

L'Dor V'Dor

from generation to generation • the newsletter of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society

NJHS Annual Meeting

NJHS Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, July 18th in the JCC auditorium. Susie Friedman Cohn received the Mary Fellman award on behalf of the Ike and Roz Friedman Foundation for their generosity to the Society. Helen Rifkin received the Shirley Berman Volunteer Award for her years of dedication. Debbi Josephson succeeded Ira Nathan as board president, Beth Staenberg is vice president, Rocky Stern is secretary, and Don Dandy is Treasurer.



*Susie Friedman Cohn accepting the
Mary Fellman Award*



*Helen Rifkin recipient of Shirley Berman Volunteer
Award with Louise Abrahamson*



*Debbi Josephson with Outgoing NJHS
President, Ira Nathan*



Lloyd & Lois Friedman and Annette Fettman

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MESSAGE FROM DEBBI JOSEPHSON, NJHS BOARD PRESIDENT

It's never too soon to think about our past! We all need to do it now!

We are commanded to do it. The Torah commands us to remember! In fact it is a commandment repeated very often in the Torah. That we must remember! Helping the Historical Society fulfill its mission helps us all carry out this commandment.

Please help us do that by showing your support. Remember to **renew your membership in the NJHS**. Let your friends and family know why you feel a commitment to renew. You can be an inspiration to others and encourage them to join you in becoming a member of the Historical Society. Show your support, also by using our tribute cards to honor or memorialize a loved one. *Remember the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society receives no funds from the Jewish Federation of Omaha. We are an independent organization. We pay rent to the Jewish Community Center but we raise our own funds and set our own budget and have our own membership base.*

We have a wonderful board of directors who are eager and enthusiastic. Some of the things we are working on for next year are; to publish the history of the **Jewish Owned Mom and Pop Grocery Stores in Nebraska and Western Iowa**. This booklet will be in the style of the one that was printed a few years ago about South Omaha. It should be completed next spring. We do need the community's help with it. We have been busy researching and interviewing for it. We certainly don't want to omit any family or store from the publication so please spread the word to those you know who have a connection to a grocery store, large or small to contact Renee Corcoran in the Historical Society office. We need your stories and photographs. If you know of someone who you think would like to help fund this project please let us know.

We are putting together a new exhibit planned for display next April. This will be an exhibit of **Jewish athletes and their sports from Nebraska and Western Iowa**. This exhibit will have with a tie-in to the closing of Rosenblatt Stadium. We are looking for stories, mementos, and photographs for this exhibit.

The board of directors has decided that a way to give our Historical Society more visibility would be to **develop a website**. Former residents and future residents doing a search on the internet could see what we are doing in Omaha. They might be able to do some genealogy research and could even pay their dues on line. I hope this will be completed soon.

And along these lines I would like to see a **new brochure** printed. We have tour groups and civic groups from the Omaha area and from out of town coming through the Riekes Museum and it would be so much more professional to hand out brochures to them.

As always, we are compiling **Oral Histories**. **Ben Nachman** has been our producer and videographer ---interviewing and recording. He has a natural talent when it comes to Oral History, if you haven't done yours yet; maybe this year is the time to get it done.

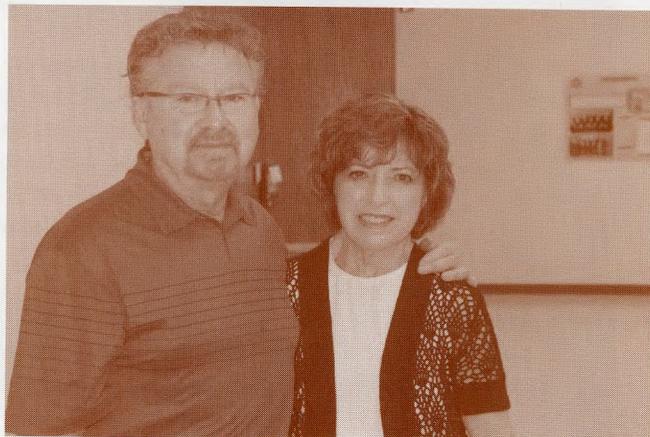
The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society has many needs and there are ways for angels to provide funding for them, with or without recognition. Please don't be shy. If you have any questions or ideas for the **Nebraska Jewish Historical Society** please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Thank you for your support.

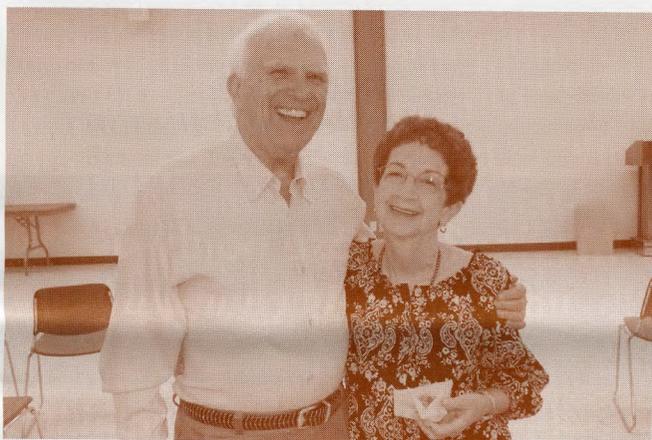
Annual Meeting Continued



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A special thanks to our talented photographer NJHS Board Member, Gary Javitch



Can you identify this photo? The date on the back is listed as October 18, 1932. Please contact 402/334-6441/42.

Can you help? The NJHS office received this request by email and we have nothing in our archival collection regarding either of these names.

Many years ago I bought a wicker immigrant's trunk in an antiques shop in Chicago. The writing on the front says:

*Szhejder, Jakob
c/o Sol Spak
1808 NE 21St.
Omaha, Nebraska*

I have enjoyed having the trunk but would love to find a descendant of either man and give it to them.

My family came from Scotland many, many years ago and I would cherish anything that belonged to them, this is why I would love to find the heirs and make them this gift.

My phone is 708-763-3112

Thank you!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NEEDED

NJHS memberships help us to plan our programs, exhibits and continue our goal of preserving our history for future generations. Your continued support is very important to us as we receive no funding from the Jewish Federation of Omaha and depend entirely on memberships and donations. Our membership year is January 1st through December 31st. If you have not paid your **2010** dues please consider doing so as soon as possible.

We welcome your suggestions of potential new members. Also, NJHS memberships make excellent gifts and often give a former Nebraskan the opportunity to get reacquainted with our community.

Dick Rochman,
Membership Chairperson

Moving? Please notify us of your address change!

Family Grocery Store Photographs and Stories Needed

We continue to seek photographs and stories about "Mom and Pop" grocery stores for our next edition of Memories of the Midwest. If you have not sent us the story of your family please get it to us as soon as possible. We are approaching our deadline.

Your **financial** contribution to this project will help to make certain that we include in our publication **all** the stories and photographs that we are receiving. Please consider a donation that will assist us in preserving a special and memorable time in our history. Our book may be the last opportunity to tell the stories of the individuals that had such a great impact on our community.

A list of all donors will be included in the book. Help us to preserve our past for the future.

Please contact Renee at 402/334-6442 or email njhs@jewishomaha.org.

It's Still Leehovitz To Me

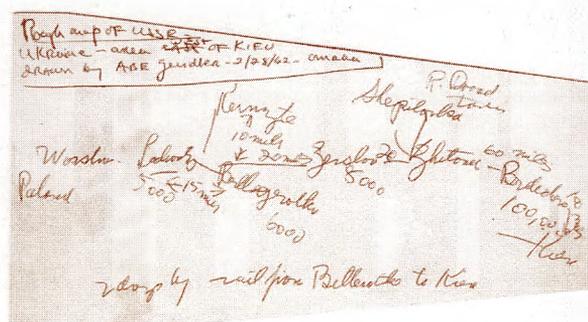
By Richard Fellman

Last summer Bev and I were getting ready to leave Omaha for Ukraine where we would live until the end of the year. We were packing in the midst of summer heat and humidity, but I was thinking about a Dr. Zhivago winter and taking heavy winter and coats and boots. I had received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach American Government at a national university in the former Soviet Union.

For many weeks I had spent time reading books from my library on Russia, especially books about Jews in the Pale of Settlement, when an old map, really just a free hand drawing, fell out of a biography of Nikita Khrushchev where I had put it years before.

To start, I never expected to receive the Fulbright, nor to travel to Ukraine, nor to find the map, nor to visit the shtetl where my grandfather, Harry Fellman, was born and raised, together with his eleven brothers and sisters. In those years he was known as Gershon Fellman, not Harry. He left what was called "Russia" in the late 1890's, after being conscripted into the Army of the Czar for a twenty-year term and winning a medal for marksmanship. Jews were treated poorly in the Army, but with the medal came a thirty day furlough.

Gershon went home to Lechovitz, the shtetl in what was then Vohlynia gubernia (an administrative district like a county) and told his widowed mother Chavah goodbye, then took the train from Shepetikvah, some 30 kilometers away from Lechovitz and headed for America. He spent a few weeks in New York with relatives and came to Omaha where his older sister, Tamea Fellman lived with her husband, Joseph Riseman and their six children.



My trip began, almost as a lark when I read an announcement from the Fulbright office explaining that teaching fellowships were available to college professors, including adjuncts; and there I was at the University of Nebraska at Omaha teaching American Government as an adjunct in the Department of Political Science. The folks in Washington said I had a good chance to be selected and that translation services were authorized for Americans teaching in Ukraine.

Before long Bev and I were settled in a lovely old apartment in Uzhhorod, a city of 100,000 on the extreme western end of Ukraine, bordering Hungary and Slovakia.

We had a wonderful time in Ukraine. We met and made friends in Uzhhorod and in its small Jewish community of about 500 which before the Nazis had been 20,000 strong. Together, we traveled throughout the countryside of western Ukraine and most of its cities, including Kyiv, Chernobyl, Lviv, Zhytomyr, Berdichev, Vinnytsya, Medzhybizh and Mukachevo.

In Berdichev we stood at the gravesite of the revered Rabbi Levi Yitzhak, and then we drove to Medzhybizh and viewed the gravesite of the BESHT, Israel Baal Shem Tov, founder Hasidism.

We visited and spent time in Budapest, Prague and Bratislava; made friends among the students and faculty of Uzhhorod National University; got know ex-pats living in the area; and especially enjoyed a visit from Omaha by our daughter, Susan and granddaughter, Gabby.

From the start, when I made the first telephone call of inquiry, I wondered whether I would be able to find Lechovitz. I knew it to be the home of the Fellman family in Ukraine but I could not find it on any map and I looked at many.

Cousin Gordon Fellman, who teaches at Brandeis University, even called a friend at Harvard's Geography Department and they searched. But we found nothing. Then, during a Fulbright orientation session in Washington, I did some research at the Holocaust Memorial Museum library and with the help of one of their scholars, learned its location.

First, the spelling of Lechovitz, transliterated into English, came out about six different ways, depending on whether it was written from Russian, Ukrainian, Polish or Yiddish. But the real change took place by the Soviets soon after the Great Patriotic War (the Soviet name for World War II), when Lechovitz sounded too Polish. The village name became Biligoria, meaning while mountain. (There is a big hill about the size of Omaha's Memorial Park, just outside the village.)

The Holocaust scholar shared with me a manuscript telling the story of the Nazi occupation of the town and the neighboring area, the round up of Jews in 1941 when the Germans took over, the slaughter of over 3,000 Jews from the area and even the name of the German Army officer who commanded the operation.

A Jewish student at the university in Uzhhorod where I was teaching, who spoke both Ukrainian and Russian, as well as English, and had his own car (which was not common), served as my guide and driver in the middle of October. We took a few days for a trip to Biligoria, crossing the snow covered Carpathian Mountains and on to the rich soil of western Ukraine, the breadbasket of much of Europe.

Fall colors gave the trees the rich shades of autumn.

The land is flat. The earth is black, blacker even than eastern Nebraska or any of Iowa. But crops are similar...corn, beets which group much bigger there than here, winter wheat and grains of all variety.

Cattle graze. Chickens run loose. Sheep and goats saunter freely in small farm yards. Family garden plots are common. Fruit trees thrive in tiny orchards near private homes. And the weather is much like the American Midwest except in the late Fall when there is a constant but light rain.

I had with me a small sketch drawn by Abe Gendler, who lived in Omaha and is now deceased, but who was born in a shtetl just a few kilometers from Lechovitz. Abe and I had been sitting next to each other at a B'nai B'rith sports stag in Omaha in 1962. Knowing that he came from the same area as my grandfather, who died in the late 30's, I asked him to draw a map of the area, and he did. I kept the small map, dated it and used it as a bookmark in a book I was reading.



Chavah Fellman

While preparing for the Fulbright trip I pulled down the same book and much to my surprise found the map. While my guide was driving to Lechovitz, I had Abe's map in hand in a clear plastic envelope with the official road map on one side and Abe's on the other; and as we drove I turned them over, again and again.

Abe was accurate in his placement, in which roads were straight and those which were curved, and in distances and in marking where the cities were.

Even more than the facts on the drawing, I could almost hear voices, the voices of my great-grandparents, Chavah and her husband Eliezer, speaking to each other.

There I was on the road they traveled going back and forth to markets, the road their children took to catch the train leading out of the shtetl. Eventually those leaving arrived at ports in the west where they boarded ships and journeyed in steerage until they arrived in America.

This was the old Russian road Chavah and Eliezer had driven with their horses and wagons, possibly even the road they had walked.

The road was narrow, barely two lanes. The paving was poor with pot holes everywhere.

Coming down the road opposite us was a large truck; a new Volvo tractor with a double trailer filled to capacity with freshly harvested sugar beets, and behind it a horse and buggy, equally filled with beets. Behind it was a two-wheeled carriage drawn by a stunning white horse with two men riding and visiting. It looked the latest pick-up, circa 1895.

"Chavah," Eliezer seemed to say, "Do you think Gershon's grandson will find us? He's never been here before."

"Don't worry, Lazer," she was saying, using the diminutive name everyone called Eliezer, "he'll find us. There isn't any other way to go."

She was right. Grandmothers usually are.

I had Chavah's photo with me; the same photo the entire family has, showing her seated in a large high backed chair, a white scarf around her head, what appears to be a portrait possibly of her late husband on a small table near her, and a shawl over her knees. Her hands appear gnarled, her fingers advanced years. She is looking straight at the camera, seems to have no teeth but has a book in her hands.

Family lore holds that Lazer and Chavah together leased a building from the Polish nobleman who owned the land. The couple ran an inn for travelers who stopped in Lechovitz. Others add that Chavah was also a midwife. After Lazer died, the tale goes, Chavah continued running the inn.

As we drove toward Lechovitz in my mind I was listening to Chavah and Lazer speak with each other and picturing Chavah sitting alone. (I have never seen a picture of Lazer.) It seemed to me, even though the trucks we were passing were new, I was about to visit my great-grandparents and the time was in the 1890's.

We followed the long, straight road, with thick bands of trees on each side forming a sort of canopy across the narrow roadway. Soon, we were at the Goryn River and then came a road sign.

“Biligoria.” In Ukrainian, of course.



We drove into the small village of a few thousand, which according to the official Russian census of the Pale of Settlement taken in 1897 had a Jewish population of 1300, and in the center we found two large Soviet-type buildings, one an administrative headquarters and the other a meeting hall, with a small museum and a woman in charge who became my guide.

I showed her a picture of a small building taken a few years back by a distant who claimed it was the exact building Chavah leased as an inn.

“It’s still called the Jew’s Inn,” the guide told me. “Would you like to see it? It’s just across the street.”



Jew's Inn

And we went. There it was, the same building, now used as a private home.

Next the guide took us to the field where the Nazis rounded up the Jews before murdering them.

“Want to see there the Nazis actually killed the Jews?” the guide asked.

So we again crossed through the town and a few kilometers beyond and walked deep in the forest on the other side of the village to a clearing the size of the infield of a baseball diamond where the Jews were marched and then shot.

We saw no graves. There were none even though 3000 Jews had been killed at that spot. But when a fence was recently erected with a small memorial to those who died, workmen found human bones just 18 inches below the surface.

There is no longer a Jewish cemetery in Biligoria, nor any synagogues, though there were once three shuls. “One for the rich, one for the poor, and one for any one else,” an old timer in the village told me.

He said the Jews of Lechovitz were strictly observant and sought “a rabbi’s advice about what meat they could eat.” He also repeated the falsehood that Jewish killed Christian children at Easter time to use their blood in making matzah, but he said he wasn’t sure that was true.

Through my entire visit to Biligoria, the voice of Chavah and Eliezer kept speaking to me, asking about their children and grandchildren. I wanted to tell them.

A few older children settled in and around Boston and north to Manchester, New Hampshire. Some went to New York. Sorah Basya, a sister a year younger than Gershon and two years older than Samuel, the youngest of the twelve children, married Sam Guller and lived in St. Louis.

Gershon came to Omaha to join his sister, Tamea Riseman, one of oldest of the siblings. She is the one who said that Gershon would never do as a name in America, so he became Harry. He married Esther Wine and their children were Rose, Leon, Saul and Ann.

Gershon’s youngest brother, Samuel, also came to Omaha, married Ansa Mittleman, and their children were Sarah, Louis, Morris, Jenny, Betty and Edward.all

Two nephews of Gershon and Samuel...all four men were within a few years in age of each other and born between 1874 and 1878...came to Omaha about the same time.

One nephew, the one named Gershon, became Jake (the same story about his name), and he married Brindl Guberman, while the other nephew, Sucher, married Ruchel Joska. These two nephews were sons of Aaron, one of the oldest brothers in the family, and Aaron never came to America.

Jake’s children were Charles, Louis, David, Abe, Joe, Sarah and Harry (Ozzie).

Sucher’s family was Sol, Harry (also called Enrique and killed while serving in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War), Nathan, Lee, Morris, Louis and Charles.

Tamea Fellman Riseman's children were Charles, Sam, Lena, Fanny, Clara and Harry and her husband was Joseph.

One can see the repetition of first names throughout the family. And if one lists the second and third generations the names were repeated time and again.

Family names that are related through marriages and subsequent generations include families in Omaha and around America...(in no particular order) Specter, Perlmutter, Krasne, Kavich, Kaplan, Isenburg, Guller, Ferer, Alter, Zifferen, Brodkey, Newburg, Krohn, Rosenblatt, Slusky, Marer, Wine, Zweiback, Saltsman, Pelts, Fisher and many others. (My apology for omissions)

Cousin Arthur Bass of Albany, New York, compiled a 125 page book entitled "Descendants of Eliazer Fellman." He estimates that there are between 1500 and 1800 cousins today, in North America and in Israel.

The names, that are first names, are interesting by themselves. The most repeated name of all is Eliezer, Chavah's husband and the patriarch of this entire family. He ran the Inn, but he died in his 50's, while Chavah lived well into her 90's and died around 1920. Neither came to America, though most of the 12 children did, except for some of the oldest and their offspring emigrated.

Every family had the opportunity of naming a son after Eliezer, whom everyone called Lazer, so there is a Lazer, Louis, Lewis, Leonard, Leo, Leon, Lee and in later years, Lawrence and Larry in nearly every family group.

And they all came from Lechovitz, now Biligoria, in the center of western Ukraine, home of a famous Hasidic Rabbi, Reb Mordechai of Lechovitz and the ancestral home of one of the largest Jewish families which survived the anti-semitism of 20th century Europe and found freedom, opportunity and success in America.

*Remember the
Nebraska Jewish Historical
Society in your Will*

Ancestry Corner

Written by Sue Friedman Millward

My search for my family roots is continuing. In the last newsletter I spoke about my search for my Krasne family ancestral home. I have found several references in the Polish Records Index (available on Jewish Genealogy) to a group of Krasne families from Orly and Bielsk. Moses Krasne was born in Bielsk in 1790! He is my g-g-g-grandfather.

As my search continues though, I made another fascinating discovery. And, this is the one I want to share with you now, as there may be several families in Omaha who may find this of interest. My mother, Thama Friedman, was named for her great-grandmother, Tamea Riseman (nee Fellman). But the real story goes further back to Tamea's parents and grandparents. One day while searching the internet for Fellman family history, I found this:

The Childless Couple (an excerpt from Does God Eat Us?) By Hilda Terry

This is an oral history; a modest family experience retold with simple accuracy over the generations until it has become legend, keeping the family names alive in memory... Back in the Ukraine, Soocha and SuraBess Litvanchuk, were childless after many years of marriage. In desperation, they went to the rabbi for help. "Who am I to bless you with a child?" the rabbi chided. "Only God can do that." The famous rabbi who was known for a gift of vision, finally consoled the downhearted couple with a prophesy, "There'll be a girl to take care of a boy."

A year later, SuraBess gave birth. The labor was long and difficult, so Soocha ran back to the rabbi. "The 'maidel' is come." The rabbi assured him. "Go home. Name her for the mothers." Thus the girl born that day was called Chava Ruchel (Eve Rachel). The following year the boy came, and the rabbi's prophesy was fulfilled.

The oldest child born to Soocha and SuraBess was Chava Ruchel Litvanchuk. Chava married Laiza Farraman and they lived in, and managed, a family tavern in Lechovitz, Vilna Gubernia. Of their eleven children, nine survived, and after the slaughter at Kishinov in 1903, the siblings set off for their new lives in America. They passed through Ellis Island where the name of Farraman was changed to Fellman. Many of the siblings settled in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Their names were: Aaron, Laban, Chaim, Alchoonin, Soocha, Gershwin, Shmilik, Serouli, SuraBess, Thamar and Esther

Their mother, Chava Ruchel died about 1918 at the age of 104. The fact that she died alone in Russia weighed heavily on her children, but she had the comfort of knowing all her children, and her brother's children, were secure from the violence that

took place in eastern Europe before World War I...so none of Soocha and SuraBess's descendants were caught in the Holocaust.

It's not easy to keep up with an expanding family through all the name changes, but we make the effort. Laban, Chava Ruchel's second son, married the daughter of a man who had no sons of his own. Following the custom for such men, the father of the bride adopted his son-in-law, who then took his father-in-law's name -- Spector. Laban Spector had three sons, Harry, Jack and Louis, and two daughters; Celia married Joe Feldman, and Ida who married Louis Eisenberg.

The Eisenbergs had a daughter, Annie, who married Melvin Reese. They begot Billy, who begot Mason. Mason Reese is a present day musician remembered as a precocious child actor. He is one of four or five hundred assorted Americans, all more or less brilliant, all more or less talented, who today, trace their roots back to this once "childless couple," Soocha and SuraBess Litvanchuk.

End of the story by Hilda Terry. (Hilda Terry Fellman died in 2006. She was a cartoonist whose comic strip "Teena" featured stylish adolescent girls. It ran from 1946 - 1964 in newspapers all over the country.)

Thamar Fellman, my great-great-great grandmother, was one of the siblings who came over. And, it is her story that has ties to many other noted Omaha families.

In 1892 in Turnizi, Russia, Thamar married Joseph Riseman, they had six children and in 1889 they packed their young family up and moved to the United States. Their children were:

- 1) Charles born in 1877 - married Rose Schwartz in 1907
- 2) Sam (my great-grandfather) born in 1879 - married Tony Allen-Kreig in 1899
- 3) Lena born in 1880 - married Solomon Brodkey in 1899
- 4) Fannie born in 1884 - married Charlie Sunshine in 1903
- 5) Clara born in 1886 - married Harry M Ferer in 1906
- 6) Harry born in 1888 - married Bertha Redman (from Ottuma, Ia) in 1917

All of Joseph and Thamar's children were born in Russia but they settled into their Nebraska home and the Midwestern way of life. All married into other Jewish families with similar background, who had also relocated to this region of the country. And, by reviewing the names of their grandchildren, many people will identify a new link in their family histories.

This story is in honor of my grandmother Sara Riseman Krasne, and her sisters Ruth Cohen and Bernice Kaplan. Bernice (Babe) is 97 years young and current resides at the Rose Blumkin Home.



Babe Kaplan, Sara Krasne and Ruth Sherman Cohen



The picture included here is Joseph and Thamar with all their grandchildren circa 1916. All of who have roots in Omaha and surrounding areas. From left to right they include:

Back Row - Rose Brodkey (Fisher), Sara Brodkey (Ziffren), Lillie Brodkey (Wright), Lillian Riseman (Alperson), Sara Riseman (Krasne), Bernice Ferer (Krasne)

Middle Row - Ruth Riseman (Sherman/Cohen), Joseph Riseman, Tamea Riseman (nee Fellman), Freda Brodkey (Rosenblatt)

Bottom Row - Bernice Riseman (Kaplan), Melvin Riseman, Bud Brodkey (Sol), Ruthie Ferer (Kavish), Leon Ferer, Thelma Ferer (Linsman)

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Anniversary: of **Ann and Harry Allen** by Sylvia Jess;

Birth: of great granddaughter of **Sheldon and Sally Masnek** by Helen Rifkin;

Honors: of **Debbi Josephson** as President of NJHS by Debbie and Scott Friedman, **Helen Rifkin** for receiving the Shirley Berman Award by NJHS by Helen and Tuffy Epstein

ORAL HISTORY UPDATE

The following interviews have been conducted by Dr. Ben Nachman and added to our collection of oral histories: Marlene D. Kahn, Marcia Tepperman Kushner, Fran and Rich Juro, Louise Lippett, Roie and Bernie Meyers, Allan Noddle, Steve Pitlor, Paul Ruback, Dr. Ben Rubin, JoAnn Schmidman, Marc Sherman and Sylvia E. Swartz.

Please contact the NJHS at 334-6442 if you are interested in doing an oral history interview. This is an excellent way of preserving your history for your family and the entire community.

NJHS MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society is to preserve the histories of the Jewish families who settled in Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The NJHS will promote the acquisition, cataloging and use of the collected materials which depict this history by: participating in conferences; issuing publications to members and professionals; fostering research; and promoting museum projects and related education and cultural activities.

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

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