.

Collection Arrangement

1. Banov family, 1913-2003
2. Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, 1941-2005

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include the Edna Ginsberg Banov papers (Mss 1039) and oral history interviews with Edna Ginsberg Banov (Mss 1035-045, 046, and 048), Abel Banov (Mss 1035-060), and Leon Banov Jr. (Mss 1035-240).

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

- Banov, Leon, 1914-2007
- Banov, Rita Landesman, 1920-2002
- Banov, Alan
- Banov family
- Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.)--History
- Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (Charleston, S.C.)--Anniversaries, etc.

Subjects

- Jews--South Carolina
- Jews--Medicine--South Carolina--Charleston
- Reform Judaism--South Carolina--Charleston--History

Places

- Charleston (S.C.)

Types of Material

- Administrative records
- Financial records
- Articles
- Publications
- Pamphlets
- Newsletters
- Correspondence
- Promotional materials
- Black-and-white photographs
- Certificates

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Banov family, 1913-2003

Dr. Leon Banov Jr., 1949-1998

Includes material associated with Banov's presidency of Charleston's Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim from 1965 to 1967, his participation in its cemetery committee, his published writings, and the N. Edgar Miles M.D. scholarship fund. The majority of this series consists of material associated with Banov's Kadosh Beth Elohim presidency and includes financial reports, president's reports, Board of Trustees remarks, general correspondence, and materials related to Rabbi Burton L. Padoll's tenure at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. Writings consist of published medical historical writings on proctology and materials related to the lecture "Medicine and Jews in Charleston." N. Edgar Miles M.D. scholarship fund materials relate to Banov's participation in the establishment of the scholarship as well as Miles's other charitable work. In most cases, original folder titles have been retained as well as original order.

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim presidency, 1950-1967

Box 1 Folder 1

Feldman report, 1950-1967

Contains materials related to an examination of the organizational structure of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim prepared by Temple Administrator Julian Feldman.

Box 1 Folder 2

President's reports, 1952-1967

Box 1 Folder 3

Charleston Jewish Welfare Fund, 1966, undated

Includes material associated with the Charleston Jewish Welfare Fund's disbursements of funds to promote Jewish education in Charleston through the Charleston Hebrew Institute, the Hebrew school of Synagogue Emanu-El, and the religious school of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim.

Box 1 Folder 4

Board of Trustees remarks, 1965

Box 1 Folder 5

Rosh Hashanah greetings, 1965

Box 1 Folder 6

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim current, 1964-1966

Includes assorted correspondence, newsletters, meeting minutes and notes, financial reports, and proposed budgets.

Box 1 Folder 7

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim current, 1965-1966, undated

Includes assorted correspondence, handwritten notes, financial records, and membership list.

Box 1 Folder 8

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim committees, 1963-1965, undated

Box 1 Folder 9

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim rabbi, 1960-1967, undated

Contains assorted material concerning relations between Rabbi Burton Padoll and Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim officers and congregation including typed and handwritten meeting notes, correspondence, memos, Board of Trustees minutes, and Rabbi Padoll's notice of resignation letter.

Box 1 Folder 10

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim current, 1966-1967, undated

Includes assorted correspondence, newsletters, meeting minutes and notes.

Box 1 Folder 11

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim correspondence, 1963-1965, undated

Coming Street cemetery committee, 1949-1989

Box 1 Folder 12

Alphabetical Coming Street cemetery plot index, undated

Alphabetical index of Coming Street cemetery plots including plot number, date of death, and cardinal directions of plots.

Box 2 Folder 1

Correspondence, 1949-1989, undated

Oversize Paper Folder 1

Coming Street cemetery plat, 1973-1974

(Flat storage)

Writings, 1951-1989

Box 2 Folder 2

Published articles, 1951-1985, undated

Box 2 Folder 3

"Medicine and Jews in Charleston," 1964-1989, undated

Box 2 Folder 4

N. Edgar Miles M.D. scholarship fund, 1982-1998, undated

Box 2 Folder 5

Miscellaneous, 1963-1981, undated

Includes event pamphlets, clippings, and a black and white photo of a Leon Banov Sr. commemorative plaque.

Rita Landesman Banov, 1913-2003

Includes material associated with Banov's presidency of Charleston's Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim from 1981 to 1983 and her participation in national, regional, and local Jewish organizations including the National Council of Jewish Women, the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Hebrew Orphan Society, the Ladies Benevolent Society, the Jewish Community Center, and the Jewish Community Relations Committee. Also included are materials associated with her participation in the rabbinic search committee that led to the hiring of Rabbi Anthony Holz and her teaching materials for the Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim religious school. Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhood materials primarily relate to the organizing, planning, and scheduling of the 35th Annual Meeting of the organization and the 12th Biennial Convention of the Southeast Union of American Hebrew Congregations held jointly with Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Hebrew Orphan Society, Ladies Benevolent Society, Jewish Community Center, and Jewish Community Relations Committee materials relate to the operation, membership, and fund-raising activities of those organizations. In some cases, original folder titles have been retained as well as original order.

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim presidency, 1980-1982

Box 2 Folder 6

Meeting minutes, 1981-1982

Includes weekly board meeting minutes along with semi-annual and annual congregation meeting minutes.

Box 2 Folder 7

Executive committee meeting notes, 1981, undated

Box 2 Folder 8

Correspondence, 1980-1982

Box 2 Folder 9

Miscellaneous, 1981-1982, undated

Includes assorted committee, officer, and trustees lists and event notices.

National Council of Jewish Women, 1939-1972

Box 3 Folder 1

Program material, 1939-1960, undated

Includes assorted clippings, membership lists, newsletters, and notes used in the publication of *The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Charleston Section National Council of Jewish Women* program.

Box 3 Folder 2

Miscellaneous, 1963-1972

Contains clippings and newsletters.

Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1957-1958

Box 3 Folder 3

35th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 1958 November 15-17, 1957-1958

Includes assorted clippings, convention board meeting notes, district reports, and convention programs.

12th Biennial Convention, 1968 October 25-27, 1967-1968

Box 3 Folder 4

Planning materials, 1967-1968, undated

- Box 3 Folder 5 Convention committees, 1968, undated
- Box 3 Folder 6 Program schedule, 1966, 1968, undated
- Box 3 Folder 7 Minutes and reports, 1968-1969

Includes the sermon "The Challenge of Tomorrow-Today" by Rabbi David L. Zielonka and the lecture "Can the Modern Jew Pray?"

- Box 3 Folder 8 Miscellaneous, 1950-1978, undated

Includes assorted correspondence, president's report, and convention programs.

Hebrew Orphan Society, 1963-2003

- Box 3 Folder 9 Administrative, 1998-2003, undated
- Box 3 Folder 10 Minutes, 1996-2001
- Box 3 Folder 11 Financial records, 1998-2001
- Box 3 Folder 12 Correspondence, 1997-2001, undated
- Box 3 Folder 13 Clippings, 1963-2001

- Box 3 Folder 14 Ladies Benevolent Society, 1913-1991
- Box 3 Folder 15 Jewish Community Center, 1966, 1970

- Box 3 Folder 16 Jewish Community Relations Committee, 1977-2000, undated

- Box 4 Folder 1 Rabbinic search committee, 1991-1993

Includes assorted correspondence, committee reports, and clippings.

- Box 4 Folder 2 Teaching materials, 1961-1968, undated

Includes assorted clippings, teaching notes, and teaching materials. Materials were originally housed in a three-ring binder.

- Box 4 Folder 3 Miscellaneous, 1950-1995

Includes League of Women Voters political directories and Charleston Jewish Federation minutes.

Alan Banov, 1960-1966

Includes material related to Alan Banov's participation as corresponding secretary and senior board member of the Southeast Federation of Temple Youth, a branch of the of the North American Federation of Temple Youth, the Reform Jewish youth movement of North America.

- Box 4 Folder 4 Correspondence, 1962-1963, undated
- Box 4 Folder 5 Publications, 1960-1966, undated

Includes a Southeast Federation of Temple Youth yearbook, newsletters, and songbooks, as well as issues of *CHAZA* and *Genesis*.

Box 4 Folder 6 Miscellaneous, 1962-1963, undated

The Clarotype Company Inc., 1961-1972

Includes financial materials, correspondence, and promotional material related to the Clarotype Company Inc., makers of Clar-o-type, a cleansing compound for typewriters, and Flip-it finger moistener.

Box 5 Folder 1 Financial materials, 1961-1972, undated

Box 5 Folder 2 Correspondence, 1962-1972

Box 5 Folder 3 Promotional materials, undated

Box 5 Folder 4 Correspondence, 1949-2000, undated

Includes assorted Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim membership letters and event invitations.

Box 5 Folder 5 Clippings, 1961-1991, undated

Includes assorted clippings from local newspapers regarding Jewish organizations, events, and individuals.

Box 6 Folder 1 Miscellaneous, 1950-2003, undated

Includes assorted event brochures, the paper "The Jews of Charleston: Some Old Wine in New Bottles" by Frank Petrusak and Steven Steinert, and a copy of the talk "B. A. Rodrigues Ottolengui - A Modern Wizard" by Mary S. Miller.

2. Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, 1889-2005

Includes material associated with Dr. Leon Banov Jr. and Rita Landesman Banov's activities as congregants of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim. A large portion of this series consists of material related to the 1974 Reform Judaism sesquicentennial anniversary organized by the couple. Fatman family records consists of assorted materials assembled for the exhibition American Jewish Arts and History in the South. History, administrative, publications, events, and clippings relate to the operation, membership, and activities of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim synagogue.

Reform Judaism sesquicentennial anniversary, 1973-1975

Box 6 Folder 2 Planning notes, 1973-1974, undated

Box 6 Folder 3 Publicity, 1974, undated

Includes Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim newsletter with 150th anniversary article, letters to the congregation regarding sesquicentennial events, and memos regarding press releases.

Box 6 Folder 4 Invitation lists, 1974, undated

Includes letter sent to descendants of Isaac Harby, a leader of the Reformed Society of Israelites, and assorted invitation lists.

- Box 6 Folder 5 Correspondence, 1974
- Includes declination and confirmation letters from Isaac Harby relatives, South Carolina politicians, including Senator Ernest F. Hollings and Representative Mendel J. Davis, and local and national clergy.
- Box 6 Folder 6 Attendee lists, undated
- Includes handwritten lists of attendees and confirmations for Sunday brunch.
- Box 6 Folder 7 Printed material, 1974
- Includes invitation, sesquicentennial anniversary worship services brochure, and sesquicentennial booklet.
- Box 6 Folder 8 Clippings, 1974-1975
- Box 6 Folder 9 Photographs, 1974
- Includes black and white photographs taken at November 22nd religious services and reception.
- Fatman family records, 1889-1969
- Assorted materials assembled for the exhibition American Jewish Arts and History in the South.
- Oversize Paper Folder 1 Passport, 1885
- (Flat storage)
- Box 6 Folder 10 Miscellaneous, 1889-1969, undated
- Includes correspondence, clippings, marriage certificate of William Fatman and Fannie Mantoue, Joseph Fatman biographies, and a handwritten family tree.
- Box 6 Folder 11 History, 1950, undated
- Includes the pamphlet *Since 1749... The Story of K. K. Beth Elohim of Charleston, S.C., American Judaism Through More Than Two Centuries* and *A Bi-Centennial Anniversary in Charleston: The Story of Congregation Beth Elohim* by Dr. Allan Tarshish.
- Box 6 Folder 12 Administrative, 1947-1993, undated
- Publications, 1941-1991, undated
- Box 7 Folder 1 The Bulletin newsletter, 1951-1991
- Box 7 Folder 2 Congregational materials, 1941-1996, undated
- Includes confirmation service pamphlets, High Holy Day service schedules, and directories of Jewish residents of Charleston, South Carolina.
- Box 7 Folder 3 Events, 1949-2001, undated

Includes assorted clippings, programs, and schedules for events held at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim in conjunction with Piccolo Spoleto, Jewish Heritage month, and other celebrations.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Ernest Bloch *Avodath Hakodesh* Centenary poster, 1980

(Flat storage)

Box 7 Folder 4 Clippings, 1969-2005, undated

Box 7 Folder 5 Miscellaneous, 1943-2001, undated

Includes assorted correspondence, clippings, and the sermon "Let Us Return to Each Other" by Rabbi Allan Tarshish.