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RECORDS OF THE BARBADOS SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION PROJECT (BSRP)

FINDING AID

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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Title: Records of the Barbados Synagogue Restoration Project (BSRP)

Dates: 1869-2016 (bulk 1984-2016)

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium of the unit of description: 3 linear ft. (105 folders). Textual records. – Photographs. – Technical drawings. – Videotapes. – DVDs. –CDs.

CONTEXT

Name of Creator: Barbados Synagogue Restoration Project (BSRP)

Administrative history

The Barbados Synagogue Restoration Project (hence BSRP), is a charity established in Bridgetown, Barbados, in 1984 under Charities Act 1979-2. Its goals are the “(a) organization and supervision of the restoration of the Old Synagogue and Cemetery in Bridgetown; (b) maintenance and upkeep of the Old Synagogue and Cemetery; (c) contributing to and promoting any other recognized charitable organization or institution after the original purposes have been achieved” (Trust Deed, July 8, 1985).

Since its establishment, BSRP has spearheaded a number of projects as follows:

- a) It has restored the historic Nidhe Israel synagogue (built c. 1654). The synagogue was slated for demolition by 1984, and BSRP’s efforts resulted in saving and rededicating the building (1987).
- b) It has performed cleaning, conservation, conservation, and restoration work at the historic cemetery (with graves dating back to mid-1600s) from 1999 to 2003.
- c) It has established the Nidhe Israel Museum in 2008 at an adjacent historical building that housed the old community school.
- d) It has performed a series of archaeological excavations in the synagogue’s courtyard that resulted in unearthing and restoring the ‘mikveh’, or ritual bath (one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in the Western hemisphere) in 2009.

More detailed information for each project can be found at the relevant sub-collection level.

Funding for the various phases of BSRP’s work has come from the Altman family and the local Jewish community; the wider Barbados community; private donors; and major local and international organizations, such as the Caribbean Conservation Association, the Barbados National Trust, the American Jewish Congress, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the Commonwealth Jewish Trust. The restoration project has been widely acclaimed and has received publicity and awards.

In late 2015, BSRP was reincorporated as Synagogue 1654 Management Inc. In December 2015, Synagogue 1654 Management Inc. started a new phase of works, the Synagogue Block Redevelopment project. This phase is slated to be completed in late 2016 to coincide with Barbados' Independence 50th Anniversary, and will further enhance the site's historical value as an integral part of the island's urban cultural heritage fabric. This phase consists of the regeneration of the whole block around the synagogue through a series of interventions, such as: the restoration and adaptive reuse of artisans' workshops, and of the old fire station and weights and measures buildings; the construction of a monument to commemorate Codds House where the Emancipation Bill was signed in 1834 and to recognize the existence, in the past, of a Quaker's burial ground; the construction of a new social hall for the Synagogue; the extension of the existing Jewish cemetery, etc.

Archival history

Records of the Barbados Synagogue Restoration Project remained in the custody of the Project's coordinator, Sir Paul Altman, and were physically stored in his office, until their transfer to the Barbados Archives Department.

Immediate source of acquisition and transfer

The collection was gifted the Barbados Archives Department by the Barbados Synagogue Restoration Project in February 2017.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and content

The Barbados Synagogue Restoration Project Collection contains records of BSRP's activities from the mid-1980s to late 2015, when BSRP was reincorporated. It consists of textual records (mainly administrative and financial papers, and correspondence), photographs, architectural and technical drawings and reports, topographical maps, newspaper clippings, and some video recordings.

Beyond documenting all the steps of BSRP's activities, the collection provides valuable information on the political and socio-economic life in Barbados, as well as the Jewish community of the island. Additionally, it sheds light to BSRP's involvement with various international organizations and entities. The records paint a lively picture of the scene of major international and national Jewish organizations and associations, and personalities therein, during the 1980s and 1990s.

Furthermore, the records document step-by-step the process of restoring the synagogue, and cemetery, and contain rich "before" and "after" pictures and drawings, correspondence regarding various architectural parts and fittings, and information on the history of the synagogue building,

the cemetery, and the community. Thus the collection is an invaluable resource for researchers who study the Jewish communities of the Atlantic world. Excavations conducted around the synagogue have also yielded rich archaeological material that shed light to Bridgetown's urban past, as well as the material culture of the people—Jews and non-Jews, free and enslaved people—who inhabited or worked at the synagogue complex.

Moreover, the collection provides interesting insights about the dynamics between the Sephardic past of the community and its more recent, Ashkenazi history. The Jewish community in Barbados was Sephardic when established c. 1650, but became extinct by the 1920s. After 1930, Ashkenazi Jews, escaping the war in Eastern Europe, arrived and established a new community.

Appraisal and destruction information

Most files in this collection have been transferred to the Barbados Archives Department. Some files that have not been transferred are a) files with financial records containing sensitive information and b) published materials not originating from BSRP, retained for possible use in the library of the museum. These have been indicated accordingly at the file-level description and in Appendix C. No records (except duplicates of existing ones) were destroyed.

Accruals

In late 2015, BSRP was reincorporated as Synagogue 1654 Management Inc. The present collection contains only records originating with BSRP, as the creator, and further accruals are not expected. Possible additions to the collection however might come from individuals who have BSRP-related materials, once the digitized portions of the collection become publicly available and more accessible. See digitization note below.

System of arrangement

The original order of the collection was not easily discernible because the documents have been handled by too many people throughout the years, and the folders have often changed location and storage systems in the same building. Documents were mixed up in the folders and were overflowing. Some materials were in boxes outside of drawers.

The creator established filing conventions which followed roughly the four main phases of activities of BSRP (namely related to the synagogue, the cemetery, the museum, and the block). When arranging the records, care was taken to keep this structure in the form of sub-collections reflecting these phases. Series and files were created to closely follow functions and activities under each phase. Whenever possible, the creator's established naming conventions and arrangement has been maintained.

The photographs are arranged by topic, or event, and consist of prints, negatives, contact sheets, and digital images. Digital photographs were mostly JPEGs. Some of the digital photos are scans

of analog originals, some of which might not be present in the collection. Print or digital photograph files may also be images of awards, programs, or clippings.

During arrangement, extraneous and duplicate materials were weeded out and light preservation measures were taken (i.e., removing paper clips, staples and rubber bands, flattening folded documents, photocopying newspaper clippings and old fax papers, removing multiple copies), possible preservation issues were identified (such as mold, or records on unstable media) and such items were removed/segregated when necessary or reviewed for special storage (e.g. photos, negatives, videotapes, bronze plaques, etc.).

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions governing access

Physical records (originals and copies): The creator has not placed any access restrictions. For access requirements of the originals (at the Archives Department) and the copies (at the Shilstone Library), please check with each institution.

Digital surrogates: Unrestricted access through the Digital Library of the Caribbean.

Use of video materials may require permissions from the copyright holders.

Condition governing reproduction

Duplication or publication, beyond the fair use provisions of the copyright law, requires permission by the Barbados Archives Department.

Language/scripts of material

English. Occasional materials containing Hebrew.

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

The records are in good condition. Some older papers are carbon copies, and the paper is somewhat fragile. Videotapes are VHS and Betamax (awaiting conversion to digital format), and require specialized equipment for viewing. Some older photograph negatives. Some records dating in the 19th and early 20th centuries that were deteriorating have been conserved.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Existence and location of originals

Originals have been transferred to the Archives Department. Some originals (mainly financial information, or some published material for possible use at the Nidhe Israel Library) have been retained at the offices of the BSRP coordinator. This has been duly noted.

Recent records consist of e-mails or other electronic documents that the creator had printed out and archived among analog ones. These print-outs were scanned, since it was not feasible, or even possible, to locate the “born-digital originals” of these records across different, often defunct, e-mail accounts.

Existence and location of copies

Digital surrogates of parts of the collection are available through the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dloc.com). Please see Appendix C for detailed information.

Note on digitization

The collection was digitized in 2016 through funding provided by the BSRP. Portions of the digitized material are available online through the Digital Library of the Caribbean, and more particularly through the Jewish Diaspora Collection (JDoC), a collaborative and cooperative digital library designed to preserve and provide wide access to Jewish heritage materials from Florida, Latin America and the Caribbean. dLOC’s technical infrastructure is provided by the University of Florida’s Libraries. The materials have been digitized as TIFF files and according to the following specifications: Text: Grayscale, 300 dpi; Photos: Color, 600 dpi. Material was uploaded to dLOC as METS files.

Related units of description

The Shilstone Memorial Library of the Barbados Museum holds some relevant material (extent: ca. 1 linear foot) concerning the Synagogue Restoration Project (mostly newspaper clippings), the Jewish community of Barbados, the cemetery (Mr. Shilstone’s work and notes about the tombstones, and the publication of the book *Monumental Inscriptions*), and correspondence regarding the transactions around the selling off of the synagogue in 1925. This collection has been processed and has a finding aid.

Furthermore, the Shilstone Library holds the original notebooks of Mr. Shilstone, with extensive notes on Jewish history in Barbados.

Older records of the community (from 1750 on), containing information about the synagogue and the cemetery, had been transferred to the Bevis Marks Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in London, UK, after the demise of the community and the selling of the synagogue, and can be found now in the London Metropolitan Archives. These records are accessible through special permission by Bevis Marks. Records before 1750 are lost. It might be possible to reconstruct such records by tracing the Barbados Jewish community’s correspondence with other communities (in London, Curaçao, Suriname, Amsterdam, etc.).

Such records can be found in various archival repositories in the world, such as the City Archives of Amsterdam, the Netherlands; the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem, Israel, and major U.S. archives.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note

Records arranged, described, and digitized by Amalia S. Levi, project archivist, in 2016.

Rules or Conventions

Description was based on the ISAD(G) and ISAAR (CPF) standards in order to conform to the standards used by the Barbados Department of Archives.

Metadata for materials available online are provided through the SobeckCM software of the University of Florida's libraries.

Dates of description

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS (LCSH)

Geographic

- Caribbean Area

Subject

- Jews—Barbados
- Jews—Barbados--Bridgetown
- Preservation
- Restoration and conservation
- Synagogue architecture
- Museum exhibits
- Archaeology—Fieldwork
- Sephardim--Caribbean Area—History
- Caribbean Area--Ethnic relations
- Jews--Caribbean Area—History
- Jews--Caribbean Area--History--17th century
- Jews--Caribbean Area--History--20th century
- Jews--Caribbean Area—Identity
- Jewish refugees—Poland

Material types

- Documents

- Correspondence
- Clippings (books, newspapers, etc.)
- Photographs
- Video recordings
- Blueprints
- Architectural drawings

Coordinates

- Synagogue: 13.099391, -59.615185
- Cemetery A: 13.099336, -59.614903
- Cemetery B: 13.099090, -59.614836
- Cemetery C: 13.098975, -59.614940
- Museum: 13.099200, -59.614750
- Mikveh: 13.099231, -59.614954

DESCRIPTION

SUB-COLLECTION 1: PHASE I – NIDHE ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION

Title: Phase I – Nidhe Israel Synagogue Restoration

Dates: 1971 – 2015, bulk 1984 - 2004

Level of description: Sub-collection

Extent and medium: 10 series; 66 folders. Documents, photographs (color and B&W), videocassettes, DVDs, CDs, photographic negatives, topographical maps, architectural drawings.

Scope and content: BSRP has restored the historic synagogue building close to its original design. The synagogue was first built c. 1654, subsequently destroyed by a hurricane in 1831, and rebuilt and consecrated in 1834. Material related to the process of restoring the synagogue including: background material on the synagogue’s history; correspondence with government agencies for various permissions; literature; architectural plans; photos, etc.

SERIES 1.01: SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION PROCESS

Title: Synagogue Restoration Process

Dates: 1978 – 2007, bulk 1983 – 1999.

Extent and medium: 10 folders, documents, and some photographs.

Scope and content: This series documents the process of the synagogue restoration from its inception. It contains correspondence, notes, and meetings minutes of the Synagogue Restoration Committee with the Barbados Jewish Community, the Barbados National Trust, architects, individuals, and various government departments and institutions (for example, the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Housing, Urban

Rehabilitation Unit, etc.). The series contains records that relate to the inception of the project in 1984 and also more recent correspondence that aims to resolve outstanding issues related to the whole synagogue block redevelopment.

File 1: History, 1978 – 1989

Records in this file document the inception and beginning of the synagogue restoration project. They include: correspondence with the government and with various individuals; presentation and progress report outlining the history of the synagogue and the proposed restoration (with copies of photos of the synagogue's interior from 1929) (1984); press release regarding the visit by Mr. Henry Siegman, director of the American Jewish Congress, of the Synagogue Restoration Project (1986); correspondence with the Mikvé Israel-Emanuel Synagogue, in Willemstad, Curacao, regarding the title of the "oldest" synagogue in the Western hemisphere, including an extensive review and comparison of sources by Mr. Gomes Casseres (1989); Barbados Board of Tourism press information (no date); pages with information on the history of Jewish present in Barbados and of the synagogue building; undated transcript of recorded conversation among Barbados Jewish community members regarding the project. Other pertinent information regarding the progress of the restoration project can be found in the files "Correspondence" and "Minutes of meetings" in this series.

File 2: Minutes of meetings, 1984 – 1999

This folder includes progress reports, agendas and minutes of meetings by the Restoration Committee. These give a comprehensive picture of the inception of the Synagogue Restoration Project, the establishment of the Restoration Committee, and the progress of the project (fund-raising, building, works, publicity, progress with various Government agencies, the National Trust, etc.). Interspersed among the agendas and minutes of the Restoration Committee are agendas and minutes of meetings of the Barbados Jewish Community, regarding finances, attendance, conversions, activities, etc. During these meetings, a part of the discussions touched upon the Synagogue restoration, thus these minutes are kept together in this folder. There is more material about the community under Series: Barbados Jewish Community. There are also two drafts of the constitution of the BJC (dated November 1991).

File 3: Correspondence, 1987 – 2014

Correspondence with various government authorities and individuals for a variety of issues related to the project of the synagogue restoration and the block redevelopment. Correspondence regarding the vesting of the synagogue land with

the Barbados National Trust; the acquisition of the building to be turned into the museum; fundraising events and establishment of tax-exempt funds in the US and UK; the purchase of BNB land; various approvals and decisions by appropriate government entities; planning and building permissions; the development of the area surrounding the synagogue; the cemetery expansion; parking arrangements, resolutions, updates reporting on the various stages of the project; more recent developments regarding the whole synagogue block restoration phase, etc.

Correspondence regarding the inception and beginning of the project can be found in the file “History” in this series.

File 4: S.R.C./B.J.C./B.N.T., 1986 – 2000

Correspondence and meeting minutes of the Synagogue Restoration Committee, the Barbados Jewish Community, and the Barbados National Trust. Bulk: 1992-1993. Records in this folder pertain to various matters with the project, particularly the vesting of the synagogue with B.N.T. and the ownership of the synagogue by the Barbados Jewish Community. Some correspondence regarding appointing trustees to the synagogue restoration committee (1986).

Correspondence regarding the Restoration Committee, discussing Dame Nita Barrow’s honorary membership in the committee, and soliciting the membership of Governor General Sir Clifford Husbands (2000).

File 5: BNB property purchase, 1998 – 2015

Correspondence among the Synagogue Restoration Project with government agencies and individuals, as well as minutes of meetings, regarding the BNB property purchase, 1998-2015. Bulk 1998-2000.

File 6: Synagogue Restoration Fundraising Committee, 1985 – 1986

Agenda and minutes of fundraising committee meetings. Correspondence with various donors thanking for their donations. Some suggestions and fundraising tips by Cantor-Siegman Associates.

File 7: Restoration Project Progress Reports, 1984 – 1999

Reports by Tomlin Voss Associates giving accounts and updates on various stages of the project. Most are undated, but can be approximately dated from their correspondence they include. The importance of the reports lies not only in the plans themselves that highlight the progress of the restoration planning and works, but also in the correspondence they contain. The architect has meticulously documented their correspondence and meetings with various stakeholders, especially in the government.

File 8: Synagogue plans and drawings, 1986 – 2004

Various large format architectural plans and drawings of the synagogue building, the museum building, the cemetery, the surrounding area, and other development plans by Tomlin Voss Associates and the Environmental Planning Group. Bulk 1986-1989. These have not been digitized.

File 9: Tomlin Voss Associates, 1989 – 1999

Correspondence between Tomlin Voss Associates with BSRP, government agencies (e.g., Ministry of Tourism), and various individuals, and minutes of meetings, regarding the synagogue restoration project, and subsequent plans of the revitalization of the area.

File 10: Paving Works, 2004 – 2007

Recent correspondence on paving works conducted at the synagogue and its surrounding area.

SERIES 1.02: BARBADOS JEWISH COMMUNITY

Title: Barbados Jewish Community

Dates: 1869 – 2015, bulk 1984 - 2015

Extent and medium: 6 folders, documents and published material.

Scope and content: Material in this series relate to the functions and activities of the Jewish community in Barbados (BJC). This material sheds light to the community's involvement with BSRP and its activities. Note: The community uses Nidhe Israel synagogue during the winter months (November to April). From April till October, the community uses a repurposed building in the Rockley area.

File 11: Barbados Jewish community (BJC) annual meetings minutes, 2007 – 2015

Records in this file shed light to the community's life and functions, activities and concerns. Agendas and minutes of annual meetings (2007, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015). Some topics discussed during annual meetings include provisions for Jewish burial ground, the use of the Rockley synagogue and the Nidhe Israel synagogue, conversion of new members, financial concerns of the community, attendance issues, etc. Receipts for dues. Some correspondence regarding the title deed search for Rockley synagogue.

Note: These minutes have not been uploaded to dLOC, because they are recent and might contain sensitive information. Other minutes however of earlier meetings (1984-1994) of the community have been uploaded and can be found in the folder "Minutes of meetings" of Series 1.1 (Synagogue Restoration Process),

interspersed among the agendas and minutes of the Restoration Committee. At that time, many discussions touching upon the Synagogue restoration project took place during meetings of the community, thus these minutes were kept together in that folder, since they make extensive reference to the works of the Synagogue Restoration Committee.

File 12: Barbados Jewish community (BJC) correspondence, 1990 - 2007

Some correspondence between BJC and organizations (e.g., The Association of Conservative Congregations, NY; the World Union for Progressive Judaism; the Commonwealth Jewish Council) and BJC and individuals (on topics such as the provision of a rabbi for the community). Bulk, 1990-1991, 2005, 2007.

File 13: Barbados Jewish community (BJC) history, 1776 – 2015

This file contains published and unpublished material, and copies of older material, not produced by the BSRP. While this material is not relevant to the BSRP activities, it nevertheless sheds light on the history of Jews in Barbados, and on the community. Some material include: *A Brief History of the Jewish Settlement in Barbados* (booklet). Xerox of 1834 article by Barbados Globe about consecration of the new synagogue building, in place of the one destroyed during the 1831 hurricane. Copy of *Kaal Kadosh Nidhe Israel by-laws*, 1838. Copy of Bridgetown map, 1776. Xerox of *Encyclopedia Judaica* entry on Caribbean Jewish communities. “Shifting Identities: The Role of Religion, Race and Creolization among the Sephardic Jews of Barbados, 1654 to 1990,” paper by Karl Watson Dept. of History, UWI, Cave Hill. “Diaspora on the Island of Barbados,” no date, no author name. “Eliezer Montefiore: From Barbados to Sydney,” by Roslyn Russell in *National Library of Australia News*, 2008. Brochure of and text of the 27th Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture by Dr. Karl Watson on “The Sephardic Jews of Barbados and Slavery: Religion, Ethnicity, Family, Sex and Economics.” Article by E.M. Shilstone, “The Jewish Synagogue Bridgetown Barbados,” in the Barbados Museum Historical Society Journal, vol. XXX11, Nov. 1966, No. 1.

Note: Materials in this file are outside BSRP’s purview and might have copyright restrictions, thus they have not been uploaded to dLOC. The originals of these materials have been kept as possible additions to a future Nidhe Israel Museum Library, and copies were made in their place.

File 14: Barbados Jewish community (BJC) newsletters/notices, 1984 – 2006

The newsletters in this file shed light to the community’s activities and topics of interest. Constitution of the Barbados Jewish Community, 1999. Newsletters

(1984, 1991, 1993, 2004, 2005, 2006). Various announcements regarding events in the community, especially festivals. Draft invitation for being part of the proposed Caribbean Jewish Congress by the Steering Committee (signed, W.A.W. Ben Zebedee, no date). (There are also two drafts of the constitution of the BJC (dated November 1991) in the folder “Minutes of meetings,” in Series 1.1 of this collection).

File 15a: Nidhe Israel Synagogue old deeds, 1869 - 1965

Old title deeds of Nidhe Israel. Includes list of the documents as received in 2003. The file includes conveyances, agreements, powers of attorney, deed of gifts, etc. The documents were in brittle condition and were sent for conservation to the Barbados Archives.

File 15b: Rockley Synagogue deed, 2011 – 2012

Some correspondence regarding the title deed for Rockley synagogue.

Note: Due to the ongoing need for these documents, they have not been included in the transfer to the Archives Department.

SERIES 1.03: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Title: General Correspondence

Dates: 1984 – 2015, bulk 1984 – 1995.

Extent and medium: 6 folders, documents.

Scope and content: Correspondence with various individuals and organizations from Barbados, Canada, UK, USA, and other countries. Correspondence about the project and the progress of the restoration works with visitors to the synagogue, with journalists, with donors to the project, etc.

File 16: Mr. Walter Eytan, 1990 – 1992

Correspondence with Ambassador Mr. Walter Eytan. Correspondence contains records about Mr. Eytan’s visit to Barbados and possible engagements while there; letters in Barbados Advocate that claim that “Palestine not the homeland of the Jews” (January 5, 1991) and letters to the Editor responding to the above mentioned letter by Mr. Seitchik; letters by Mr. Eytan regarding the Spanish Portuguese Congregation in London and its claims on Nidhe Israel objects, etc.

File 17: Correspondence – Barbados, 1984 – 1995

Correspondence with various individuals and organizations in Barbados. This folder contains some early correspondence that sheds light to the beginnings of the restoration project efforts.

File 18: Correspondence – Canada, 1985 – 1992

Correspondence with various individuals and organizations in Canada. Correspondence regarding donations, donor relations, and the Canadian Jewish Congress. Solicitations for funding. Information about participation in 1985 Ottawa Jewish Commonwealth Congress meeting. This folder contains some early correspondence that sheds light to the beginnings of the restoration project efforts.

File 19: Correspondence – UK, 1990 – 2015

Correspondence with various individuals and organizations in the U.K. Bulk 1990 – 1992. Correspondence about progress of synagogue restoration; mentions to American Express and CJC awards (see relevant files in this collection); inquiries for information, etc.

File 20: Correspondence – USA, 1988 – 2009

Correspondence with various individuals and organizations in the U.S.A. Bulk 1988 – 1994. Letters thanking various donors to the restoration project; discussions about hiring of rabbi to lead services for rededication of synagogue; correspondence seeking to find a rabbi for the community (letters here give a snapshot of the community in the early 1990s); letters soliciting funds for furthering the restoration efforts; correspondence regarding affiliation with the United Synagogue of America, etc.

File 21: Correspondence – Other countries, 1989 – 2012

Correspondence with various individuals and organizations in Bahamas, Venezuela, Nevis, the Netherlands, Brazil, Germany, Israel, etc. Bulk 1990-1994.

SERIES 1.04: SYNAGOGUE OBJECTS AND FURNISHINGS

Title: Synagogue Objects and Furnishings

Dates: 1986 – 2005, bulk 1986 – 1994.

Extent and medium: 6 folders. Documents, and photographs (mostly print-outs).

Scope and content: This series contains records that have to do with the interior of the synagogue. Records document work conducted for the preparation of synagogue furnishings, such as the reader's desk and the elders' platform; for locating, acquiring, or duplicating original fixtures, such as the eternal light and the marble laver; and the

procurement of a torah scroll. Additionally the series contains rich correspondence between BSRP and the Bevis Marks Spanish and Portuguese Congregation in London regarding the original artifacts of the synagogue (such as rimonim, Torah covers, pointers, etc.) that had been transferred to London when the synagogue was sold off. Subsequent efforts by the BSRP to acquire the original artifacts have been unsuccessful, instead copies were made.

File 22: Synagogue - Architectural parts, 1987 – 1990

Correspondence regarding work remaining to be done in regards to completing the synagogue building's interior, such as the preparation of the ark, reader's desk, elders platform, columns for the interior of the synagogue, return of fixtures removed from the original building, etc.

File 23: Synagogue Interior Furnishings, 1986 – 1994

Correspondence, press releases, and materials regarding various synagogue interior furnishings. The correspondence pertains to the fabrication and importation of furnishings such as the marble laver, the candlesticks, and the Eternal Light, the donation of bookstand, the fabrication or duplication of other fixtures, such as Chanukah menorah, clock, marble slab, brass finials, donor display. Also correspondence about awards for the restoration of the synagogue, and correspondence with the Touro synagogue (Newport, Rhode Island) regarding the Elder's Platform and the connection between the Barbados Jewish community and Newport.

File 24: Commonwealth Jewish Council and Trust-Bevis Marks, 1990 – 1993

This file contains materials about two different, but interrelated topics. Firstly, it contains correspondence and material about the 1990 Commonwealth Jewish Council's (CJC) Award to the Jewish Community of Barbados for "services to the Commonwealth and its Jewish Communities" for the restoration of the synagogue in Bridgetown. This folder however mainly consists of correspondence among the CJC, individuals from the BJC, and officials from the Bevis Marks synagogue about the Barbados cemetery restoration and the return by Bevis Marks, or making copies thereof, of the Barbados artifacts in their possession, with CJC intervening on BJC's behalf.

Note: Other material regarding the CJC 1990 award can be found under the file "Commonwealth Jewish Council" in this collection.

File 25: Return of artifacts from Bevis Marks Synagogue, 2009 – 2011

Records in this folder consist of recent correspondence regarding getting copies of the Barbados artifacts held by the Bevis Marks Synagogue (2009-2010). The folder contains print-outs of images of the artifacts (mainly rimonim). This correspondence complements the one in the folder titled “Commonwealth Jewish Council and Trust-Bevis Marks.”

File 26: Slave collar, 2005

Deed of gift and correspondence related to the donation of a slave collar found during the excavations at the synagogue site to the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.

File 27: Synagogue – Torah, 1997

Correspondence, mainly from 1997, among the Project and Mr. Thomas Kereny and Ms. Ruth Schaffer regarding the donation by Mr. Kereny of one of the Czech Scrolls on permanent loan to the Bridgetown Synagogue. Customs documents for the export of the Torah. Photographs from the dedication ceremony at the synagogue. Printed information about the Czech memorial scrolls, their history and people involved in the project.

SERIES 1.05: FINANCIAL

Title: Financial

Dates: 1985 - 2012

Extent and medium: 10 folders. Documents, receipts.

Scope and content: Materials in this series are of financial nature and consist mostly of invoices, receipts, and bank statements.

Note: Most material in this series have not been put online, due to the sensitive nature of information contained within.

File 28: American Jewish Congress, 1985 – 1992

This file contains considerable correspondence between the BSCRIP and the American Jewish Congress regarding organizing tours by AJC to Barbados and publicity regarding the restoration project. The majority of the documents herein are receipts and correspondence regarding contributions and donations by various individuals for the restoration project through AJC.

File 29: Synagogue – Audit (Coopers & Lybrand), 1990 – 2014

Audits and financial statements of the project, correspondence with, and invoices by, Coopers & Lybrand. Bulk 1990-2000.

File 30: Synagogue – Car park, 2004 – 2012

Car park rental payments and receipts.

File 31: A concept in bronze, 1990 – 2004

Orders to and correspondence with company “A concept in bronze” for name plaques for donors. Lists of donors with associated donations. Correspondence with donors regarding inscriptions.

Note: The file contained samples of bronze plaques. These have been removed and put in a different file at the end of the collection, titled “Objects”.

File 32: BSRP Donations, 2001 – 2014

Donations to the BSRP. Correspondence with donors and donations for work on the synagogue restoration, the museum, and the mikveh.

File 33: Synagogue donations – pots, 1996 – 2000

Donations by various individuals for planting memorial pots at the cemetery.

File 34: Synagogue – Fixed deposit account, 1991 – 1994

Various correspondence and statements regarding the Project’s fixed deposit account with Barclays Bank, Broad Street.

File 35: [Insurance], 1986 – 2007

Records in this folder contain among others: Insurance policies and correspondence regarding the restoration works at the synagogue and cemetery and the insurance for various fixtures and furnishings of the synagogue. Bulk 1986-1997.

File 36: Synagogue security, 2006 – 2007

Quotations by various security companies for the supply and installation of security systems in the museum and synagogue.

File 37: Synagogue various financial, 1985 – 1986

Bank statements. Various invoices and financial documents related to the synagogue restoration project.

SERIES 1.06: LEGAL

Title: Legal

Dates: 1985 - 1986

Extent and medium: 2 folders with documents.

Scope and content: This series contains correspondence and other paperwork regarding the registration of BSRP under Charities No. 81 and some other legal matters.

File 38: Charity No. 81, Synagogue Restoration Project, 1985 – 1989
Records in this file contain, among others: Certificate of registration (1985) of the Synagogue and Cemetery Restoration Project as a charity, under the Charities Act 1979-2. Trust Deed designating the Committee of Trustees of the BSCRCP and outlining obligations and its by-laws (8 July, 1985). (First Trustees: Paul Bernard Altman; Hon. John Stanley Bruce Dear, CHB; Bernard Gilbert; Robert Joseph Bourque; Jill Sheppard; Jeremy Andrew Nicholas Voss; and Trevor Austin Carmichael). Appointment of Barclays Bank as bankers for the Project. Other correspondence regarding the charity.

File 39: Various legal, 1986

A variety of papers for legal issues related to the synagogue. Settlement of claim with Ms. Linda Headley for damage to her car. Work permit for Mr. Gregory Hall, student architect volunteering at the project.

SERIES 1.07: PERSONNEL

Title: Personnel

Dates: 1999 – 2009

Extent and medium: 5 folders, documents, payroll receipts.

Scope and content: This series contains paperwork, mostly payroll papers, related to the synagogue restoration's personnel.

File 40: Mr. Arthur McCollin Loan, 1999 – 2009

Correspondence regarding loan to Mr. McCollin by First Caribbean International Bank, and salary deductions against the loan.

File 41: Synagogue – H.R., 2007 – 2008

Correspondance about synagogue personnel. Sick benefits.

File 42: Payroll – Collin, 2009

Payments to Mr. Collin.

File 43: Payroll – Celso Brewster, 2009

Payments to Mr. Brewster.

File 44: Synagogue Payroll

Various documents for personnel salaries and payments.

SERIES 1.08: CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS, COMMEMORATIONS

Title: Celebrations, Events, Commemorations

Dates: 1985 – 2012

Extent and medium: 10 folders. Documents, photographs, stamps.

Scope and content: This series contains records pertaining to various events at different stages of the Synagogue restoration process, such as for example the opening of the restored synagogue in 1987, and the hosting of the annual Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC) conference in Barbados in this occasion; the celebrations for the synagogue's 350th anniversary and the inauguration of works for the museum in 2004; and the receipt of awards to BSRP for its restoration efforts, such as the American Express and the CJC awards in 1990. Furthermore, it contains information about the commissioning by BSRP of commemorative coins and stamps for the restoration of the synagogue. Some brochures for other events included too.

File 45: Synagogue – American Express Award, 1990 – 1991

Submission of the Barbados Synagogue Restoration project to the 1990 American Express Preservation Awards Program; related correspondence; selection of the Project as one of the six award winners of the 1990 program; related publicity; awards ceremony material, etc.

File 46: Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC), 1985 – 2003

The Barbados Jewish Community became a member of the Commonwealth Jewish Council in 1985. The folder contains: Commonwealth Jewish Council and Commonwealth Jewish Trust booklet and brochure. Correspondence and material about the 1990 Commonwealth Jewish Council's (CJC) Award to the Jewish Community of Barbados for "services to the Commonwealth and its Jewish Communities" for the restoration of the synagogue in Bridgetown. Paul Altman's hand-written notes for speech on receiving award. Invitation to the CJC Biennial Conference in London in 2003 to Mr. and Mrs. Altman and related correspondence. Photos from Barbados BJC participation at CJC (photo with Paul and Rachelle Altman, Scott and Sharon Oran, Marshall Oran and wife, Leah Gilbert). Other CJC-related correspondence. Some material related to the World Jewish Congress 1986, participation by Mr. Paul Altman as the delegate of the Barbados Jewish Community Council.

Note: Other material regarding the award can be found under the file "Commonwealth Jewish Council – Bevis Marks artifacts".

File 47: [Synagogue opening (1987)]

Material related to the opening of the restored synagogue in 1987, such as the program and the prayer booklet. The Commonwealth Jewish Council conference in 1987 took part in Bridgetown, Barbados, for the occasion.

File 48: Preservation Institute, 1994

Material regarding Mr. Paul Altman's speech and participation at seminar led by Bill Tilson.

File 49: Synagogue coin, 2003 – 2004

Correspondence among various individuals and institutions (such as the Central Bank of Barbados, and the Barbados Museum and Historical Society) regarding the minting by the Central Bank of Barbados of a coin to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Bridgetown synagogue. Various topics, such as design of the coin, copyright clearance, sale of the coin etc. Some newspaper clippings.

File 50: Synagogue Celebrations 2004 – Part I (July 2003 – July 2004)

Material related to the planning and execution of the celebrations for the synagogue's 350th anniversary and the museum's dedication. List of invitees, correspondence, minutes of meetings for the planning of the event, programming, catering, agenda, events. Logistics leading to the event.

File 51: Synagogue Celebrations 2004 – Part II (August 2004 – March 2005)

Material related to the planning and execution of the celebrations for the synagogue's 350th anniversary and the museum's dedication. List of invitees, correspondence, minutes of meetings for the planning of the event, programming, catering, agenda of events. Logistics leading to the event, invitations and envelopes, pictures from the celebrations.

File 52: [Synagogue and Museum related events and activities], ca. 1990 – 2014

Text of lecture (no name, no date) on "Preservation in the Caribbean: Honouring Cultural Diversity, the Restoration of the Bridgetown Synagogue-Barbados." Brochure for an Open House afternoon at Nidhe Israel (2011). Handwritten opening remarks by Mr. Paul Altman at the Crop Over Heritage Lecture and Tour (2014).

File 53: [Stamp issuance], 1987 – 2007

First day cover envelope and stamps commemorating the synagogue restoration, 1987. Correspondence about Barbados postal service issuing a stamp (in 2007) to commemorate “the Jewish Synagogue and its Museum,” 2006. Proofs. Envelope with 4 first day cover stamps. Cards with pictures of synagogue stamps. Stamps with rose window, interior and exterior of the synagogue, exterior of the museum, marble laver.

File 54: Synagogue Weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, 2001 – 2012

Correspondence and permissions to hold wedding and bar mitzvah celebrations at the restored synagogues. Logistics and permissions for rabbis to officiate.

SERIES 1.09: PUBLICITY

Title: Publicity

Dates: 1971 – 2015, bulk 1983 – 2000.

Extent and medium: 10 folders, textual documents, publications, newspaper clippings, video cassettes, and DVDs.

Scope and content: This series contains material related to publicity surrounding the synagogue, the Jews of Barbados and the Synagogue Restoration Project. Materials include: Newspaper clippings, both in Barbados, and abroad, covering the different stages of BSRP’s activities since its inception. Audiovisual material about the synagogue, the restoration, and the Jews of Barbados. Documents used for the preparation of the brochure. It also contains printed material (ephemera) that did not originate from the Synagogue Restoration Project or the Barbados Jewish community, but was kept in this series in order to highlight the Project’s and community’s involvement with congregations or organizations in other countries. Material such as brochures, newsletters, newspaper clippings, booklets, business cards.

Note: Some of this material might be under copyright, particularly printed material not originating from the BSRP. When possible, copyright permission was obtained, and material cleared for online release has been uploaded to dLOC. When copyright permission was not obtained, a list of available newspaper clippings was made. The physical copies of the clippings were kept for possible use in a future library at the Nidhe Israel Museum. Copies were made for the Barbados Archives and the Shilstone Library.

File 55: Synagogue Brochure 1995 – 2006

Material related to the design and production of the synagogue brochure. Text, photos, proofs, financial, correspondence. Also material used for production of greeting cards, stickers, and notelets. Bulk 1993-1996.

File 56: Documentaries

Text script for Nidhe Israel documentary, no date.

File 57: Ephemera - Barbados, 1989 – 1995

Publications featuring the Bridgetown synagogue. Barbados sports and cultural calendar and related correspondence, 1992. American Jewish Congress World Travel Guide, 1989/1990. Newsletter of the Amsterdam Sephardic community, September 1995.

File 58: Ephemera - Other countries, 1986 – 2012

Printed materials that highlight the Project's and community's involvement with congregations or organizations in other countries, such as: *CJC News* (Commonwealth Jewish Council newsletter), October 2012, with article by Benny & Leah Gilbert commemorating the council's 30th anniversary and writing on their memories. Brochure celebrating 350 years of Jewish community in Curacao, 2001. "Monarch of the Sea" Passover seder service menu brochure, celebrating seder in Barbados and second seder in St. Maarten, 1992. St. Thomas Hebrew Congregation newsletter and Holocaust Memorial Day celebrations announcement, 1993. Jewish Museum of Florida "Tiles" newsletter, 1994. World Jewish Congress 8th Assembly program (1986).

File 59: Various ephemera, 1983 – 2001

Various, non-BSRP material. Brochures, newsletters, newspaper clippings, booklets, business cards. They were kept as ephemera that might be useful for research by historians. Bulk: 1990s.

File 60: Newspaper Clippings, 1971 – 1984

Local and international press about the Synagogue Restoration Project activities during the early years of the project. Articles in this folder touch upon: the history of the Jews on the island and the situation of the synagogue and the cemetery (early 1970s); publicity about the plans to demolish the synagogue building and efforts to convince the government otherwise (early 1980s); government decision to allow synagogue's restoration, and beginnings of the restoration efforts, particularly fundraising (mid-1980s).

File 61: Newspaper Clippings, 1985 – 2000

Local and international press about the Synagogue Restoration Project activities during the process of the restoration process. Articles in this folder show the international reverberations of the synagogue's restoration across the Jewish world, particularly in the North American Jewish press. Articles in this folder touch upon: Fundraising efforts, beginning of actual restoration works, the

importance of the Jewish community in Barbados, Barbados as a tourism destination in conjunction with the synagogue and the cemetery, the Bridgetown synagogue as part of Barbados' cultural heritage, Judaism in the Caribbean, awards to the Barbados Jewish community for the restoration, etc.

File 62: Newspaper Clippings, 2001 – 2015

Local and international press about more recent activities of the Synagogue Restoration Project. The folder contains mostly foreign (North American) press. The bulk of the material relates to the establishment of the museum, the history of the community in Barbados, the archaeological excavations and the discovery of the mikveh, Friday night services at the restored synagogue, attended by tourists visiting the island, Barbados' touristic attractions, etc.

File 63: Synagogue press releases, 1989 – 2015

Press releases regarding the ongoing works for the synagogue restoration. 1989, 2015.

File 64: Synagogue DVDs & Videos

Video tapes and DVDs featuring the history of Jews of Barbados, the Synagogue Restoration Project, and the Synagogue and Cemetery.

See complete detailed description of films in Appendix B.

SERIES 1.10: SYNAGOGUE PHOTOS

Title: Photographs

Dates: 1984 - 2015

Extent and medium: 1 folder, photographs (print and digital; in color and B&W), photographic negatives, contact sheets, CDs, old postcards.

Scope and content: Various photos of the synagogue and its surroundings, the museum and cemetery, restoration works, opening ceremonies etc. Some correspondence regarding the photos. Two old postcards with views of Bridgetown.

Copyright Note: Recent photos are born digital. Older photos were print and have been scanned. Photos might have copyright restrictions, please abide by fair use. Whenever possible, permission for the photos to be uploaded to the Digital Library of the Caribbean has been obtained by the photographer and is noted in the relevant grouping.

File 65: Various Synagogue Photos

This folder contains photos from various stages of the Synagogue Restoration Process activities, as well as other events and related functions. For more detailed description of each, please see Appendix A.

Note on arrangement: The photos were in no particular order. In order to facilitate archival arrangement and description, they have been brought together in groupings reflecting a particular phase of works, activity, or topic.

Photo groupings

- Nidhe Israel Synagogue in the 1920s: Last Pictures Before the Sale
- Synagogue Pre-Restoration, 1980s
- Old Synagogue Pictures Zoomed In for Restoration Purposes
- Synagogue Restoration Process – Exterior
- Synagogue Restoration Process - In Color
- Synagogue Restoration Process - Black & White
- Jewish Community Members Cleaning the Cemetery
- Nidhe Israel Synagogue Restored
- Synagogue Clock
- Synagogue Objects at Barbados Museum
- 1987 Function at Altman Residence
- Commonwealth Jewish Council conference in Ottawa, 1985
- World Jewish Congress in Jerusalem, 1986
- Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC) award, 1990
- Function at Henry Altman's residence, 2006
- Rabbi Pynchas Brener and friends
- Montefiore Fountain
- Stamps
- 350th Anniversary Celebration Commemorative Coin
- Torah Dedication, 1997
- Various recent photos of Nidhe Israel
- Tolanto Coin
- United Synagogue of America Award

SUB-COLLECTION 2: PHASE II – CEMETERY CONSERVATION

Title: Phase II – Cemetery Conservation

Date: 1990 – 2013, bulk 1990 – 2003.

Extent and medium: 2 series, 10 folders. Documents, photographs, photographic negatives, topographical maps.

Scope and content: This sub-collection consists of conservation reports and surveys of the cemetery, with detailed information about extant tombs, maps of the cemetery with locations of the graves and rich visuals, drawings and photographs, and related correspondence and literature.

SERIES 2.01: CEMETERY CONSERVATION

Title: Cemetery Conservation

Dates: 1994 – 2003

Extent and medium: 5 folders. Documents, photographs (B&W), photographic negatives, topographical maps.

Scope and content: This series consists of material specific to the cemetery conservation. It contains correspondence about the inception of the cemetery conservation, a 1994 survey report and accompanying photos, and the subsequent conservation (1999 – 2003), with rich photographic material and topographical maps, as well as considerable notes about the history, epigraphs, and iconography of the cemetery.

File 66: Cemetery conservation – History, 1990 – 1999

This file contains correspondence among the BSRP and various individuals regarding the initiation of conservation works at the cemetery. Also, correspondence with Bevis Marks regarding their grant for the cemetery maintenance.

File 67: Stromberg Survey, 1994

Survey of the cemetery conducted in 1994 by Constance Stromberg, conservator. The survey reports on work conducted in the cemetery from May 1993 to September 1994. The report is contained in a 3-ring binder consisting of a summary of maintenance and preservation history of the cemetery (starting in the 1920s until the 1990s); conservation survey and assessment of the cemetery; work conducted; article and resume of conservator; survey forms for 90 grave markers, with names of the deceased, location, cross-listing with the Shilstone book, dimensions of the marker, condition, remarks, and recommendations; photos of the graves, negatives, and contact sheets. Note: In a subsequent e-mail (20th October, 1999), Evan Millner, conservator working with the cemetery from 1999-2003, states that some of the 1994 survey's recommendations were wrong, considering Barbados' tropical climate.

Note on photos: Description of the photographic material in the Stromberg Survey: The survey, as found among the records of the Barbados Synagogue Restoration Project contained: 1) 6 sets of negatives; 2) 6 contact sheets (of the above negatives); 3) 31 B&W photos, 4x6, printed out from the negatives. As of

2017, there was no photographic studio in Barbados able to print out photos from these B&W negatives. Acquiring a special slide adapter for the scanner will permit to scan the rest of the images from these slides, if required. Here is a list of photos per roll that are not printed out (but can be viewed as small proofs): ROLL 1: ALL except #92; ROLL 2: 203b, 185, 210, 221, 46, 196, ? , 202, 178b, 172, 176, 26, 34, 30, 14 Fragment; ROLL 3: ALL except #8; ROLL 4: ALL except 272, 256; ROLL 5: 371, 368a, 367, 358, J. Arbanel, 352, 341, 310 top, 310 bottom, 334, 330a, 322a, 319, 301, 314, 305, 303, “GraveydC”a; ROLL 6: 232, 242a, 242b, 24, 117, 292b, 282, 279, 287, 302, 305, “Graveyard C”.

File 68: Evan Millner, 1999

Initiation of cemetery conservation work by Mr. Evan Millner of London. The file contains Mr. Millner’s credentials and qualifications; travel and sustenance arrangements while in Barbados; required material for use during conservation; general correspondence about the progress of his work; 24 June 1999 e-mail with notes on the 1994 Survey report; 24 September 1999 document reporting on developments with the cemetery restoration and future plans; hand-written notes (by Evan Millner?) with notes from the 1838 by-laws and Burial Registry, and notes on the conservation and restoration of the cemetery; draft version of the preliminary report on the cemetery conservation (November 1999).

File 69: Evan Millner, 2000-2002

Plans and logistics for the return of Mr. Millner to further work on the cemetery conservation; discussions on material in the Bevis Marks archives pertaining to the Nidhe Israel congregation; report on work carried out over the season September 2000 – July 2001; discussion on materials used; write-up of schedule for further work for Mr. Leslie, after Mr. Millner has left; and corresponding worksheets by Mr. Leslie. This folder contains plasticized detailed diagram of the cemetery with color-coded, schematic representations of the graves, their condition, and work needed to be done with them.

File 70: Evan Millner, 2003

Plans and logistics for Mr. Millner’s 2003 trip to Barbados; various information regarding the cemetery and Bevis Marks; correspondence with Brian Whiting regarding driveway and Mr. Whiting’s study of that area using GPR (see relevant academic publication by Whiting and Hackenberger; updates on Mr. Millner’s website and information on the Carrera book.

Mr. Millner has compiled all the information he gathered during his time doing the conservation of the cemetery in a blog with explanatory text and rich visuals (photos). You can reach the blog at <http://jewishbarbados.blogspot.com>. An archived version of this blog can be reached through Internet Archive's Wayback Machine.

SERIES 2.02: GENERAL

Title: General

Dates: 1990 – 2013

Extent and medium: 5 folders. Documents and published material.

Scope and content: This series contain materials regarding general matters about the cemetery. Also various published material. It also contains more recent correspondence about the extension to the Jewish Cemetery.

File 71: Biblical garden

Various printed material regarding establishing a biblical garden at the cemetery. This material does not originate with BSRP and might have copyright restrictions. It has been kept for a future Nidhe Israel Library.

File 72: Cemetery correspondence, 2005 – 2013

General correspondence. Also correspondence regarding the extension of the Jewish cemetery, 2013. Some copies of 1997-1999 documents regarding the restoration project.

File 73: Environmental Planning Group, 2004

Correspondence by the Environmental Planning Group regarding updated master plan of the synagogue surroundings, with revised locations of tombstones, locations of proposed planters, and driveway and public parking areas.

File 74: Literature

Literature about the cemetery: "The Jewish cemetery in Bridgetown, Barbados, W.I." by Robert W. Keeler, paper read at the 25th annual Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, held in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1992. Print-out of Evan Millner's website about cemetery with updates. Copy of "Act to incorporate the Synagogue Burial Grounds Committee," dated 27th October, 1950, and with petitioners Oscar Pillersdorf, Lazar Spira, Srul Jacob Bernstein, Petyel Pasternak, Harry Burak and Jacob Hersch Altman, as representing the Jewish community in Barbados, and Eustace

Maxwell Shilstone, as representing the Barbados Museum and Historical Society. Copy of Nidhe Israel's 1838 by-laws, with some articles (especially XXII, XXIV-XXV) touching upon matters of the cemetery. Brian M. Whiting and Steven Hackenberger, "Using 3D GPR to Determine the Extent of Possible 17th and 18th Century Graves Beneath a Concrete Driveway: Bridgetown Synagogue, Bridgetown, Barbados" (proceedings of the Tenth International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar, 21-24 June, 2004, Delft, The Netherlands). Derek R. Miller, "Etched in Stone: Language Patterns on the Early Modern Jewish Tombstones of Colonial Barbados and Suriname" (paper Presented in a special session: "The Practice and Materiality of Jewish Death" at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, MA).

Note: Records in this file do not originate from the BSRP, and might have copyright restrictions. Thus they have not been uploaded to dLOC, except the article "Using 3D GPR..." by Whiting and Hackenberger, which has been uploaded with the kind permission of Dr. Brian M. Whiting.

File 75: Robert Keeler, 1990 – 1992

Correspondence with Dr. Robert Keeler, Associate Director of the Oregon Council for the Humanities, regarding research he conducted at the cemetery. Copy of his article, "The Jewish Cemetery in Bridgetown, Barbados."

Note: The article has been uploaded with the kind permission of Dr. Robert Keeler.

SUB-COLLECTION 3: PHASE III – NIDHE ISRAEL MUSEUM

Title: Phase III – Nidhe Israel Museum

Date: 2004 – 2012

Extent and medium: 4 series, 19 folders. Documents and some photographs.

Scope and content: In 2008, the Nidhe Israel Museum opened its doors to the public. BSRP's efforts to establish the museum go back to the 1990s, when it first started trying to acquire the building at the corner of Magazine and Synagogue Lanes, previously used as a school for the community. In 2001, restoration works at the building started, and in 2004, during the 350th anniversary celebrations for the synagogue, BSRP also celebrated the dedication of the museum. This series contains records about to the development of the museum, the conceptual approach to the museological design, and the collection of objects.

Note: A lot of correspondence with government agencies pertinent to the acquisition of the museum building can be found in the files of Series: Synagogue Restoration.

SERIES 3.01: MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT

Title: Museum Development

Dates: 2004 - 2010

Extent and medium: 7 folders. Documents, designs, architectural drawings, some photos.

Scope and content: This series contains material about the establishment of the Museum, such as the restoration of old community school and its adaptive reuse as a Jewish museum, the development of the museological design and fabrication of various fixtures, their importation, the design of the museum booklet, and various financial information.

File 76: Museum building restoration, 2004 – 2007

Correspondence, meeting notes, and invoices related to the restoration of the building at the corner of Magazine and Synagogue Lanes, and its transformation into a museum.

File 77: Museum design, 2004 – 2010

Correspondence, notes, and drawings regarding the design of the museum's exhibitions and the functionality of various parts among Paul Altman, the Groupe D.E.S. (museography consultants, Canada), and other individuals. Bulk 2004-2006.

File 78: Museum design booklets, 2005

Booklets with preliminary text and visuals outlining the museum's content and conceptual development by Groupe D.E.S.

File 79: Museum design drawings, 2005

Preliminary architectural drawings of the museum's architectural requirements, exhibit layout and the panels by Groupe D.E.S.

File 80: Museum guides and brochures, 2004 – 2008

Spiral booklet with the vision of the museum (used during the dedication of the museum in 2004). Museum guide (c. 2008).

File 81: Museum window, 2006 – 2007

Correspondence regarding the design of the museum window.

File 82: Museum building restoration photos

Photos from the restoration of the museum building. These are print-outs of digital pictures (not located).

SERIES 3.02: MUSEUM GENERAL

Title: Museum General

Dates: 2006 – 2011

Extent and medium: 5 folders. Documents.

Scope and content: This series contains various correspondence regarding the development of the museum, as well as some information about the Arlington House.

File 83: Museum Shop Artifacts, 2006 – 2008

Correspondence about the design, production, purchase, and importation of various souvenirs for the museum (e.g., charity boxes, musical boxes, mezuzahs, postcards, etc.).

File 84: Correspondence, 2007 – 2011

Correspondence related to the museum. Some correspondence about objects donated to the museum.

File 85: Nidhe Israel Museum and Arlington House, 2006 – 2007

This folder contains correspondence, as well as designs, timeframe and cash flow, for the Nidhe Israel museum and Arlington House.

File 86: Synagogue Museum Trustees, 2007

Invitation to act as trustee to Mr. Jacob Hasid (2007). Template of invitation.

File 87: Object donations and gifts

Correspondence regarding the donation of a chanukkiyah lamp for the museum by Mr. Daniel Turbin. No date.

SERIES 3.03: FINANCIAL

Title: Financial

Dates: 2006 – 2012

Extent and medium: 4 folders. Documents, invoices.

Scope and content: This series contains various financial documents, such as invoices for the production of the museum fixtures, the museum shipment, customs clearance documents, and sales reports.

File 88: Chris McIntosh, 2009

Correspondence and invoices with Mr. McIntosh regarding glass and other works at the museum.

File 89: Museum expenses, 2005 – 2012

Invoices and correspondence regarding various expenses related to the museum development.

File 90: Synagogue museum shipment, 2006

Correspondence regarding the paperwork, permissions, transportation logistics, clearing, concessions, and charges for the shipment of the Museum's furniture, wall panels, parts, and audiovisual equipment from Canada to Barbados. Invoice and detailed list by Canadian company "Les Beaux Ouvrages du Pinceau Inc." (Montreal, Canada) for the shipment of the Museum's furniture, wall panels, parts, audiovisual equipment. The list contains detailed description, quantities, and prices.

File 91: Sales reports, 2007 – 2012

Sales reports for the Nidhe Israel Museum.

SERIES 3.04: MUSEUM OPENING

Title: Museum Opening

Dates: 2006 – 2008

Extent and medium: 3 folders. Documents, photos.

Scope and content: The series contains material leading up to the opening of the museum, such as lists of invitees, invitations, vendors, and various invoices.

File 92: Nidhe Israel Museum Opening, 2006 – 2008

Planning material for the museum opening: lists of invitees; museum booklet proof; correspondence; invitation design and invitation; vendors, logistics, and various invoices.

File 93: Nidhe Israel Museum photos

Various photos showing the interior and exterior of the museum.

File 94: Nidhe Israel Museum Opening photos

Various photos from the celebrations for the opening of the museum. The folder includes 10 contact sheets of digital photos, which have not been located and are not in the collection.

SUB-COLLECTION 4: PHASE IV – SYNAGOGUE BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT AND OTHER EXTERNAL WORKS

Title: Phase IV – Synagogue Block redevelopment project and other external works

Date: 2008 – 2015

Extent and medium: 2 series, 11 folders. Documents, photographs.

Scope and content: This sub-collection contains material from the last phase of BSRP's works. It contains reports of archaeological excavations at the synagogue courtyard, which led to the discovery of the mikveh. These reports contain extensive artifact lists. Finally there is some limited material about the redevelopment of the whole synagogue block. As of the end of 2015, BSRP was reincorporated as the Synagogue 1654 Management Inc.

SERIES 4.01: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AND MIKVEH

Title: Mikveh

Dates: 2008 – 2013

Extent and medium: 7 folders. Documents, photographs.

Scope and content: BSRP has initiated a number of archaeological research projects in the synagogue compound area. In 2008, archaeologists conducting excavations for the rabbi's house in the synagogue courtyard unearthed by chance the mikveh.

Subsequently, two more excavations were conducted in the compound. This series contains records about the excavations (reports and artifact databases), literature, drawings photographs, etc.

File 95: Michael J. Stoner, 2008 – 2009

Receipts and logistics related to archaeologist Michael J. Stoner's trip to and from Barbados. Michael Stoner's adviser was Dr. Karl Watson (UWI). Some reports on work conducted. Also, two undated documents by Karl Watson and Michael Stoner soliciting support and funding for proposed excavations at the Nidhe Israel compound. From the context, it seems that the documents are dated 2007 and 2008. The documents present the research design for the proposed project.

File 96: Mikveh/Rabbi's House Project, 2009 – 2010

Various correspondence among Paul Altman, the Environmental Planning Group, Robert Dube of Groupe DES company, and Dr. Karl Watson regarding the planning and execution of mikveh restoration and the design of the visuals to be used inside the mikveh.

File 97: Mikveh Excavations Photos, 2008 – 2009

This file is electronic only and contains born-digital photos that were taken from 2008 – 2009. These photos document the archaeological work that led to the discovery of the mikveh. They show the archaeological dig, the progress of the work, Michael Stoner and Dr. Karl Watson, tourist groups visiting the museum and the synagogue complex, etc. The photos were taken by Mr. Celso Brewster, Nidhe Israel Museum manager, and have been uploaded with his kind permission.

File 98: Mikveh photos

Photos of the restored mikveh (interiors and visuals).

File 99: Mikveh Excavation Report, 2013

Bound report with artifact database by Michael J. Stoner, Karl Watson, and Maaike de Waal. The artifact database exists also in a downloadable format in the relevant folder at the Digital Library of the Caribbean. The database has been provided by Dr. Karl Watson, and has been uploaded to dLOC with his kind permission.

File 100: Synagogue Pathway Project Reports, 2009 – 2011

Reports and artifact databases of the pathway project excavations conducted by Derek R. Miller, of the College of William and Mary. These databases exist also in downloadable format in the relevant folder in the Digital Library of the Caribbean. The electronic copy of the databases has been uploaded with the kind permission of Dr. Derek Miller.

File 101: Mikveh publicity and literature

Newspaper and magazine articles about the mikveh. Academic article about early American mikva'ot by Laura Leibman. Note: materials in this file do not originate from BSRP, thus their copyright rests with their creators.

SERIES 4.02: SYNAGOGUE BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Title: Synagogue Block Redevelopment Project

Dates: 2015

Extent and medium: 4 folders. Documents, photos, plans.

Scope and content: Material related to the final phase of works in the synagogue block. In late 2015, BSRP initiated a series of interventions, as a part of the UNESCO World Heritage site, that will provide a major boost to Bridgetown's image with the

redevelopment and restoration of the of the city block bounded by Synagogue Lane, James Street, Coleridge Street and Magazine Lane. The Synagogue Block Redevelopment project commenced on Monday December 07th , 2015 and is due to be completed in time for Barbados' 50th Anniversary of Independence. The project involves the following: - The restoration of the old artisans' workshop and its reuse for the same purposes. - The restoration and adaptive reuse of the old fire station and weights and measures building. The weights and measures building will be restored and converted into an art gallery. The old fire station will be restored and converted into a museum and a new café and washroom facilities will be added. - A monument to commemorate Codds House will be erected. Codds House is one of the first Houses of Parliament and is where the emancipation bill was proclaimed. - The construction of a new social hall for the Synagogue to facilitate the hosting of weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and other functions associated with the Synagogue. - The extension to the Jewish cemetery. - The greening to the car park to make it more aesthetically pleasing. – The recognition of the old Quaker burial grounds. - The addition of sidewalks, street lighting and drainage to ensure the entire block is user friendly and safe.

File 102: Project development

Documents regarding the strategy and planning phase of the project (2013).

File 103: Synagogue Block Photos – Pre-Restoration

Photos of synagogue surroundings before the start of the block restoration works in 2015.

File 104: Block Restoration Photos

Photos of the synagogue block during restoration.

File 105: Artisans' Building Doors

These pictures were taken by Mr. Bob Cope in 2013, and were uploaded to dLOC with his kind permission. From telephone interview with Mr. Bob Cope, January 6, 2017: "I have been taking pictures of these doors since 2006 until 2016. My dream was to go behind the door. I could never go in. The shoemaker didn't let me in. There was another shoemaker just across at the building painted in green, his name is Shepherd, with his son. So he spoke to the other shoemaker and he let me in the building, and I took pictures from the doors inside. I don't know what happened to the doors."

APPENDIX A: SERIES 1.10—DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOS

Detailed description of photos in Series 1.10. Please see description of the series for more information on scope, content and copyright.

This folder contains photos from various stages of the Synagogue Restoration Process activities. The photos were in no particular order. In order to facilitate archival description, they have been brought together in groupings reflecting a particular phase of work, event, or topic.

Groupings

Nidhe Israel Synagogue in the 1920s: Last Pictures Before the Sale

This file contains photographs depicting the synagogue before its sale in 1925. They are copies of pictures in the Barbados Museum Shilstone Library. These photos were found by Paul Altman, BSRP coordinator, and his wife, Rachelle Altman, at the Shilstone Library and were used to inform then Prime Minister Tom Adams about the synagogue's history and importance, in order to secure his support, so that the synagogue would not be demolished to open up space for a new Supreme Court building, as was planned. They also formed the basis for the faithful restoration of the synagogue by the Synagogue Restoration Project. Photos depict: a) Nidhe Israel building standing on location; b) façade of the synagogue, covered by trees; c) interior photo towards the Torah Ark (heikhal) with doors open showing the Torah scrolls and parokhet (curtain on the inside of the heikhal); d) interior photo towards the Reader's Desk (tebah) covered with ceremonial cloth; e) exterior photo showing the side staircase leading to the Women's Gallery (Azara). The photos might have copyright restrictions. Please follow fair use. For further information contact the Barbados Museum Shilstone Library.

Synagogue Pre-Restoration, 1980s

These pictures depict the exterior of the synagogue before restoration works started.

Old Synagogue Pictures Zoomed In for Restoration Purposes

These pictures are zoomed-in sections of old pictures in the Barbados Museum Shilstone Library collection depicting the synagogue before its sale in 1925. These zoomed in views were developed in the mid-1980s and were used at the start of the project in order to assist the design of the restoration process. These zoomed-in photos contain views of the front of the synagogue and the windows (both from the exterior, as well as the interior). Also zoom-in on the balustrade around the roof with tracing paper superimposed containing drawings and measurements. Excerpt from a discussion with photographer Mr. Felix Kerr, July 8, 2016, discussing these old pictures: "Jim Stege (note: preservation architect that advised on the restoration of the synagogue at its initial phase) had old pictures from the Barbados Museum. He wanted to be exact with the restoration, but he could not see the color of the ceiling, because these pictures were black and white. One day, one of the workers found a nail and showed it to him, and the head of the nail

was blue. That's why Jim Stege thought that the Barbados Synagogue ceiling might also be blue like the Curacao synagogue in Willemstad." The photos might have copyright restrictions. Please follow fair use. For further information contact the Barbados Museum Shilstone Library.

Synagogue Restoration Process – Exterior

Photos depicting the start of the synagogue restoration process in the exterior and the interior. Excerpt from interview with Sir Paul Altman, June 15, 2016: "The first two pictures depict part of the graveyard behind the BNB - Republic bank building, which was surrounded by buildings, and which was neglected and used inappropriately by neighboring properties. Several owners, but particularly the owner of the buildings on the other side, has built a shed and covered and moved the graves. The next two pictures show the view of the windows from inside. You can see their shape from inside. We were able to put back the arches by seeing the shape from the inside of the building. The first of these two pictures show the windows before, and the second, shows the windows after (i.e., opening up the arches). Then we had to remove the floor, because somebody had put a floor right through. You can also see the ceiling. When we removed the newer ceiling (i.e., the ceiling put in after the sale of the synagogue), we found the original roof. There we found metal pieces, where the chandeliers were hanging. Then we put back another wooden ceiling. The original roof had a parapet going all around (i.e. with the balustrade decoration). After the sale, they had put on a traditional (i.e. hip) roof. We took it out and put back the copper roof. By the entrance, over the door, we used some of the original copper of the roof to make the small round dome. We took off the roof that they had put and put back all the balustrades. The laver is still at the Barbados Museum. It was so prominent in the museum that we didn't want to move it, it is a feature of the Barbados Museum."

Note: See view of the synagogue after its sale with a new hip roof in item AA00052238 : 00001.

Synagogue Restoration Process - In Color

Photos depicting various stages of the synagogue restoration process.

Excerpts from interview with Sir Paul Altman, June 15, 2016: About the first pictures of the synagogue exterior during restoration: "You can see pieces of the old roof as we started putting in the new one." About the picture with the copper half-dome over the synagogue entrance: "We took the decision to use the original copper that we salvaged from the roof. But it was too expensive to put back copper, so they used galvanized sheets to build a new roof." About the picture with Mr. Leslie, worker employed during the synagogue restoration process: "Mr. Leslie. He is a nice man. He did a lot of work for me, he worked for my father and worked for me. Mr. Leslie, what a nice man!"

Synagogue Restoration Process - Black & White

Black and white photographs depicting various stages of the restoration project.

Excerpts from interview with Sir Paul Altman, June 15, 2016: About the picture of the group standing in front of the synagogue: "Second from left is Jim Stege. The guy in the middle is a professor from the University of Florida. Andy Voss. Paul Altman. Jim Stege worked with Andy Voss." Staircase: "We put all new steps. Originally there were stops, but then they got removed. Even the rails, we tried to make the rails as authentic as possible." View of Synagogue Lane: "This is Synagogue Lane when you turn in. The building seen here is changed now." Gates: "These are the gates that we have in the museum. They were very fragile. They are cast iron. We had to fix them because they were very damaged. They were given back to me by the family Hutchinson, who owned the synagogue. They had them in their house and said, 'come and get them.'" Fountain: "This is Montefiore Fountain in its new location."

Jewish Community Members Cleaning the Cemetery

Members of the Barbados Jewish Community clearing out the cemetery under the tamarind tree ("Cemetery C"). Photo 1, L-R: Martin Raizman; Joe Steinbock; Paul Bernstein; George Raizman; Scott Oran; Joe Simon; Paul Altman; Irvin Wajchandler. Photo 2, L-R: George Raizman; Scott Oran; Martin Raizman; Paul Altman; Joe Steinbock; Joe Simon; Paul Bernstein; Irvin Wajchandler.

Nidhe Israel Synagogue Restored

Various pictures of the synagogue restored. Views of the exterior and the interior. Some view of the interior depict the Ark before the addition of the Ten Commandments and the enclosure.

Synagogue Clock

Photos of the synagogue clock being dismantled for restoration. "The clock was returned to Nidhe Israel from the Barbados Museum. Its brand is Hart-Lyons, which was a jewelry store in Bridgetown" (excerpt from interview with Sir Paul Altman, June 15, 2016).

Synagogue Objects at Barbados Museum

After the Synagogue was sold in 1925, its ceremonial objects were sent to the Bevis Marks synagogue in London. Other objects found their way into private collections in the island or abroad. See more about these objects (mostly synagogue furnishings and architectural parts) in Series 1.4. Others ended up in the collection of the Barbados Museum, and these pictures depict such objects (for example: clock, finials, Hanukiyah lamp, marble laver, etc.). The Barbados Museum graciously returned these objects, once the synagogue was restored. The original laver was left at the Barbados Museum, because it was integral to the museum's exhibitions (picture in color). In its place, a copy was made in Italy, and that is now the one exhibited in the synagogue's courtyard (picture in black and white).

1987 Function at Altman Residence

Photos from a function organized at Paul Altman's residence on the occasion of the Commonwealth Jewish Council's conference taking place in Barbados in 1987. Description of the photos by Sir Paul Altman: "Picture 1: L-R, Andy Voss, Paul Altman. Andy Voss gave all his services without any fee. Picture 2: L-R, Bob Flam (Barbados Jewish Community member, originally from Canada, who came for the occasion); Lord Sidney Bernstein (he built all the most famous theaters in London, he also owned Grenada printing. When I went to him, he said, "How can I help." I said to him, "I need a brochure to go to people for fundraising." I was designing an expensive brochure in color, and Bernstein told me, "No, you need a B&W brochure so that people will give you money." It was printed by Grenada press, and he signed the foreword); Henry Siegman (president of the American Jewish Committee. Picture 3: L-R, Chief Executive of Tourism, Patrick Hinds; Henry Siegman, President of AJC; Judka Herz (Henry) Altman. Picture 4: L-R, Paul Altman; Henry Siegman; Dame Billie Miller; David Flam; Governor General Sir Hugh Springer. Picture 5: (facing) Rose Altman, (right) Deborah Altman (Paul Altman's mother). Picture 6: Benny Gilbert; Paul Altman; Aubrey Rose (from London); Lord Greville Janner. Picture 7: Barbados National Trust headquarters, given to Barbados by Ronald Tree, former Member of Parliament. When Winston Churchill came to Barbados, he stayed with Ronald Tree. Ronald Tree was the first president of BNT. In the picture, Sir Donald Wiles and Lord Sidney Bernstein in front of building." Picture 8: L-R, Sir Alexander Hoyos and Jack Dear (both were members of the Synagogue Restoration Project Committee). Picture 9: L-R, Henry Altman and Dame Billie Miller. Picture 10: L-R, Paul Altman and Lord Sidney Bernstein. Excerpts from interview with Sir Paul Altman, June 15, 2016: "This event was held when we had the Commonwealth Jewish Council conference in Barbados in 1987. CJC took place here in 1987, because I went to Canada (i.e., for the 1985 CJC conference) in 1985 and invited them to come for the inauguration of the synagogue. They came from all over the world. We had 350 people who came. We had many parties. We had a traveling exhibition of the Museums of the Caribbean and the Americas. We had the exhibition at the synagogue and then at the Barbados Museum. We invited all the Barbados dignitaries to the inauguration, because I remember what the Globe was writing in 1833, that all the important people on the island came, so I tried to match it and have the important people come."

Commonwealth Jewish Council conference in Ottawa, 1985

Paul Altman at the Commonwealth Jewish Council's conference in Ottawa, Canada, in 1985.

World Jewish Congress in Jerusalem, 1986

Paul Altman giving a speech at the World Jewish Congress' meeting in Jerusalem in 1986.

Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC) award, 1990

The 1990 Commonwealth Jewish Council Award for "Services to the Commonwealth and its Jewish Communities" was presented to the Jewish Community of Barbados in a ceremony that

took place in London, UK. Members of the community receiving the award: (L-R) Marshall and Yvonne Oral (standing); Rachelle Altman and Sharon Oran (seated); Paul Altman and Leah Gilbert (standing); Scott Oran (front).

You can find relevant documents for this award under the series "Celebrations, Events, Awards."

Function at Henry Altman's residence, 2006

Party at Henry Altman's residence. Picture 1: L-R: John Cole; Robbie Davis; D.E.S. person, Paul, Henry sitting. Picture 2: Deborah Ramsey, Robert Dube, Charles Holder; Geoffrey Ramsey. Picture 3: Robert Dube. Picture 4: D.E.S. employee.

Rabbi Pynchas Brener and friends

Paul Altman with Rabbi Pinhas Brenner, chief rabbi of Venezuela, and other guests from Venezuela visiting Nidhe Israel. Rabbi Brenner is an American. He was previously the chief rabbi of Trinidad and officiated at the wedding of Paul and Rachelle Altman.

Montefiore Fountain

Photos in color and black & white depicting various views of the Montefiore fountain. Although today it has no water, it was a drinking fountain when it was given to the city in 1865 by John Montefiore, a Jewish businessman. Montefiore donated the fountain as a memorial to his father, John Castello Montefiore, who had been among the first victims of a cholera epidemic in 1854. The fountain was originally located at Beckwith Place, until 1940 when it was moved to its present location at Coleridge Street. Each of the marble statues in the four sides of the monument represents a different Ideal: Justice, Fortitude, Temperance and Prudence.

Stamps

Stamps depicting the synagogue, the museum, and objects or architectural parts therein. Some of the stamps were issued to commemorate the synagogue's 350th anniversary and the opening of the museum. (English,)

The photos were taken by photographer Mr. Felix Kerr.

350th Anniversary Celebration Commemorative Coin

Commemorative 50 dollars coin, minted on the occasion of the synagogue's 350th anniversary. The obverse of the coin carries Barbados' coat of arms and the dates being commemorated (1654 - 2004). The reverse side carries the inscription "350th Anniversary of the Bridgetown Synagogue - 50 Dollars." In the center, there is a bale with the initials M T. The bale is copied by an original token commissioned in the 1830s by Moses Tolano (possibly misspelled on the coin as "Tolanto"), a Jewish merchant in Barbados.

Moses Tolano/Tolanto: The burial on May 30, 1852 of a Moses Tolano is recorded. He was the 38 y.o. son of Joseph Tolano and was listed as a merchant at 33 Swann Street in Bridgetown. A will also of Moses Tolano was registered in the Public Record Office on June 4, 1852. The name on the coin is most probably the misspelling of this individual, who is thought to have ordered the tokens (you can see images of the original coin in the file "Tolanto Coin" in this series). The token dates in the 1830s. The obverse of the coin carries the image of a bale with the initials M T, and the inscription "MOSES TOLANTO BARBADOES." The reverse depicts a barrel with the initials M T and the inscription "FREEDOM WITHOUT SLAVERY." In 1834, slavery was abolished in Barbados. Bob Lyall, in the book "The Tokens, Checks, Metallic Tickets, Passes, and Tallies of the British Caribbean & Bermuda" (The Token and Metal Society 1988), notes that Moses Tolano was either an abolitionist or a merchant seeking the business of the newly emancipated slaves on Barbados.

Photos by photographer Mr. Felix Kerr.

Torah Dedication, 1997

Celebrating the acquisition of a Torah scroll.

Various recent photos of Nidhe Israel

Various recent photographs of the synagogue and its surroundings. Views of the entrance, the cemetery, and the window.

These pictures are taken by photographer Mr. Felix Kerr; by the Nidhe Israel manager Mr. Celso Brewster, and by photographers for articles of Miller Publishing. The name of the individual taking the picture has been added to the title of each photo. Their creators have shared these pictures with BSRP for the purposes of documenting the synagogue. However the photos might have copyright restrictions.

Tolanto Coin

Images of the Tolanto Coin. The coin can be found in the Central Bank in Barbados.

Iconography of this token was used to produce the synagogue commemorative coin. The token dates in the 1830s. The obverse of the coin carries the image of a bale with the initials M T, and the inscription "MOSES TOLANTO BARBADOES." The reverse depicts a barrel with the initials M T and the inscription "FREEDOM WITHOUT SLAVERY."

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United Synagogue of America Award

Members of the Barbados Jewish Community are presented with the United Synagogue of America Award for the restoration of the synagogue. President of the community, Marshall Oran, is handing over two plaques, presented by the United Synagogue of America, to Mr. Paul Altman, co-ordinator of the Synagogue Restoration Project. Mr. Oran received the plaques during a convention in Tampa, Florida, attended by representatives of various Jewish communities worldwide. Photo 1 (taken inside the synagogue): L-R, Henry Altman, Paul Altman, Michael Davis, Marshall Oran, Gayle Ross. Photo 2 (taken in front of the synagogue): L-R, Henry Altman, Michael Davis, Winston Benzebedee, Paul Altman, Marshall Oran. The United Synagogue of America represents the conservative movement of Judaism in U.S., Mexico, Canada, Caribbean and Israel and is based in New York City.

APPENDIX B: SERIES 1.09—DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL

List of movies about the Synagogue Restoration Project and/or the Jews of Barbados and the Caribbean in File “Synagogue DVDs & Videos” in Series 1.9.

- “The Holy Scattered of Israel in Barbados” MBR-20s Master Broadcast Videocassette, 18 min., no date.
- “American Express Preservation Awards” VHS cassette, 9:50 min., 9/25/1990. The Synagogue Restoration Project was one of six projects that were awarded the American Express Preservation Award in 1990.
- “350th Anniversary, 1655-2005: The Jews of Jamaica” DVD NTSC, 2006. Documentary about the 350th Anniversary thanksgiving Service, Tree Planting Ceremony and the official opening of the Jamaican Jewish Heritage Center on November 9, 2006 (19 Hesvan, 5767). Produced & Directed by Twentieth Century Video for the United Congregation of Israelites. Note in the inside cover: “Presented to Paul & Rachelle Altman by the United Congregation of Israelites on their visit to Jamaica, July 17, 2008.”
- “Synagogue Restoration Project” DVD, November 20, 2007, 1:15 min., no info. Short promotional video about the synagogue restoration process (with “before” and “after” photos).
- “Air, Land, and Sea: The Jews of Barbados” DVD, 46:14 min., JLTV production. Part of the series “Air, Land, and Sea.” Description by the creator: “Air, Land and Sea: *Airs Friday Nights at 8:00PM ET/PT*. Join JLTV as its correspondents and crews travel by AIR LAND and SEA to discover the past and present behind Jewish communities throughout the world. From all four corners of the Globe, JLTV uncovers the triumphs and tribulations of the Jewish people in locales you may never expect. AIR LAND and SEA can only be found on America's Chosen Network, JLTV.”
Link to this video: <http://jltv.tv/videos.php?id=65&play=1865>.
Link to all videos in the “Air, Land, and Sea” series: <http://jltv.tv/videos.php?id=65>.
- “Pillars of Worship. Episode #6: The Jews & Catholics” (Researched & Presented by Prof. Henry Fraser) DVD, CBC TV8 production, 5/15/2013.

APPENDIX C: INVENTORY OF FINAL DISPOSITION

FINAL DISPOSITION OF RECORDS OF THE BARBADOS SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION PROJECT		
<p>1) This document documents the existence of Xerox copies and digital surrogates in other locations.</p> <p>3) Format Ledger: Originals [O]; Xerox Copy [C]; Digitized Image [DI].</p> <p>4) Location Ledger: Archives Department (BDA); Shilstone Library (BM); Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC); BSRP Offices and Server+ flash drive (BSRP); Nidhe Israel Museum (NIM) [note: material stated as “NIM” are currently also located at the BSRP offices, awaiting to be included in a future library at the Nidhe Israel Museum.</p>		
FILE NAME	FORMAT	LOCATION
<i>SUB-COLLECTION 1: PHASE 1 – NIDHE ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION</i>		
SERIES 1: SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION PROCESS		
File: History	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Minutes of meetings	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Correspondence	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: S.R.C./B.J.C./B.N.T.	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: BNB property purchase	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue Restoration Fundraising Committee	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Restoration Project Reports	O	BDA
	C	BM
	C+O	NIM
	DI	BSRP

	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue plans and drawings	O	BDA
File: Tomlin Voss Associates	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Paving Works	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
SERIES 2: BARBADOS JEWISH COMMUNITY (BJC)		
File: BJC annual meetings and minutes	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
File: BJC correspondence	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: BJC history	O	NIM
	C	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: BJC newsletters/notices	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Nidhe Israel Synagogue Deeds (original)	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Rockley Synagogue deed	O	BSRP office
	DI	BSRP
SERIES 3: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE		
File: Mr. Eytan-Synagogue December 1990	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Correspondence – Barbados	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Correspondence – Canada	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP

	DI	dLOC
File: Correspondence – UK	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Correspondence – USA	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Correspondence – Other countries	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES 4: SYNAGOGUE OBJECTS AND FURNISHINGS		
File: Synagogue - Architectural parts	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue interior furnishings	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: CJC and Bevis Marks	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Return of artifacts from Bevis Marks	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Slave collar	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue - Torah	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES 5: FINANCIAL		
File: American Jewish Congress	O	BDA
File: Synagogue – Audit (Coopers & Lybrand)	O	BSRP

File: Synagogue – Car park	O	BSRP
File: A concept in bronze	O	BSRP
File: BSRP Donations	O	BSRP
File: Synagogue donations – pots	O	BSRP
File: Synagogue – Fixed deposit account	O	BSRP
File: [Insurance]	O	BSRP
File: Synagogue security	O	BSRP
File: Synagogue various financial	O	BSRP
SERIES 6: LEGAL		
File 6.1: Charity No. 81, Synagogue Restoration Project	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Various legal	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES 7: PERSONNEL		
SERIES 8: CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS, COMMEMORATIONS		
File: Synagogue – American Express Award	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC)	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: [Synagogue opening (1987)]	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: University of Florida - Preservation Institute	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue coin	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue Celebrations 2004 – Part I	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP

	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue Celebrations 2004 – Part II	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: [Synagogue and Museum related events and activities]	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: [Stamp issuance]	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue Weddings and Bar Mitzvahs	O	BDA
SERIES 9: PUBLICITY		
File: Synagogue Brochure 1995	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Documentaries	O	BDA
File: Ephemera	O	NIM
	C	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Ephemera - Other countries	O	NIM
File: Newspaper Clippings 1971-1984	O	NIM
	C	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Newspaper Clippings 1985-2000	O	NIM
	C	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Newspaper Clippings 2001-2015	O	NIM
	C	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue press releases	O	BDA
	C	BM

	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue DVDs & Videos		
SERIES 10: PHOTOGRAPHS		
<i>SUB-COLLECTION 2: PHASE 2 - CEMETERY CONSERVATION</i>		
SERIES: CEMETERY CONSERVATION		
File: Cemetery conservation – History	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Stromberg Survey 1994	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Evan Millner – 1999	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Evan Millner – 2000-2002	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Evan Millner – 2003	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES: GENERAL		
File: Biblical garden	O	NIM
File: Cemetery correspondence	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Environmental Planning Group	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Literature	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Robert Keeler	O	BDA

	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
<i>SUB-COLLECTION 3: PHASE 3 - NIDHE ISRAEL MUSEUM</i>		
SERIES: MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT		
File: Museum building restoration	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Museum design	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Museum design booklets	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Museum design drawings	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Museum guides and brochures	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Museum window	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES: MUSEUM GENERAL		
File: Museum shop artifacts	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Correspondence	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Nidhe Israel Museum and Arlington House	O	BDA
	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue Museum Trustees	O	BDA

	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES: FINANCIAL		
File: Chris McIntosh	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Museum expenses	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Synagogue museum shipment	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
File: Sales reports	O	BDA
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES: OPENING		
File: Synagogue Museum Opening		
	O	BDA
File: Museum photos	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
SERIES: MUSEUM PHOTOS		
File: Photos		
<i>SUB-COLLECTION 4: PHASE 4 - SYNAGOGUE BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND OTHER EXTERNAL WORKS</i>		
SERIES: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS		
	O	BDA
File: Michael J. Stoner	C	BM
	DI	BSRP
	DI	dLOC
	O	BDA
File: Mikveh/Rabbi's House Project	C	BM
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