

NEWS LETTER

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Front L to R: Henry Ginsberg, Sam Epstein, Aaron Epstein, Iz Bogdanoff, Jay Stoler, David Bleicher. Back L to R: Leo Berman, Earl Siegel, Joe Turner, Louis Lohrman, Morrie Bloom, Buz Siegel, _____, _____.

Focus on Jews in Sports in Nebraska

Part I

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Women's B'nai Brith Bowling Team. Top: 1. Faye Edell, 2. Ann Shulman, 3. Helen Baker, 4. Millie Greenberg, 4. Bev Swartz, 5. Libby Hoberman, 6. Sarah _____, 7. Lottie Bloch, 8. Rose Sabes, 9. _____, 10. Evy Temin, 11. Rose Lagman, 12. _____, 13. Pearl Giventer, 14. Toots Fogel. Front: Reva Singer, Ida Sacks, Rose Oruch, Helen Shukert. Call 334-8200, Ext. 277 if you can identify the others in this picture.

Lines From Louise

On Sunday, June 16, 1991, I was elected President of the NJHS for 1991-1992. Thank you members for the honor and privilege of serving the Society which is very near and dear to my heart. My interest in our Jewish heritage dates back to my early years. As the years have passed I can only say that the past must be set forth so that future generations can learn and remember.

Since June we have been very busy with many activities. We are working with various agencies, giving our help wherever needed. We have worked with JCAC on exhibits displaying rituals and ceremonial objects, we have worked with JCAC on Tillie Olsen's visit to Omaha (Tillie is a native Omahan, widely known throughout the country for her literary achievements. She returned here to receive a literary award from the Nebraska Library Association and to recapture her past). We worked with the ADL on the Anne Frank exhibit displayed at the Joslyn Castle, we worked jointly with Temple Israel on their exhibit, just to name a few of our many activities.

We have applied for and received a grant from the Herbert Goldsten Trust to help with the cost of transcribing oral histories and we continue to do additional oral histories. We continue to gather, collect and catalogue memorabilia, and ask for your continued support.

Thanks to all who are making this linkage possible through your membership and support. We know this is the secret for making our Jewish history come alive (LEBIDECH). Our Society's main thrust continues to be the networking of the stories and artifacts of the Jews in the Midwest—joining generation-to-generation.

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN AND WILL DO IT!

Louise Abrahamson, President

Heading South?

Take a look at Florida's Jewish Life MOSAIC

"Mosaic...Jewish Life in Florida" is a traveling exhibit of 500 artifacts and photographs available for viewing in Palm Beach, March 17th to April 26. The collection was gathered by volunteers who toured the Sunshine State for three years, examining private collections of families who have lived in Florida for seven generations and more. In all, they collected 5,000 items which will form the foundation of a permanent museum.

We Salute Tillie Olsen and thank her for her Omaha JCC Appearance and "Sharing"...

It was not until my niece, Miriam Allen Kluska, an English teacher in Israel, told me that she was teaching the works of Tillie Olsen did I realize the wide-spread recognition that had been given to this former Omahan. Her reputation is world-spread and for those of us who had the opportunity of welcoming her to the Jewish community and sharing an evening with her it was a very special treat. She was in Nebraska to receive the Mari Sandoz Award from the Nebraska Library Association, an award that is given to a Nebraskan who has made a significant contribution to the Nebraska literary tradition. The first Sandoz award was given in 1971 to the late poet laureate John G. Neihardt, and it has only been given a few times since. Tillie Olsen spoke for almost two hours to an audience of several hundred members of the Omaha community at the Jewish Community Center in an evening that included her memories, her tears, her emotions and her elation at being with us. She particularly remembered her mother and father with wonderful stories and experiences and helped us understand her burning desire to share those stories through such books as "Tell Me a Riddle" and "Silences" which are taught at



universities in classes highlighting women's studies.

We are grateful to Linda Ray Pratt, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor of English who wrote the story of Tillie Olsen for our Volume 5 of the "Memories of the Jewish Midwest" journal and made us all aware of the effectiveness and talent of Tillie Olsen. We are grateful to Cynthia Schneider, Oliver Pollak and the Jewish Cultural Arts Council who helped us bring the renowned authoress to Omaha for our true enjoyment and joy. We are grateful to Tillie Olsen for sharing her stories with us and we wish her good health and many more "Sharings".

... by Mary Fellman



Front Row, L. to R.: Sam Kraft, Sam Lerner, Ida Paperny, Ben Gerelick, Sam Kaplan, Sam Colick. Back Row, L. to R.: Ida Lerner, Isadore Shafer, Louis Paperny, Sam Rosinsky, Julius Schneider, Sam Canar. Sam and Ida Lerner are Tillie Olsen's parents. This picture of the Workmen's Circle Arbitring was taken at the Paperny home in the 1930's.

From Our Mail Bag

Was interested to read the letter by Sonya Rabin. Ben Danbaum was married to my great-Aunt, Esther Chan's daughter. My sister's children's names are Rabin. If you have Sonya's address, I would appreciate your sending it. For info on Mr. Danbaum, Pearl Giventer has an article from an early-day book on Omaha notables—and my apartment neighbor (Bea Langfeld, whose father had Union Outfitting in early days) once was Ben Danbaum's dinner partner.
Norma Novak

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I would like to express my sincere thanks to all for giving me the opportunity to attend the annual conference of the American Jewish Historical Society in Hartford, Connecticut. I had the opportunity to visit with friends who had been to Omaha last year and make new friends. It was a wonderful experience, one that I will long remember. Hopefully, I have learned enough so that I can incorporate some of the ideas and use them here in Omaha. I am excited about being at the helm of our group for the next year and hope that we will have a fruitful year!
Again, thanks to one and all—I hope that I can achieve a great measure of success during this coming year and I look forward to working with each and everyone.
Louise Abrahamson
President, Elect, NJHS

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I haven't lived in Omaha since 1960, so I find the NJHS Newsletter a real treat. So many of the names bring back fond memories from my childhood. The attached picture of my father, Louis Lipp and his older sister, Bess Lipp Wise, has always been my favorite. I also wanted to thank you for sending copies of my father's articles to my rabbi at Washington Hebrew Congregation.
Susan Lipp Kentoff

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It's always such a treat to receive the NJHS Newsletter. I read it cover to cover. I noticed in the most recent issue, besides the picture of my parents on the front cover, an acquisition of the story of the Wessel family. I would like very much to have a copy of that story to give to a good friend of mine.
Barbara Hurst, who is the area director of the American Jewish Committee here in Seattle, is also a Wessel, related to the Nebraska City Wessels. Her father was Rabbi Steven Wessel of Tyler, Texas; Mrs. Cherniack is his first cousin. (Another

Nebraska connection: Barbara's husband, Arnold Robbins, is a cousin of Jack Duitch.)
If you can send me a photocopy of the family story, I will be happy to pay the cost of preparation, postage, and handling.
Goldie Gendler Silverman

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Enclosed is a check for a family gift membership (\$15) in the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society.
My wife Joan Krause Lipsey is a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Her mother and father Dorothy Davidson and Herman Krause were originally from Lincoln, Nebraska. I am a native of Des Moines, Iowa. Currently I am Vice President elect for the Southern Arizona Jewish Historical Society. I chair their Genealogical Group. I have been active in genealogy for the past 20 years.
I have "completed" the DAVIDSON-BORISON FAMILY GENEALOGY. This family was from Lincoln and Omaha. I will shortly make a copy for your Society and send it for your archives. A copy is currently at the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio. This genealogy includes data on the following families: Davidson, Wishnow, Shneider, Krause, Borison, Schneider, Lipsey, Cherniss, Cohen (Abe).
Joan I met at the Omaha Community Theatre when I was stationed at Offutt AFB. I was acting and she was a technician. We were married in 1954.
Alfred E. Lipsey

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I am researching and am co-authoring a book on the passengers and crew of the R.M.S. Titanic.
From fairly detailed records of 1912, I learned that a resident of Omaha was a passenger (later a victim) on the Titanic. This person was Emil Brandeis. Ms. Haller forwarded to me very valuable information on this gentleman but told me that perhaps your organization might have further details about him and his prominent family.
We are specifically looking for two crucial pictures. The first is that of Mr. Brandeis himself. Does your society have a picture of Emil? If so, would it be possible to get a good, clear print of it? With your permission, may we use the picture for our book? The second picture is that of the Brandeis family monument at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Ms. Haller informed me in her last letter that your society has a photograph of Emil's grave. Is this true? If so, may we also have a print of it to use in the book? We are dedicating a chapter in the book to the memorials of those connected with the Titanic. Since the body of Emil Brandeis was later recovered, we would be

especially interested to learn whether his tomb has mention of the Titanic disaster. If you perhaps can contribute even more information on Mr. Brandeis from your archives, we would be double appreciative and would like to include your organization in our acknowledgment section.
Sincerely,
Michael Findlay, 90 Union Boulevard
Totowa, New Jersey, 07512
(201) 790-7436

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The quarterly magazine of "Sixty Years of Inflight Service" contains a photo of my sister Ida Gerelick with a brief background of service when she was flying with United Air Lines. Ida was also the first founder of the Omaha Chapter in Omaha in 1968 working with the

mentally retarded. I happened to come across this "Clipped Wings Quarterly" which was loaned to me and I thought this might prove of interest to your readers, as Ida and Phil were well known in Omaha and actively involved...from Rebecca Wolf, Laguna Hills, CA

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I'm writing in an attempt to track down any documented record of my grandfather - Morris Berger, second son of Louis and Goldie Berger. He was born on 22 December 1895 in Douglas County, Omaha, Nebraska. As they were Orthodox in their beliefs, I know they went to a synagogue, I just don't know which one, and I no longer have any living relatives who know any further details. If you would please check your records for any documentation of brit milah, or bar mitzvah, I would greatly appreciate it. I would like to make aliyah and need specific documentation.
Karen D. Berger
Rehov Nachshon 12/6
Abu Tor, Jerusalem, Israel

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In the spring issue of Dorot, Vol. II, No. 3, there was an article concerning genealogical documentation that you had concerning the Pill family.
My son in law is David Pill and his father was born in Randolph, NE, and his grandparents lived there.
Please let me know what you have regarding the Pill family or the name of someone to talk to. William J. Feuerstein

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Planning a Family Reunion?

Getting all those people on your family tree together for a reunion can be an imposing task. These are some guidelines that can be helpful and ease your task:

Before the Event

Organized pre-planning does a lot to insure your reunion will run smoothly. Start your planning early. When you choose a date, it is best to stay away from holiday weekends as many people have previous commitments. You will need to reserve a site for the reunion, and also rooms for those coming from out-of-town. An early start will insure that family members will have ample time to make their arrangements for travel.

A letter or invitation should be sent several months ahead detailing the events planned. This should include place, date, time, and cost (if any). Ask if room reservations are needed—and request a prompt R.S.V.P.

A follow-up letter sent a few weeks prior to the reunion should confirm all plans and include a list of those who plan to attend. This letter should be sent to all relatives on your list, including those who have not responded or have responded negatively, in hopes some will change their mind and plan to attend.

Also, ask relatives to bring family pictures and memorabilia to share.

At the Event

Plan on having a sign-up book at the entrance for names and addresses. This will go a long way in helping prepare for the next reunion!

You will want to make certain to preserve a record of the reunion with photographs and, if possible, a video.

Costs can add up, so consider using a volunteer camera "crew" of attendees who are willing and own, or have access to, quality cameras.

Nametags are an important key in helping people understand where they and others fit into the scheme of the family. These can include a short family tree—perhaps back to their grandparents—and shows the lineage of the direct descendant.

A large family tree on display is always a great idea and creates interest.

Use some photographs, if possible. Display more photographs on a bulletin board and include those brought by attendees.

Careful planning and attention to detail will produce an event all will remember for years. Best of all, people will become enthusiastic about the family and come away from the event looking forward to seeing one another again soon.

(Thanks to Daniel L. Peletz, **DOROT**, Spring, 1991).

NJHS Welcomes Family Exhibits

To the many families who are planning family reunions, the NJHS will be happy to provide help in setting up your photos and memorabilia for an exhibit in our "Corridor of Jewish History".

Following are some of the criteria that have been set forth:

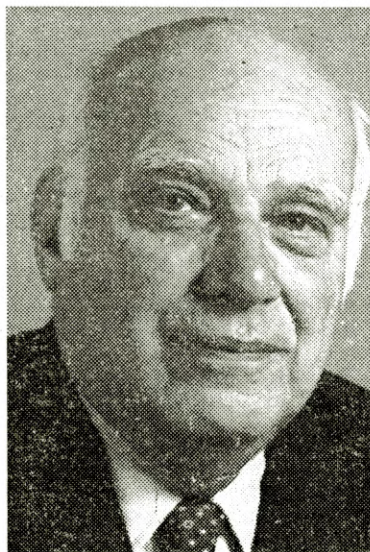
1. Donation To Cover Expenses: \$500 per family – check to NJHS (which includes staff help with exhibit)
2. Designate a family contact person to work with NJHS office staff in setting up exhibit
3. Gather photos and memorabilia and give to office staff
4. Families need to identify, label and text photos and memorabilia
5. Exhibit will be on display for at least 30 days, after which time all material will be dismantled and returned to contact person.
6. Contact 334-8200 Ext. 277 for more details.

A Note from "The Doctor" Author and "Walk-On" . . .

Dr. Edward Rosenbaum, former Omaha and now nationally renowned for his book "A Taste of My Own Medicine" which was made into the movie "The Doctor" dropped us a note saying: We have had a busy year. In October '90, we were invited by the Disney Studios to attend a script conference and visit the set of the upcoming movie. In January we were asked to come to Los Angeles to watch filming and to appear in a cameo role in the movie. In July we were invited back to L.A. to the initial screening of "The Doctor" for the cast and crew. After that we were sent to New York for interviews with the press, radio and TV. We returned to Portland for another round of interviews. Only in the last few days has our life returned to a slower and more normal pace. The movie is doing well. The book has been re-issued as a paperback and retitled "The Doctor". Last week it made the New York Times best seller list.

(Ed and Davida Rosenbaum will be in Omaha next June for the reunion of the

Rosenbaum, Wintroub families and we will make every effort to have him save some time to speak to our members.)



Dr. Edward Rosenbaum

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Herbert Goldsten and Livingston Foundations for your generous grants to us for the continuation of our work. The Herbert Goldsten Foundation has recently notified us of a grant of \$2,000 for the transcribing of our many oral history tapes, and for this money which we really needed we are most grateful. The Livingston Foundation, which since our inception has given us many grants which helped us function and grow, has this year notified us of a grant of \$1,000 for the continuation of our work. Because of the understanding and generosity of such foundations we are able to continue our very important work. Again Todah Rabah, thank you, thank you.

Focus On Sports

M.M. Krupinsky: Playing Baseball in the Good Old Days

M.M. "Micky" Krupinsky has great memories of his years playing centerfield for the Elkhorn Valley Baseball League. Mickey played on the Fremont team for ten years, starting the year the league was formed, 1921, until he moved to Omaha in 1931.

The team was sponsored by local merchants but owned by the players who split the profits at the end of each season. Games were held in each town and at county fairs in the area.

Fans paid 35 cents for admittance, and a bottle of soda pop sold for 5 cents.

The Fremont team played other area towns in their league—Hooper, Scribner, Arlington, Schuyler, and had their own mini-World Series at the end of each season when a



Micky Krupinsky on the right with Chas Chambers.

league all-star team was chosen to compete with other leagues' all-stars.

Micky was the only Jewish player in any of the leagues and did encounter some anti-Semitism. When his teammates felt the 5'5" centerfielder needed protection, they would rally around and tell him to "stay put"—they would "handle it". Fortunately, these incidents were rare and never led to any serious problems.

One of Micky's fondest memories was playing against the great pitcher, Sachel Paige, who, before the major leagues integrated, played for an all-Negro team.

After his baseball playing days were over, Micky continued his interest in sports. He is, at 90, still an avid golfer and won the Highland Country Club Golf Championship in 1943.

. . . By Jean Ann Krupinsky

A.Z.A.
#100
1948
Champions
of the
Region
and
J.C.C.
Youth
Council



Back row,
Left to Right:
Al Clayman,
Coach,
Sol Rosinsky,
Norman Philips,
Ed Belgrade,
Jack Stiss.
Front row,
Left to Right:
Wayne Siegel,
Joe Kirshenbaum,
Jerry Berman,
Arley Bondarin



**JAKE
ADLER**
Handball

- 1928: Member JCC 1st Baseball American Legion Team
- 1929: Member Central High American Legion Team
- 1937: Runner Up Midwest AAU Handball Tourney
- 1946: 1st Place Midwest AAU Jr. Handball Tourney



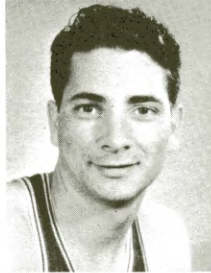
**JOE M.
RICE**
Volleyball

- 1920-75: Member JCC's Volleyball Team



**JOE J.
LEVEY**
Handball

- 1926-28: JCC Singles Champ
- 1926: Iowa Doubles Champ
- 1927-28: City Doubles Champ
- 1958: Inducted into JCC Hall of Fame



**SANDY
BROPHY**
Basketball

- 1947: Lettered 2 Years in Basketball at San Diego High School
- 1950-52: University of Oklahoma Basketball Team
- 1958: Received Leslie L. Burkenroad Award, Outstanding Varsity Basketball League Player



**DAVID
WARD
FRANK**
Handball

- 1925-29: Midwest AAU Handball Champion
- 1925-29: Tech High School Champion



**BARTON
"BUCKY"
GREENBERG**
Swimming

- 1938-42: Lettered in Swimming at Central High School
- 1943-46: Lettered in Swimming, Iowa State College & University of Nebraska
- 1948-91: Member of JCC Athletic Committee
- 1981, '84, '85, '89, '90: Recognition, All-American Fastest Time in Nation, in Age Group, in Breaststroke
- 1991: Received Special Recognition by the Omaha Sportscasters Association
- 1990-91: Holder of 6 American Breaststroke Records and 2 World Records



**SOL
YAFFE**
Handball

- 1927-30: Football, Basketball, Track; Earned 6 Varsity Letters
- Midwest AAU Handball Champion, City Champion
- JCC Outstanding Athlete
- Highland Country Club Champion
- Member AZA #100



**LOUIE
BLUMKIN**
Swimming,
Diving

- 1935-38: Lettered in Diving
- 1937-38: Tech High School Diving & Swimming Team
- 1937-38: Nebraska State Swimming Champion
- 1937-38: All-American USA



**KEVEE
"CAL"
KIRSHENBAUM**
Basketball

- 1939-Present: Basketball, Softball, Volleyball & Jogging at the JCC
- 1943-47: Central High School Varsity Basketball
- 1947-48: Harry Trustin Award, Outstanding Senior High School Athlete
- 1947-48: Leslie L. Burkenroad Award, Outstanding Varsity Basketball League Player
- 1962-83: Served on JCC Health & P.E. Committee
- Past President, Omaha Sportscasters Association

**No-Hit, No-Run
Game by Korney**

Norman Korney, star twirler of the Xi Lambda kittenball team, carved a niche in the hall of fame Sunday when he hurled a no-hit, no-run game Sunday morning. The XL's defeated Nogg's team, 8 to 0, thereby increasing their lead in the Big Four softball league to two games. Babich for the winners also accomplished a noteworthy feat, handling thirteen chances at third base without an error.

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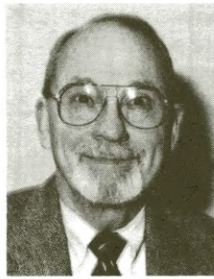
**JERRY
"BUCKETS"
BERMAN**
Basketball

- 1947-51: Freshman Basketball and Baseball at Central High School
- 1947-51: Star Basketball Player of AZA #1000
- 1951-55: Lettered 2 years Navy Basketball Team
- Volunteer BBYO Basketball Coach for 10 years
- Officiated Basketball for 25 years with Neb./Iowa Officials Assoc.
- Broke all Scoring Records at the JCC



**ALBERT
CLAYMAN**
Basketball

- 1941-45: Basketball Central High School
- 1946-49: Lettered in Basketball at Creighton University
- 1976-82: Volunteer Coach AZA #1 and Blue Stars
- Championship Intramural Swim Team in the Navy
- "Outstanding Athlete Award"



**STEVEN J.
LUSTGARTEN**
Basketball

- 1942-1945: Central High School Varsity Basketball Team
- 1943: All-City Honorable Mention Central High School
- 1946: Outstanding JCC Senior Athlete
- 1948-1949: University of Omaha Basketball Team



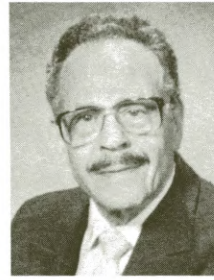
**EDWARD L.
BELGRADE**
Basketball

- 1949: Harry Trustin Award, Outstanding Jewish Youth Council Athlete
- 1949: Member AAU World-Herald City Basketball Championship Team
- 1953 & 1970: Received Leslie L. Burkenroad Award, Outstanding Adult Varsity Basketball League Player
- 1954: Member U.S.A.F. Southwest Championship Basketball Team



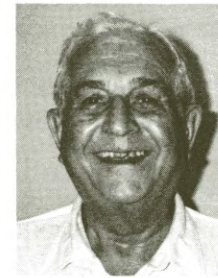
**LINDA
GORDMAN**
Tennis,
Competitive
Road Running

- 1956-58: Lettered in Tennis at Central High
- Played Tennis at University of Colorado & University of Nebraska
- 10 years in Competitive Road Running; 17 Marathons, 3-50 mile Runs



**ABRAHAM D.
FAIER, D.D.S.**
Handball,
Wrestling

- 1927-31: Wrestling & Football at Omaha Technical High School
- 1957-61: Doubles Handball Championship
- 1972: First Place Mid-America Masters Doubles Tourney
- 1972-73: Outstanding Racquetball Player Award



**IZ
BOGDANOFF**
Basketball

- 1930's: Member JCC City Championship Basketball Team
- 1930's: Member JCC City Amateur Champion Baseball Team
- 1930's: Member Psi-Mu Fraternity Team



Top L. to R.: Ellabelle Schloff, Dina Bloom, Edith Noddle. Bottom L. to R.: Sonya Forbes, Doris Koom, Ethel Cohen in background.



Back row, L. to R. Ben Blatt, Bob Fromkin, Norman Abrahamson. Front row, L. to R.: Aaron Epstein, George Shapiro.



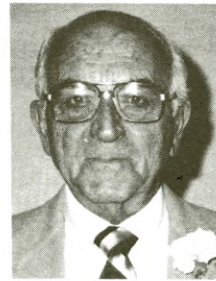
1958 Athletic Award Winners

Harry Trustin
Award to David
Goldstein.

Les Burkenroad
Trophy to Sandy
Brophy.



**JOHN
ROSENBLATT**
Baseball



**SAM
KATZMAN**
Basketball



**HARRY
TRUSTIN**
Baseball

**Watch for the
Week-end with
Dr. Kenneth Libo,
Historian...
January 17, 18, 19, 1992**

**A Few Tips on How to Save
Your Family Archives**

Nearly all materials you collect will deteriorate in time! You can try to slow that deterioration by providing a stable environment with some type of protective storage. Just by taking some simple steps, you can prevent more damage.

Remove all staples, paper clips and rubber bands. Remember that ink, glue, and scotch tape are not reversible. Mark your dates and notes on documents and photographs only in pencil, and use acid-free folders and plastic sleeves to keep the items together.

Preservation is not restoration. Enemies of paper are heat, light, humidity, insects, most chemical pollutants, accidents and disasters. Place items in cool, dry, dark areas, clean and free of dust, mold and vermin. The storage area should be safe from fire, water, theft and intrusion.

Remember, use **only** acid-free storage materials. These should be purchased from a well known supplier of conservation storage materials, where you can be certain of their quality.



Sam Ban presenting award to Jack Cohen and Marvin Steinberg.

The Henry Graetz Family Circa 1908-09



Standing, left to right: Sarah (Matthysse) Graetz, Henry, Augusta (Gussie), Leon, Edith (Trustin) Graetz, Bessie, Rena, Susie (Graetz) Brooks, John Brooks, Solomon, Rose. Seated: Benjamin, Naomi Trustin (Edith's sister), Hannah, Ethel Brooks, Isabel, Essie and Marion.
*Rose and Essie are twins; Edith is Mrs. Leon, Ethel Brooks is the daughter of Susie and John, Isabel and Marion are the children of Edith and Leon.
**Missing from the picture are two daughters: Flora (Mrs. Max Greenberger), Ida (Mrs. John Blue).
Location: Hanscom Park?

More From Our Mail Bag

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I was recently at a meeting of the Dallas Jewish Historical Society, of which I am a member, and our curator told me of your organization. She gave me a copy of your October, 1990 Newsletter. The reason for this letter is that my family was among the earliest Jewish settlers in Nebraska. I was born in Omaha in 1927, but the family moved before my first birthday.

My great grandparents were Esther Miller Kavich (1823-1930) and Phillip Kavich (1821-1902). My grandparents were Minnie Bloom Kavich (1876-1903) and Louis Kavich (1866-1920). My parents were Teresa Mary Kavich Segal (1900-1978) and Leonard David Segal (1899-1964). According to the stories passed down from my mother, our family arrived in Nebraska before the Civil War. The reason for this letter is to see if your archives contain any reference to the family. I have only been back to Omaha once in my life and that was to visit cousins Shirley and Bernie Altsuler. I have pictures of my grandfather's grocery store taken at the turn of the century and before it burned down in the 1920's.

Now that I know of your group I will have copies of some of these pictures made for your files. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time and considerations.

Yours very truly,
Marvin E. Segal

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I'm the person who requested a copy of a photo of the 1884 Temple Israel edifice, which you kindly sent me. In re-reading an account of genealogist Alex Friedlander's travels in Lithuania, which was printed in "Dorot" the journal of the Jewish Genealogical Society (Winter 1990-91 issue), I noticed a reference to a prominent Rabbi Chaim Grodzinsky. I also took note of a mention of his brother Tsvi Hirsch (Henry) in a cemetery in Vilna, which brought to mind the mention of Rabbi Henry Grodzinsky and his picture in the June 1991 newsletter, which I picked up at the National Conference in Farmington. If you do not already have this information and if you are seeking more, you should contact:

Friedlander c/o
Jewish Genealogical Society Inc.
P.O. Box 6398
New York, N.Y. 10128

Yesterday I received my June, 1991 newsletter. The large article on Dina Bloom is really great. We grew up with her, she and I are the same age and we both went to Kellom school. My sister grew up with Dina's sister Ruth. My oldest brother Harry Kutler was a baker and he made bread for the Himelblooms Bakery. He also worked for the Forbes and Adlers bakeries in all his days in Omaha. Our family lived at 2525 Charles Street which has been torn down because of the large building built there. We did all of our shopping at Himelblooms, Frieds Deli plus Stoller's grocery on the corner of 24th and Charles Street. The lovely picture of Dora Kirshenbaum—I grew up with her four children, Joe, Rose, Kevee and Phyllis. They lived next door to our synagogue on 25th and Seward Streets. Your organization is wonderful and each time I get a newsletter I have to read it over and over because it brings back memories of my youth. I lived there for 33 years and since then I have lived in the Kansas City area.
Ben Kutler.

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Excerpts from a letter from Dr. Harold Kaiman

Following a trip to Poland divinely arranged by Miriam Weiner, an internationally recognized Jewish Geneologist, I began to wonder what ought to be done to preserve the memory of the Jews of Kolno. Kolno was the birthplace of my grandfather, Boruch; my father, Bernard, and my uncles Jack and Joe. The three brothers were raised by my grandfather Zelda after Boruch left for America in 1912 until after World War I. Last month, July, 1991, I accompanied my wife Barbara to Israel for the International Hadassah Convention. In Holon, a suburb of Tel Aviv, I visited Simcha Sklanevitz and sat with him to talk about his young heroic son, a pilot lost in a battle over Lebanon. He told me about Kaiman brothers Bernard, Jack and Joe. Others like myself may be looking for appropriate ways to assure that Kolno is not forgotten. Yad Vashem might be an appropriate recipient. I have entered most of the Kaimans whom I have linked to our family into my "Personal Ancestor file" computer program. A utility which my son Jeremy found has allowed me to produce a graphic family tree wall chart. If any readers are interested in pursuing this project let me hear from you...
29149 Orangewood Drive,
Cleveland, OH 44122-4710.

From our Executive Director's Drawer!!!

I say "drawer" because in our small, very small, office there is no room for an extra desk. I have a drawer in a filing cabinet for all pertinent papers and that is the first place I check out every time I am at the NJHS office. In that drawer are many of the important papers we accumulate as we prepare to edit another issue of this Newsletter and of the upcoming Journal which you should be receiving within the next couple of months. A tremendous amount of activity takes place within our crowded small nook. From it has come the material—pictures, memorabilia, scrapbooks, and so much more that made up the wonderful exhibit which honored Temple Israel on its 120th anniversary. From this office has also come the information and procurement of items for the unusual exhibit of Jewish ceremonial items which is at the present writing on exhibit in the gallery of the Jewish Community Center. It is a winner and we are proud to have been a sponsor of it.

Exhibits are not the only historical projects we are involved in. It takes many hours of reading, filing, archiving to handle the many acquisitions we acquire from all of you and so many others in the community. And so many times in the day there is someone dropping in for a comment, a visit, and to drop off a picture or article or something they discovered in going through their items at home. Hope many of you will do this and bring us items, pictures, any memorabilia which you are willing to share with us and which we hope see in our exhibits. Our archivist Ophira Bahar has just returned from a month in Israel visiting her family and during her vacation we were fortunate to have our office assistant Dottie Rosenblum take over on almost a full time basis. Thank you Dottie!

We now have over 700 members, one of the largest if not the largest Jewish historical societies in the country. As we approach our 10th anniversary in 1992 we look forward to welcoming many more members, even possibly up to 1,000 before the end of that year! Tell your friends and relatives, all former Nebraskans, about the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society, one of the best organizations to appear on the local scene in many a year!

Join us in other projects, on our trip to Chicago in April, and with your own family pictures and history. And keep my drawer in the filing cabinet filled!
Historically yours,
Mary Fellman, Executive Director

NJHS Acquisitions May - October 1991

Ruth Goldstein	ZBT photo Lincoln, 1933
Charles Keller	AZA Annual 1928
Susan Lipp Kentoff	Photo of Louis and Bess Lipp, Wise, ca. 1910
Elaine Arenson	Velvet picture of Jerusalem 1935
Saul Graetz	Family picture ca. 1908-1909
Irv Yaffe	Photos of Printing Yaffe Co.
Paul Alperson	Pledge Class: SAM 1950
Irvin and Phyllis Sherman	Beth El clippings and programs; Photos Second grade David Sherman 1894; Harmony Club Minnie Sherman; Rabbi Goldstein; 1940 Confirmation Beth EL; Beth El Confirmation 1932-33 first con.; Kosmet Klub Brochure 1938; UNL 66th Annual Commencement 1940; Scrapbook 1938 philanthropies
Lorraine Silverman	Harry Silverman's speech opening JCC ca. 1927; personal papers; documents, photos
Esther Meiches	Family photos: Herbert and Esther; Morrie and Audrey Shapiro; Shirley and Sam Berman; Nat. Council of Jewish Women, BB Women; 1938 Beth El graduating Class; Clippings relating to BBW, Beth Israel, Camp Newman
Thama Friedman	Friedman family Seder 1991
Arthur Schwartz	(Louis Wine): AZA memorabilia
Audrey Shapiro	JCC Orchestra CA. 1940; photo: Ben Telpner and Ida Telpner, Robinson Ca. 1908
Mildred Greenberg	AZA clippings; Justice Donald Brodkey Robing collage.
Lorraine Silverman	Shirley Friedman: Wohlner/Meyerson family collage; ZBT Ca. 1942; business and family photos
Lois Wine	WWI uniform belonged to father Max Moskovitz; cotton bathing suit (man); woolen bathing suit (woman 1920s); Commerce High sweater
Doris Rosinsky	8x10 photo: Hazomer Choir, early 1930s
Meyer Coren	Last Will and Testament of Edward J. Flanagan, signed by Henry Monsky



Louis Lipp and sister Bess Lipp Wise around 1910.

Come with NJHS to Chicago in April!

We're planning a four day trip to Chicago April 26, 27, 28, and 29th, 1992, to see Jewish Chicago and hope you'll be with us. Mollie Delman has accepted the chairmanship of this visit which will include a tour of the Spertus museum and other places of Jewish interest, a theater, meals at some of the Jewish restaurants, and much, much more. Let us know if you are interested and we'll keep you posted. It may possibly be a bus tour departing Omaha Monday morning and returning on Thursday afternoon. Should be fun plus very interesting. Let us hear from you. Let's make this the first of our tours of Jewish places of interest in a city out of Omaha!

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In honor of	Anniversaries: Sally & Bernie Jonisch, Dee & Elliot Brown, Barbara & Marvin Taxman, Selma & Bob Cohen . Birthdays: Rose Ziegman, Bev Fellman, Stewart Gilinsky, Miriam Simon, Joe Rice, Mickey Krupinsky. Also: Mary Fellman's NCJW Award, Shirley Goldstein's NCCJ Award, Jean & Jack Duitch's new grandchild, Louise Abrahamson's NJHS Presidency
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Thank You	Bess & Ralph Nogg, Mary Fellman
Thinking of You	Ike Friedman
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Remember - Celebrate -

Make your contributions through NJHS! Donor cards and Morris C. Fellman cards are the way to go when you want to make a contribution in honor of, in memory of, or to remember an event or someone special. It's easy, just call the NJHS office. 334/8200, Ext. 277. Your purchase of these cards helps us maintain many projects, preserve and publish material that has to do with the life of Jews in Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

New Members Since June 1991

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The American Jewish Historical Society extends the opportunity for individuals to join their organization. Membership is \$40 of which \$20 will be returned to our local society. Members receive 4 issues of their Journal, their newsletter, and invitations to attend lectures and seminars for Waltham, MA and programs throughout the country. Membership dues also help support the collection of materials relating to the Jewish experience in America. Call 334-8200, Ext. 277 for further details.

We are Indebted to...

Barbara and Warner Frohman for their valuable help in assembling the outstanding Temple Israel exhibit which has recently been on the walls and in the cases of our Corridor of Jewish History museum...to the Temple Israel staff and all who shared in assembling and loaning material for the exhibit...to Miriam Grossman for arranging our cassette and video tapes...to Pauline Albert, Al Sorkin of Omaha and Rebecca Rosenbaum of Iowa City, all of whom are working on oral histories of Omaha and Lincoln Jewish members of their communities. WE THANK ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP THE WORK OF THE NJHS GOING IN FINE STYLE!

Tomorrow's History Begins Today!

For more than 140 years the Jewish people have been involved in the civic, economic, political, cultural and religious life of our Omaha and Nebraska community. We in the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society dedicate ourselves to obtaining significant data about these areas of our life in order that the accomplishments and achievements of this wonderful heritage of ours can be treasured and shared. Newcomers, as well as long-time residents, are all part of the history of the Jews of Nebraska. It is the responsibility of each of us to preserve the past and the present for the future. Every generation to come should have the good fortune to be able to look back and see "the way it was". Become a member of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society if you are not presently. Your support will allow for the continuation of archival acquisitions, oral histories, our "Corridor of Jewish History" museum, community-wide programs, newsletters and so much more. Remember, the history of one Jew is the history of all of us. Help us preserve it.

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Tell your Nebraska Jewish Friends about the NJHS

Looking Ahead to 1992

Many projects are being discussed for the coming year in which we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society. One of the projects is a collection of pictures of persons in plays, skits, dancers, casts of locally produced shows at the synagogues and the JCC. Let us hear from you with whatever you have of adults and children. We already have quite a few. The one picture here of Libby Sacks, Morrie Landman and Ethel Goldston is a winner. Check your collections at home. Another project we are working on concerns replicating the early days of 24th Street from Cumings to Lake with chairman Sam Kaplan.



Haym Solomon Production Coming in April

The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society is pleased to be a part of the supporting group that will enable the production on the life of the American patriot Haym Solomon to take place at the Jewish Community Center the second week-end in April. The play has been written and is being produced by Cantor Harold and Madeline Firestone and Don Schwartz and will include original music and lyrics. Its production is being made possible by a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council, the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society and a number of individuals of the Omaha Jewish community. Plan on seeing it with your children and grandchildren. Its production in Omaha will be a "first"!!

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SDT's of Nebraska Planning Theta Chapter Reunion!

Reunion Fever is in the air for the SDT's who attended the University of Nebraska. The dates are May 15, 16, 17, 1992 in Lincoln under the chairmanship of Miriam Rubnitz Simon. Headquarters will be at the beautiful new Cornhusker Hotel with reservations due by April 24, 1992. The addresses of more than 400 of Theta classmates have been verified although there are still some who are "lost". Pass the word on to any Theta SDT's you know...it will be a memorable event with lots of remembrances and hopefully memorabilia. Contact Miriam Simon for further details, 914 South 118th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68154.



Sam Kaplan and his mother Ida Haykin Kaplan in front of their grocery store on 20th and Miami in 1922. We are looking for more pictures of mothers and their children. Check out your boxes and drawers and share with us.



1938 SDT's at Nebraska University
Back Row: L to R: Jo Rubnitz Frankel, Pauline Schwartz Cohen, Selma Zveitel Chait, Betty Beeson Laser, Jeanette Polonsky Cohen.
Front Row: L to R: Mary Arbitman Fellman, Mickey Krasne Bernstein, Muriel Frank Steinberg, Bea Sommer, Jane Goetz Critz.



The picture shown here is the Binstein and Lipman butcher shop in 1933, one of many in those days. It was located at 24th and Franklin Streets. Standing in front is Mr. Mushkin. Left to right in the background are Reuben Ratner, Mr. Binstein and Mr. Lipman.

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