

CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	Sunny Buchman
Title:	Congregation Shaaray Tefila Collection
Dates:	1892 - 2017
Abstract:	Scrapbooks and bulletins related to the history of Congregation Shaaray Tefila in Glens Falls, NY, and its associated organizations (Sisterhood, Friendship Club).
Quantity:	2 cubic feet
Identification:	Archives and Manuscripts: Churches

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sandra Aronson Buchman ("Sunny") was born in Glens Falls, the daughter of William and Clara Aronson. She married Paul Buchman, and they had three children: Rebecca, Rachel and Joshua.

Mrs. Buchman taught music in the South Glens Falls schools, and played the viola in the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra and in the orchestra of the Glens Falls Operetta Club (later the Glens Falls Community Theatre). She was one of the founders of the Lake George Opera Guild, a committee member of the de Blassis Chamber Music Series, founder and first president of the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council, and a key figure in obtaining and coordinating the Artisan-in-Residence project for the area, which was a pilot project sponsored by the National Endowment of the Arts for the celebration of the Bicentennial in 1976.

As a member of Congregation Shaaray Tefila, she was chairman of the Mrs. Samuel Aronson Religious school, and a member of the Synagogue's Sisterhood. She is a former chairman of the Glens Falls Israel Bond Campaigns, and with her husband, Paul, she was the organizer and first chairman of the Young Jewish Leadership Council of Glens Falls. She has been an active member and officer of several other Jewish organizations both within Glens Falls and in the region. In other community activities

she has been a member of EveryWoman's Council and Planned Parenthood, as well as various other volunteer neighborhood funds.

A past vice president of the Glens Falls Chapter of Hadassah, Mrs. Buchman is a life member and has served on the board for many years in various capacities. (from the *Post-Star*, Glens Falls, May 1, 1985).

HISTORICAL NOTE

Now a Conservative congregation, Congregation Shaaray Tefila was Orthodox at its inception in 1892. The first synagogue building was erected on Jay Street in 1893. In the 1930s services were moved to the Hebrew Community Center building on Bay Street, and in 1940 the Center building became the synagogue's permanent home.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

INDEX TERMS

Places: Glens Falls, Warren, New York
Ivye, Belarus (formerly Poland or Russia)
Congregation Shaaray Tefila

Important Families:

Alkes
Aronson
Bakst
Berkowitz
Breslaw
Garlen
Gersten
Goldstein
Greenberg
Kantrowitz
Kirschenbaum
Shapera/Shapiro
Silverman
Snyder
Suckmon
Yafee
Yanklowitz

Form/Genre: Scrapbooks, bulletins, plaque, video, artifacts

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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The Folklife Center at
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Scrapbooks

- 1.Scrapbook of the history of Congregation Shaaray Tefila, including many photographs
- 2.Scrapbook of the Congregation Shaaray Tefila Friendship Club
- 3.Scrapbook of the Hebrew Women's Assembly and Sisterhood of Congregation Shaaray Tefila

Bulletins

Two boxes of Bulletins, 1963 -2017. Some of these are monthly, some annual, some for specific Holidays. There are some for Sisterhood programs in 67 and 1968.

Box 1: 1963 – 1987

Box 2: 1988 – 2016

Box 3:

Plaque

Honoring Mrs. Samuel Aronson and naming the Hebrew school the Bella Chana Aronson school in her honor.

Video: "Community scene: B'Not Mitzva" TV8, September 16, 1998

"Our Story"

2 corporate seals (1926)

"Glens Falls Hebrew Community Assoc." bank

"Jewish National Fund" bank

Related collections in the Buchman Donations:

Hadassah, Glens Falls Chapter,

Jewish Families

United Jewish Appeal

Oral History tapes

Also:

Open A Door: Vietnam Veterans

Lake George Opera

Glens Falls High School Class of 1953