

**Names Extracted from the Annual Indiana State Association  
B'nai B'rith Convention Programs, 1922–1935**

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The Independent Order of B’nai B’rith, Hebrew for “children of the covenant,” was founded in 1843 on the lower east side of New York City as the first Jewish fraternal organization in the United States. B’nai B’rith had more than fifty lodges by 1860, including one in Evansville, Indiana, and membership was a “coveted social distinction” among German Jews. In 1939 membership had grown to 85,000, and the emphasis of the organization centered on social causes, with the mission of humanitarian aid and service.<sup>3</sup> Since then B’nai B’rith has expanded internationally and sponsored the creation of three influential Jewish organizations: the Anti-Defamation League, Hillel, and B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO).<sup>5</sup>

Although there are materials about B’nai B’rith in this collection dating back to the 1870s, these records are for local lodges and not for the Indiana state association. The state association held its first convention in 1921, but this collection only has programs for select years between 1921 and 1935. B’nai B’rith convention programs provide a number of names of people who were involved in administration roles and in the programs. The programs from the 1930s are especially interesting, since they provide a few essays and articles about both the

state's and the host lodge's history. Individuals' names often appear more than once in each program; however, in the following index, names in each year's program have been included only once. Quite a few names repeat over the years and those have been listed.

## Notes

1. "Welcome to the Indiana Jewish Historical Society," accessed June 20, 2012, <http://ijhs.org>.
2. Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, 1845–2002, M0743, Box 123, Folder 6, Indiana Historical Society. There are two other collections from the IJHS: M1023 and M1016.
3. Howard Morley Sachar, *The Course of Modern Jewish History* (New York: Delta, 1977), 173–74; Carolyn Blackwell, "Jews," in *Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience*, ed. Robert M. Taylor Jr. and Connie A. McBirney (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1996), 327; "B'nai B'rith: About Us," accessed June 11, 2012, [http://www.bnaibrith.org/about\\_us/bbi\\_roots.cfm](http://www.bnaibrith.org/about_us/bbi_roots.cfm).
4. Sachar, *Course of Modern Jewish History*, 529–30.

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### 1922: State Convention at Gary, Indiana

Levin, Eph	Schanfarber, Hon. Edwin J.
Jacobs, Rabbi Pizer W.	Feder, Dr. Wm.
Johnson, (Mayor) R. O.	Hyman, Rabbi Schuman
Glueck, Louis H.	Lewis, Leon

### 1923: Third Annual Convention at South Bend, Indiana

Levin, A. N.	Feig, Judge R. S.
Rosenberg, Nate	Sandock, Dr. I.
Glueck, Louis H.	Weisberger, Philip
Dekelbaum, Z.	Cohn, Sam C.
Friesem, Mrs. Lee	Marks, Henry
Ries, H. E.	Hurwich, David
Greenberger, Bernard	Alper, Samuel
Hurwich, Lester	Glicksman, David
Mark, Rabbi Julius	Fink, Rabbi Joseph L.

Seebirt, (Mayor) Eli F.  
Blumenswig, Mrs. M.  
Feig, Hon. Ralph S.  
Lewis, Leon L.  
Jacobs, Rabbi Pizer W.  
Rosenbloom, Herbert

Bassin, Benjamin M.  
Aronov, A.  
Blum, Joe  
Cohen, I. M.  
Cohen, Hon. Alfred M.

**1924: Fourth Annual Convention at Evansville, Indiana**

Rosenberg, Nate  
Glueck, Louis H.  
Fine, Isadore J.  
Paul, Ben N.  
Loewenthal, Harry  
Levi, Morris R.  
Hess, Harry  
Oberdorfer, Sidney  
Kahn, Isidor  
Raphael, Harry  
Shane, Norman  
Weil, Ervin  
Bernstein, David S.  
Ehrich, Dr. William

Ichenhauser, Silas  
Salm, Isaac  
Newman, Julius L.  
Hammer, Stanley  
Raphael, Philip  
Levi, Mrs. Emil A.  
Emden, Rabbi B.  
Elmendorf, (Mayor) William H.  
Skirball, Rabbi J. H.  
Oberdorfer, Mrs. Sidney Z.  
Oloff, Mrs. Chester  
Krass, Dr. Nathan  
Chivian, Mrs. Philip

[No 1925 Program]

**1926: Annual Convention at Lafayette, Indiana**

Fine, Isadore/Isidor J.  
Frankenstein, S. K.  
Fried, Andrew  
Pottlitzer, Edward H.  
Alred, Leffman  
Loeb, Ernest  
Perlman, Dr. S.  
Perlman, Harry  
Silverman, Meyer J.  
Singer, Jacob  
Winski, Louis R.  
Segal, L.  
Bercovitz, D.  
Feinstein, I.  
Bosco, I.  
Winski, M.  
Messing, A.

Rosenthal, H.  
Zimmerman, William  
Messing, Mrs. A. L.  
Bercovitz, Mrs. D.  
Fried, Mrs. Andrew  
Loeb, Mrs. B. E.  
Pottlitzer, Mrs. Ed H.  
Rosenthal, Mrs. Henry  
Singer, Mrs. Jacob  
Winski, Mrs. L. R.  
Zimmerman, Mrs. William  
Bamberger, Rabbi Bernard J.  
Ross, (Mayor) Albert R.  
Markowitz, Rabbi S. H.  
Mayerberg, Samuel S.  
Feibleman, Isadore

**1927: Annual Convention at Hammond, Indiana**

Frankenstein, S. K.	Posner, Dave
Greenberger, Bernard	Brandman, P.
Munter, Saul L.	Wolf, Leo
Fried, Andrew	Friedman, Julius
Levin, Eph	Levin, Sam
Weiss, Arthur J.	Ottenheimer, Abe
Kramer, Rabbi Simon G.	Blum, Mrs. J. F.
Mandel, L.	Nagdeman, Mrs. M.
Haft, Harry	Tinkham, (Mayor) Hon. A. E.
Schlessinger, S.	August, Rabbi Gary
Chayken, Irving	Feibleman, Isador
Hirsch, Adolph	Borinstein, Louis
Dobson, Morris	Riff, D. M.
Kraus, Fred	Bogen, Boris D.
Hirsch, Jos. L.	

**[No 1928 Program]**

**1929: Annual Convention at Marion Indiana**

Munter, Saul	Savesky, Meyer
Fried, A.	Maedenberg, D.
Fleck, S.	Perlberg, Wm.
Levin, H. N.	Bernstein, H. J.
Riff, David	Meyer, M.
Winnick, W.	Isackson, Wolf
Mantel, Sam	Savesky, Moe
Lazerwitz, Jack	Berman, D.
Kaplan, Jos.	Waldner, H.
Paul, Ben	Simons, E. P.
Hurwich, Irving	Klain, L.
Levin, Eph	Ganz, H.
Levin, H. W.	Dinkelspiel, Eli
Rosenberg, Nate	Alexander, Sig
Glueck, Louis	Shiff, Dave
Frankenstein, S. K.	Maedenberg, Meyer
Fine, I.	Klain, Mark
Greenberger, B.	Goldreich, Aaron
Bloch/Block, Ed.	Lauber, Max
Alexander, M. M.	Bloch, Mrs. E.
Savesky, M. E.	Simons, Mrs. E. P.
Zimmerman, Geo.	Savesky, Mrs. M. E.
Rosenbaum, A.	Fleck, Mrs. S.
Kuppin, Jos.	Kuppin, Mrs. Joe
Spiegel, C.	Goldreich, Mrs. H.
Goldreich, H.	Segal, Rabbi L.

McConnell, (Mayor) James H.  
Rauch, (Ex-Congressman) Geo. W.  
Bloom, Allan  
Strauss, Morris  
Brown, Louis

Feder, M. S.  
Kusworm, Sidney  
Cohen, Alfred M.  
Markowitz, Rabbi [—————]  
Feibleman, Isadore

**1930: Annual Convention at Michigan City, Indiana**

Fried, Andrew  
Fleck, Samuel  
Levin, Harry N.  
Cohen, M. D.  
Levin, Eph  
Munter, Saul  
Riff, David M.  
Schwartz, Sam  
Mantel, Samuel  
Kaplan, Joseph  
Hurwich, Irving  
Ottenheimer, Abe  
Kuppin, Joseph  
Nerenberg, Frank  
Raphael, Harry  
Grossman, Maurice  
Levin, A. N.  
Rosenberg, Nate  
Glueck, Louis  
Frankenstein, S. K.  
Fine, I. J.  
Greenberger, Bernard  
Munter, Saul  
Rubin, M.  
Sklar, Abe  
Krueger, Myer  
Lieber, Al  
Shon, M. E.  
Kessler, Benjamin  
Miller, M.

Aronson, M.  
Stern, Rabbi William  
Tuthill, (Mayor) H. B.  
Bloom, Allan  
Strauss, Morris  
Maza, H. L.  
Brown, Louis  
Leffman, Alfred  
Lefkovits, Leo  
Bonheim, Rabbi Arthur  
Freiberg, Leonard H.  
Markowitz, Rabbi S. H.  
Taxay, Rabbi J. M.  
Shapero, Max  
Stein, L. J.  
Katz, J.  
Mortitz, M.  
Wolens, S.  
Propp, M.  
Stern, Fred  
Eckstein, B.  
Kramer, H.  
Hirsch, H.  
Kaplan, B.  
Atlas, I. B.  
Horwitz, A.  
Ruby, J.  
Breskin, C.  
Hirsch, Mrs. H.

**1931: Annual Convention at South Bend, Indiana**

Heller, Simon  
Maza, H. L./Hyman  
Abrams, A. R.  
Fleck, Samuel  
Levin, Harry N.  
Cohen, Morris D.  
Ottenheimer, Abe.

Fried, Andrew  
Munter, Saul  
Rosenbloom, Herbert  
Schwartz, Samuel P.  
Mantel, Samuel J.  
Vigran, I.  
Dekelboum, Zalma N.

Hirsch, Adolph	Ries, Mrs. H. E.
Kuppin, Joseph	Brazy, Mrs. David
Raphael, Harry	Simon, Mrs. Arthur
Levitan, Tony	Sandock, Mrs. Sol
Friedman, Julius	Shapiro, Mrs. M.
Bloom, Allan	Hurwich, Mrs. M. L.
Lieberman, Morris D.	Brazy, Mrs. N. M.
Paul, Ben	Cohn, Mrs. Sam'l C.
Grossman, Maurice	Stern, Mrs. Wm.
Levin, Eph	Sandock, Dr. I.
Strauss, Morris	Adler, Max
Markowitz, Rabbi S. H.	Livingston, Sam
Brown, Louis	Livingston, Joseph
Cohen, C. B.	Livingston, Wolf
Rossin, Dan	Adler, Sam
Perlman, Harry	Adler, Moses
Gittleman, Rabbi J. J.	Stern, Tobias
Levin, A. N.	Frankel, Moses
Rosenberg, Nate	Ciralski, Ira
Glueck, Louis	Hurwich, David
Frankenstein, S. K.	Cohn, Samuel
Fine, I. J.	Weisberger, Philip
Greenberger, Bernard	Hurwich, Maurice
Taxay, Rabbi J. M.	Glicksman, Dave
Hink, (Mayor) Wm. Riley	Bromberg, Max
Levin, Harry N.	Weisberger, Harry
Bloom, Allan	Reis, Herman E.
August, Rabbi Gerry	Hurwich, Morris
Kadis, Isador	Hurwich, Sam
Simon, Arthur S.	Baer, Fred
Stern, Rabbi Wm S.	Weinstein, Ben
Greenstern/Greenstein, Rabbi Philip	Gilbert, Lewis
Gudstadt, Richard	Altfeld, Alderman Julius
Propp, Mrs. Chas.	Simon, Philip
Maza, Mrs. H. L.	Blumenzweig/Blumensweig, Max
Dekelboum, Mrs. Z.	Rubinson, N.
Hurwich, Mrs. D.	Weisberger, Seymour
Tucker, Mrs. M.	Gilbert, Jacob H.
Weisberger, Mrs. H.	Eder, Sydney
Ciralski, Mrs. I.	Gilbert, M. J.
Sandock, Mrs. I.	Marks, Henry
Abrams, Mrs. Al	Fishgrund, David
Rossin, Mrs. S. H.	Brooks, Moe
Hurwich, Mrs. Sam'l	Piser, Benj.
Rubinson, Mrs. N.	Zoss, Harry
Blumenzweig, Mrs. M.	Feiwell, Sam

Wolfberg, Louis  
Spivak, Jack  
Brazy, Nicholas M.  
Piser, Meyer  
Tucker, Morris  
Bailie, Dr. H.  
Hurwich, Irving  
Goldberg, Orie  
Rossin, Sam  
Troy, Allan  
Harding, Clarence  
Smulelitz, Fannie  
Foxwell, Philip  
Sensiber, Mendel

Wohl, Morris  
Goodman, Herman  
Rostov, Sam  
Jacobson, Louis  
Stavitsky, Simon  
Weber, Abe  
Shapinsky, Simon  
Goodman, Isaac  
Tatelman, Morris  
Kroshinsky, Sam  
Kaufman, Nathan  
Greenblatt, Albert S.  
Horwich, Philip

**1931: Handwritten Names in 1931 Program with Date Crossed Out and Replaced by  
October 7, 1934**

Ottenheim, Abe  
Meyer, Simon  
Hu—, John  
Pearlmann, Louis  
Dekelboum, Z.  
Friedman, Morris  
Feebleman, Isador  
Munter, Saul

Fleck, Sam  
Greenwald, Milton  
Brody, A.  
Krantz, Louis  
Taxay, Rabbi J. Marshall  
Simon, Mrs. Meyer H.  
Singer, Miss. Bessie

**[No programs for 1932–34]**

**1935: Annual Convention at Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Baals, (Mayor) Harry W.  
Cohen, Alfred M.  
Skadron, J. H.  
Freiburger, Leopold  
Freiburger, Herman  
Young, Charles  
Lehman, Isidore  
Freiburger, Leo  
Frank, Max  
Baum, Joseph  
Freiburger, Joseph  
Frank, Theodore  
Novitsky, Louis J.  
Markowitz, Rabbi Samuel H.  
Kridel, Martin  
King, Manny/Manuel  
Dekelboum, Z.

Mantel, Samuel J.  
Fried, Andrew  
Garfein, Stanley  
Morris, Joseph  
Munter, Richard K.  
Levin, Eph  
Bloom, Allan  
Brazy, Nicholas  
Sector, Julian  
Friedman, Morris  
Becovits, Louis  
Fleck, Samuel  
Feibleman, Isidor  
Weingart, Rabbi Irving  
Greenwald, Rabbi Milton  
Shulman, Rabbi Albert  
Latz, G. Irving

Simon, Rabbi Meyer H.  
Gutstadt, Richard E.  
Frank, Eugene  
Frank, Jack  
Goldman, Myron  
Hunter, Benjamin J.  
Hutner, David S.  
Hutner, Sidney  
Oransky, David  
Sillman, Justin L.  
Moise, Sam P.  
Goldberg, Harry  
Berman, Reuben  
Dreyfus, Milton  
Fisher, Arthur  
Friedman, Julius  
Glazer, George S.  
Gole, Jack N.  
Henoeh, Sol  
Levin, Leon  
Nerenberg, Frank G.  
Pearlman, Louis  
Resnick, Harry C.  
Schwartz, Sam  
Simon, Abe  
Tauber, Maurice  
Weisberger, Seymour  
Levin, A. N.  
Rosenberg, Nate  
Glueck, Louis  
Frankenstein, S. K.

Fine, Isidor J.  
Greenberger, Bernard  
Munter, Saul  
Levin, Harry N.  
Cohen, Morris D.  
Ottenheimer, Abe  
Clark, Ralph  
Rosenthal, Joseph  
Latker, Abe  
Lipp, Fred  
Pollak, Robert  
Brenn, Jacob  
Hallenstein, Lawrence  
Brossler, Wm.  
Levy, Lawrence  
Skadron, Jack  
Vigran, I.  
Weinraub, Jos.  
Kaplan, Abe  
Krauss, Mentor  
Beck, Abe  
Ruchman, Meyer  
Field, I. J.  
Schultz, H.  
Komisarow, Harry  
Sandys, Chas.  
Hassan, I.  
Wagner, Mrs. Harry  
Kridel, Mrs. Martin  
Levy, Mrs. Abe  
Himmelstein, Mrs. H.

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