

History of Miami University Hillel 1944-1973

Counselorship established September, 1944, Leonard Beerman, Rabbi

1950's located at northeast corner of Main and Walnut Streets

During this early period Joseph and Hilda Cohen, Dr. and Mrs. Simon Rosin, Jack Samuelson, Libby Murstein, Milton Shaps, Robert Droz, Daniel Cohen and Zvi Sobel, at whose home Hillel often met, were the main support for Miami Hillel, then known as Miami-Western Hillel.

Early 1960's. Norman Sackheim gets Building Fund started with \$10,000 contribution

November, 1965 Moved to 18 East Withrow

December, 1966 Arthur Beerman selected site on East Walnut for new Hillel House and provided funds to purchase land for same

February 4, 1967 Property at 11-15 East Walnut purchased

September, 1972 Beerman Foundation awarded grant making possible construction of Arthur Beerman Center

December 3, 1972 Elliott Levey offered the services of McGraw Construction in constructing the Hillel building. Karl Martin becomes the architect.

June, 1973 Moved to Park Place until new building ready

June 17, 1973 Groundbreaking

November 11, 1973 Cornerstone ceremonies

Rabbis of Miami University Hillel at time final plans for new edifice were being completed:

Anthony Holtz
Kenneth Ehrlich

Student Presidents of Miami University Hillel at time final plans for new edifice were being completed:

Judy Danhauser
Jay Peterman
Marsha Heyman

Officers of Hillel Advisory Board at time final plans for new edifice were being completed:

Professor Dan N. Jacobs, Oxford, President
Judge Fred Cramer, Middletown, Honorary Chairman,
Building Committee
Carl Morgenstern, Hamilton, Vice-president
Claire Soifer, Dayton, Secretary
Professor Herbert Waltzer, Oxford, Treasurer