

MS 61 Belfast Hebrew Congregation Collection

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The collection comprises a wide range of materials, and includes minute books of various meetings within the Belfast Hebrew Congregation from as early as 1897, records of marriages, bris, girls' births, annual reports and various miscellaneous documents and correspondence relating to the Belfast Jewish community.

The archive is an invaluable resource for researchers with an interest in the local Jewish community, and may also be of interest to those researching local family history.

Other resources, which may be useful alongside this archive:

- [Jewish Gazette](#)
- [Belfast Jewish Record](#)
- Jewish Oral History Archive (contact specialcollections@qub.ac.uk for access information)

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MS 61/1 Minute Books

Dated minute books of various community meetings, ranging from 1890 to 1981.

MS 61/1/1	1890 – 1904	Large hardback minute book. <i>1897– 1904 + Earlier Account 1890– 1894.</i> Unpaginated. 188 pp. 1 p. inserted.
MS 61/1/2	1908 – 1915	Large hardback minute book. <i>Belfast Hebrew Congregation Minute Book 1908 – 15 (General).</i> Alphabetical index at front, followed by numbered pages. 402pp. 3 pp. inserted.
MS 61/1/3	1915 – 1926	Large hardback minute book. <i>Belfast Hebrew Congregation Minutes 1915– 26.</i> Paginated. 582pp. 7pp. inserted.
MS 61/1/4	1932 – 1940	Large hardback minute book. <i>Belfast Hebrew Congregation Minutes 1932 – 40.</i> Alphabetical index at front (unused), followed by numbered pages. 528pp. 5pp. inserted.
MS 61/1/5	1942 – 1967	Large hardback minute book. <i>Minutes of General Meetings 1942 –67.</i> Mostly handwritten notes with typed notes glued in, and various relevant documents glued in or as loose inserts. Unpaginated. 208 pp. with an additional 35 pp. Inserted.
MS 61/1/6	1942 – 1947	Large hardback minute book. <i>Minutes of Committee Meetings 1942 –47.</i> Unpaginated. 176 pp. 1 p. inserted.
MS 61/1/7	1948 – 1952	Large hardback minute book. <i>Minutes 1948 – 52.</i> Alphabetical index at front, followed by numbered pages. 286 pp. 11 pp. inserted.
MS 61/1/8	1952 – 1957	Loose A4 typescript. <i>Copy Minutes of the Belfast Hebrew Congregation. 4/05/1952 – 23/10/1958.</i> In brown paper. Partially paginated. Mostly double-sided. 236 pp. 1 p. inserted.
MS 61/1/9	1958 – 1964	Loose A4 typescript. <i>Copy minutes (Council).</i> In brown envelope. Double-sided. Unpaginated. 140 pp. 18 pp. handwritten minutes inserted.
MS 61/1/10	1959 – 1965	Small hardback minute book. <i>Minutes of Belfast Hebrew School 1959 - 65.</i> Alphabetical index at front (unused), followed by numbered pages. Handwritten notes. 286 pp. 6 pp. inserted.
MS 61/1/11	1971 – 1979	Small hardback minute book. <i>Junior Forum Minutes Book 1971 - 79.</i> Unpaginated. mostly handwritten notes. Inserts (some loose, some stapled). 166 pp. 20 pp. inserted.
MS 61/1/12	1972 – 1981	Large hardback minute book. <i>Council Minutes 1972 – 1981.</i> Typescript notes, bound. Unpaginated. 380 pp. C. 100 pp. inserted.

MS 61/2 Registers of Marriages

Six hardback register books of marriages dating from 1875 to 1977.

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| MS 61/2/1 | 1875 – 1913 | Hardback register of marriages. 58 pp. |
| MS 61/2/2 | 1913 – 1921 | Hardback register of marriages. 32 pp. |
| MS 61/2/3 | 1921 – 1931 | Hardback register of marriages. 34 pp. |
| MS 61/2/4 | 1932 – 1944 | Hardback register of marriages. 52 pp. |
| MS 61/2/5 | 1944 – 1950 | Hardback register of marriages. 27 pp. |
| MS 61/2/6 | 1950 – 1977 | Hardback register of marriages. 52 pp. |
| MS 61/2/7 | 1947 – 1962 | Loose bundle of slips. <i>(Copy) Notices of Marriage and Registrar's Certificates for Marriage without Licence.</i> Attached with treasury tag. 168 pp. |

MS 61/3 Subscribers, Graves, Bris, Girls' Births

Various records relating to members of the congregation.

MS 61/3/1 Subscribers

1. N.D. List of subscribers (covenanted subscriptions), including names and addresses. Printed jotter. 4 copies. Unpaginated. 16 pp.
2. 30/11/04 List of subscribers (Year ended 30/11/2004), including names and addresses. Loose, printed sheets. Paginated. 9 pp.

MS 61/3/2 Bris

1. 1950 – 1956 Records of *bris*. Register of boys born in Belfast Hebrew Congregation. Stub booklet. Hand paginated. 97 pp.
2. 1956 – 1973 Records of *bris*. Register of boys (II) born into Belfast Hebrew Congregation 24/05/1956. Stub booklet. Hand paginated. 194 pp.

MS 61/3/3 **Girls' births**

MS 61/3/3 1950 – 1972 Records of girls' births. Register of girls born in the Belfast Hebrew Congregation. Stub booklet. Hand paginated. 101 pp.

MS 61/3/4-5 **Burials**

MS 61/3/4 1973 Manila folders comprising *Plan of Graves at Carrmoney Jewish Cemetery* and *Lists of Graves in Carrmoney*. 18 pp. listing graves. Loose and attached with treasury tag. One oversized, folded map of Carrmoney Cemetery. 2pp. inserted.

MS 61/3/5 1881 – 1961 Photocopies of Belfast Cemetery Jewish Ground burial registrations. Loose A4 pages. 329 pp.

MS 61/4 **Annual Reports and Accounts**

MS 61/4/1 1943 – 2004 A variety of annual Belfast Hebrew Congregation Balance Sheets/Reports and Accounts, ranging from Year ended November 1943 until year ended November 2004. Includes some duplicates. (Not included are reports for years ended 1953, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 2001 and 2002.

MS 61/4/2 21/04/2004 Belfast Chevra Kadisha Society Financial Statements Year Ended 30/11/2003.

MS 61/5 **Miscellaneous – Secretarial Correspondence and General Related to the Synagogue and Community**

Miscellaneous letters, documents, notebooks, notices and memorabilia relating to the synagogue and the Belfast Hebrew Congregation. Currently uncatalogued.