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**Inventory of the Grand Purim
Masquerade Ball Invitation , 1902**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Grand Purim Masquerade Ball Invitation
Date(s)	1902
Creator:	Hebrew Benevolent Society (Orangeburg, S.C.)
Abstract:	The collection consists of an invitation to a grand Purim masquerade ball at the Academy of Music on March 24, 1902. The ball was sponsored by the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and printed on the invitation is a photograph of winners from the previous year's costume contest, among them Julia Peterkin, who, in 1929, won a Pulitzer Prize for literature. The invitation also contains a list of the ball's patronesses, arrangement committee, associate reception committee, refreshment committee, and floor managers.
Extent:	1 folder (1 item)
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Call Number:	Mss 1034-107
Language of Material:	Materials in English

Historical Note

The Hebrew Benevolent Society was the first Jewish organization in Orangeburg, organized in 1885 with Theodore Kohn acting as president. The group purchased land for a cemetery the following year. Purim balls became an increasingly popular means of raising money for Jewish charity beginning in the second half of the nineteenth century. Purim is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the salvation of the Jewish people in Persia from Haman who plotted to destroy them. Purim balls combined several of the traditions of Purim, such as wearing costumes and masks and donating charity to the poor.

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Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the item level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include the Hebrew Benevolent Society Papers (Mss 1059).

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

Hebrew Benevolent Society (Orangeburg, S.C.)

Subjects

Purim--South Carolina--Orangeburg

Fasts and feasts--Judaism

Masquerades--South Carolina--Orangeburg

Places

Orangeburg (S.C.)--Religious life and customs

Types of Material

Invitations

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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