



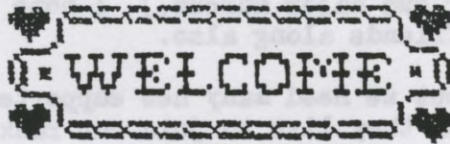
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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

and

OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY, June 26, 1985

7:30 p.m.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

OPENING OF SECOND EXHIBIT IN

"Corridor of Jewish History" Museum

HONORING THE LIFE OF HENRY MONSKY and the
 JEWISH VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

Presentation of "Hot off the Press" first editions of
 NEBRASKA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNALS
 (To All Paid-Up Members)



Monsky . . . B'nai B'rith



Short Business Meeting and Election of Officers & Board, Report of Long-Range
 Planning Committee

Another Wonderful Opportunity to View

"100 Years of Jewish Organizational Life Exhibit"
 on Eastern Wall

"Jewish Landmarks - Omaha, Lincoln, Council Bluffs" in Room 10

DRAWING FOR A FREE NJHS MEMBERSHIP

A MEMO FROM MARY:

A tremendous amount of growth and activity have taken place since the founding of this wonderful organization in October of 1982.

As you can tell from the publicity in the Omaha Jewish Press and from our newsletters, the NJHS has made a noteworthy contribution to the Jewish life of Nebraska through our two major photo-story exhibits which now hang in the Jewish Community Center. The Jewish Federation thought so highly about our first exhibit that it awarded us the much desired Community Service Award which now hangs in the JCC lobby next to our exhibit.

Our greatest achievement is of course the "Corridor of Jewish History" museum which adds to the richness of the Jewish life of our state and will bring even greater contributions in the time to come (until we have our own major museum.) I hope all of you will visit it often and bring your families and friends along also.

Our membership enrollment is good but we need many new supporters! We urge you to encourage other Nebraska Jews wherever they live to join our ranks. An envelope for dues is attached to this newsletter for use by those of you who have not yet paid your 1985 dues or for you to pass on to a new prospective member.

We are functioning in a temporary office in the Jewish Community Center with part-time staff and looking forward to a time when we will have full time staff in a permanent office. Everything in its time!

Our first JOURNAL will be distributed to all paid-up members at the annual meeting and subsequently sent to all paid up members. I really think you will enjoy reading the excellent stories and articles in it and look forward to your reactions. Let us hear from you.

The articles by the winners in our 1983 and 1984 Morris C. Fellman Memorial Essay contest continue to be published in the JOURNAL, the Jewish Press, and in our Newsletters. Hope you like them and are planning to write your own stories for our next contest about your grandparents. Please encourage your children to do the same.

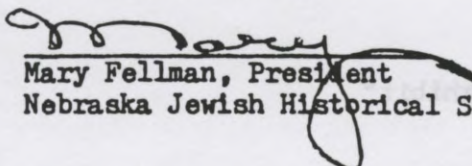
We had planned to print the list of those who have contributed materials during the past months but it grew too long because so many of you have been sending us items. Keep them coming and we'll keep filing them in our rapidly developing archival collection.

We are constantly receiving requests for help on research papers, information about families, assistance for programs. Let us hear from you if we can help in your family research, term papers, etc.

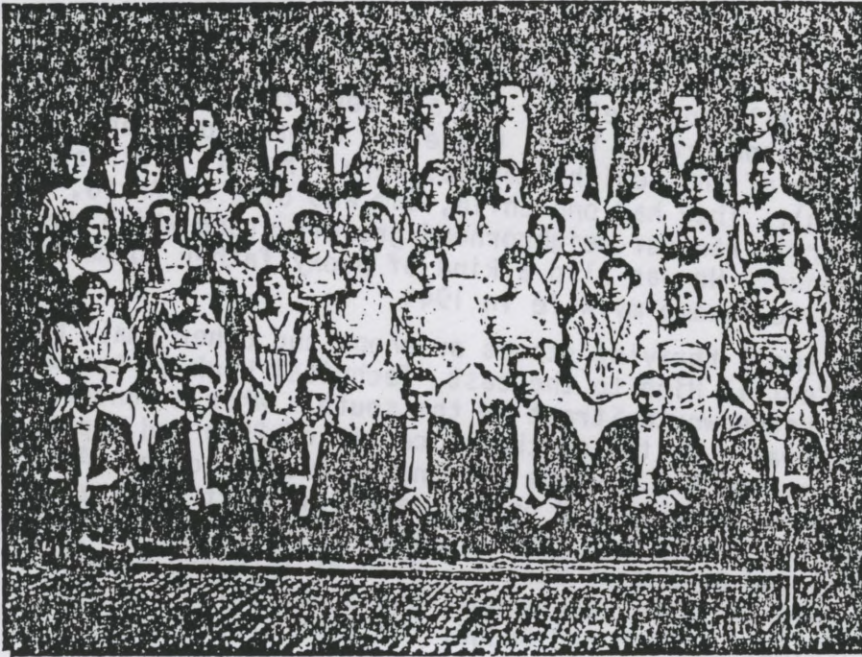
Thanks for your past tremendous support and interest in the fascinating work of the NJHS and for your continued support. The work we do takes many hours, many dollars, and many volunteers. We need all of you.

Be sure to fill out and return the "geneology" questionnaires included in this mailing. They will help for future research.

Let us hear from you.


Mary Fellman, President
Nebraska Jewish Historical Society

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* ORAL HISTORIES *
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* Oral history interviews have been done in the *
* past few months of many of our older Omahans. *
* We need to do many more interviews, and it is *
* time to begin also doing those of persons in *
* their sixties. If you would like to volun- *
* teer to do oral histories, please call Phyllis *
* Bittner, 393-3685. If you live out-of-town *
* and have someone who ought to be interviewed, *
* write to Phyllis, and she will send you the *
* material you need. Her address is 2937 Pad- *
* dock Plaza, 68124, Omaha, Nebraska. *



After the picture to the left appeared in our November 1984 Newsletter, we received letters from a number of people with identifications. The picture was given to us by Nettie Katzman (Mrs. Meyer), was of a group of young people in the Young Men's Hebrew Association in the winter of 1917, when they performed a program under the direction of Miss Jessie Krueger. The group was in existence for about 2 years. At the same time, there was also a dancing group at the Y.M.H.A. which gave tableaux of the Purim holiday between choral presentations. FRONT ROW:

Shem Fiedel, unknown, Oscar Katelman, Dave Greenberg, Paul Sievers, Dr. Morris Margolin, unknown. SECOND ROW: (left to right) Mollie Ravitz Gendler, Rose Hurwitz Belmont, Mina Kneeter Edell, Sarah Lewis Cohn, Jessie Krueger, Mollie Oland Ravitz, Ivy Seigal, Mary Tatle Kubby, Ann Seigel Cohn. THIRD ROW: Rella Singer Steinberg, Esther Shapiro Brandt, Ann Melcher Newman, Henrietta Jacobson Elikan, Bertha Lebowitz, Lottie Cohn Levitt, Margaret Rosenberg, Gertrude Harris, Julia Cohn, Hanna Ziegman Pradell. FOURTH ROW: Celia Fogel, Ann Seigelman Redman, Ida Seigelman, Mollie Singer, Fannie Reuben, Bessie Hoffman, unknown Hoffman, Belle Seigal, Fanny Siegelman, unknown, Nettie Gorelick Katzman. BACK ROW: Harry Rochman, Mike Grossman, unknown Wintroub, Lou Cohn, Herbert Lohrman, Sam Okun, unknown, unknown, Ed Kushner. Any further identifications are welcome. Please send them in to NJHS.

HERE'S NEWS....about a service being offered by the City of Hamburg, Germany, that could be of interest to you.

They have the passenger lists of all ships that went through the Port of Hamburg from 1850-1914. These lists have been copied onto microfilm, and for a small charge, can be used to trace family roots. The information contained in these lists include name, age, occupation, home city, date of voyage and everything about the ship, as well as the name of the captain.

GIVE A NJHS MEMBERSHIP FOR
Father's Day
Birthday's
Anniversary Celebrations
Any Occasion that Merits
 a gift or remembrance

REMEMBER, when you write your will and consider making bequests to worthy causes and organizations, please remember the NEBRASKA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

We are only at the beginning of our growth and development, and all grants and gifts will be used for the important work of archiving, research, growth and expansion in the future years. We wish you a long and a good life.....

BUT, WE URGE YOU TO REMEMBER
 NJHS IN YOUR WILL!

FROM OUR MAIL BAG.....

....."I'm amazed to recall that my earliest days in Omaha were so-much intertwined with so-many of your faith. I have many fond memories of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant children with whom we all ran together. We all went to Central Grade School, Webster Grade School, Jackson Grade, Yates Grade, St. John Grade, Central and Technical High Schools. Some of the Jewish families were, Morris Klein and his good wife, Mary (nee Blumkin). They had one child, Sam who died at Anzio, Italy, during World War II. Morris ran our neighborhood grocery store which was located at 26th and Capitol Avenue. He was also a kind of proxy father to me and introduced me to a girl who was to become my wife in 1944.

Most Jewish families ran small thriving stores or shops and other small businesses in the neighborhood of Central High to the east, Technical High to the west, Cuming Street to the north and Leavenworth Street to the south. What a wonderful melting pot of people that area was! On the northwest corner of 25th and Capitol Avenue was Altman's Grocery. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Altman had two children. Across the street Sam Yousem had his plumbing shop and on 25th and Davenport Louis and Dorothy Ringle had their drug store. Mr. and Mrs. Lippett had their little store on the northeast corner of 25th and Davenport Street. Also at 24th and Douglas Street was a wonderful pair, Mary and Jake Rosenbloom; and about this time too, the Newman boys started Hinky-Dinky at 24th and Dodge. On 20th Street just a little north of Central High School, the Plotkin family had a store where they sold the finest meat, and around the corner on 26th Street was the store of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Weinstein. I can still remember the deli smell, kraut, kosher dills and the spices. Abe and his wife gave the world two fine sons, Alex and Sam. Another family that gave us young men jobs was Jake Weiner at 26th and Dodge Street. At 26th and Harney the Roffman family ran a good neighborhood family store. We all had the best of times. We waited outside the synagogue on Cuming Street and the Jewish boys waited for us outside our churches so we could go to Central High and play ball. Just imagine for me -- Christian Christmas, Jewish Hannukkah and Polish Epithany (Christmas)....I really had the best of it"..... by Wally Reidenor.

"Do you have information about my great uncle Emanuel Steinau who set up the first store in Hastings, Nebraska. I have made a genealogical tribute to him as it was through his civic work in Nebraska (Treasurer), and his Civil War record (on the Union side), plus his will and subsequent residences in the Dakotas, that enabled me to trace the Steinau Family history. I shall be glad to send it to you if you do not have it".....Mrs. Morton Marrow, Van Nuys, California.

"Enclosed is my grandfather Joseph Haykin's autobiography. It begins in approximately 1874, when he was four years old and continues into 1944 when he was 74. The autobiography was originally written in Yiddish in the form of a letter to my uncle, David Haykin, who died in 1958. If you have any questions or want some additional information, I suggest you call my mother, Bess Stern at 553-4066. She can tell you exactly when zadie first came to the United States, when he returned to Russia and when he came back with his family".....Arnie Stern.

The following letter was received by Rabbi Paul Drazen who passed it on to us:

"I am currently working on a literary biography of the late Hebrew writer, L.A. Arielli, who served as a Hebrew teacher in Omaha from 1934-1936. I would be grateful for any material".....Nelly Segal, 47 Partridge Lane, Tinton, Falls, N. J. 07724.



THE NEBRASKA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TAKES PRIDE IN INVITING YOU TO VIEW

THREE MAJOR EXHIBITS AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

IN
THE "CORRIDOR OF JEWISH HISTORY" MUSEUM

THE LITTLE SHUL ON 19TH STREET, OR "THE RIEKES SHUL"

Available for Viewing until June 20, 1985

This Exhibit made possible by a gift from Jeanne Lipsey.

ON THE EASTERN WALL

"100 YEARS OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONAL LIFE IN OMAHA - 1850-1950"

Winner of the 1984 Jewish Federation of Omaha Community Service Award.

This NJHS Exhibit was made possible by a Grant from the Morton A. Richards Philanthropic Fund and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

IN ROOM 10

"JEWISH LANDMARKS - YESTERDAY AND TODAY: Omaha, Lincoln and Council Bluffs"

- Color photography by Alan Potash
- Many sepia-tone photographs made available through the Western Heritage Museum, Bostwick-Frohardt and John Savage Collections.

This NJHS Exhibit was made possible by a generous gift by Omaha businessman, Herbert Goldsten. It will move to the Omaha Public Library August 1, 1985.

Contributions to the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society for future research and exhibitions are tax deductible and may be made to NJHS, 333 So. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research is planning an exhibition about landsmanschaften societies in America. Photos, journals, minutes, constitutions, banners, golden books and any other materials relating to landsmanschaften societies are being sought. If you have relevant original material you are willing to donate or lend, contact Ron Schwartz, YIVO Institute, 1048 Fifth Avenue, Telephone: (212) 535-6700.

If you are going to be in New York on Sunday, July 7th through Thursday, July 11th, you may want to contact the Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc., 300 East 71st Street, Apartment #5R, New York, N.Y. 10021, about their Fifth National Seminar on Jewish Genealogy--it's theme is "Back to the Golden Door". Also, in New York are extensive Jewish genealogical resources at the Judaica and Map Rooms of the New York Public Library, YIVO Institute and the Leo Baeck Institute (records and archives from German-speaking countries).

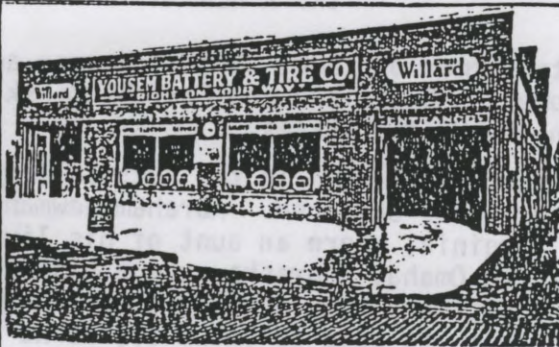
Dr. Alex Friedlander, 169 Stratford Road, Brooklyn, New York 11218, has copies taxpayer lists for nineteen towns in Poland and Lithuania and will search up to five family names for \$10-\$15 per town. If you had relatives in any of the following towns you may want to search out more information: Lubowie, Simne, Wladyslawow, Wistnwnic, Wierzbolowe, Kalwaria, Sopochin, Marvampole, Augustow, Raczk, Suwalk, Sereje, Lozdzieje, Seyne, Rajgrod, Baklerov, Filipov.

Carol D. Eiseman, 027-21 Sunnybrook Road, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, 07920, is seeking information on the Burkenroad Family of Omaha. She writes, "my relative Max Burkenroad lived in Omaha in the 1800's, I think. His parents were my great grandparents; Henry Burkenroad, born 1827, Wehede, Hensen, Germany and Fanny Schwabachez, born 1845, Oberdorf, Wuttenberg, Germany. Henry Burkenroad died in 1896, in Marshall, Texas, and Fanny died in 1881 in Wills Point, Texas. One of their sons, Max, moved to Omaha. His wife was Flora Shul. They had two sons, Sylvan and Leslie. Leslie remained in Omaha until his death. His wife Sylvia lived in Omaha also until her death. Their daughter Pat Burkenroad Brickhouse lives in Chicago. I have an early picture of Leslie Burkenroad and some information on Henry and Fanny Burkenroad, but I know little about the Omaha Burkenroads."

Harriet Rosewater Sax, 319 Waring Road, Elkins Park, Philadelphia, Pa. 19117, sent the following information about the descendants of Edward Rosewater. "I am one of his granddaughters, and I and my brother, also Edward Rosewater, live in Elkins Park, Pa. A cousin, Seth Burchard (originally Rosewater), lives in Ithaca, N.Y." and then Harriet mentions many other descendants of Edward Rosewater, the original publisher of the Omaha Bee, including Anna Feil Sloman, in a nursing home in Lexington, Massachusetts, Nellie Elgutter Feil of Cleveland, Ohio and her three children, and their children. Harriet's father was Victor who edited the Omaha Bee until 1922."

DOWN MEMORY LANE for some Lincolmites were these lines by Estelle Rosenberg about Leon Nefsky. "The year was 1914, and Nefsky who was ten years old, helped out after school in his grandfather's store at 10th & "P" Street. Aside from services during the World War II and a stint at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a degree in 1925, Nefsky has been in the downtown retail business for 70 years. He continues to work every day at the Guarantee Clothing, his current store is at 1329 "O" Street. Nefsky, who is a walking encyclopedia of downtown history, with a historic photo collection to match, recalls parades, bands, the changes in downtown Lincoln. He has served as president of the South Street Temple congregation."

"On page 6 of your November 1984 Newsletter is a photo of Carl Riekes Tire Service. That building was occupied and probably built by my father Mose Yousem - from 1917 to 1926, when he built and moved into a new building at 22nd and St. Mary's. I enclose Xerox copies of both buildings. My mother, Sara Marks Yousem, died here in Palm Springs last year, just before her ninety-third birthday. Good luck in your undertaking!"



JOTTINGS FROM OUR LETTERBAG

From Arnold Sky, Denver, Colorado.....

You say you are looking for pioneer stories of businessmen, etc. How about a story of Jewish homesteaders? Chugwater, Wyoming is the first town north of Cheyenne, Wyoming. There, in the early part of this century, thirty-one homesteaders, most of them from St. Paul, MN. came out to get free land. Jews in those days were not known to be farmers. They learned fast! East of Chugwater, Wyoming, a nice fertile area, the Jews built a school which was later the meeting place, the shul. By the time I got to high school I was the only Jewish boy. It is quite a story. Care to hear more?"

From Michael L. Kinsel, Director, Western Heritage Museum.....

"You were most kind to invite me to the reception and tour of Omaha's newest museum, on Tuesday, April 9th. Ah, great beginnings bode well for future accomplishments. I am quite impressed with what you have done, and you are ALL to be complimented. I believe in what you are doing for the Jewish community and for the larger Omaha community. I genuinely hope you succeed. Enclosed is my personal check as a symbol of that support."

From Paula Agranat Hurwitz, Flossmoor, Illinois.....

My relative, Joseph Labe (John) Agranat, came to the United States in 1883 with his mother Sischa and his sister Rose, joining a sister Mary Toby and her husband Heim Moesha Chasnoff, who were part of the Cremieux Colony of South Dakota. Upon the demise of the colony, they all moved to Sioux City, Iowa, and then to Grand Island, Nebraska. Joseph Labe Agranat married Clara Lebovitz from Braila, Romania, in Grand Island, Nebraska, on April 16, 1893. His mother, Sischa, died on October 29, 1907 and is buried in Lincoln, Nebraska. She eventually married a man named Kremenchug(k). Joseph Labe and family moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His sister Mary Chasnoff, Rose (Mrs. M.) Kalman and Raisa (Mrs. Bera) Sonin remained in Nebraska. Hope this will be helpful to your research. I'm trying to locate the burial place for Sischa Agranat-Kremenchug (her maiden name was Ginsburg) in Lincoln."

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

.....Suggestions for exhibits in our "Corridor of Jewish History" Museum.

....Names and addresses of former Nebraskans for our Giant Address Book.

.....Information about Herman Finch, President of the Chicago Medical Association.

.....Information about former Omahans who have made it "big", wherever they live and about whom we have no information in our files.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

Our "JEWISH LAND-MARKS" Exhibit, which now hangs in Room 10 of the Jewish Community Center will move to W. Dale Clark Library on August 1, 1985, for one month. TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

IF YOUR GROCER DOESN'T PLEASE YOU -
TRY A NEWMAN

In the late summer of 1904, Abraham Newman and Louis Gerelick left their homes in Duvidiska and Parich, Minsk, Russia, to find a new home in the United States.

Together, they had served in the Russian Army and wanted a better life for their children. Abraham Newman was on his way to Richmond, Virginia, where an aunt of his lived. Louis Gerelick was on his way to Omaha, Nebraska, where his relatives, the Schlaifers and Katzmans were already established. Louis persuaded his friend Abraham, to come to Omaha to, as he was sure that it too would be easier for him to find work and make a livelihood there.

Being a master cabinet maker, Abraham had no problem in finding work at Swift and Company Packing Plant in the carpenter shop. Before long, he became the foreman of the shop and provided jobs for other immigrants.

By the summer of 1905, he had saved enough money to send for his family, his wife Rose, and his four sons, Ben 7, Sam 4, Jack 2 and Maurice 4 months.

They established residence in South Omaha as it was convenient to Abraham's job.

Four daughters were born to the family: Bess, Ida, Bertha and Sophia in Omaha.

Abraham wanted his sons to have their own business, so he built a store building at 24th and "U" Street in South Omaha. This housed a grocery store where the four sons were employed. This store serviced homes in Bellevue and Fort Crook which later became Offutt Air Force Base. Deliveries were made first by horse and wagon, motorcycle and then by truck.

The slogan of the store was, "If Your Grocer Doesn't Please You Try a Newman".

Before long, Ben decided to open his own business. He built "Newman's Grocery" on 52nd and Leavenworth Street. At that time it was the only building in the area which was nothing but open fields. The motto of his store was, "Let Your Grocer B Newman".

Sam opened a store of his own on 49th and Dodge Street.

Jack became a salesman for Atwood Coffee and Maurice became City Sales Manager for Nebraska Consolidated Mills until he went into the service in 1941.

Abraham had returned to his profession of carpentry. In time, he and his son, Jack went into the store fixture business at 20th and Vinton, "Newman's Store Planning Service".

When Maurice returned from the service in the army, he joined his father and brother. The business prospered and it was necessary for them to move to larger quarters. They purchased the building at 24th & "F" Street, which originally was the Katzman's Garage. Here they manufactured custom fixtures for retail stores. Abraham passed away in 1945, Jack and Maurice continued in business until retirement in 1969. So ended the Newman era in South Omaha after 65 years.
By Sadye S. Newman.

EXCERPTS FROM PRIZE WINNERS AND ENTRIES IN "TAKING STOCK" Essay Contest.....

Ben Abrahamson, a lifetime resident of Omaha, Nebraska, recalls the early days of his life. Ben was born in Omaha on August 12, 1896 and now lives in Omaha at Lucas Hall, and he is of sound mind and active physically at 89. His father, Isaac Abrahamson, and his father A.J. Abrahamson, were both born in Covna Township in Russia and migrated to Omaha in the mid 1800's. They came to Omaha because they had first cousins here, the Joseph Marks family and the Joseph Lipsey family.

Ben recalls that his mother Rose Cooper Abrahamson, came to the United States and settled in Chicago with her family. A mutual friend brought her to Omaha to meet Isaac. They met, fell in love and married in Omaha in 1888. Seven children were born to them, one of whom was Ben. When Isaac came to Omaha he decided the best business for him to go into was the grocery business. His first store was located at 24th and Blondo. Customers were scarce, and they decided to look for another place. This time they found a place on 16th between Burt and Webster. Alas, there was no change and business did not improve. So, they searched for another location and found one at 24th and Caldwell. After another struggle Isaac decided to close the grocery store and open a feed store in a wooden shed on 24th & Paul Street. Within several years he decided to expand his business and remembered that the Omaha Building and Loan Association was known to be making small business loans. So, he hitched up his horse and wagon and went downtown to see if he could get the help he needed. He was put in touch with a Mr. Jensen, told him how his business had improved in the past few years, how he wanted to expand his business and how he planned to repay the loan. Mr. Jensen listened intently to Isaac, gave him lots of advice and gave him the money he needed to expand. Isaac and Rose were so pleased that the Omaha Building and Loan had such faith in them. They worked in their business until 1940 when their health began to fail. None of the children had any interest in the feed store and this type of store was becoming obsolete. There was nothing for the family to do but liquidate the merchandise and close the doors. The money Isaac had borrowed had long before been repayed and there were no outstanding debts. Rose died in 1941 and Isaac passed away nine months later in 1942.....by Louise Miller Abrahamson (Mrs. Norman).

ACQUISITION GUIDELINES

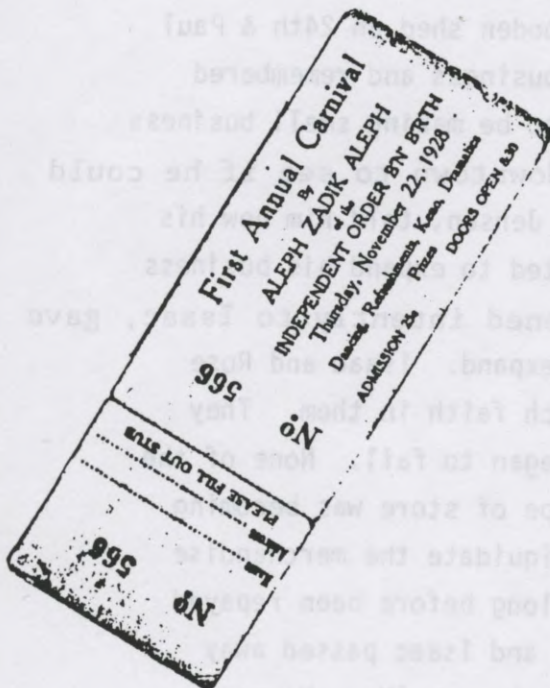
The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society seeks materials relating to the settlement, history and experience of Jews in Nebraska and the Great Plains. All donations accepted should be in furtherance of this goal.

The Society seeks the following categories of materials:

1. Photographs: Individuals and locations must be identified and dated or of clear Jewish and/or historical significance.
2. Newspapers: Significant clippings only (dated & identified)
3. Personal documents/papers:
Correspondence (if descriptive of Jewish or secular life or if significant historically)
Scrapbooks
Birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, diplomas, wills, naturalization papers, etc.
Family trees/histories/genealogical materials
Personal histories and reminiscences (written or recorded)
4. Business papers:
5. Organizations and institutional records: minute books, scrapbooks, yearbooks, constitutions, membership lists, correspondence, cemetery records, financial records, slippings, etc.

for information and a personal appointment, call (402)334-8200, Extension 270 or write to: NJHS, 333 South 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154.

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OUR THANKS TO.....

CARL FROMM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, for its second check of \$5,000, to continue our work.

HERBERT GOLDSTEN, for his gift of \$5,000 which made our "Jewish Landmarks" Exhibit possible.

THE LIVINGSTON FOUNDATION, for its second check of \$3,000 to continue our work.

JEANNE LIPSEY, for her gift of \$1,000 which made our first museum exhibit possible.

IRV AND PHYLLIS SHERMAN, for their gift of \$2,500 which is making our first "Journal" possible.

TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME LIFE MEMBERS at \$500 each to help us as we build for the future....and, to those who have sent \$100 and more for the continuance of our work.

NJHSS third essay contest uses grandparents as theme

"My grandfather, my grandmother" is the theme of the 1985 Morris C. Fellman Memorial Fund essay contest sponsored by the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society.

Entries may be written or audio-taped about one or more maternal or paternal grandparents of a member or former member of the Nebraska Jewish Community, or about any grandparent who resided in Nebraska since Jews first settled here in the middle 1900s.

More than one entry may be submitted by any contestant. Entries may be accompanied by pictures, memorabilia and/or artifacts and may be submitted anytime before Dec. 1, 1985 to the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society office, 333 So. 132nd Street, Omaha,

Nebraska 68154. Anyone having questions about the third annual contest of the NJHS may call 334-8200, Ext. 270, Mary Fellman or Oliver Pollak.

Prizes will be awarded for categories beginning with grade school age children, junior high and high school adults, each category with a \$100 prize for first place, \$50 prize for second place, and \$25 prize for third place. The entries of all prize winners will be published in the NJHS Newsletter, Journal or the Jewish Press during the following year.

Contest themes in the past two years have been on "People and Places" and "Taking Stock: Early Jewish Businesses." In announcing the new contest NJHS officers expressed the hope that many people of all ages from youngsters to older adults will take advantage of the opportunity to tell the story of their grandparents' lives and experiences, and the contributions they made to their own lives.

ENCOURAGE YOUR
CHILDREN TO WRITE
ABOUT THEIR
GRANDPARENTS
ALSO.....

EVERYBODY HAS A GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER
IN THEIR PRESENT OR PAST.....WRITE AND TELL
US THE STORY ABOUT ONE OR MORE OF THEM -
Send your story or audio tape in for the
1985 Morris C. Fellman Memorial Essay
Contest - Do it Now! Do it for each of
your grandparents.

To the Editor:

The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society is preparing for its second exhibit in the "Corridor of Jewish History" and is seeking material on two major subjects which it plans to highlight.

The individual being remembered and honored will be Henry Monsky who passed away in 1947 after a life-time of major contributions to the Omaha and world Jewish communities.

The other part of the exhibit will be on World War I veterans from the Nebraska Jewish community.

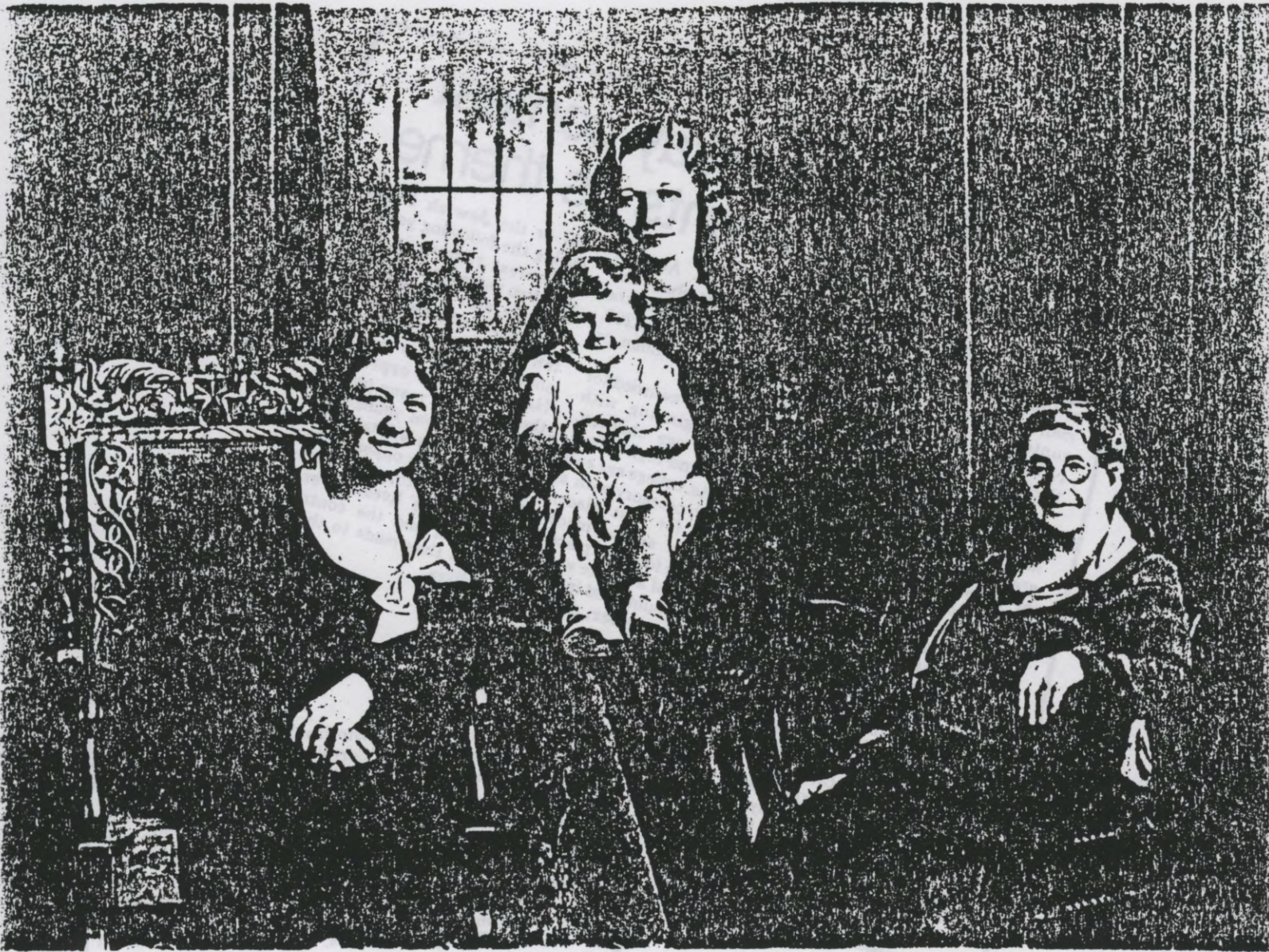
We are looking for pictures, memorabilia, artifacts on both subjects and would like to hear from any individuals or organizations who have any material we can exhibit.

Please call 334-8200, Ext. 270 and leave a message or bring your material or information to the main desk at the Jewish Community Center.

We will also welcome pictures of three and four generation families that can be added to our "Generational Exhibit" which will be on display during that same period. Many thanks for everyone's continued cooperation.

Mary Fellman

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PICTURES OF THREE, FOUR AND FIVE (OR MORE) GENERATION FAMILIES LIKE THE ONE PRINTED BELOW WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US BY JANET GRAETZ BEREK OF FREMONT, NEBRASKA. SEND US THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY TO PLACE ON EXHIBIT IN THE "CORRIDOR OF JEWISH HISTORY"



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

EDITH TRUSTIN GRAETZ, ISABEL GRAETZ THEODORE, JUDY THEODORE GROSS, AND GOLDIE TRUSTIN

DON'T THROW ANY PICTURES, PAPERS, CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, NEWSPAPER REPORTS, PASSPORTS
DON'T THROW ANYTHING OUT! Cast it all our way - the Nebraska Jewish Historical
Society Way and let us check these items out for their historical value. Our phone
number is 402-334-8200, Ext. 270-----our address 333 So. 132nd St. Omaha, Nebr. 68154