

# Congregation Mickve Israel (Savannah, Ga.) minutes

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Congregation Mickve Israel (Savannah, Ga.)
<b>Title:</b>	Congregation Mickve Israel (Savannah, Ga.) minutes
<b>Dates:</b>	1852-1928
<b>Extent:</b>	0.04 cubic feet (2 microfilm rolls)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1410

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Congregation Mickve Israel was established in July 1735 by the original Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews who settled in colonial Savannah two years earlier. The original name, Kahal Kadosh Mickva Israel, translated to "Holy Congregation Hope of Israel." In 1790, following the American Revolutionary War, the State of Georgia granted Mickve Israel a perpetual charter. In 1878, Mickve Israel completed their current Gothic Revival synagogue. Originally associated with Orthodox Judaism, Mickve Israel began a long transition toward Reform Judaism in 1868 with the introduction of a choir and by omitting the second day of Festivals. Today the congregation is recognized as the second oldest religious institution in the State of Georgia, the third oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, and worships in the oldest synagogue in Georgia.

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## Scope and Content Note

The Congregation Mickve Israel minutes (1852-1928) contain two rolls of microfilmed documents. The microfilm includes minutes of the Board of Adjunta. They are not filmed in sequence.

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## Index Terms

Congregation Mickve Israel (Savannah, Ga.)  
Jews--Georgia--Savannah.  
Microfilms.  
Minutes (administrative records)

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## Location of Originals

Unknown.

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## Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

A microfilm reader is required to access this collection.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Unknown.

### Preferred Citation

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## Acquisition Information

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## Container List

### roll

1 X-1410-01. Minutes, 1852-1888

### roll

2 X-1410-02. Minutes, 1859-1904, 1925-1928  
Filmed out of sequence.