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The NEWSLETTER



of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society

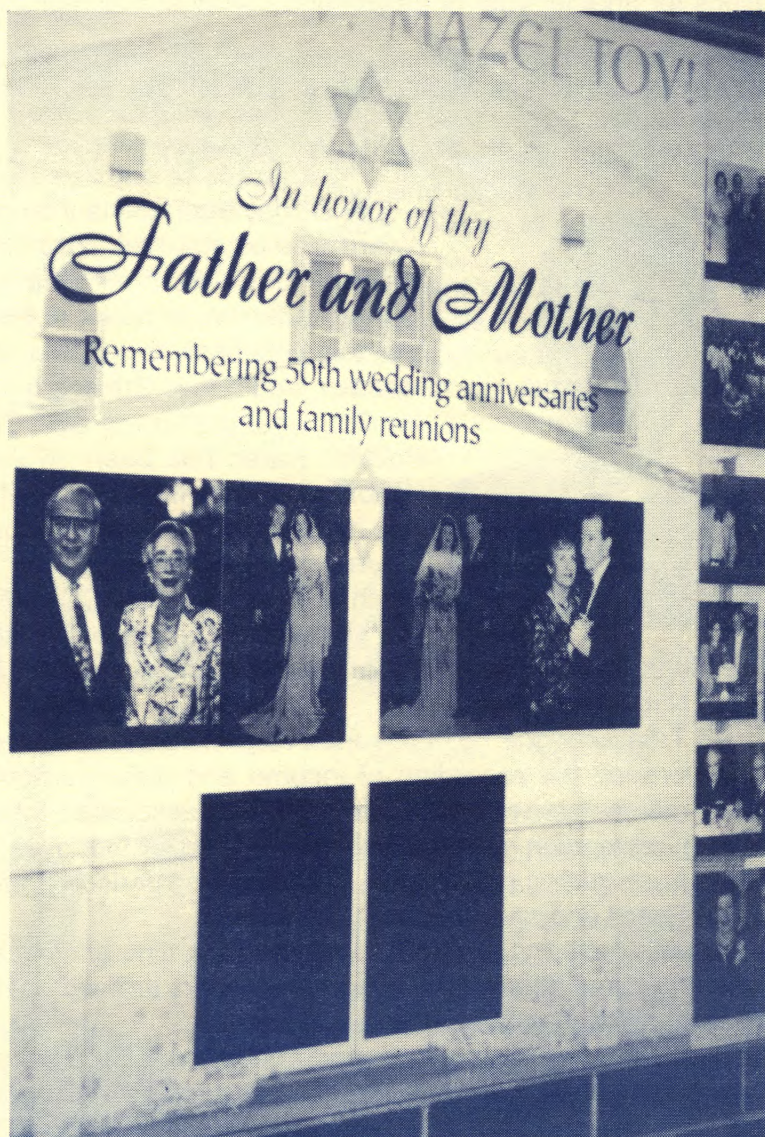
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Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversaries!

The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society has been very fortunate to receive grants from individuals, families, and foundations to create special exhibits. The most recent is the permanent tribute to couples who have celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversaries.

The inspiration for the exhibit "In honor of thy father and mother" was the celebration of two couples' 50th Anniversary celebrations. Seven pairs of children of Lee Jane and Sol Parsow and Maxine and Milton Simons endowed this exhibit. The permanent photographic display currently features 70 families and couples who have been fortunate enough to reach this very important event. Many families contributed pictures of family reunions or events which occurred during the year of their 50th. Just as many submitted photos of just the couple that year.

The design of the exhibit is wonderful! Some employees at the JCC say this is our best exhibit ever! The backdrop is of five Omaha synagogues and temples where many of the original wedding celebrations were held more than 50 years ago. On top of that are layered photos of couples and families celebrating their 50ths. The exhibit has room to grow and we are collecting now for the second addition. We thank all those people who contributed to the first installation and the first addition. Call us at 334-6442 for details. Add your picture and name to this growing tribute of 50th anniversary celebrations!



16th Annual Meeting

by Mary Fellman

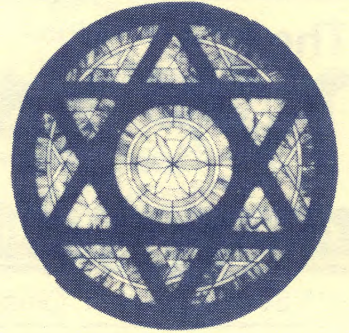
It was one of the most exciting annual meetings of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society (and we've been having them for sixteen years!)

Bob Belgrade was installed as president and we welcomed two new board members, Tuffy Epstein and Charlotte Kaplan. Karen Pollak received the Shirley Berman Volunteer Award for her diligent work as our treasurer and a magnificent stained glass window from an old synagogue was presented to our organization by Alan and Carol Parsow.

Top all that off with an exciting and informative report on our past year's activities by Archivist Barbara Bresler and we completed the afternoon with visiting and delightful "sweets" for "noshing".

Those who were present said "the best ever". The aforementioned window is being restored, cleaned and prepared for showing during the coming year. It will add beauty and history to the Omaha Jewish community.

And so 17 years begins for the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society as we look ahead with unbelievable expectations for another year of growth and historical accomplishments!



Karen Pollak Receives Shirley Berman Volunteer Recognition Award



The Shirley Berman Volunteer Recognition Award was established in 1995 by Shirley's children, David Berman, Sharon Allen and Susan Anderson, in honor of their mother, a life long volunteer, an original NJHS Board Member, and a Vice-President.

This year's Berman awardee is Karen Pollak. Karen has been involved with the Historical Society from its inception in 1982. She helped curate the first exhibit, 100 Years of Jewish Organizational Life in Omaha, which now hangs in the JCC auditorium. She has served as a volunteer for other exhibits,

receptions, and annual meetings. In 1994 she succeeded Rocky Stern as the NJHS Treasurer.

As Treasurer she has converted the records to a computer system, and oversees the recording of income and disbursement expenses. With a membership near 800, and expenses associated with employees, exhibits, restoration, and publishing, and various other overheads, Karen is kept busy getting people paid, and providing periodic financial reports for the Board and accountants.

Karen's husband Oliver knows how much time and space the job of Treasurer takes because he often sees papers arrayed on her desk and the spreadsheet on the computer screen.

The NJHS is extremely pleased and proud to be able to give Karen the recognition she justly deserves, and thanks the Berman family for their continuing support in bringing the vital role of the volunteer to our attention.

Volunteers!

Hannah Merritt has been working Monday mornings and has organized a complete set of the Society's minutes since its inception. She also has been writing box lists for our Biography Collection.

Charlotte Kaplan has been busily identifying photographs of organizations, families, and particularly the Beth Israel Synagogue and Senior Adults Photo Collections. Tuffy Epstein has been our Research Request man. Tuffy reviews our files and the Jewish Press index, and makes copies of pertinent materials to send out as responses to assorted inquiries. Tuffy is also working on a special musical evening for us in the Fall. Vera Lewis continues to work with Dottie Rosenblum on our clippings files and will soon be integrating two years worth of clippings into our Biography and Business collections.

Upon the completion of our redesigned brochure, and the subsequent Membership mailing in December, Natalie Rubin, Betty Sanford, and Phyllis Bittner helped us. Thank you all!

From the Executive Director

by Mary Fellman

Whenever our move into the new location at the Jewish Community Center takes place, we of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society will be ready in a dozen different ways!

Everyday our archivist, part-time help and volunteers diligently add new materials, correspondence, and photos of Nebraska Jewry to our files in the Carl Frohm Archives. Every day, more details are added to the recently implemented computerized listing of our members. Thus far our mailing list of almost 1000 persons, families and other member historical societies receive our mailings and will receive them more frequently now that we can do this membership/ mailing list work in-house.

Preparations are always being made for new exhibits, events, displays, and publications. Answering phone calls about family and local history keeps many of us busy. Planning ahead for our future historical work including tours of our exhibits, synagogues, and cemeteries --- all of these efforts take the full time of our staff and volunteers.

Our office is one of the most exciting and certainly one of the most informative places in the Jewish Community. We invite our readers and friends to drop in to look around, view the museum, ask questions, and bring in their own bit of history - papers, photographs, documents of families, individuals, businesses, and organizations. Yes, we invite all of you to come in and talk to our archivist Barbara Bresler and other "helpers". Come contribute and visit an historical tribute to the Jewish families and individuals who first began settling in Nebraska and Council Bluffs in 1850!

More about the Window

The Star of David synagogue window pictured opposite was purchased for the Society by Carol and Alan Parsow. It is believed that the window is a surviving remnant of the B'nai Israel Synagogue which was torn down in 1951 at 18th and Chicago Streets.

The window which is 63" in diameter, and we estimate to be approximately 100 years old, was purchased from an Old Market antique dealer where it had been on display for about two years. Prior to that, the window was owned by restaurateur Rusty Harmston who had used it as a prop in his Spaghetti Works restaurant. Rusty informed the Society that he had purchased the window from Helen Novak of

Franx Antiques 17 or 18 years ago.

The Society is looking for photographs of the interior or exterior of B'nai Israel that might verify the provenance (origin) of the window. If you have any information related to this beautiful piece of Nebraska Jewish history, please call or drop by the Society.



President Bob Belgrade has appointed Dottie Rosenblum to the NJHS Board of Directors as Secretary of the organization. Dottie, who has been a community volunteer for over 35 years, is in her 12th year with the Society in the position of Administrator. This year, she will begin managing the volunteer staff for the office and Archival Center.

How You Can Help

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to become more involved in the activities of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society? A trained group of volunteers is needed to sort, file, and catalog collections and to help develop exhibits and programs at the Carl Frohm Archives.

Or, join one of the various committees you see below.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Dottie Rosenblum at 334-6441 or any of the chairpersons listed below.

Tour Committee

Visit the sites of Jewish Omaha and use your creativity and organizational skills to help develop a tour and docent program. Contact Mary Fellman at 402-393-3144.

Editorial Committee

Do you like to write? Are you a great proof-reader? You can contribute to our Newsletter and our journal, Memories of the Jewish Midwest. Contact Barbara Bresler at 402-334-6442.

Membership Committee

Our newly formed Membership Committee will begin meeting to strategize membership functions, events, and plan mailings. Call Joanie Bernstein at 572-8048 or Linda Mann at 393-7110.



Making Dollars and Sense

The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society is appreciative to Marty Ricks and the Foundation Board and Staff who capably assist us and our donors in building the much needed Nebraska Jewish Historical Society endowment portfolio.

The Foundation Director shares some thoughts...

by Marty Ricks, Jewish Federation Foundation Director

How can you benefit from setting up an endowment fund with the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society?

Besides the satisfaction of leaving a legacy and helping a wonderful cause that will enable present and future generations in Omaha and the surrounding communities to research, view, and learn about Nebraska Jewish History, there are other benefits you can enjoy.

With a minimum investment of \$5000 for an endowment fund established at the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Omaha for the benefit of the NJHS, you will be remembered by the inclusion of your name on the Foundation Wall of Recognition located on the North wall at the main entrance of the JCC. A request for anonymity will also be honored. The funds principal will live on in perpetuity and 15% of the annual fund earnings will be reinvested. 85% of the annual fund earnings will benefit the NJHS either for its general needs, or if you wish, can be used for a specific purpose that you designate such as refurbishing exhibits, oral histories, or new equipment.

You will also receive the usual tax benefit of a charitable contribution deduction on your federal and state income tax returns. For example, if you set up a \$10,000 endowment and you are in the 40% income tax bracket, this \$10,000 charitable contribution will actually cost you only \$6000 and the NJHS will receive the \$10,000 endowment fund to carry out its mission.

The savings to you can be even greater if instead of donating \$10,000 in cash, you were to give appreciated stock now worth \$10,000 that you have held for over one year. For example, if you paid \$4000 for the stock and you decided to donate it to the NJHS, you would not have to pay the normal 20% capital gains tax on the \$6000 profit if you had sold the stock, thus saving an additional \$1200.

Furthermore, as an endowment fund donor with the Foundation, you will receive a semi-annual fund accounting report showing the investment returns on the fund and all the accounting activity.

Finally, the fund you establish can accept subsequent contributions in any amount so that you and your friends and relatives can use it as an ongoing tribute fund for "simchas", memorials, etc. and the Foundation will acknowledge all donations in excess of \$5.00. Call Marty Ricks for more information at 334-6440.

*The NJHS sincerely extends our
thanks to
Jerry and Pearl Osoff Gross
for establishing an endowment for
the Society which will allow us to
produce new exhibits.
Todah Rabah!*

*The NJHS is most appreciative to
Rose Katzman
for the David and Rose Katzman
Endowment Fund which will
help pay for the costs of the
Society's publications.
Todah Rabah!*

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Yes, Honor thy Father and thy Mother!
You are invited to
honor your mothers and fathers,
grandmothers and grandfathers
by giving a gift to our sustaining fund,

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

This fund is for the future growth of the Society and will help us continue our historical research and collecting of history about the Jewish people of Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Contributions to this fund require a minimum of \$5000, payable over a three year period.

This fall we will be meeting with a designer to make plans for creating a "Wall of Honor" with names and inscriptions for the families and honorees who have contributed to this most important fund.

We thank those families who have already joined us in this effort to remember the past by guaranteeing our future. We sincerely hope you will contribute to this effort to assure the well being of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society.

The Society expresses its heartfelt thanks to the estate of Theodore Rothkop and his wife Dorothy. Through thoughtful planning he left a most generous bequest to us in his will. May his memory be for a blessing.

*Have you remembered the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society in your estate plan?
Please call Mary Fellman, 334-6441 or Marty Ricks at 334-6440 for helpful assistance.*

AZA will celebrate 75th Anniversary in November



The Henry Monsky Lodge #3306 of B'nai Brith is planning the AZA 75th Anniversary Celebration and dinner. In conjunction with this event scheduled for November, the Historical Society is combing its archives and asking the community to bring us items for display. There will be room on the dinner tables and a display space available to chronicle some of the 75 years of AZA's history. If you have items to loan or donate, contact Barbara Bresler at 334-6442 or Carol Parsow at 289-3211.



Kim Noddle giving the check to Barbara Bresler

We Thank the National Council of Jewish Women

The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society is proud to announce that National Council of Jewish Women Omaha Section is joining us in our effort to chronicle the elders in our community. The videotaped oral histories will be used to contribute to OUR STORY Part II. NCJW conducted interviews, created a photographic display, and published a book for the first OUR STORY in 1982.

Ben Nachman, our Oral History Chairman, has notified us that a state of the art camera, VCR for duplicating tapes, and a tripod have all been acquired for purposes of continuing this most important project. If you or anyone you know wish to be interviewed, please call Dottie at 334-6441.

Historical Society Wish List

Call 334-6442

- * Hand-held vacuum
- * Polaroid Camera
- * Hand held tape recorder
- * Metal architect's flat file cabinets

Archivist/Historian's Message

by *Barbara Morrison-Bresler*

This year has been incredible - - - an addition to the Merchant's Wall exhibit, an addition to the 50th Anniversary exhibit, contributing to the National Quilter's Association displays. AZA's 75th anniversary is yet to come!

I've had 4 new volunteers to help with sorting, filing, identifying photographs, and helping with research requests. An archivists dream! I am so appreciative for all the hours our volunteers spend in the archives and the office. We have finally integrated the Jewish Press photographs into our biography files. And we have begun the not-difficult, yet time-intensive task of making box lists for each of our biography collections. Soon, we hope to compile all these box lists into a finding guide.

We have made some progress on our mountains of genealogy related research requests. Although our resources are limited, we try to at least send people in the right direction for Jewish Genealogy searching. That includes reviewing our files, the Jewish Press index, and giving people some resources to look at on the Internet.

Some great materials this year related to families, organizations and businesses were brought in. More than 100 donations of personal papers, photographs, organizational papers and objects were received. Many people have moved, consolidated their homes into smaller apartments, and unfortunately some of our members have passed on. Materials that no longer have a place or that families don't know what to do with... why, we are the repository for just such items. Any questions about what we will accept either for loan or donation will be answered cheerfully by someone on our staff. Please call us. It sometimes takes us a little while to intake, sort, file, acknowledge, and integrate these materials. Yet, each and every donation is given personal attention and each and every donation is greatly appreciated.

We are also busy planning a Web Page and planning our new space in the redesign of the JCC. We will be increasing our office and archive space, and adding a research/reading room and display space. We are very excited! Come see! Or give me a call at 334-6442.

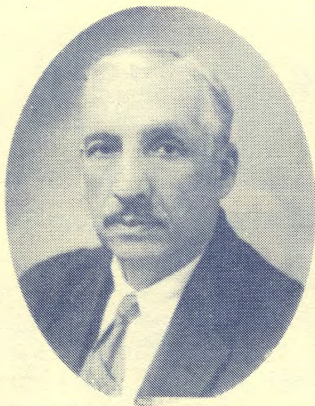
Other Ways you can help the Historical Society!

- Ask your friends and family to join the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society! Give a gift of membership to a family member.
- Send us your business card and those of your spouse, children, relatives.
- At the next family event, take a picture and send a copy to us along with the identification.
- Send us any publicity or an invitation to the event as well.
- Send us your family tree, even if it's just the names and dates for you, your parents, and grandparents.

Readers Write, Call, e-mail, and come in with research requests...

- Q:** Searching for information on the Omaha group, the **KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES**. Looking for pictures, membership lists, or any other information. Thank you.
- Q:** Shalom and Gita (Guspie) **KOTZEN** of Riga, Latvia had three sons Isadore, Heiman, and Benjamin. Isadore was born about 1883. Benjamin married Yetta, had three daughters. Isadore married Eva and had three daughters. Heiman married Rose and had at least one daughter. Seeking more information. Eric J. Ellman in Washington D.C.
- Q:** How to find the original name (at time of immigration to New York) of : Emmanuel Aaron **HILL** who was born in Kourland (now southern Latvia) in the 1880s, lived in Nikolaev (Ukraine) and arrived in NY in 1910 with his wife Leah Malakoff Hill and their daughter Cecile. Glenn A. **GORELICK**, Sierra Madre, CA
- Q:** Searching **HAZOMIR, ZAMIR SHIR** chorale members. Did you sing in a Hazomir chorale between the two World Wars? We are making a documentary film about the 100th anniversary of Jewish choral music, originating in Lodz. Looking for singer survivors and/or their children, friends. Pam and Rob Cooper, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Q:** Searching **SHYCON, SCHYCON, SHYKEN**, etc. Though my family spells it Shaikun, I've recently learned of a probable branch of the family that spells the name Shycon. So I'm searching any/all pronunciations and spellings of the name. If any of these names are familiar, please get in touch! Thanks, Carol Levie
- Q:** Searching relatives of **JOSEPH KAUFMAN** of Omaha, Neb., USA. **BATT** families, including **PERL-METER, RICH**, and **ROSSMAN**. Allison Bell, Helsinki, Finland
- Q:** Searching **TICHAUER** formerly of Upper Silesia, Germany. With a lot of help, we are trying to put our family tree together. We are planning a Tichauer family reunion in August 1999 in the Catskills. Your help would be most gratefully appreciated. Michelle B. Tichauer Fanwick, Norwalk, Connecticut, USA
- Q:** Searching **DUGA, SREBRO**, and **ROTHKOPF**. Jules J. Duga, Columbus, Ohio
- Q:** I am searching for any information on Fanny (daughter of Abraham Lauterstein) and Saul **SCHULKINS**. Fanny had a sister named Sara and one named Mimmie who married L. Lichtenstein. Rina Yaacovi
- Q:** My mother's maiden name is **CLURFELD**, but translation of Russian letters upon arrival at Ellis Island may have become **KLURFELD, CLEARFELD**, or any other variation. Leo Clurfeld, my grandfather arrived from Kiev ? in 1920. My grandmother Bertha arrived with my mom Sarah in 1922 by way of Istanbul. Toni Valenstein
- Q:** Looking for Harriet **BRESLOW**, from Connecticut 1940's. Attended Katherine Gibbs secretarial school, NY. Friend to Ellie Eger Baker, now in Kansas. Probably related to Jack Breslow, last living in South Florida. Joan Breslow
- Q:** I found in a 1903 business directory the name **KOZLIN** in Babruisk. My question is how do I go further in researching the name Kozlin. Ray Kozlin

ANYONE with responses to these queries, please call the Society at 334-6441 or 334-6442



"Zaydee" David Siegel



"Bubbe" Yudah Goodman

My Year of Kaddish

by Norman D. Rips

My *Zaydee*, David Siegel, was born somewhere near the Russian-Polish Border about 1865. He became an apprentice baker, and after learning his trade, married Yudah Goodman (*Bubbe*). My mother, Bessie, was born inside a small hut near a field where *Bubbe* was working. Annie was born there, too. In about 1895, *Zaydee* left for New York. Luckily, he found work there, and in less than two years sent for his wife and daughters. *Zaydee* was a restless man, loaded with energy and the desire to see his wonderful new country. The

family then moved to St. Louis where Freda was born in 1904. In a few years, Rose, Libble and Abie arrived, and the family moved to Omaha at 1528 N. 20 St. to be near *Zaydee's* new bakery at 20th and Clark Sts. It was one of the first Jewish bakeries in Omaha.

And this was the family my mother and I joined (and lived with) shortly after my father, Shoul Rips, passed away on January 2, 1933. We had a grocery store, "Rips Grocery", at 29th and Jackson. My father's untimely death was typical of many men whose resistance had been adversely affected due to working 90-hour workweeks during the Depression.

I was then transferred from an all-white school to Kellom School, which was mostly black. I made many friends there. Because I was good at sports, I was accepted. It was at Kellom that I met a boy who was to become my life-long friend, Sidney Schwartz, whose father also had just passed away. Our fathers are buried 10 feet apart at Golden Hill Cemetery.

Now, my mother and I settled into a far different sort of life. There was a tiny, dilapidated storefront *shule* three doors away, and *Zaydee* took me there twice a day for a year as he taught me how and when to say *kaddish* for my father. A young fellow named Harry Mendelson used to come to the house once a week to teach me to read Hebrew. When I began to say *kaddish*, I could barely follow the service, but in a few weeks, I knew what was going on, when to stand and sit. I made new friends, most of whom were as old or older than *Zaydee*. I remember Avrum, Shmuel, Schamkleh, Itzik, Shmeril and Duvid and Sol. I was "Nussan." I met them each morning for that year. They were poor. Their clothes were in shreds. Their fingers were yellow from smoking their hand-rolled cigarettes. At every *minyana*, at least one of my elderly new friends would stand beside me and run his finger along the *siddur* so that I could follow.

Because there was so much mumbling and silent prayer, I asked *Zaydee* if these men could read at all. He assured me that they could. After a while, those old men became my friends, and I began to see that these *minyans* were as natural to them as the sun coming up in the morning. I can see them swaying as they *dahvened*, their voices rising occasionally, then back to silent prayer, then to mumbling. There was no eastern wall in our little *shule* – we were all equal. In the past 65 years, I have never recaptured that *haimisheh* feeling.

Before the evening prayer, they visited and one of them read the *choomish*, proceeding to explain the passages he had read. He wasn't a rabbi ---we didn't have a rabbi or a cantor. Always during the *olaynu*, one or two of them shifted towards me to make certain I was ready (for *kaddish*), and when it was time, they recited it with me. They all ran out after services. These were hard working men whose incomes came mostly from physical labor. I cannot recall ever seeing children there, so I was alone with my older friends. In spite of their everyday, ragged clothing, it was as if each had inherited a fortune the day before each Shabbos, because they were nicely dressed and very clean for Shabbos.

(excerpted from 10 page memoir, submitted by Susan Paley, daughter of Norm Rips)

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society occasionally publishes memoirs of individual Nebraskans. An example of that is the excerpt above. The complete article is in the files of the NJHS. We encourage our readers and members to record first-hand experiences, situations, and stories from days gone by. While we cannot guarantee the publication of any work, we welcome all manuscripts to be submitted for review and inclusion in our Biographical Collections. Thank you.



Iowa Jewish Historical Society

Caspe Heritage Gallery

Harmon Fine Arts Building at Drake University

by *Mary Fellman*

est. 1996

From the moment Barbara and I left Omaha by car for a day in Des Moines, our trip was interesting, exciting, and a learning adventure. In Des Moines, we visited with twelve board members of the three year old Iowa Jewish Historical Society! We met in the lounge of beautiful Tiferith Israel Synagogue and spoke about projects they intend to do and projects that we have done. They have already completed exhibits in borrowed spaces and in the Caspe Heritage Gallery (a donated gallery at Drake University), established a growing archival collection also housed in donated space at Drake University, and held fund raising events. We presented them with copies of some Iowa specific items that we have in our archives and a complete collection of our newsletters and they were most appreciative. Barbara also gave a presentation on some items to look for in their community, where to find them, and how to ask for them. The afternoon concluded with a visit to their gallery and archival space at Drake.

They are an eager group of individuals looking forward to growing and learning as they gather the history of the Jews of Iowa, particularly of Des Moines and Sioux City. We anticipate a visit from their group to Omaha and to our museum, numerous exhibits, and our archival center. This is a tremendous opportunity to learn from each other as we teach each other. What a great day it was--- and promises to continue to be! We wish them strength and success.

Jewish Quilters Exhibit - "Bridging the Generation Gap"

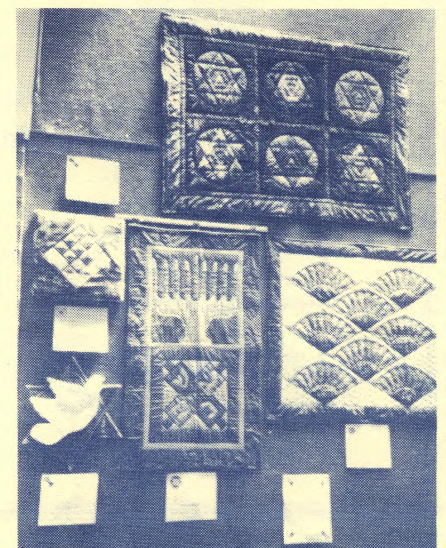
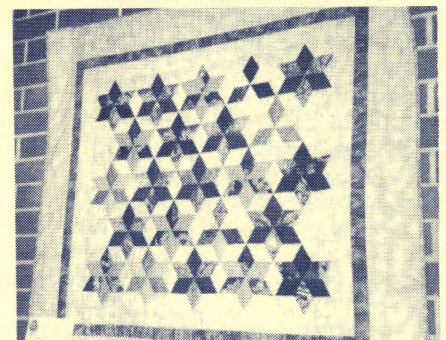
by *Sandy Passer*

A patchwork quilt, like life, is made up of many small pieces that together create a whole story or picture. Something in these creations appeals to all generations; patterns reminiscent of those used in homes of relatives long departed; the fabrics or colors remind us of a favorite blanket or pillow made by a mother or grandmother. Whatever the sentiment, quilts seem to connect us through the ages and remind us that we are all a family.

Taking a stroll through the JCC Gallery and the Corridor of Jewish History in June, you would have found young and old admiring a beautiful display of quilts. "Quilts By Jewish Women and One Man" was an exhibit put together by chairwomen Sandy Passer and Marge Bresel in conjunction with the National Quilting Association's 30th Annual meeting in Omaha. Bed size quilts, memory quilts, torah covers, Hanukkah wall hangings.... the creativity and talent of our Jewish quilters was something to behold.

We are thrilled that these quilters shared their creations with the community and visitors from across the United States, and we feel this is the perfect time for Jewish quilters to meet and establish a chavurah group. If you are a quilter and are interested in meeting with other Jewish quilters, please call Marge at 553-2667 or Sandy at 330-4289.

The following persons submitted quilts for display and we thank each of them for bridging the generations: Sandy Bleicher, Marge Bresel, Bess Brodkey, Peg DeLand, Sandee Friedman, Jennine Goldberg, Caryl Greenberg, Nan Katz, Charlotte Kraft, Marcia Kushner, Jeff Laudin, Karin Levine, Fefe Passer.



New Members - 1999

Welcome to all of you who joined NJHS in the past year! Your response to our December, 1998 mailing was great!! Your support and interest in the Society are appreciated. Special thanks to those who replied with an annual membership at the sponsor - \$50 and patron - \$100 levels, and to our new LIFE members.

We thank and acknowledge those members who increased their category of Giving this year.

Bea Appel
 Joyce & Bill Ashley
 Robyn & Jim Belgrade
 Mary & Tom Bernstein
 Rhonda & Randy Brand
 Dee & Elliot Brown
 Chabad of Nebraska
 David Chorney
 Bill & Ileana* Cohen
 Ben Elkin
 Gary Eminitove
 Dr. Rick Engel
 Lisa & Gary Epstein
 Donald Fiedler
 Amy & Sandy Friedman
 Pete Godwin / Colonial
 Mgmt. Co.
 Barbara & Gary Goldstein
 James 'Jim' Gordon
 Ellie & Leonard Greenspoon
 Jacquie & Bruce Gribens
 Howard F. Hahn
 Betty Kolnick
 Angela & Stanley Krieger
 Pauline & Morey Landman
 Karin & Mike Levine
 Roland Lewis
 Harriet & Sonny Marko
 Mishael Family
 Julius & Miriam Misle
 Jane & Allen Murow

Paul Nathan
 Betsey Newman
 Jody E. Newman
 Nogg Assoc./
 Nancy Nogg Rauhauser
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis Orlof
 Rose Pitlor
 Daniel Pomp
 Ida Ruth & Bill Poster
 Susan & Jeff Raizner
 Julie Rochman
 ViVi Rosen
 Marcy & David Ruback
 Jayne & Mark Sandler
 Carol & Edward Schneider
 Ann K. & Donald Schwartz
 Mickey & George Shafer
 Suzy & Norman Sheldon
 Phil Sokolof
 Marjorie Somberg
 Dr. Mark J. Sorkin
 Lois & Don Stern
 Betsey & Allen Tully
 Sarita Warshawsky
 Phyllis Weinberg
 Martin Eli Weil
 Eric Weiner
 Julie & Larry Widman
 Justin Wolfson
 Morton Zuber

*Deceased

In Memory of:

We note with sorrow our NJHS members who have passed away since our last newsletter. May their memory be a blessing.

Shirley Altsuler
 Jeanette Ban
 Rosagene Baron
 Edward Belgrade
 Gordon Bernstein
 Selma Bernstien
 Rose Blumkin
 Rabbi Sidney Brooks
 Lou Canar
 Ileana Cohen
 Jerome Cohn
 Merriam Cooperman
 Dorothy Evnen
 Shirley Fisher
 Danny Fogel
 Mrs. Paul Gitlin
 Lou Hurwitz
 Barney Kadis
 Samuel Kaplan
 Rose Katelman
 Earl Katz
 Lillian Lieb
 Louis Lipp
 Josephine K. Martin
 Dr. Daniel Miller
 Laurie Misle
 Hubert Monsky
 Rita Rosenblum
 Sylvia Ross
 Theodore Rothkop
 Lawrence 'Bud' Simon
 Arnie Stern
 Henry Weiner
 Sam White

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Laurie & Andrew Brock
 Hugo Kahn
 Helene & Jack Shrago

Members who have changed to LIFE status:

Gary Javitch Family
 Shirley Kulakofsky
 David S. Rice
 Silvia & Larry Roffman

From LIFE to BENEFACTOR:

Bernice & Norman Harris

Archival Assistants

Sharon Berman Allen began working with us last summer to file Jewish Press photographs and a voluminous group of clippings from The World Herald, the Press, and numerous magazines.

Robyn Belgrade worked as an Archival Assistant last summer, fall and winter to organize, intake, and catalog new donations. She was particularly helpful in producing our new Brochure, a Winter Celebration exhibit for the Homesteaders National Monument, a mini exhibit on Purim, and the Beth Israel-United Orthodox Congregations Exhibit. We miss her, and we wish her Mazel Tov on the birth of her twin boys.

Rita Paskowitz helped us with the layout and installation of the Beth Israel-UOC Exhibit too.

Renee Ratner Corcoran worked with us in the Spring to integrate the Jewish Press files into our existing Biography Files. We look forward to Renee's return in the Fall.

Holly Friedman is assisting this summer to sort, file, and catalog some of our Collections, particularly those related to youth groups, Beth El, and Landmarks. She has already completed the computerization of our membership/ mailing list. She also is helping us catch up on the intake of new donations. Thanks to all!

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