

# Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1891-2001

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Congregation Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath (Seattle, Wash.)
<b>Title</b>	Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records
<b>Dates</b>	1891-2001 (inclusive) 1891 2001
<b>Quantity</b>	approximately 19.26 cubic feet plus 5 vertical files
<b>Collection Number</b>	2450
<b>Summary</b>	Records of an Ashkenazic Orthodox synagogue in Seattle.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users.  Some records stored offsite; advance notice required for use.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Historical Note

Established more than 100 years ago, Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath Congregation is Seattle's oldest congregation. It is the largest Ashkenazic Orthodox synagogue in the greater Seattle area.

Congregation Bikur Cholim—Machzikay Hadath began with the founding of Chevra Bikur Cholim in 1891. The congregation moved to Seward Park in the early 1960s, and merged with Congregation Machzikay Hadath in 1971. On January 22, 1972, Congregation Bikur Cholim—Machzikay Hadath celebrated the official opening of its newly constructed Seward Park building with the bar mitzvah of a fourth generation member of the original Bikur Cholim.

*Information from the BCHM website: <http://bcmhseattle.org/about/about-bcmh/>*

## Content Description

Correspondence, minutes, financial records, legal documents, photographs, anniversary materials, programs, newsletters, articles of incorporation, and other materials related to the community

# Other Descriptive Information

Forms part of the Washington State Jewish Archives

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Organized into 18 accessions.

- Accession No. 2450-001, Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1908-1970
- Accession No. 2450-003, Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1957-1962
- Accession No. 2450-004, Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1913-1942
- Accession No. 2450-005, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1900-1980
- Accession No. 2450-008, Congregation Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1976
- Accession No. 2450-015, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1980
- Accession No. 2450-016, Diamond 75th Anniversary of Congregation Bikur Cholim, Seattle, Washington / Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1966
- Accession No. 2450-017, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim records, 1940-1956
- Accession No. 2450-018, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim records, 1963
- Accession No. 2450-019, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1891-1988
- Accession No. 2450-020, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1970-1991
- Accession No. 2450-021, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1991
- Accession No. 2450-022, Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1991
- Accession No. 2450-023, Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1991
- Accession No. 2450-024, Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) Anniversary Publications, 1941-1951
- Accession No. 2450-025, Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1935-1991
- Accession No. 2450-026, Congregation Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1941
- Accession No. 2450-027, Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1935-2001

### Preservation Note

Some records stored offsite; advance notice required for use.

# Detailed Description of the Collection

## **Accession No. 2450-001: Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1908-1970**

7' linear.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, minutes, financial records, legal documents, photographs, records; 1908-1970.

Includes commemorative anniversary books for 50th, 60th and 65th anniversaries.

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Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Meta Kaplan, 1968-11-26

### **Description**

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Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records

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## **Accession No. 2450-003: Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1957-1962**

2.5" linear.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, legal documents, programs, periodicals, lists, photographs; 1957-1962.

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Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Genauier Family, 1976-01-01

### **Description**

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Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records

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## **Accession No. 2450-004: Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1913-1942**

.5" linear.

Scope and Content: Contracts, 1926, 1928; resolution, 1942; indenture, 1913.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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### **Accession No. 2450-005: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1900-1980**

3'10" linear.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, minutes, conferences and conventions, financial records, legal documents, newsletters, ephemera, photographs, videocassette; 1900-1980.

Accession includes records generated by the Congregation Secretary, Nathan Etkin, and by the rabbis, and material on the construction of the new synagogue. Acc. 2450-9 includes 16" transcription disk of Jewish Tercentenary Broadcast, KOMO, 25 Nov 1954.

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Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick, 1984 and May 1990

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### **Accession No. 2450-008: Congregation Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1976**

1 sound cassette.

Scope and Content: Cassette recording of original skit performed at a dinner to mark the 85th anniversary of Bikur Cholim and the American Bicentennial, 1976.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick, 1979-12-01

#### Description

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### **Accession No. 2450-015: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1980**

4 items.

Scope and Content: Color snapshots, 1980.

Four color snapshots showing members of the congregation in the Bikur Cholim library, and walking there on a snowy day. Meta Buttnick wrote explanatory notes on back of each photograph.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick, 1983-10-01

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**Accession No. 2450-016: Diamond 75th Anniversary of Congregation Bikur Cholim, Seattle, Washington / Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1966**

1 item.

Scope and Content: Book, "Diamond 75th Anniversary of Congregation Bikur Cholim, Seattle, Washington", covering period 1891-1966; 13 Nov. 1966.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnickd19840101

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**Description**

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Diamond 75th Anniversary of Congregation Bikur Cholim, Seattle, Washington / Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) records

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**Accession No. 2450-017: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim records, 1940-1956**

1'1" linear.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, minutes of conference, membership records, financial records, newsletters, cemetery records, ephemera.

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Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath, 1988-06-01

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**Description**

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Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim records

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**Accession No. 2450-018: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim records, 1963**

1 item.

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<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv69970>

Scope and Content: Prayer book, "Graces and Blessings", 1963.

This booklet was used at the first annual Kosher service in Seattle, held at Norway Center in 1963. (One earlier Kosher meal was held in 1941 at the New Washington Hotel, but it was not repeated)

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Eric Offenbacher, 1988-06-01

#### Description

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### **Accession No. 2450-019: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1891-1988**

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Articles of incorporation, 1891; articles of merger, 1971; speech, ephemera, 1988.

Articles of incorporation for Bikur Cholim congregation, which was listed in the document as "Chevra Bikurcholum". Articles of Merger document the merge in 1971 of Bikur Cholim and Congregation Machzikay Hadath. Speech by Eddie Baronsky was given at the dedication ceremony of the new funeral chapel constructed at the Congregation's cemetery in 1988.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick, 1989-03-01

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### **Accession No. 2450-020: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1970-1991**

5" linear.

Scope and Content: Newsletter, "Synagogue Tribune", 1970-1989; mailings 1982-1985; plus half a dozen later mailings to 1991.

"Synagogue Tribune" issues in this accession are not a complete run. Issues from 1982-1985 came to MSS/UA Division as current mailings, but the library was removed from the mailing list for several years after that. Issues from 1970-1989 are Meta Buttnick's duplicates.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick; 9/5/91. Current mailings holding file; 9/9/91, 1991-09-05

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### **Accession No. 2450-021: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1991**

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath 100th Anniversary commemorative book, 1991; Shabbaton program 18 Oct 1991; letters, 1991.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick, 11/21/91 and 5/7/92, 1991-11-21

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### **Accession No. 2450-022: Seattle Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1991**

1 vertical file.

Scope and Content: Invitation to centennial celebration dinner, 17 Nov 1991.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick, 1991-11-17

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### **Accession No. 2450-023: Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1991**

.21 cu. ft. (1 box, 1 videocassette)

Scope and Content: Videotape "Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath at One Hundred: the Tradition Continues from Generation to Generation"; 1991.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights not transferred to the University of Washington Libraries

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**Accession No. 2450-024: Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) Anniversary Publications, 1941-1951**

2 items

Scope and Content: Two booklets published on the occasion of the Congregation's fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Acquisition Info: Lorraine Sidell, 1996-04-15

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Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.) Anniversary Publications

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**Accession No. 2450-025: Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1935-1991**

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Rosh Hasono and Yom Kippur Services seat reservation (1935); Capital Campaign flyer; correspondence (1955-1965, 1986); financial reports (1955-1961); history of choir directors (1990); Shabbaton program (1991); flyer for Centennial dinner (1991).

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Acquisition Info: Meta Buttnick, 1999-08- 04 ; 1999-03-24

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**Accession No. 2450-026: Congregation Bikur Cholim-Machzikay Hadath (Seattle, Wash.) records, 1941**

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Copy of a speech given at the Golden Jubilee Banquet of Congregation Bikur Cholim on 9 November 1941 by Marvin Luban, and one photocopy of a photograph of the yeshiva class, including Marvin Luban, circa 1940.

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Acquisition Info: Sukie R. Saunders via Karen Cone, 2017-06-06

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### Accession No. 2450-027: Congregation Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath records, 1935-2001

.59 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Scope and Content: This addition contains The Synagogue Tribune newsletter (1991-2001), ephemera, Cantor Chazan Chaim Gottlieb materials, warranty deed, Rabbi Solomon P. Wohlgelernter agreement, 70th anniversary program, "A Woman of Valor" Leo Schwartz memorial, and miscellaneous synagogue history materials.

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## Names and Subjects

#### Subject Terms :

Jewish religious schools--Washington (State)

Jews--Washington (State)

Men--Washington (State)--Societies and clubs

Orthodox Judaism--Washington (State)

Synagogues--Washington (State)

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Newsletters

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Photographs

Programs

#### Other Creators :

##### Corporate Names :

Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.)

(creator)

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