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Gift to Nebraska Jewish Historical Society Honors Eli & Sara Zalkin

By Rita Shelley

Arriving in Omaha from Minsk as a seven-year-old in 1914, Eli Zalkin went to work selling newspapers to help his father, a bakery truck driver, support the family. When Eli died in 1980, Omaha lost a leader who never said "no" to a Jewish cause. Zalkin's unstinting service to the cause of Israel was recognized by none other than Yitzhak Rabin. The former prime minister presented a medal of honor to Zalkin in a ceremony at Peony Park in 1977.

Zalkin built a life around the values instilled in him when he was young, values that he later shared with his wife, Sara, a native of Poland. The Zalkins believed in judging people by what they give in service and their intentions, not by their worldly goods. Marcia Zalkin Cohen recalls that Sara played an active role in Eli's career and philanthropy.

"Mother was an elegant hostess whether at home or at conventions. She graciously entertained Prime Minister Rabin when he was in Omaha and stayed at the Zalkin home," Marcia said. "My father was very proud of his wife and his home."

In 2005, a donor advised fund was established at the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation by several Zalkin family members. A gift was made from this donor advised fund to the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society to honor Sara and Eli.

The Zalkin brothers, Eli and Allen, literally turned rags to riches. They started Peerless Wiping Cloth Company in downtown Omaha with a \$1,000 loan in 1926. Allen was president; Eli was secretary-treasurer. In a 1969 interview with the Omaha World Herald, Zalkin described the series of events that led to the brothers' success converting cast-off clothing into a useful product that could be sold for a profit--wiping cloths for American industry.

"I had a job cutting glass for a fellow named Meyer Friedman who had an interest in a little rag company. He had bought surplus glass from the Ford Motor Company when Ford switched from the Model T to the Model A. He asked me if I wanted to go to Chicago with him to sell it. Well, we opened a place in Chicago and sold the glass. Meyer decided he wanted to say in Chicago so he sold us his little rag company at 10th and Davenport."

Peerless moved to a larger building at 5th and Pacific in 1936. By the 1970s, it was a wholesale supplier to other wiping cloth companies and in the top 20 percent of the industry. Its output filled 1,300 freight cars each year. Peerless also exported "processed" cloth to Asia and Africa. Peerless also imported burlap from India for sale to North American furniture and car manufacturers. In 1970, Eli was president of the National Association of Wiping Cloth Manufacturers.

Marcia describes her father as a good provider who "was president of everything he ever did." He was president of the Highland Country Club, where he loved golfing with lifelong friends. Eli installed a conference table in the basement of the Zalkin family home where he presided over board meetings of the Jewish Federation, Beth El Synagogue and the Henry Monsky lodge of B'nai B'rith, among others. He was a 32nd degree Mason and on the board of the Conservative Synagogues of America.

Zalkin enjoyed sharing the latest technology with his family. He bought one of the first television sets. His daughters' birthday parties were preserved with photos, slides and home movies. He had a darkroom and movie projector in the basement of the family home. Cohen said her father would be pleased to know how much his grandchildren absorbed his fascination with all things technical and with "how things work."

"His 10 grandchildren were his greatest source of pride," she said. Taking three grandsons to Beth El services was a Saturday ritual. Services were followed by haircuts at the Kiewit building, then lunch. "My father and his friends were a wonderful group of men," Cohen said. "They were proud of what they'd done and loved to share with their families."



Photograph of Sara and Eli Zalkin

A Letter From The President

By: Sue Friedman Miliward

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As 2014 begins, we are reminded that the Circle of Life moves forward. We want to remember our loyal supporters who were taken from us in 2013. We lost three wonderful gentlemen who were important to all of us on the board, Dick Rochman, George Shafer and Larry Roffman. They were men of the highest integrity and empathy. They will be greatly missed.

The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society was founded by Mary Fellman in 1982. She learned of similar Jewish societies and saw the need for it here in Nebraska. She enlisted the aid of her friends to help establish the NJHS including: Oliver Pollak, Lois Friedman Silvia Roffman and Joie Simon We are grateful to this group for their vision and support.

Thank you also to our supporters and volunteers who have been important over the years. There are so many people that we cannot name them all here, but they include such people as: Bob Belgrade, Joanie Bernstein, Midge Bowers, Helen Epstein, Gary Javitch, Debby Josephson, Nan Katz, Ira Nathan, Helen Rifkin, Dottie Rosenblum, Louise Abrahamson and Rocky Stern. The list goes on and on.

We also want to recognize the important funding provided to the NJHS so that we may continue the important work we do for our Jewish Community. Our gratitude goes to the following foundations and endowment funds: Roz and Ike Friedman Foundation, Carl Frohm Foundation, Shirley & Leonard Goldstein Fund, Herbert Goldsten Foundation, The Marlene Hechtman & Martin M. Staenberg Fund, Livingston Foundation, Shae & Murray Newman Fund, the Henry & Dorothy Riekes Family, Eli & Sara Zalkin Fund, George & Mickey Shafer Fund and the Special Donor Advised Fund of the Jewish Federation Foundation.

The NJHS was created by our parents and grandparents. It is now the responsibility of the next generation, children of the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. We are now the parents and grandparents in our Jewish community. We need to continue to collect and archive our stories for future generations.

Your support is important to us. Whether it comes from your participation in our activities, your donations of family memories, or your financial contributions, you give us the opportunity to expand our collection. If you have not renewed your 2014 membership, go to www.nebraskajhs.com and click on the membership tab.

To our loyal supporters, please consider a long-term investment to the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society by establishing a Family Foundation or Fund in your name so our legacy can continue for generations to come. Our parents did so much of the work and now it is our turn to set the example for our children and grandchildren. Let's continue this wonderful legacy. Contact me any time at (402) 630-4241 to discuss exciting possibilities.

Keeping Memories Alive: A Salute to Downtown Retail

The annual meeting of the NJHS was held on Sunday, October 23, 2013 in the Jewish Community Center auditorium.

The crowd shared memories of Downtown Omaha, mid-century 1940s, 50s and 60s. The program included an exhibit of the latest fashion of the times, photos of streets and buildings as well as advertisements representing the businesses that lined the streets of this very vital part of our city. Individuals were interviewed for an oral history documentary recalling the special time in our history.

Past NJHS president, Helen Epstein received the Shirley Berman Volunteer of the Year Award and a hors d'oeuvre reception honoring Lois Friedman on her 90th birthday completed the day.



Displays at NJHS Annual Meeting.



Helen Epstein speaks after receiving the Shirley Berman Volunteer Award from Midge Bowers.



Lois Friedman and her birthday cake.



Florence Brody with Steve Perelman.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NEEDED!

The NJHS membership envelopes were sent in December for your consideration. Your membership helps us plan programs and exhibits. Your continued support is very important to us. If you have not done so, please renew your dues so we can continue our work of preserving the history of Jewish families for future generations.

NJHS Annual Dues (January -December 2014)

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Highland Country Club Exhibit

We were proud to share this recent NJHS exhibit on the Highland Country Club with the Residents of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.

We gratefully acknowledge and welcome our new members. Thank you for your generous and continued support.

- Judy Brookstein • Mark Roffman
- Michael Sellz • David Silver
- Diane Udes

Omahajewish Reunion This Fall

Mark your calendar and spread the word for the Omaha Jewish Reunion on September 12th-14th, 2014!

Everyone with ties to Omaha is invited to attend this very special event. The reunion will be filled with a variety of programs, including fun, educational and religious activities for everyone. Over 75 volunteers, under the leadership of Mary Bernstein, are working to make this reunion a memorable success. The NJHS will be involved in planning tours, exhibits and much more for the reunion. For more information please contact Mary Bernstein at maryb@eventsinc.com or visit our website at www.omahajewishreunion.com.

Bus Tour Guides Needed for Reunion

If you are interested in becoming a tour guide for the Omaha Jewish Reunion held this September, please contact the NJHS at (402) 334-6442.



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THE NJHS GENEALOGY CLUB

The NJHS Genealogy Club meets the third Sunday of every month. Please contact us at (402) 334-6442 for information on how you can join us.

New interviews have been added to the Dr. Ben Nachman Oral History Program.

The following individuals have been interviewed and are now part of our collection:

- Steve Abrahamson
- Florence Brody
- Ron Budwig,
- Carol Bloch
 - s Helen Epstein
 - s Marti Epstein
 - s Paul Epstein
- Sam Fedman
 - s Sylvia (Shyken) Kirshner
- Howard Kooper
- Alice & Harold Kosowsky
- Janie Kulakofsky
- Alan Levin
- Jody Malashock
 - s Sonia Rabin
 - s David Rice
- Harvey Roffman
- Susie Silverman
- Mary Lou Walker
 - s Lois Wine

The NJHS oral history interviews are a very important and valuable part of our archival collection. If you or a family member would like to record your history, please contact us at (402) 334-6442. *Do it for you, for your children, and grandchildren!*

IRE YOU MOVING?⁹



If you are moving to a new residence, please notify us of your address change! Call us at (402) 334-6442 or email us at njhsjewishomaha.org

The following letter was sent to Denise Silverman, NJHS supporter and member of the NJHS Genealogy Club.

November 7, 2010

Denise,

You are responsible for my having met Andrea Raskin Booth and David Booth.

Here is the story:

Today is my father's yahrzeit. Here in Carmel, there are small congregations, principally reform and Chabad and I knew that neither of them would have a minyan yesterday (Shabbat) so that I would be able to say kaddish for him. I also knew for certain that neither would have a minyan today.

My wife and I have been searching for alternative synagogues for ourselves and spent the most recently passed Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur at a synagogue in Saratoga which is just south of San Jose. While we liked the synagogue, we were curious about other possibilities. A friend of ours, with whom I attended rabbinical school, suggested that we try Kol Emeth in Palo Alto. I decided to try Kol Emeth on the Shabbat before my Dad's yahrzeit. I was certain that there would be a minyan and I could try out the synagogue.

I looked at the website and learned that the rabbi emeritus is a very dynamic fellow who has a very large following. I also saw that the congregation had, within the last four years, hired two new Rabbis. Given that the senior Rabbi (David Booth) had huge shoes to fill, I immediately realized that he must be something special. To have been able to get through a hiring process with a congregation that was attempting to replace a huge figure, meant that either this person had great talent or that the committee had made a mistake. I had nothing but rachmones (compassion) for David Booth. Long story short, I had decided to go to Kol Emeth to say kaddish.

Subsequently, your e-mail arrived and I started looking around the family tree and low and behold there was Rabbi David Booth!! I knew for sure that I had to go to Kol Emeth so that I could introduce myself.

When we arrived at Kol Emeth yesterday, we saw that there were a lot of special events going on including a special speaker. As we tend to arrive early, my wife and I were greeted by the rabbis. I did not disclose to David that we are related but did tell him that I had some information for him that I would impart after the conclusion of services. At the point in the service where a sermon is ordinarily delivered, David introduced the guest speaker (who was marvelous by the way) and informed the congregation that the speaker had been made possible by an endowment from the Raskin family foundation, his grandmother.

David sat down along one of the side walls where congregants sit. I noticed that he was seated next to a couple; the man and David bore a striking resemblance to one another, and the woman looked liked one of the pictures on the family tree and I realized that David must have sat down next to his parents.

At the conclusion of services, I approached Andrea and asked if she was the rabbi's mother. She confirmed that she in fact, is the rabbi's mother. I introduced myself and told her that I am one of her cousins. She was quite surprised and how we were related. I related what I had learned from the Seldin family tree. It was a wonderful meeting; Andrea and Alan could not have been more delightful. When Andrea and I found David, he too was very surprised, curious and warm.

I'm sure that we will all meet again in order to share what we know of the Seldin family history to get to know one another much better.

The combination of my father's yahrzeit, our need to find a better Jewish community and your effort on the family tree make clear to me that all of this as, as they say, beshert.

Kudos to you for your hard work in building the Seldin family tree; without it, we would have been as ships passing in the night.

Opus magnum completed. Thanks for reading.

All the best,

E Hil Margolin

The Junk Man and the Synagogue

The early years of Tifereth Israel and the story of one of Lincoln's pioneer Jewish families

By: Arnold Garson

Louis Stine may not have been a nice man. But he was a generous man, and he did help shape the early years of Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Lincoln.

Louis arrived in Lincoln, alone, in 1881. How he got there is something of a mystery. He had no

known relatives in the U.S. at that time, so he could have stayed in New York or settled anywhere in the country. Perhaps the seeming obscurity of a small city with few Jews, situated in the distant and sparsely populated Midwest, suited his needs: He was running away from his wife.

Louis Stine and Hinde Mortkowitz were married in a small city near Krakow in their native Austria-Hungary around 1879-1880. It might not have been the perfect match.

They were both strong-willed. They both had what we today would call anger management issues.

But if Louis was seeking obscurity in Lincoln, he made one big mistake. He opened a pawn shop and began investing in real estate -- and he started making money. In fact, he appears to have made quite a lot of it -- so much that when another immigrant Jew who happened to be from the same town in Austria-Hungary arrived in Lincoln a few years later, he wrote home to tell of the remarkable success of Louis Stine.

The letter made its way to Louis's father-in-law, who immediately booked passage for his daughter to Lincoln. So it was, that in 1885 Hinde showed up unannounced on Louis's doorstep.

Whatever their differences, they seemed to make the marriage work. Their first child was born in 1887, their tenth in 1907. Eight of the 10 would survive to adulthood.

They lived at various near-downtown locations until 1906, when they bought a large, two-story, stucco home on M street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. Hinde made a mark in the community soliciting money for various Jewish causes. She



Louis and Hinde Stine in Lincoln, about 1908.

kept track of who gave what - she couldn't read or write -- by tying the coins she collected in the corners of her kerchief, remembering which corner was from whom. She took the children to the silent films - and ran raging and screaming onto the stage if she saw something she didn't like.

What Hinde didn't do was to keep house or cook. Louis did all of the cooking and hired a housekeeper. There could have been a bit of turnover in the housekeeper position. Years later, grandchildren reported they might find Hinde rolling on the floor, physically fighting with the housekeeper when they went for a visit.

For his part, Louis moved deftly among his business interests, expanding and transitioning as

conditions seemed to warrant - and he didn't let much get in his way. If the city wanted him to buy a pawnbroker's license, it would have to make the point by filing repeated charges against him. If he needed to settle a business argument, he could sit in on the discussion comfortably as one of his sons pulled a gun to make a point.

By 1899, Louis had expanded his business interests to include scrap metal and hides; he called it the junk business. He soon built a new building to house these businesses at 234 S. Ninth Street. The two-story, brick-front structure still stands with its stone marker at the top: L. Stine & Sons.

His biggest business move, however, came in the mid-1920s, when Louis, his sons and several of his sons-in-law purchased Fred Schmidt & Brother, a downtown department store on O Street across from the old City Hall. They renovated the building and renamed the store.

Among other things, they moved the elevators from the front of the building to the back so that customers would have to walk through the main sales floor to access the upper floors. The Grand Leader department store opened for business on August 20, 1924. Full-

page ads in the Lincoln newspapers offered men's dress shirts for \$1.69, women's fine footwear for \$2.95 and silk bloomers for \$1.98. The store's beauty salon offered women a wave and curl for \$1.00.

Louis's involvement in the Jewish life of Lincoln can be traced back to at least 1898, when Congregation Talmud Torah was organized. He was one of the two organizers and one of the original trustees of that congregation. In 1910, he bought the lot at the northeast corner of Eighteenth and L streets, apparently with the idea of a synagogue building in mind. A bit later, when Talmud Torah merged with Tifereth Israel, Louis donated the land to the new Tifereth Israel congregation. Work on the new building began in 1913.

At the peak, there were about 20 Stine family members residing in Lincoln. They thrived through the early years of the Grand Leader. But the store went bankrupt in the Depression and the Stine family gradually began relocating across the country. Most of those who remained, including Louis and Hinde, are buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on North Fourteenth Street.

Louis Stine died in 1925, Hinde Stine in 1936. Their last surviving child, Philip Stine, died in Lincoln in 2000. Today, Louise Springer is the last Stine family member still residing in Lincoln. Louise's mother, Anna Stine Goodman, was the third of Louis and Hinde's 10 children. (The other surviving grandchildren of Louis and Hinde are Betty Gelsin Marx of Tampa, Fla, Marjorie Goldstein Treger of Bremerton, Wash., and Elinore Robinson Kutler of Kansas City, Mo.)

The old Tifereth Israel building served its congregants for about 40 years before being replaced by a new building at 32nd and Sheridan Boulevard. Coincidentally but appropriately, the last event to be held in the original building, on June 5, 1954, was the bar mitzvah of Arnie Garson, one of Louis Stine's 36 great-grandchildren.

The next day, the cornerstone was removed and the building decommissioned. The honor of removing the box of memorabilia in the cornerstone was awarded to Anna Stine Goodman.

--Based entirely on interviews with Stine family members and other research by the author.



Anna Stine Goodman holds the corner stone box after its removal from the old building. Photo by Arnold Garson



The L. Stine & Sons marker on the business front.

Finding Family Roots with the Help of Online Trees

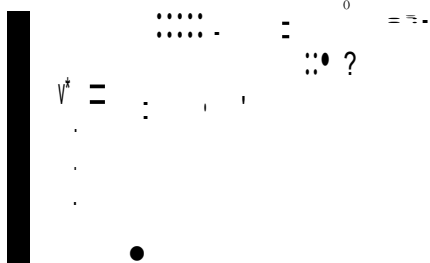
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Border changes in the history of Poland.



Joseph Riseman and his children in Omaha, Nebraska Back L-R Sam Riseman, Lena Riseman Brodkey, Charlie Riseman . Front L-R Clara Riseman Ferer, Joseph Riseman, Fanny Riseman Sessel



Immigrant bank card provided by Michael Rosenberg showing the Depositor as Fannie C. Riseman.

[Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) is a website where you can build your family tree and discover your family history. Your tree can be made public so other people can see it, or you may make it private. If you make your tree public no one can see living people on your tree unless you invite them as a guest and allow them to see everyone. In this way Ancestry.com protects the privacy of you and your living family.

I built my "public" tree on Ancestry so that other people researching individuals associated with my family could contact me and share their information. This has been an incredible experience as I have made so many family discoveries that I cannot share them all with you. But, I will share a unique find that gave me insight to relatives that I didn't know existed.

Michael Rosenberg from Berlin, Germany contacted me through Ancestry.com. He had noticed the name Fannie Riseman on my family tree. While creating his own family tree, Michael acquired a family document that showed Fannie Riseman, in Springfield, Illinois, had established an immigrant bank account in 1940 in the names of Siegfried Hopp and family, Dora and Manfred Hopp, and Herman Hermann.

Michael hoped that the Fannie Riseman in my family tree could be the same Fannie Riseman and that he could make the connection for his research. Unfortunately, that was not the case. My Fannie Riseman (1884-1970) was born in Wolinsky, Russia. She immigrated with her family when she was 10 years old. She and her family settled in Omaha, Nebraska (according the 1900 census). In 1903 she married Charlie Sunshine in Omaha, remaining here for most of her life.

But, Michael's message caught my interest so I checked online for his Fannie Riseman. When I googled "Riseman , Springfield, Illinois", I found a Paul Riseman living there. Another search produced a phone number, so I called him. It turns out that Paul is the great - grandson of Samuel A. Riseman (1864-1937) who immigrated from Russia, to the U.S. in 1885. Sam married Anna Belle Livingstone in 1887 and they had eight children. Their oldest son, Herman, (who, by the way, just happened to be born in Nebraska in 1889) married a Fannie Cohen in 1922, and the 1940 census shows that the couple lived at 523 N 6th Street in Springfield, the same address listed on the immigrant bank record.

Now I could direct Michael Rosenberg to the correct Riseman family. He was looking for Fannie C. Riseman.

In the meantime, I now had a new avenue to research because I found it very interesting that Herman Riseman, the oldest son of Samuel A. Riseman in Springfield, Illinois, had been born in Nebraska. (In addition, my great grandfather was also named Sam Riseman, but he was much younger than Samuel A, as he was born in Russia in 1881.)

After further investigation, I found that Samuel A. Riseman of Springfield, Illinois is a younger brother of my great-great grandfather Joseph Riseman, born in Turnizi, Russia in 1857. Therefore, he is an uncle to my great grandfather Sam.

Jewish headstones can be a wonderful source to make family connections as the older stones were usually inscribed with the Hebrew name of the deceased and the name of his or her father. In this case, I concluded the relationship of the two men when I noticed the gravestone inscriptions for each stated that they were sons of Mordechai Riseman.

Then, quite recently, I found the obituary for Samuel in the Springfield newspaper archives. It stated that Samuel had two brothers in Omaha, Joseph and David Riseman, and even more surprising, he also had a brother Isaac in Russia. Suddenly I had another name, Isaac, that I had never heard of before.

As you can see, a simple inquiry from a man in Berlin, started a whole string of new discoveries for me. This is the reason I put "public" trees online - as each new communication can open doors to unknown, or forgotten, family members all over the world.

Also, Michael Rosenberg shared with me that the funds in the immigrant bank were used by Margot Hermann, daughter of Herman Hermann. She came to Springfield and married Samuel Riseman's grandson, Harold. The other members of the Hopp/ Hermann family never made it out of Europe, they died in Auschwitz.

By: Oliver B. Pollak

According to Carole Gendler Omaha Jews formed the Centennial Club in 1876; the name commemorating the centenary of the American Revolution. It changed its name to the Standard Club in 1878, perhaps following the lead of Chicago's Standard. It reorganized again as the Metropolitan Club in 1883.

The Clubs rented space in various downtown buildings and built its own quarters at 2203 Harney Street in 1891. To the right is a vivid description from the Sunday, November 8, 1891 Omaha World-Herald.

At the closing of the Metropolitan Club in August 1911 the officers recognized Alphonse Wilson for his twenty-four years of service as steward. They presented him with a gold watch. Wilson, prominent in Omaha's African American community, went on to serve as steward of the University Club and died at the age of 76 in 1936. The new tenants of renamed Metropolitan Hall were the Omaha Women's Club.

Many newspapers are available on line through:

1. Omaha World-Herald Archives
2. Newspaperarchive.com
3. GenealogyBank.com
4. Chronicling America (at no cost)
provided by the Library of Congress.

These websites provide unprecedented access to historic newspapers.



Photograph of the Metropolitan Club with Julius Meyers.

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The **Metropolitan Club** and its
New **Club House** on Har-
ney Street.

A Substantial Organization and its Member-
ship—The New Building in Detail—The
Interior Arrangements and Designs.

"I'll warrant they'll make it good."
—Harry V.

While the Omaha club has talked, the
Metropolitan has builded, and better than
it knew, for the splendid building which
will be numbered 2205 Harney street is the
pride of every man belonging to the club
and suits him to a T. The building adds
one more beauty to Omaha and one more
necessity for business. The Metropolitan
club represents the 400 of Jewish society
in Omaha. Moritz Meyer is its president,
George Heyn, vice president; S. Bergman,
treasurer; Ike New, secretary, and its
board of directors is formed by five promi-
nent men—Ben Newman, J. Robinson, A.
Deitch, F. Schlosser and S. Frank. Its
members are as follows:

F. Adler,	J. Goldsmith,
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J. L. Brandes,	S. Berkert,
J. Bergman,	I. Bodenstein,
H. Cahn,	A. Kahn,
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Jerome Kaufman,	Max Meyer,
Amos Meyer,	J. Meyer,
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A. Polack,	J. Lohman,
H. Langenstein,	M. Levy,
E. Schlosser,	G. L. Rosenhill,
C. A. Stamm,	S. Silberstein,
S. Schlessinger,	M. Trausman,
A. Weiss,	E. Weiss,
A. Zander,	M. Zander,

The club is essentially a social one. It is
a part of the Jewish need to enjoy life—to
be comfortable, to be happy—and every-
thing about the plan of the building
tends toward that end. To
Hugh McCaffrey the building belongs,
but he is building it for the club, and the
ten-year lease breaks up a sort of perman-
ency. Burdick & Butler are the architects
and Shone & Jackson contractors for the
brick work.

The building is 44,120, the grounds are
cush and are to be terraced. The front of
St. Louis pressed brick, with its brown
stone trimmings and its low
arched entrance, presents a pleas-
ing prospect to the street.
The vestibule is entered by the low, broad
arch and white marble steps, and a hand-
some tiled floor will respond to the trend.
Here are the broad oak stairs leading to
the dance hall above.

The grand reception lobby with its in-
laid floor and the club house, mainly of
antique oak is entered by wide folding doors.
Folding doors open out of it to the billiard
room and again into the card rooms be-
yond. These rooms, with the kitchen at
the south end, are all in line, occupying
the east half of the main floor.

The ladies' parlor is its location the most
pleasant room in the building, occupying
the northwest corner and having a fine bay
window and grate fireplace to the north.
The room is bright. There are large toilet
rooms and lockers just off the parlor.
These rooms are flanked on the south by
the men's toilet rooms and lockers, which
lead out from a pleasant reading room.
This room will no doubt be stocked with
good newspapers and periodicals for mem-
bers of a quiet bent.

But the large dining room, 30x40, with
its archway at the south end for banking
flowers and its wide windows facing west,
is to be the feast hall for many a happy oc-
casion and will be duly decorated.

The second floor is given over to the
dance hall. At the south end there is a
stage suitable for private theatricals, but
which will be used for the most part for an
orchestra at balls. Small dressing rooms
are on either side. The promenade arch is
to be decorated in Rococo style and a
frame three feet wide will surround the
room with a heavy moulding. The walls
through the building will be tinted in ap-
propriate shades.

The ball room is entered by a wide cor-
ridor, ending in a stairway to the lower
floor; at each end of the corridor are cloak
rooms. Ladies' and gentlemen's dressing
rooms of good proportions will occupy the
north end of the floor. The ball room, 41 x
73 and twenty feet high, will have a fine
floor of hard maple.

Above the dressing rooms are the jan-
itor's quarters, and happy the janitor who
presides, for they are roomy and comfort-
able.

The basement of the building is to have
a bowling alley of four alleys, made of
hard maple, and a smoking room. Fine wine
cellars also refrigerators, which can be
reached by stairs leading down from the
kitchen.

The building now stands waiting for in-
terior decoration, plumbing, gas fitting and
electric lights and bells. The Wolf Elec-
tric Light company and Russell, Pratt &
Co. have the lighting and electric work in
charge. Theodore Hark is the contractor
for plumbing and steam heating. His are
out for the interior decoration. It is hoped
that Thanksgiving will see the new Metropo-
litan club occupied. M. D.

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REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND **STUART** **RICHARD "DICK"** **ROCHMAN**

On December 7, 2013 at the age of 80, we lost a very good friend, board member and membership chairman. Following a private burial at Beth El Cemetery a memorial service was held at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.

Dick is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Tammy Rochman of Sacramento, CA and Daniel and Sayaka Rochman of Falls Church, VA; daughter and partner, Julie Rochman and Sandra Palmer of Tampa, FL; grandchildren; Andrew, Sara, Thomas, Natalie and David; and partner Rocky Stern.



He was a graduate of Central High School; attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated from Omaha University. He worked with his parents at their Benson Furniture Mark and then embarked on a long career as a salesman. Dick's enthusiasm was contagious. He will be greatly missed.



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