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**Inventory of the Lois and Raphael Wolpert  
Photographs of Beth Israel Congregation, 1956-1974**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Lois and Raphael Wolpert photographs of Beth Israel Congregation
<b>Date(s)</b>	1956-1974
<b>Creator:</b>	Wolpert, Lois Fox; Wolpert, Raphael
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection consists of ten photographs taken by Lois and Raphael Wolpert documenting various events and people associated with Beth Israel Congregation in Florence, South Carolina.
<b>Extent:</b>	10 items (1 folder)
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<b>Language of Material:</b>	Materials in English

## Biographical Note

Lois and Raphael "Ray" Wolpert, formerly of Marion, South Carolina, were active members of Beth Israel Congregation. Beth Israel, incorporated on September 27, 1912, was established as a Reform congregation to serve the growing Jewish community in Florence, South Carolina. Religious services were held in various locations until a permanent building was completed in July of 1949 on Park Avenue. As the congregation continued to grow, the need for larger facilities became apparent. Dr. Raphael Wolpert served as chairman of the Future Expansion Fund and on the Building Committee responsible for the 1969 addition and renovation of Temple Beth Israel. Lois Wolpert was a member of the Beth Israel Sisterhood, an organization directly involved in the daily activities of the congregation.

## Collection Overview

This collection consists of photographs taken by Lois and Raphael Wolpert documenting the activities of Beth Israel Congregation in Florence, South Carolina. Included are images of the Junior Choir, religious school students, a confirmation service, and a groundbreaking ceremony for the addition and renovation of the temple.

## Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the item level.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## 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

Beth Israel Congregation (Florence, S.C.)

### Subjects

Jews--South Carolina--Florence

Synagogues--South Carolina--Florence

### Places

Florence (S.C.)

### Types of Material

Black-and-white photographs

Color photographs

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Lois and Raphael Wolpert photographs of Beth Israel Congregation, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

### Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2009 by Lois and Raphael Wolpert.

### Processing Information

Processed by Anne Bennett, July 2011.

Encoded by Sarah Dorpinghaus, February 2012.

Reviewed, edited, and uploaded by Martha McTear, February 2012.

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## Inventory

### The 1956 Junior Choir, 1956

Black and white photograph (8 x 10). Directed by Charlotte Finger, Martha Levy, and Harriet Grossfield, along with Rabbi Avery Grossfield.

### Groundbreaking for the Temple Beth Israel addition and renovation, 1969 February

Five color photographs (4 x 4).

### Plaque commemorating the 1969 groundbreaking of the Temple Beth Israel addition and renovation, undated

Color photograph (3.5 x 5).

### Confirmation service conducted by Rabbi Howard Folb, 1974

Color photograph (3.5 x 3.5).

### Religious school instructor Bari Heiden and students Sheryl Fram and Beth Sopkin, 1971

Black and white photograph (4.5 x 7).

### Abe Greenberg and Murray Lovit, undated

Black and white photograph (5.5 x 7).