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### Twin Ports Jewish Reunion

#### Schedule of events

##### FRIDAY, AUG. 30

- 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. — Registration - Arena-Auditorium Concourse
- 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. — Hospitality Room - Auditorium Mezzanine
- 6 p.m. — Shabbat Dinner - North Pioneer Hall
- 7:45 p.m. — Buses leave for Temple Israel and Temple Beth El from Arena parking lot
- 8 p.m. — Friday evening services in Temple Israel, Duluth, and Temple Beth El, Superior. Oneg social hour follows services. Buses will return to hotels and Arena parking lot

##### SATURDAY, AUG. 31

- 9 a.m. — Shabbat services in Adas Israel Synagogue Kiddush lunch there after services
- 2 p.m. — Tours - Glensheen, Vista Queen excursion boat, The Depot, Fairlawn Museum (Superior)
- 6:30 p.m. — Reception - cash bar - North Pioneer Hall
- 7:30 p.m. — Gala Dinner - North Pioneer Hall
- 9:30 p.m. — Multi-Media Show - Duluth Auditorium
- 11 p.m. — Dancing and Reception - Foyer and Concourse

##### SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

- 9 a.m. — 10 a.m. — Cemetery visitations - Buses leave at 9 a.m.
- 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. — Bus tours of Duluth and Superior
- 11:45 a.m. — Buses leave for picnic
- Noon — 4 p.m. — Picnic - Wessman Arena and grounds in Superior
- 4 p.m. — Buses return to hotels and Arena parking lot



Erwin Goldfine, left, and Aaron "Babe" Glazman, co-chairmen for the Twin Ports Reunion, review with Sylvia Seiler details for the Aug. 30 Shabbat dinner. She is in charge of arrangements for that opening event of the reunion weekend.

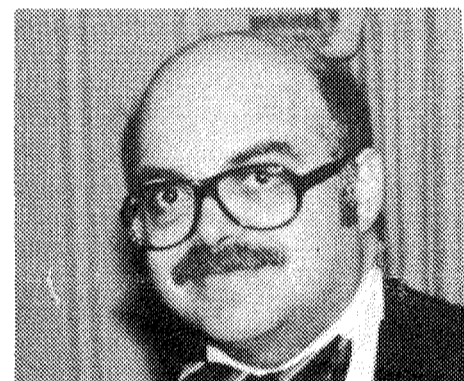
### Berman to head program at gala

Michael Berman will be master of ceremonies for the reunion gala Saturday, Aug. 31, at the dinner program preceding screening of a multi-media show about Jewish life in the Twin Ports.

A native of Duluth and the son of Betty and George Berman, he is currently a Washington lawyer and political lobbyist. He is more widely known nationally as a longtime associate of former Vice President Walter F. Mondale.

Berman has been involved in all of Mondale's campaigns for national office. He was his executive and administrative assistant when Mondale was a senator, then becoming his deputy chief of staff when Mondale was vice president. Before the last election, Berman was treasurer and national coordinator of the Mondale-Ferraro Campaign Committee. He remains a consultant to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

The main segment of the reunion program Berman will anchor is to deal with reflections of life in the Twin Ports. A number of present and former residents have been invited to take part in this, all instructed to keep their remarks brief (three minutes, they were informed) and to talk about their era rather than themselves.



Michael Berman

Among them are Lester Crystal, executive producer of TV's MacNeil-Lehrer New Hour and former president of NBC News; Marvin Sonosky, who rose from humble beginnings to become a foremost attorney on Indian law and endowed a law chair at the University of Minnesota; and Sherry Chessen, who became a popular radio and TV personality in Phoenix.

Others are: Herbert Samuels, retired after many years as a jeweler and still active in Jewish work; Jack Seiler, representing the rising generation in local business and community affairs; Eudice Gallop, a businesswoman who grew up in Superior, was director of the Jewish Center and a regional president of Hadassah; and Manley Goldfine of Manley Investment Co., who is involved in numerous enterprises and an impassioned promoter of civic and Jewish causes.

### Fink's poster says it all in art

The abstract poster created for the Twin Ports Jewish Reunion is the work of Donald Fink, 62, a native of Duluth. An artist of international stature, he now lives in Barcelona, Spain. The poster was produced there by a leading specialty firm in that field.

Fink also has spent many years in Paris. That city made him an honorary citizen in recognition of his work. His paintings have been exhibited in many of the world's foremost galleries and extolled in major magazines.

Born and reared in Duluth, Fink attended the Walker Art Institute in Minneapolis after World War II under the GI Bill of Rights. He went on to study art in New York and Europe. His talents soon attracted notice.

The Hebrew words imbedded in the reunion poster painting and also bordering it were selected at Fink's request by Rabbi Anthony Holz of Duluth's Temple Israel. They express the experience and aspirations of the Jewish community here — such as peace, joy, faith, charity.

Fink has numerous relatives in Duluth and others who are coming to the reunion. His parents were Charles and Eva (Oreck) Finkelstein. Stanley Fink of Minot, N.D., and Harold Fink of Stamford, Conn., are his brothers.



Don Fink

His sisters are Annette Feibish of Minneapolis and Joann Rosenthal of Tiburon, Calif.

### Reunion a success before it begins

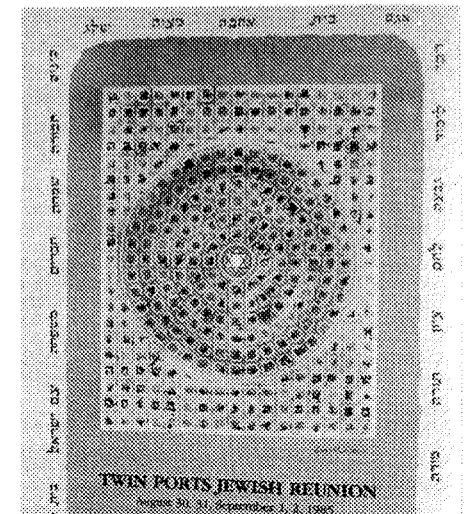
The Twin Ports Reunion is about to become a reality. In many ways, it is already a success. Its more than 800 registrations, like so many bouquets, have given this community a fresh sense of affirmation and a welcome boost in morale.

The long planning process, too, involving scores of volunteers, has generated renewed interest in the community's past and progression to the present. The desire to continue the task of trying to document significant aspects of that passing parade may be one of the reunion's extra dividends.

Among former residents returning for the reunion will be several rabbis who served congregations here. Those expected are: Louis Schecter and Reuven Siegel, formerly of Tifereth Israel; Aaron Gold, of Temple Beth El in Superior; Ely Braun, Adas Israel; and Burton Levenson, Azriel Grishman and B.T. Rubenstein, Temple Emanuel.

The Jewish High Holy Days, starting on Sept. 15 and ushering in the year 5946, provide a symbolic link with the reunion. Both events can serve to remind us that our heritage endures because it remains pertinent, studied, cherished and saved for the generations to come.

— W.E.



# Long history saves recipe

By Shirley Garber

This recipe goes back in time more than a century. It came from Helena Segelbaum's paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Weiss, who immigrated to the United States from Budapest, Hungary, in 1860.

## Fried Cabbage with Noodles

By Helena Segelbaum

- 1 small head green cabbage, but in 1/4 to 1/2 inch dice
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup melted butter salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 8 oz. medium noodles, cooked

Saute cabbage, with melted butter, slowly on top of stove, stirring often with wooden spoon. Add salt and pepper to taste. The cabbage should be soft, not crisp. Add drained noodles to cabbage. This dish should be half noodles and half cabbage. Helena serves this dish as a meat accompaniment, and also as an ethnic specialty, part of her Judao-Hungarian heritage.

Helena's grandfather, E.A. Silberstein, was the first Jew to settle permanently in Duluth. She was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and moved to Duluth when she was 2 years old. Her father, an attorney, decided to join his



Helena Segelbaum

father's ready-to-wear business, Silberstein and Bondy. Helena's mother was born in Utah and graduated from the University of Utah.

Helena attended Duluth public schools and graduated from Smith College. She was married to the late Charles Segelbaum. She has two children, Joan (Mrs. Lester) Strouse, St. Paul, and Stanley, Minneapolis. There are eight grandchildren. Helena was active in many community groups, including the boards of the Duluth Mental Hygiene Clinic (forerunner of the Human Development Center), Planned Parenthood and the Women's Institute. She was president of the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.

## Calendar of community events

- Sept. 1 — Reunion picnic at Westman Arena in Superior, noon. Cemetery visits in the morning.
- Sept. 8 — Rummage sale by Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Sept. 9 — Rummage sale continues. Ida Cook Hebrew School classes begin.
- Sept. 11 — Temple Israel Sisterhood meets at noon.
- Sept. 15-17 — Rosh Hashanah.
- Sept. 19 — Jewish Fellowship Club meets at 7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 20-22 — Weekend with Danny Siegel, poet, lecturer.
- Sept. 22 — Memorial services at cemeteries.
- Sept. 24-25 — Yom Kippur services in all synagogues.
- Sept. 30 — First day of Sukkot.

To have your organization meetings and public events included in this monthly community calendar, the information must be provided in writing to the Federation office.

## U.S. tourism to Israel shatters records

NEW YORK — Last year marked the greatest increase of American tourism to Israel since the establish-

ment of the state in 1948. Moshe Shoshani, Israel's commissioner for tourism for North America, said 405,000 Americans visited Israel in 1984. This was 15 percent more than in 1983 when 354,000 Americans traveled there.

A peak figure of 1.3 million visitors worldwide was also a record achievement, eight percent higher than in 1983. Tourism is Israel's greatest source of foreign currency and last year resulted in \$1.8 billion being channeled into the economy.

In the U.S., the growth of traffic may be attributed in part to an extensive advertising campaign by the Israel Ministry of Tourism. The campaign's slogan, "Come to Israel. Come stay with friends" portrays Israel as a warm, friendly vacation destination in addition to offering the unique historic and religious sites for which it is renowned.

Many new tourist attractions throughout the country have recently opened. Two outstanding examples of new sites are the Cardo, the restored Roman thoroughfare in the Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem and Gamla, a fortress in the Golan Heights where Jewish rebels defeated their Roman oppressors in the year 68 A.D.

# NEW YEAR 1985-5746 Greetings

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To foster and support the ideals of Judaism and its local institutions.


To foster and support Jewish culture and education.

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# Jewish life has flourished in freedom of Twin Ports

*This is no full-fledged chronology. It is intended merely as a sharply condensed overview of some events and names significant in the development of this community. Though it contains information gathered through fresh research, this account is based largely on others. Among these were the histories compiled by several congregations and organizations, the extensive 50-year chronicles of the Fellowship News, and the writings of Joseph Pappo, the late Harry and Ida B. Davis, Brenda (Bertha) Singer and Thelma Covner. Stacks of records and legal documents also were perused.*

By Walter Eldot

1852 — George Stuntz, regarded as first permanent white settler in what is now Duluth, arrived to survey the northeast boundary between Minnesota and Wisconsin. He built a trading post on Minnesota Point, now called Park Point. (In 1865, Stuntz found iron ore on Vermillion Range while searching for gold.)

1854 — Military Road built from St. Paul to Superior. To travel it takes three days or longer. Monthly mail service to Duluth settlers begins via Superior in '55.

1870 — A year of much growth and progress as Duluth receives its city charter and the population rises to 3,131 residents. It is marked also by the arrival of Bernard Silberstein, an early Jewish settler who became prominent in civic and Jewish life and as a merchant. He and his wife had come here on their honeymoon and decided to stay. Helena Segelbaum of Duluth is a granddaughter. He was safety commissioner for a short time and also respected as a 33rd degree Mason.

1881 — Alexander III becomes czar of Russia after the assassination of his father and reverts to repression of minorities, especially Jews. Fleeing programs and other persecution and hardships, vast masses of Russian Jews start to come to the United States, the number settling in Duluth and Superior also growing.

1887 — Statue of Liberty is unveiled in New York harbor. It is also the year Samuel "Shapse" Karon arrives in Duluth from Lithuania to join an uncle and brother already here. Starting from humble beginning as a junk peddler, he became founder of the Northwest Iron and Metal Co. and Northwest Wiping Cloth Co., patriarch of the large Karon family and leader in the Jewish community. He died in 1966 at 101. He was among the pioneers of Adas Israel congregation and its perennial president. (He was also instrumental in building an indoor "Mikvah" ritual bath for Jewish women.)

1888 — Hebrew Congregation of Moses Montefiore is incorporated. An Orthodox congregation, it held religious services in a wooden building on East Third Street, next to the future site of Adas Israel (1900). The building later housed the Talmud Torah school and was used for meetings. Between 1915 and 1920 it also was used by a short-lived Talmud Torah congregation, which subsequently rejoined Adas. Leaders of that group included Frank Ephraim Labovitz, Aaron Fieldman, Israel Garon, Louis Singer, David Naymark, Chaim Stewart and Jahial Mekler. By the mid-1930s, the

building had become so deteriorated that it was cited as the main reason for a campaign for a Jewish Center. The site is now a parking lot adjacent to Adas Israel Synagogue.

1889 — Temple Emanuel is incorporated, having been organized informally for some years during which services were held in rented halls and guest rabbis brought in for major holidays and occasionally to teach the young. . . Charles D. Oreckovsky, who became widely known for Jewish and civic work, arrives from Russia at age 6. His father, Israel, a tailor, was already here. So were other Oreckovskys and various branches of relatives.

1890 — Start of Koferet Israel, forerunner of Tifereth Israel. Comprised mainly of Russian immigrant families — distinct from the Lithuanians — this Orthodox group worshipped for 33 years in a small frame building near Fourth Avenue East on Fifth Street. Led by A. Horwitz, it later merged plans for a larger building with those of another early group that in 1893 incorporated as Tifereth Israel congregation. That group included as incorporators William Goldstein, Isaac Polinsky, H. Shapiro, N. Cohen, H. Surovsky and Joseph Oreckovsky. In 1923, Tifereth Israel synagogue was built and dedicated, at 302 E. Fourth St., as the city's largest Jewish house of worship at the time. Its first officers were A. Horwitz, president; M. Mattenson, vice president; William Goldstein, treasurer; and M. Cohen, secretary.

1893 — Agudath Achim congregation is incorporated, conducting services in a home — possibly the Goldish home — on St. Croix Avenue (later South First Avenue East.) Among the incorporators are D. Goldish, A.J. Klatzky, Elijah Kaner, N. Slonim, Getchel Kaner, L. London. Agudath Achim in a sense was a forerunner of Adas Israel in which most of those families later became active.

1896 — Records of Temple Emanuel show among board members this year: Bernard Silberstein, E.H. Oswald, M.I. Edelman, Gus Klein, Louis Hammel, Ignatz Freimuth and Louis Loeb — all representing prominent pioneer families.

1899 — Adas Israel is incorporated with its Chevri Kadisha burial society. The synagogue of this Orthodox congregation has been in continuous existence since 1900 at 302 E. Third St.



Samuel 'Shapse' Karon was an influential early leader.



Rabbi Bernard Gelbart and Daniel Blehart lead procession carrying Torah scrolls from the former Temple Emanuel building to new home of Temple Israel congregation in Jewish Center. Manley Goldfine follows behind Gelbart. Move took place in July of 1974, with Glad Tidings Assembly of God taking over the vacated quarters.

Rabbi Saperstein was its first spiritual leader, and J.L. Cook its first president.

1900 — Population of Duluth nearly 53,000. Lumber is king in northern Minnesota. Fourteen sawmills operate in Duluth-Superior.

1903 — Temple Emanuel congregation, numbering a few dozen Reform families, mostly of German-speaking background, moves into its first building. It is a former Congregational church, at Seventh Avenue East and Second Street, later replaced by a Temple sanctuary. In 1923, with still fewer than 90 members, Temple Emanuel constructed a much larger edifice at 1902 E. Fourth St. and the former location was taken over by the Greek Orthodox Church. (The Greek church now on that site is of more recent construction.)

1904 — Duluth's Covenant Lodge of B'nai B'rith is organized, with Louis Levy as its first president. The other charter members are M.Z. Kassmir, Louis Loeb, J.D. Zien, Ignatz Freimuth, Samuel Karon, Samuel Rachlin, Barnet Cook, Julius Cook, Sigmund Y. Josephs, Bernard Silberstein, J.L. Hirsch, Louis Freimuth, S. Bernard. M.M. Rosenberger, Victor Kohn, Edward Helperin, Harry M. Levy, David Casmir, Hyman Y. Josephs, Charles D. Oreckovsky, Charles Meyers, T. Nusbaum, H. Herrman, Max Zalk, Dr. S.M. Hirschfield, M. Cook, S.E. Gittleson, M.L. Beck, Moses S. Cook, B.L. Rosenberg, Benjamin Wolf, P. Cohn and G.A. Klein. (Oreckovsky was president of the District Grand Lodge in 1924-25, the only Duluthian to attain that distinction.)

1904-5 — Temple Beth El (Superior Hebrew Congregation) has its beginning as West Superior Synagogue in a basement structure rented for \$50 from the First Presbyterian Church of West Superior. Within two years, a large synagogue is constructed at that location, 602 Hammond Ave. Name was changed to Superior Hebrew Congregation in 1920. In a 1947 reorganization, the formerly Orthodox congregation affiliated with the Conservative United Synagogue movement. The Hammond Avenue sanctuary served until 1963 when replaced by the modernistic Temple Beth El built at 603 Faxon. Superior's oldest synagogue, Agudas Achim, still stands at Sixth and Hammond. It

belongs to the (Orthodox) Hebrew Brotherhood congregation, whose history dates back to the 1890s. It is said to be one of the oldest synagogues in Wisconsin, but few people attend services there nowadays.

1906 — Shaara Tzedek (the Ninth Street Shul) begins holding services in a rented room in the Frank Karsner home. Incorporated in 1909, this Orthodox group of mostly Russian immigrant families then purchased an old frame house and moved it from First Avenue East to Fourth Avenue East and Ninth Street. It was used as a synagogue until replaced by a larger and more conventional sanctuary at the same location in 1922 and used until 1967, then razed. A cemetery on Maple Grove Road was established by Shaara Tzedek in 1911. Some of the founders included David Goldfarb, Sam Karsner, Harry Taran, Ben London, Louis Fishman, Louis Gallop.

1911 — B'nai Israel congregation is incorporated by Jewish families living in Duluth's West End. A two-story house at 1511 Michigan St. becomes their synagogue and Hebrew school. It remained in use until 1930. . . Local branch of Jewish Workmen's Circle organized. Charter members included Y.A. Litman, Sam Walt, Nate Schneider, Sam Berman, Joe Litman, Meyer Baresh, Alex Bergal, David Schrabner.

1919 — I.E. Gershgol sets up a tent at 115 W. First St. to sell apples and other produce with his sons Joe and David. Three years later, the first of the Gershgol grocery stores opened at that site. The family business grew into a multi-million dollar enterprise. Gershgol's wife Rose and daughter Dorothy (Mrs. Robert Gurovitsch) also worked there. So did scores of Jewish men and women.

1920 — Local chapter of Council of Jewish Women formed. It launched several community service programs, including Duluth's first Golden Age club, and remained active into the late 1960s.

1921 — Jewish Social Service Agency is organized to aid the poor and jobless, transients and immigrants. It also assisted with adoptions and referrals to and from various institutions. In 1964, it was merged with the non-

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# More highlights of our past

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denominational Family Service Society, with the Jewish Federation assuming the specifically Jewish functions. Bess Arnovich was the last full-time director.

1922 — A branch of the Young Men's Hebrew Association is organized in Duluth. Active only a few years, it was superseded, in the 1920s, by B'nai B'rith's Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) service and sports organization for Jewish boys of high school age.

1926 — Mizrahi, the Women's Orthodox Zionist organization, starts a local chapter, with Rabbi J. Kopstein's wife as its first leader. . . Also getting started is the Duluth chapter of Hadassah, with Fannie (Mrs. J.B.) Wiener as its first president.

1935 — Jewish Fellowship Club is organized. Alex J. Lurye is elected temporary chairman (and formally elected the following January as the club's first president). Creation of a Jewish Center to replace the dilapidated Talmud Torah building becomes a major goal. Club also establishes the Jewish Fellowship News and has published it as a community service since 1936.

1937 — Jewish Federation of Duluth is formed as the main fund-raising and coordinating agency of the organized community, with Louis Z. Zalk as first president and H.K. Goldenberg and Mrs. M.D. Nides leaders of the first campaign (in 1938).

1940 — Overview of Jewish community shows 2,633 people comprising 827 family units. Two-thirds are American-born. Most of the foreign-born stem from Russia and Lithuania and in much smaller ratio from Poland, Rumania, Germany-Austria and Hungary. Nearly one-third of the Jews in Duluth are under 21; only about 8 percent are over age 60. Business ranks as largest source of employment for Jews, with women making up half of the wage earners. Total population of Duluth is 100,239.

Also 1940 — Covenant Club moves



Cherie Bruzonzky kept record of Jewish men and women in service in World War II.

	1953	1973
Population	3,000 people, 750 families	1,100 people, 510 families
Hebrew school:	125 students	85 students
Religious school:	390 students	85 students
Congregations:	Four; three rabbis	Two; one rabbi
Organizations:	27	8
Average births: 5 a year; average deaths: 20 a year		

into elegant quarters above Gershgol's No. 1 grocery store at W. First St. Its forerunner had been the small Hay-Vov social club. The Covenant Club became the Jewish community's popular meeting place, especially for social events.

1941-'45 — Jews from Duluth-Superior distinguish themselves with valor in World War II. Cherie Bruzonzky kept record for the Jewish Social Agency and National Jewish Welfare Board of all who served, listing 388 men and 17 women.

1942 — B'nai B'rith Women's chapter organized, with Mrs. Rudolph

(Eva) Segal as first president and the Mmes. Abe Karon, Emanuel Rosenberg and Samuel Goldman as vice presidents.

1944 — Jewish Educational Center Association is organized to launch a major fund drive and underscore the community nature of the proposed building. H.K. Goldenberg is elected as president, followed by Nathan Kremen and Dr. William Cohen. The purpose of the Center, it is resolved, "shall be to house the Talmud Torah and such other cultural, social and recreational activities as the Jewish community may

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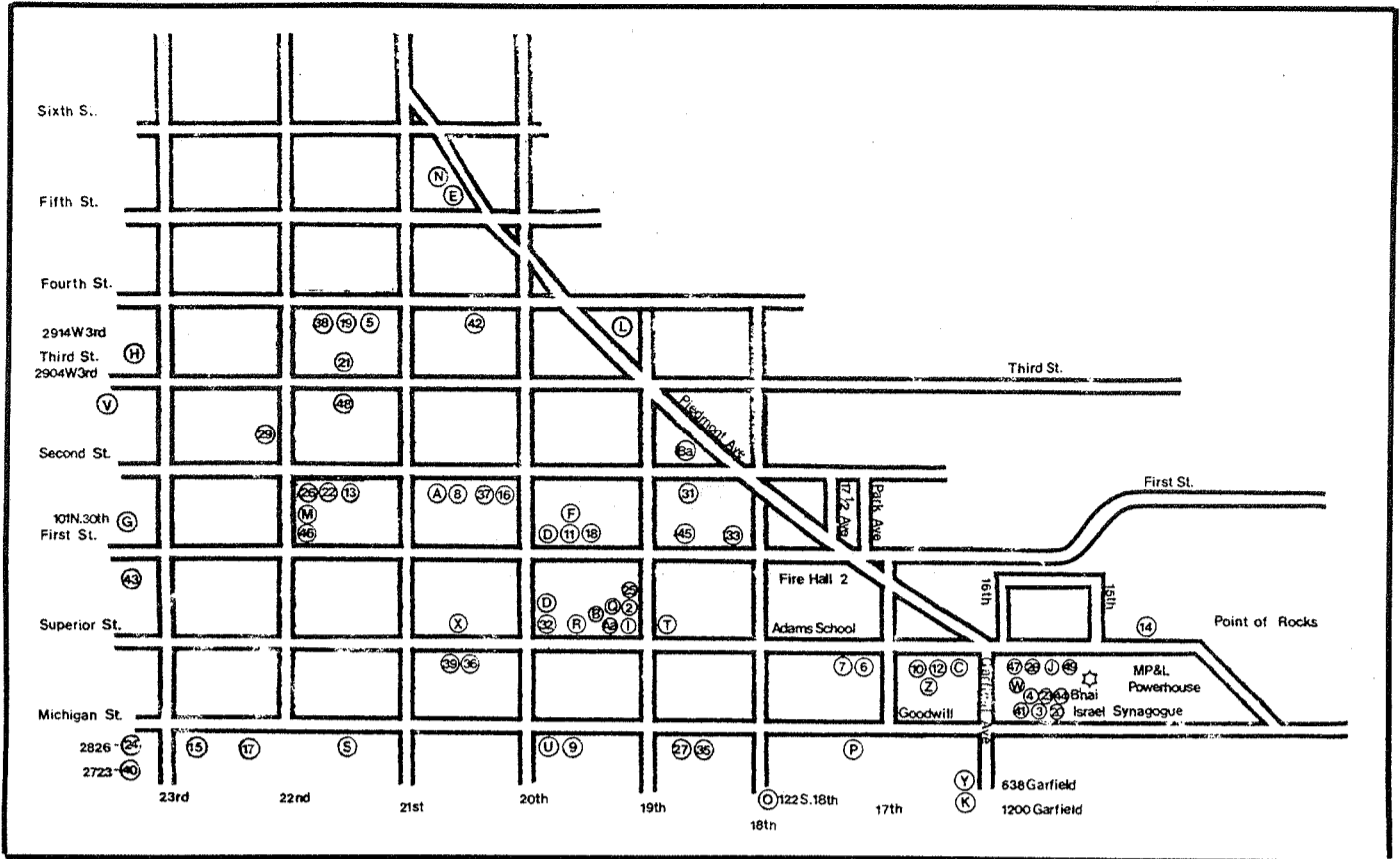
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# Many Jews lived and worked in West End

The following list of numbered names and addresses was prepared by Albert Kane to correspond with a map he outlined of the West End Jewish community in which he grew up. He says this listing covers the years of 1915 (when he was born) to 1925. He believes those were the approximate peak years of that community, building up from an earlier beginning and all but gone by the early 1940s. B'nai Israel Synagogue, where many of West Enders worshipped and their children attended Hebrew classes, was closed in the 1930s. Kane consulted some other people who lived in that neighborhood and also used city directories for those years.

Spouses and children are listed by Kane where he could ascertain them. Some omissions and errors are probable, he says.



1. Max and Ida Adelson, 1901 W. Superior St. Children: Sylvia, Charles, Arthur, Harry, Sidney.

2. Peter and Mollie Block, 1901 W. Superior St.

3. David and Pearl Borken, 1521 W. Michigan St. Children: Besaie, Ben, Abe (Dave), Ida, Ann, Dorothy

4. Kalman and Ida Borken, 1521 W. Michigan St. Children: Ben, Gabriel, Mayme, Annette.

5. Joseph and Zelda Bruzonsky, 2110 W. Fourth St. Children: Nathan, Minnie, Abraham, Gordon, Goldie, Charles.

6. Eleck and Esther Cohen, 1708 W. Superior St. Children: Sadie, Ben, Peter, Sarah, Morris, Gordon, Irvin.

7. Ed Cohen, 1708 W. Superior St. (temporary)

8. Morris and Sadie Cohen, 2018 W. Second St. Children: Nathan, Goldie, Mendel, Isadore, Albert.

9. Samuel Cohen, 1918 W. Michigan St.

10. Abraham Davis, 1612 W. Superior St.

11. David and Reva Davis, 1923 W. First St. Children: Louis, Ann, Naomi, Arthur, Harry.

12. "Joseph" Ed and Florence Davis, 1612 W. Superior St. Children: Alvin, Reva, Ghita, Yale.

13. Harry and Esther Davis, 2126 W. Second St. Children: Rose, Sadie, Eva, Sarah, Edith, Lena.

14. Herbert and Mary Davis, 1419 W. Superior St.

15. Mayer Davis, 2222 W. Michigan St.

16. Tom and Eva Davis, 2002 W. Superior St.

17. Elia and Rachel Friedman, 2216 W. Michigan St. Children: Benjamin, Goldie, Abraham, Morris, Betty, Sam, Roland.

18. Israel and Edith Friedman, 1925 W. First St. Children: Pearl, Robert Pacy, Leah, Albert, Ruth, Louise, Shirley.

19. Morris Ginsberg, 2114 W. Fourth St.

20. Samuel and Eva Ginsberg, 1521 W. Michigan St. Children: Eleanor, Sherman, Mason.

21. Albert Glasser, 2115 W. Third St. Children: Abraham, Eva, Ben, Dorothy, Lily, Hyman, Sylvia.

22. Abraham Golden, 2128 W. Second St. Children: Julian and Harry.

23. Oscar and Mary Gordon, 1523 W. Michigan St. Children: Esther, Dorothy, Julius, Ethel, Honey.

24. Louis and Sophie Hoffman, 2826 W. Michigan St. Children: Frances, Morris, Harold.

25. Peter and Leah Horowitz, 9 N. 19th Ave. W. Children: Jeanne, Dora, Norman, Sam.

26. Harry and Etta Hyman, 2132 W. Second St. Child: Ruth.

27. Louis Kanter, 1824 W. Michigan St.

28. Louis and Minnie Karon, 1520 W. Superior St. Children: Ben, Harry, Esther, Rae, Louis, Bessie ( Ben and

Harry resided in area after marriage.)

29. Ben and Edith Karsner, 213 N. 22nd Ave. W. Children: Rita, Shirley, Phyllis.

30. Aaron and Goldie Kempinsky, ----- Child: Abraham (Kemp).

31. Frank and Sarah Keil, 1820 W. Second St. Children: Sam, Vera, Shirley.

32. Louis Lavine, 1921 W. Superior St. Children: Rose, Victor, Isadore.

33. Louis Lavine, 1807 W. First St. Children: Ann, Rose, Mary.

34. Charles Levant.

35. Mrs. Sadie Levine, 1824 W. Michigan St.

36. Elias Lieberman, 2018 W. Superior St.

37. Abraham Y. and Cecile Litman, 2006 W. Second St. Children: David, Herman, Norman.

38. Louis and Mary Moshin, 2118 1/2 W. Fourth St. Children: Esther, Celia, Joseph.

39. David and Lena Naymark, 2018 W. Superior St. Children: Brenda (Bertha), Pearl, Sherman, Leonard, Harriet.

40. Abraham Niskin, 2723 W. Michigan St. Children: Goldie, Sophie.

41. Nathan and Sheba Passon, 1531 W. Michigan St.

42. Joseph Riskin, 2012 W. Fourth St. Children: Eva.

43. Joseph and Sarah Segal, 2308 1/2 W. First St. Children: Ann, Rose.

44. Morris and Rose Slafer, 1513 W. Michigan St. Children: Pearl, Joe, David.

45. Harry Soboloff, 1825 W. First St. Child: Hymie.

46. Morris Stillman, 118 N. 22nd Ave. West Child: Jennie.

47. Max Wiener, 10 S. Garfield Ave. Child: Joseph.

48. Louis and Osne Winer, 2116 W. Third St. Children: Jennie, Ann, David, Leah, Esther.

49. Samuel and Rose Widdes, 1514 W. Superior St. Children: William, Ann, Ida.

B. Esther Cohn Clothiers, 1905 W. Superior St.

C. David Davis, Second Hand Store, 1608 W. Superior St.

D. D. P. Feldman Clothier, 1933 W. Superior St.

E. Ben Friedman Grocery, 2004 W. Fifth St.

F. Israel Friedman Draying, 1925 W. First St.

G. Garon Knitting Mills, 101 N. 30th Ave. W.

H. Moses Garon Grocery, 2914 W. Third St.

I. Morris Ginsberg Grocery, 31 N. 19th Ave. W.

J. Sam Ginsberg Grocery, 1514 W. Superior St.

K. Goldfine Trading Post, 1200 Garfield Ave.

L. Nathan Horwitz Cigar Manufacturer, 1911 Piedmont Ave.

M. Harry Hyman Grocery, 2132 W. Second St.

N. Bert Kaner Grocery, 2012 Piedmont Ave.

O. Louis Karon Iron & Metal Co., 122 S. 18th Ave. W.

P. Duluth Auto Wrecking Co. (Ben and Harry Karon), 1710 W. Michigan St.

Q. Duluth Furniture Co. (Frank Keil), 1903 W. Superior St.

R. A. R. Latts Dry Goods, 1917 W. Superior St.

S. Israel Levine Hides, 2115 W. Michigan St.

T. A. Y. Litman Clothing, 1829 W. Michigan St.

U. West End Scrap Iron and Metal Co. ("Joseph" Ed Davis), 1928 W. Michigan St.

V. William Widdes Grocery & Meats, 2904 W. Third St.

W. Max Weiner Tailor, 10 Garfield Ave.

X. Naymark's Department Store, 2015 W. Superior St.

Y. Elmer Kaner Meats, 638 Garfield Ave.

Z. Abraham Davis second hand store, 1612 W. Superior St.

Aa. Paul Cohen Department Store, 1905 W. Superior St.

Ba. Joseph W. Lent grocery, 1810 Piedmont Ave.

## West End businesses operated by Jews 1915-'25.

\*. B'nai Israel Synagogue, 1511 West Michigan St.

A. Morris Cohen Grocery, 2018 W. Second St.



Al Kane points to vacant lot at what was 1511 W. Michigan St. in Duluth's West End. It was the site of B'nai Israel Synagogue and its (Talmud Torah) Hebrew school. They shared a two-story house that had been moved there in the early 1910s. It was closed in about 1930 and razed in 1938.

## Highlights

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be able and willing to finance from time to time."

1951 — Jewish Educational Center is opened at 1602 E. Second St., with Iz Alpert as chairman of Dedication Week. Dr. William Cohen is Center's first president.

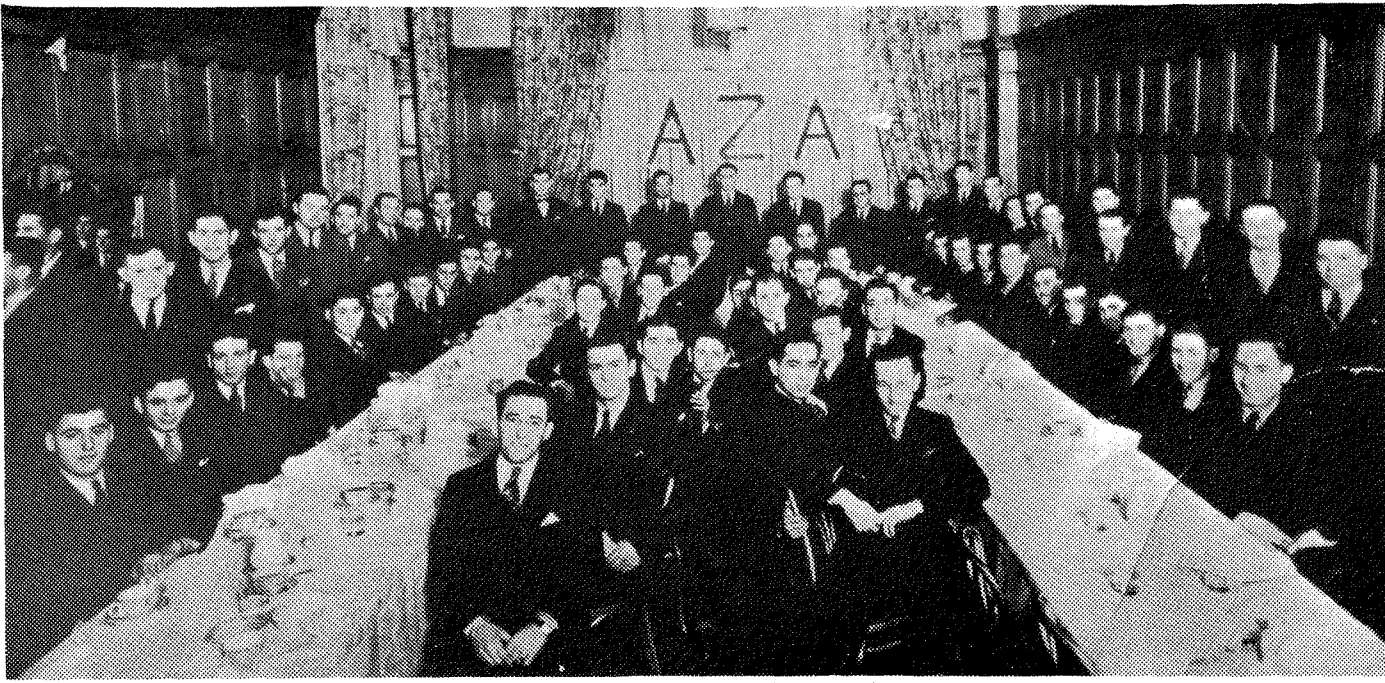
1962 — Federation moves into Center, giving up its downtown office. Ida Davis, longtime Federation executive director, and Anna Smith, who had worked with her, retired previously... Barry Shandler is hired as first executive director of Jewish Center.

1964 — Temple Beth El dedicated in Superior, as new home of Superior Hebrew Congregation... Israel's 85-member National Youth Symphony plays in Denfeld Auditorium. Concert is sponsored by Jewish Center, with Irving Latts as chairman.

1965 — 65th anniversary of Ida Cook Hebrew School is celebrated at dinner attended by nearly 300 people. A highlight is a tribute to Mrs. H.Y. Josephs, for whose mother the school is named. Mrs. Cook, who died at 100 in 1945, was a leading organizer of the Hebrew School.

1969 — Tom and Goldie Wolfe were passengers on an El Al airliner returning from Israel to New York when it was attacked at the Athens airport by two Arab terrorists. The passenger in front of Mrs. Wolfe was killed. "The bullet that killed him came through the window we shared," she said later. "There was blood on the ceiling, blood on our camera case."

1970 — Temple Israel created through merger of Reform congregation of Temple Emanuel and Conservative congregation of Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Rabbi Bernard Gelbart moves to Duluth from Omaha to become first rabbi of the consolidated congregation. The Temple Emanuel building at 1902 E. Fourth St. was used by the new congregation until 1974. Then it moved into the Jewish Center where a new sanctuary was constructed in 1975 as an addition to the Center complex. (The Tifereth synagogue was purchased in 1971 by Messiah Finnish Lutheran Church and the former Temple building was purchased in 1974 by Glad Tidings Assembly of God.)



Members of B'nai B'rith youth organization, AZA, posed for this memorable photo in 1935 in the former Hotel Duluth.

From left, standing: Irving Schneider, Carl Berkner, James Weinberg, Sherman Ginsberg, M.L. Davis, - - - - -, Joe Vertelney, Alfred Weinberg, Louis Eisenberg, Pacey Friedman, - - - - -, Robert Karon, Rabbi Harvey Wessel, Dr. William Cohen, William Toback, Ben Fischman, Sidney Kaner, Herb Cohen, Julius Golden, Charles Oreckovsky, Irving Raihill, Bert London, Harold Gallop, Rudolph Segal, Herb Davis.

Left table, seated from left to rear and return: Robert Levine, Melvin Kadon, George Stewart, Irwin Stewart, Harry Garon, Hyman Love, Harry Nessel, Hy Litman, Nathan Horowitz, Abraham Kaplan, Isadore Crystal, Harry Greenspan, William Apple, Phillip Klatsky, Mickey Levine, George Bernstein, Palmer Abramson, Morris Cohen, Morton Levine, William Rocklin.

Right table, front to rear and around: Dave Borken, Julius Gordon, Albert Abramson, George Samuels, Edward Cohen, Albert Cohen, William Horwitz, Ervin London, Hyman Glasser, Ben London, - - - - -, Norman Levine, Irving Eisenberg, Theodore (Ted) Passon, Charles Eisenberg, Jack Karsner, Mitchell Polinsky, Frank Rocklin, Sammy Gallop, - - - - -, a Morris London, Max Shablott.

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# Workmen branch started in 1911

By Newton Friedman

Duluth's branch of the Workmen's Circle dates back to 1911 but its roots go much deeper.

Russian and Polish Jews began to arrive in the United States in the 1870s. These newcomers were mainly Yiddish-speaking and foreign in manner and appearance, in contrast to the predominantly German-speaking Jews from Western Europe who had come before. Persecutions and pogroms in Russia, particularly after the assassination of Czar Alexander in 1881, helped trigger the new wave of immigration which was to bring two million Jews in about two decades.

Many of these Russian and Polish Jews were socialist and labor union oriented, having been members of "Bund" craft federations at home. On arriving in the United States, they felt a need to organize aid and friendship "Mannschaf'ts." One such group was the Workmen's Circle, started in 1892. It was formalized somewhat in 1896 and four years later, on Sept. 4, 1900, became a national organization with three branches and 300 members.

In addition to social and educational programs, it offered mutual aid, death and disability benefits and health and welfare services, especially to help against the ghetto scourge of tuberculosis. The founders resolved to reaffirm their Jewish culture and strive for an equitable society in America committed to social justice.

Yiddish was designated as the language of the organization. This proved to be a unifying bond. It helped to promote the concept that the Workmen's Circle, despite its political and activist orientation, was a meeting ground for all Jewish workers, regardless of their other differences. Soon branches sprang up outside New York City. The first were in New Jersey and Boston. Others developed wherever the Jewish immigrants settled.

By 1905, membership had grown to 6,776 people. By 1913, it had risen to 45,662. It peaked in later years at more



**Duluth branch of Workmen's Circle and Arbeiter Ring**, organized in 1911, once had more than 300 members. This photo was taken at 1918 annual meeting. Newton Friedman provided the picture. Any help with the missing names will be appreciated.

Back row, from left: Abe Shusterman, Hy London, S. Koval, Jack Laden, Abe Cohen, (banner), - - - - -, A.Y. Litman, Meyer Baresh, Louis Levine, - - - - - Berger; third row: - - - - - Dorfman, - - - - -, Sam Lent, Max Lent, Joe Shusterman, Sam Meyers, Sam Walt, - - - - -, - - - - -, Sam Berman, C. London; second row: - - - - -, Fannie Singer, - - - - -Laden, - - - - -, Max Meyers, - - - - - Jaffe, Nate Schneider, L. Green, - - - - -Laden, Mrs. Coll, Mrs. Alex Bergal; front row: Jack Meyers, Chaim Singer, - - - - - Rubin, Henry Heller, Frank Keil, Benjamin Gurovitsch, - - - - -, - - - - -, Leon Mosler.

than 80,000 members. Current membership remains at about 56,000 people.

During that period of growth, branches were formed in Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. By 1908, branches already existed in Minneapolis and, in 1911, Branch 353 was founded in Duluth. In 1918, the Northern District Conference of the Workmen's Circle was organized to encompass most of those branches. Among the Duluth pioneers were Y.A. Litman, Sam Walt and Nate Schneider.

Always pushing for new programs and social and economic change consistent with its goals and ideals, the Workmen's Circle supported and also sponsored credit unions and cooperative Yiddish schools and Yiddish theater, also adult educational and recreational classes and numerous youth camps, among others. A strong Jewish

labor identification went with everything. Women were given full rights of equal membership almost from the start. Many also became active in the branch auxiliaries.

The Minnesota Workmen's Circle branches gained national prominence under such leaders as David Shier, Sam Friedman, S. Bellman, Rubin Latz, Jake Schwartz, Louis Lerman and others.

For instance, the building of a Labor Lyceum in Minneapolis was supported by all the state branches. Activities centered there also attained national prominence. They included a unique form of Jewish education, Chatauqua lectures, plays and concerts, and bringing to Minnesota for concerts and plays such noted artists as Berta Gersten, Bertha Kalish, Isa Kremer and Maurice Schwartz.

In the 1920s and '30s, politics entered the ranks of both the trade union movement and the Workmen's Circle. In Duluth, this led to a split in 1937. Branch 503, led by B. Litman, broke off from Branch 353, then headed by Sam Berman. This division continued until 1960 when, under the leadership of Newton Friedman, the

two branches reunited in the original Branch 353.

Among the men active in the branch in those years were J. Cohen, Jake Usan, Joe Litman, Meyer Baresh, Alex Bergal, Al Davidson, L. Tulman and David Schrabar. Also active were numerous women.

The Americanization program of the Workmen's Circle succeeded almost too well. As the years passed, membership declined sharply in the smaller cities when their Yiddish-speaking families diminished. But among Jews in many of the larger cities, including the major retirement communities, the Workmen's Circle is as strong, or stronger, than it ever was.

The Northern District Conference merged into the Chicago or Midwest District and is now part of the Great Lakes District centered in Cleveland and Detroit.

The oldest members of Duluth Branch 353 are Barney Rich, 90, Henry Schrabar, 84, and Robert J. Karon, 82. Although there are only 16 local members now, headed by Newton Friedman, they strive to maintain the idealism and goals of the Workmen's Circle.

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# Scholarship program keeps youths aware

By Linda Greenbaum

The Youth Awareness scholarship program of the Twin Ports Jewish Federation was established in 1970 "to encourage participation of our youth in Jewish cultural experiences that will stimulate the attitudes and identification of our young people toward the Jewish community and Israel."

More than 85 local Jewish youths, ages 14-25, from ninth grade through college, have received awards to participate in study, work, and leadership programs throughout the United States and Israel.

These programs include the National Federation of Temple Youths, National Academy of travel and study in Israel, study at Hebrew and Haifa Universities, the UJA study mission, the Kadimah leadership training program, and summer camps (Alonim, Kutz, Herzl, Olin-Sang Ruby Union Institute).

Beginning in 1983, the Youth Awareness program sponsored young leaders as delegates to the National

NFTY Convention in Washington.

Reine (Berdie) Shiffman and Neil Glazman were among the earliest recipients. Reine now is active in Temple Israel of Minneapolis, and Neil is Youth Group advisor, active in Federation work and a member of the Youth Awareness committee.

Except for minor refinements in the application procedure and having more funds to allocate, the committee functions now as it did in the 1970s, continuing to sponsor aspiring Jewish leaders from the Twin Ports area. Beginning in 1985-86, this committee will begin dispersing the Hebrew School campship awards.

Another major emphasis of this program continues to encourage the recipients to be accountable to the community-at-large for their scholarships. As in the past, recipients are evaluated upon completion of the program. This evaluation process was expanded in 1983 to include a final project that demonstrates and exhibits what was gained from the experience. Under the guidance of a sub-committee,

projects have included well documented scrapbooks and journals, works of artistic expression and training materials to be used in Jewish instruction.

The continued support of the Youth Awareness scholarship program reflects the commitment and dedication of the Duluth-Superior Jewish community to the education and training of its young leaders. These are the past and present committee members:

Jeanette Altman, John Berdie, Shirley Berdie, Rabbi Eli Braun,

Charles Bruzonsky, Jan Davis, Ben Fischmann, Nathan Fox, Eudice Gallop, Rabbi Bernard Gelbart, Dolores Ginsberg, James Glazman, Neil Glazman, Dr. Robert Goldish,

Linda Greenbaum, current chair; Don Gross (chair), Ben Harel, Ed Jacobs, Sharon (Al) Kaner, Sandy Karon (chair), Dr. Sherman Levenson, Toby Marcovich, Shirley Nides, Robin Seiler, Lorraine Shablott, Joanne Sher, Audrey Singer, Harold Singer (chair), Ron Solon, Jay Widdes, Marianne Willenson (chair).



*From Israel, with friendship*

Another caravan of Israeli scouts paid a friendship call on Duluth on Aug. 12. The talented youths performed Israeli songs and dances for the noon crowd at the downtown Holiday Center and in the evening in the Jewish Center. They mingled at a community ice cream social and were overnight guests of Youth Group members. Steven Goldfine was in charge.

## Kudos and Kovets

District Court Judge **Jack Litman** of Duluth has been re-elected by his colleagues as chief judge of Minnesota's Sixth Judicial District. It covers St. Louis, Carlton, Lake and Cook counties. On the bench since 1977, Litman, 62, has practiced law in Duluth since 1951. He headed Duluth's Legal Aid Service for 19 years. Members of Temple Israel, Litman and his wife, Helen, have four children.

**Jack Garber**, 65, has been named Optimist of the Half Century by the Duluth Optimist Club. Although he has undergone three brain tumor operations in the last eight years, Garber has continued to devote himself energetically to numerous charitable causes and bringing cheer to other people. He also had been chief cook and guiding spirit for the Christmas dinners members of the Jewish community have been sponsoring at the Union Gospel Mission for 18 years. The Garbers' son, Leonard, of St. Louis Park, was a surprise speaker at the awards luncheon. The Garbers' family also includes a daughter, Nina; another son, Micah, of Golden Valley, and three grandchildren.

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## Jewish writers leave mark

Through the years some Jewish men left their mark on the pages of the Duluth Herald and News-Tribune as local reporters, writers, editors and sometimes photographers. Jews also have distinguished themselves at the newspapers in various other jobs. Here's an informal listing of those who've been part of the newsroom and editorial staff:

Hershel Rocklin  
Hyman Wolfe Laden  
Fred Weinberg  
A.B. Kapplin  
Sydney Goldish  
Max Zimmerman  
Phil Myzel  
Jack J. Fein  
Nathan Cohen  
Isadore Cohen  
Norman Levine  
Walter Eldot  
Gordon Slovut  
Jerome Marks  
Sid Landfield

## Alonis, former Hebrew teachers here, send greetings from Israel

To the entire Duluth community:

We wish we could be with all of you on this joyous occasion — and we really are, at least in heart and spirit. The two years Giora and I spent in Duluth were happy and fulfilling ones, and we cherish our memories very much. We hope that not only we benefited but that we also contributed a little something (Zionism?) to you. It would be a rewarding feeling to know that we possibly strengthened the ties between your community and Israel.

There is so much I would like to say, to describe life in Israel, to tell you how much we need Aliya, how much there is for you to do here, how much meaning it would add to your lives. But I don't know if the message will be clear. Life in Israel has always been stren-



Elie Aloni

uous, tough politically and economically, and now is much more so.

If we thought of maybe making the effort to come to the reunion, (it's been 10 years since we returned from the States), it would mean paying a fortune in travel tax just to get out of the country. That is perhaps justified, because the country is going bankrupt, and we all have to share the burden. We know American Jewry won't let Israel go under, but we need much more than money. If we want to keep the Israel we know and love, we need you here in order to make sure Israel remains a Western-oriented democracy. There are dangerous elements pulling to the right, and they must be counterbalanced by people who know what democracy is all about.

We can't offer you much here. There are real problems — military burdens, unemployment, social tensions, real materialistic problems of making a living. Maybe the only thing we can offer is a sense of belonging and fulfilling a dream. I hope you'll come at least to see what this crazy dream is all about.

To all our friends and former students wherever you are: Best wishes, and we hope to see you someday soon. Shana Tova to you all.

Yours fondly,  
Elie and Giora Aloni

## Hadassah invites guests to meeting

By Frances Friedman

The Duluth Chapter of Hadassah is looking forward to an eventful year. The first program arranged by our program chairwoman, Shirley Garber, will be a discussion of life on a kibbutz in Israel. Two "kibbutzniks," Dena (Diane) and Itzak Ashkenazi, daughter and son-in-law of Jeanette and Ralph Altman, will speak.

Officers for the coming year are Frances Friedman, president; Linda Eason, Shirley Garber and Dee Dee Widdes, vice presidents; Cindy Seiler, treasurer; Mickey Glazman, Rita Cohen and Dorothy Davis, secretaries.

We would like to invite any visiting past members of Duluth Hadassah, and anyone else who would like to meet old friends, to attend our meeting on Aug. 28 in the Jewish Center at 1602 E. Second St. At noon lunch will be served, followed by a short business meeting and an interesting program.

### Roster of presidents

The Duluth chapter of Hadassah was founded in 1926. The following women have served as its presidents:

1926-27 Mrs. J.B. (Fannie) Wiener  
1927-29 Mrs. Ben (Edith) Karsner  
1929-31 Mrs. A.B. (Bertha) Horwitz  
1931-33 Mrs. Samuel (Bertha) Singer  
1933-35 Mrs. I.E. (Cecile) Greenberg  
1935-36 Mrs. N.H. (Ida) Cohen  
1936-38 Mrs. J.B. (Fannie) Wiener  
1938-40 Mrs. Julius (Ann) Siegel  
1940-42 Mrs. Harry K. (Tessa) Goldenberg  
1942-44 Mrs. David (Selma) Pollack  
1944-46 Mrs. Joseph (Goldie) Gerahgol  
1946-48 Miss Lillian Karon  
1948-50 Mrs. Getchell (Helen) Widdes  
1950-52 Mrs. I.E. (Cecile) Greenberg  
1952-54 Mrs. William (Gussie) Toback  
1954-56 Mrs. George (Sylvia) Samuels  
1956-58 Mrs. John (Mary) Cohn  
1958-59 Mrs. Bert (Ethel) Garon  
1959-61 Mrs. Melvin (Eudice) Gallop  
1961-63 Miss Lillian Karon  
1963-65 Mrs. George (Berniece) Stewart  
1965-67 Mrs. Gordon (Candi) Paymar  
1967-69 Mrs. Ted (Faye) Widdes  
1969-70 Mrs. Getchell (Helen) Widdes  
1970-72 Mrs. Lawrence (Helen) Garon  
1972-74 Mrs. Robert (Selma) Goldish  
1974-76 Mrs. Ron (Sandi) Solon  
1976-79 Mrs. Harvey (Esther) Winthrop  
1979-81 Mrs. Richard (Marsha) Eisenberg  
1981-83 Mrs. Jon (Rena) Konheim  
1983-85 Mrs. Robert (Roberta) Sigel

### Torah book

Ethiopian Jews have maintained the Torah as a handwritten book, not as a scroll. This Torah book is hundreds of years old and was these men's only possession when they arrived in Israel from Ethiopia. The man at right is a Kes, a religious leader. he conducts service an performs marriages but his position comes from heredity, not ordination.

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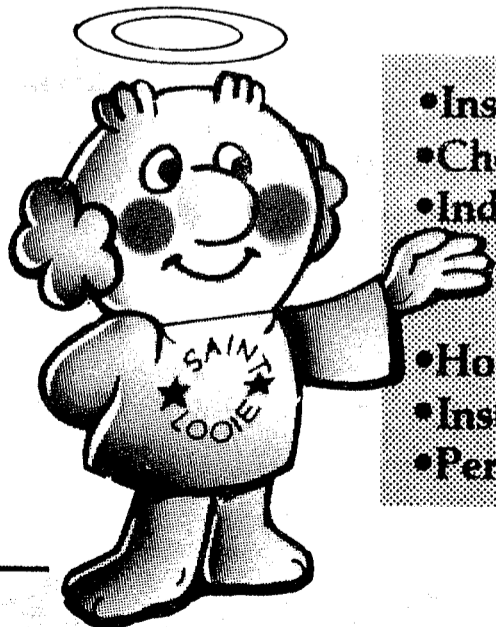
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# Best of Crystal

## Mom and Pop stores abounded in Duluth

Children of many immigrant families grew up in the backrooms or upstairs of small grocery stores where their parents worked incredibly long hours to eke out a living. Numerous such Mom and Pop stores in Duluth were operated by Jews in former years.

In time, some Jewish families branched out in the food business in a big way. A few expanded in various parts of town and beyond Duluth. But the Mom and Pop stores predominated until after World War II and the advent of supermarket chains. Those still remaining are almost landmarks.

Here are some of the names and locations that make up the start of an informal roster that will help to document and preserve memories of that phase of Jewish enterprise in Duluth:

Abe Berzon operated a grocery store in Morgan Park.

In West Duluth, Abe Friedman ran the Purity Store near Central Ave. Later Abe and Maurice Krovitz's Cash and Carry Market was situated near there.

Moses Garon and sons Himan and Abe operated Garon's Grocery in the West End for many years, though the location changed three times. They also ran a store for a time in West Duluth where the Gopher Bar and Grill is now. And for a while Moses and Himan also had a downtown store on First Street, across from Garon Bros. Jewelers.

In the West End were the grocery stores of Sam Ginsberg, Morris Ginsberg, Bert Kaner and the L&A Market of Louis and Ann Shapiro. Harry Hyman was at 22nd Avenue West and Second Street.

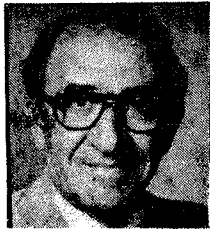
The M. Cohen Grocery was at 20th Avenue West and Second Street. It was operated by Morris Cohen, father of Goldie and Isadore Cohen, and of Al Kane, their brother, and also of the late Nathan Cohen, another brother.

Downtown, George Winthrop's Ideal Market, now operated by his son Harvey, started in partnership with Louis Camenker in 1921 on the southeast corner of First Avenue West and First Street. They later also started the Tip Top Market, which the Camenker family continued.

Of course, there were the Gershgols and Crystals, whose innovative contributions have been told before. Other downtown food merchants included George Sigel, Iz Lebo, Sam Rosen, and brothers Sam and George Breitbort who later moved to West Duluth. Sam Milavetz had a grocery store on Lake Avenue.

The Sher Bros. & Co. meat business started in 1910 as P. Sher & Co. It is now operated by brothers Irving and Alvin Sher and their sons David and Phillip.

Benjamin Kenner Sr. probably started the oldest Jewish grocery store 87 years ago at 117 N. First Avenue East. His three sons worked there, too, the family continuing the business until a few years ago. Food stores operated by Jewish families abounded in the East and Central Hillside where many Jews lived.



## Crystal gazing

BY MR. I

Joe Pearl's store was on Third Avenue West and Fourth Street. And Joe and Alex Goldfarb's grocery was at first at First Avenue West and Fourth Street and later moved to Fourth Avenue East and Superior Street.

Mrs. Roy Abrams ran a grocery at Lake Avenue and Fifth Street. Jake Tessler was at First Avenue and Fourth Street, Roy Evans at Third Avenue East and Fifth Street, and Hyman Sukov at Third Avenue East and Sixth Street.

Jack Myers and Harry (Herchel) Samuels had meat markets on East Fourth Street and Abe Nisken's deli was around the corner on Fifth Avenue East and Fourth Street. Jake Green ran a store at Third Avenue West and Fifth Street and "Labse" Green was at Fourth Avenue East and Sixth Street. Julius Horwitz's parents formerly ran their Mom and Pop store at that location. Nathan and Jennie Horwitz were at 931 N. Seventh Avenue East.

Max and Beatrice Gordon's store at 532 E. Seventh St., still operated by their son Nathan, is probably the oldest such Jewish business still in existence. London families also left their mark as longtime Mom and Pop grocers: I.B. London at 731 N. Fourth Ave. East, and his parents, Hyman London, at 825 N. Fourth Ave. East. Nathan London was at 401 E. Eighth St., same location as I. Widde, and Sam London was down the hill at the corner of Eighth Avenue East and Third Street.

Myer Golberg was on Fourth Avenue East between Eighth and Ninth Streets, Abe Shusterman at 10th Avenue East and Sixth Street, Sam Passon at Third Avenue East and Eighth Street, Bert and Elsie Kaner on Fifth Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues East.

Oldtimers also remember Mollie Bindler's store at 11th Avenue East and Fourth Street, Max Adelson at 11th Avenue East and Third Street, J.A. Levine at 1202 E. Third St. And there were others including Elmer Kaner, Phil and Benn Myzel, Bill Rocklin, Cy Goldfine, Mort and Bessie Abramson, Joe King, Izzy Goldberg, Phil and Harry Bergal, and Itzy Gotkin's Market.

Three Jewish bakeries also are part of the history: Louis Handlovsky's Superior Bakery, Abe Sugarman's at Fourth Avenue East and Eighth St., and the Glazmans' flourishing European Bakery which was started by the Shelf family in 1913 at Seventh Avenue East and Third Street. The fourth generation of Glazmans is growing into the business now.

A great deal of help and genuine research by others went into preparing this fascinating roster. It is still incomplete and may contain some inaccuracies. That's why your comments, additions and corrections are especially welcome. Gratefully acknowledged is the assistance of Sidney and Sophie Kaner, Walter Eldot and I.B. London.



Gordon's Grocery, at 532 E. Seventh St., may be the last of the dozens of the Jewish-operated Mom and Pop family grocery stores that once flourished in Duluth. Max and Bonnie Gordon, who were immigrants from the Ukraine, bought the store in 1924 from a previous owner and made their family home upstairs. Their son, Nathan, a World War II veteran and former railroad telegrapher, joined them in running the store in 1950 and has continued alone since their death.

## Everyone gathered at Covenant Club

In writing about bygone days in Duluth, I seem to have overlooked the Covenant Club until now. It was our community's favorite gathering place, especially during the war years. Many major events and meetings were held there; dances and games on Saturday nights, and lunches, dinners and special affairs that were the talk of the town. The card room also had its regular clientele.

Mr. Bodnar was the first restaurant manager, but the kitchen's reputation was largely created and maintained for several decades by his successor, the incomparable Mrs. Maxfield. She and her team of women performed culinary wonders and at prices that seem almost incredibly low today. (At my daughter Elaine's wedding reception, in 1959, Mrs. Maxfield served about 300 guests and the cost came to \$1.10 a plate.)

The Covenant Club's origin sort of dates back to the late 1930s and early '40s, when a group of men used to meet in the back of a lunch and cigar store owned by Tokey Oreck. It was located next to Deckers on Second Avenue West and First Street. Mainly, they played cards there and talked about whatever was on their minds.

Later, Tokey moved to the Garrick Building, sharing quarters with Alex Zurovsky, who had a candy store in front. The card room and lunch counter were in back. Soon that location became also too small and the men moved upstairs at 220-222 W. First St. They called their place the Hai Vov Club because Minneapolis had a Gimmel Doled Club, and in the Hebrew alphabet Hai Vov follows Gimmel

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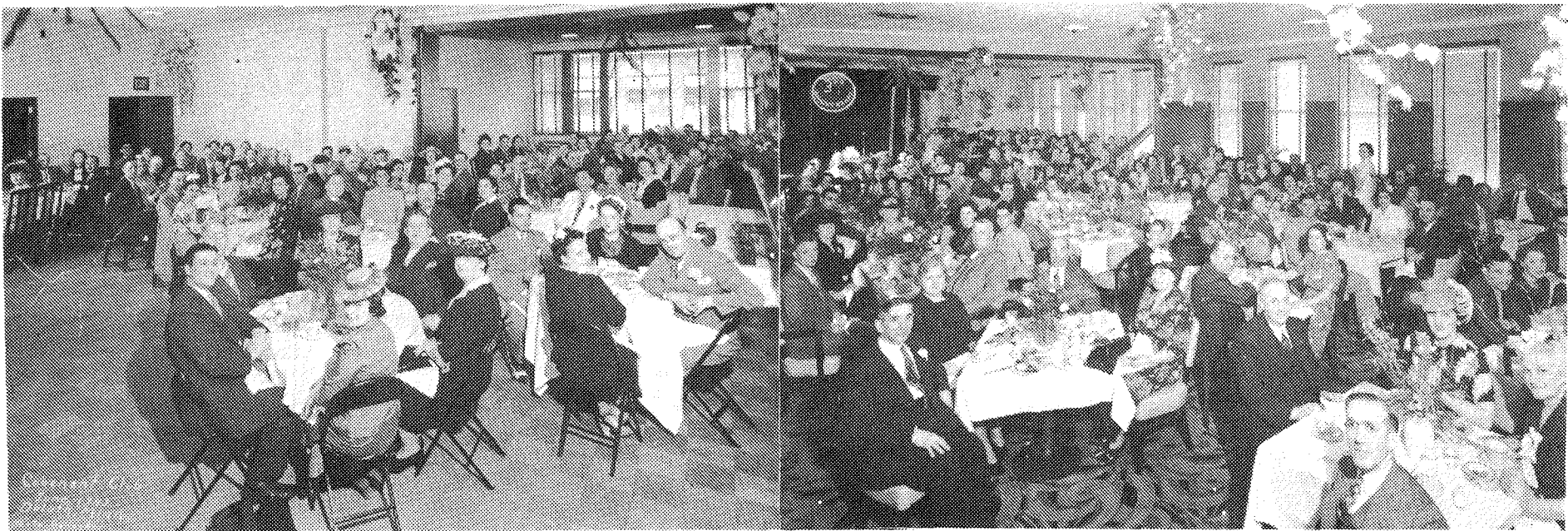
Doled. Slot machines were legal then, it seems, and the place prospered and membership flourished.

Out of all this developed the Covenant Club, thanks to an agreement with I.E. Gershgol and his family whereby new club facilities were to be built upstairs of an expanded Gershgol's market on West First Street next to the First Street Store.



**I.E. and Rose Gershgol started their family grocery business in a tent in 1919. They were the parents of Joseph and David Gershgol and a daughter, Dorothy, who is Mrs. Robert Gurovitsch.**





Covenant Club's third anniversary, in 1943, was celebrated in a festive style at this popular meeting. How many of these people can you identify?

## More of Crystal's best

### What fun we had

Continuing to reminisce about the Covenant Club, as I started last month, I am reminded anew of all the fine things it stood for in our community. It was a marvelous center of Jewish activity and cooperation. It was a place to have fun and meet people. It had a great restaurant and Saturday night dances and keno games and a card room that was something special.

Dr. Nathan Braverman was chairman of the first house committee. An outstanding event during his tenure was a dinner honoring then-Gov. Edward Thye. One by one we were introduced to Thye and his wife as we entered the room. Later Mrs. Thye stood up and called off from memory the name of every person present. That was quite a feat.

Dr. David Finkelstein arranged for some memorable evenings as chairman of the entertainment committee. I recall a minstrel show with Doc as interlocutor and an all-star cast of members. A funny quip from that show was the remark by one of the characters that he was sure Louis Zalk had gone broke because he heard him say in the card room, "I got nothing, I got nothing." Another classic remark that came straight from the card room was this advice to kibbitzers: "If you want to say something — keep quiet!"

Memories of the club and card room also bring back fond thoughts of Charlie Cohen who was manager for years. Club meetings were always packed, elections hotly contested and everyone who felt like it took part in the discussions with Prof Davis in the midst, of course. Jerome Oxman taught the rumba and Ben Chessen managed time after time to think up new activities.

### Dance after work...

May always brings back special memories. It was 64 years ago this month that I arrived in Duluth from Russia with my mother and sister Edna. My father had preceded us and came back after World War I to get us.

Modern pavement was beginning to replace the old wooden brick pavement downtown, and the changeover was accompanied by a big mess and a lot of objections that it would hurt business. Sound familiar? When paving was completed on Superior Street between Lake Avenue and First Avenue West, bands played for a street dance as

Duluthians celebrated.

Also in the early 1920s, Walter Hoover, a native Duluthian, won the world's sculling championship in England and returned to a ticker-tape parade.

Our annual Winter Frolic was another gala celebration that included a huge parade among its many activities. The colorful jackets and caps people wore for the festival were manufactured locally, and there was also a popular snowman logo.

I remember, too, the excitement that gripped Duluth when President Calvin Coolidge came to visit. Flags were everywhere and schools had closed early so children could see and cheer the president as his open car moved slowly along Superior Street. It was a great feeling to be a part of all that.

### Musical neighbors

The night in 1920 when Warren Harding was elected president and Calvin Coolidge vice president, I listened to the returns on the radio of Millers Music Store at 8 W. First St. This remains vivid in my memory for several reasons — one being my arrival in the U.S. and Duluth that year. My father had returned to Russia to bring us here — my mother, sister and me.

Our Crystal's deli at that time was next door to the Millers. We supplied their music store with empty banana stalks, potatoes, dry onions and scallions so they could decorate their store window to promote the hit song, "Yes, We Have No Bananas." Brothers Abe and Ben Miller and their sisters Sadie and Molly worked in the store. Ben and Abe also played in the theater orchestras for vaudeville shows.

Peculiarly, our business location somehow was always next to a music store: first Millers, then Myles Music at 214 W. First St. and later Brander's at 18 E. Superior St.

I also have a clear recollection of two historic boxing fights: Jack Dempsey's knockout of the French champion, Carpentier on July 2, 1921, and Dempsey's loss to Gene Tunney on Sept. 23, 1926. I suppose I remember those fights so well because I was among the Jewish youths who hustled the "extras" the Duluth Herald put out afterwards. George Cowan, Sam Rocklin and I, as well as some younger Jewish boys, tried to make a few bucks selling the papers on the downtown streets for a nickel.



## From here and there

By Ruth Abramson

Reunions are made of all sorts of memories. I find myself thinking back to my youth when we lived next to the old fire hall at 109 E. Third St. Our house was kitty-corner from Central High School and across the street from the Board of Education and the Liberty School, since razed. Abe and Fannie Goldfine lived upstairs of us. In those days, the fire engines were still pulled by horses, and seeing them head to a fire was always exciting. My brother, Ralph, went to the Liberty School.

Then we moved to 1116 E. First St. It was a large house and our door was always open when relatives or friends came to town. Some of the other Jewish families living nearby included the Julius Siegels, Joe Shers, Louis Felsenbergs, Louis Singers, Abe Apters, Finkelsteins, J.A. Levines, Ignatz Freimuths and several Cohens.

Zidell's Drug Store at 10th Ave. E. and Second St. was our favorite hangout when we were young. We'd all meet there for ice cream. We found much happiness in our former family home on East First Street. Now it houses Howard Klatsky's advertising agency. I gather that it has brought him success and happiness, too.

Jan Davis' and George Berman's sisters, Harriet and Ruth, visited in town with their husbands. My brother Sylvester Sher and his wife Celia were also here.

Congratulations to Harry Bergal and Robert King on their new business office in the Torrey Bldg.

Double good wishes and Mazel Tov to Arthur and Ardeth Dreshfield on the August weddings of two sons, one in New York and the other in California.

Mazel Tov also to Shirley and Jack Garber on the engagement of their son, Leonard; to Palmer and Leonard Abramson on the marriage of their son, Michael, and to grandmother Rose Levine.

Other recent happy occasions included the Bat Mitzvah of Marya Gurovitsch, daughter of Ben and Sharyl Gurovitsch, and of Meiera

Holz, daughter of Rabbi Anthony and Judy Holz.

Irving Taran, son of Oscar and Leigh Taran of Duluth, is new head of the art department at Michigan State University in East Lansing. He's been on the faculty since 1965.

Abe and Cherie Bruzonsky's daughter and her family visited them briefly before heading for Israel. A niece of Sarah Bruzonsky also visited here from Oklahoma. Helen and Lawrence Garon were back in town. So were Gordy and Candy Paymar.

Shirley and Marvin Azuz have returned from a trip to the West Coast. They visited their son Geoff and his family in California and daughter Karen and her family in Seattle. Ed and Dorothy Slonim also are back from the West Coast. I was in Des Moines to see my son, Jack.

Bob and Selma Goldish were visited by a niece of Selma for several days. Aida Bindler's and Lillian Joelson's sister, Evelyn Young of Palm Springs, is spending the summer with them.

Best wishes on their wedding anniversaries go to: Jim and Mickey Glazman, Bernard and Bess Sadoff, Melvin and Betti Kreiman, Aaron and Lorraine Glazman, Morris and Doris Kerness, Ervin and Shirley London, Donald and Gita Freimuth, Charles and Tracy Goman, Allen and Rita Cohen, Ben and Sharyl Gurovitsch, Joe and Edith Schrabner, Jay and Dee Dee Widdes, Dale and Roberta Taran, Jay and Joyce Parker, Loren and Priscilla Lomasky, Mel and Carol Cohen, John and Shirley Berdie, and Ron and Sandy Solon.

Special greetings to friends and acquaintances on the sick list and condolences to all recently bereaved in our community.

Patti Widdes Frisch has graduated from William Mitchell School of Law in St. Paul.

Helen and Getchell Widdes are back from a trip to Switzerland, Italy and Austria.

# Remembering: Jewish families of West Duluth

By Arnold A. Cohen

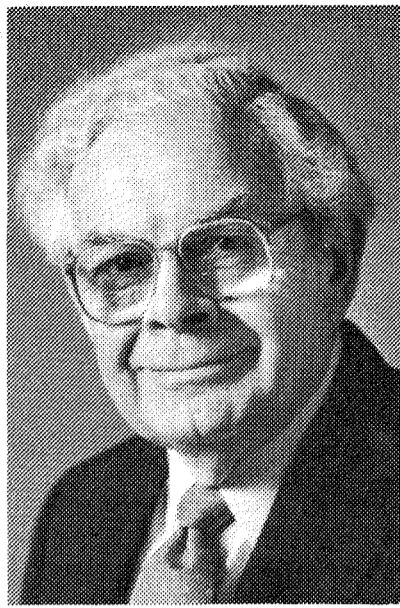
I am pleased to have been invited to record my recollections of the early Jewish community in West Duluth. This is an area bounded roughly by 40th and 70th Avenues West, and quite distinct from the West End. The West End was settled earlier and had a somewhat larger Jewish population. West Duluth's Jewish population, although small, was nevertheless well represented in the commerce of the area.

First, let me establish my personal time frame. I was born in West Duluth in 1914, in the hospital operated by the Drs. Graham above 301 N. Central Ave. Just across the street at 302, my father, Julius B. Cohen, and my uncle, Abe N. Friedman, owned a grocery market known as the Purity Store.

That 300 block had a remarkable array of Jewish retail stores. I.B. Aarons, who was Helen Widdes' father, owned a men's store, The Hub. Aarons was an outstanding leader in Zionist programs, in the Talmud Torah and other Jewish affairs. As a boy, I was inspired by the Aarons family's enthusiasm and intense devotion to such matters. I think they succeeded in charging me up for life.

Albert Bergstein, another enthusiastic Zionist, also ran a men's store in the block, together with his sister Annie. Albert's son, Sherman, is a Minneapolis attorney. Then, there was Fieldman's Department Store, run by A. Fieldman, his son Si, and two daughters (Esther and Ida, I believe). Another son, Dave, who also lived in West Duluth, may have been in

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Arnold A. Cohen

another business.

Another retail house in the block was the Boston Store, owned by the Mann brothers, Moe and Max, and later by the Stulberg brothers. Across the street, Alex Lurye had a furniture store. Alex was an area American Legion officer, and regularly showed up to speak to school children before national holidays.

Another uncle of mine, Alex R. Coran, and Jacob H. Dennis, who was his brother-in-law, owned an electrical appliance and sewing machine business in the 200 block. Alex's father, the patriarchal Abbi Aker Coran, was the early Duluth Hebrew teacher mentioned by Gunther Plaut in his history of the Jews of Minnesota. Alex later served as commander of the West Duluth American Legion post.

I have fond memories of Mike Ostrov, who built up his shoe repair business into a substantial retail shoe store on Grand Avenue. Mike's delightful stories of his citizenship prep class would rival Leo Rosten's tales of Hyman Kaplan.

Abe Latts, whose wife Goldie was my first cousin, and Barney Schneider of Superior, another cousin, were partners in the West Duluth Knitting Mills. Their plant was on Roosevelt Street, on the corner of 51st Ave. W. (Roosevelt Street was eventually wiped out by I-35.) Abe Latts later founded the Great Lakes Woolen Co., which was continued until recent years by his son Irvin.

There were professionals, too. Pediatrician Dr. Sam Litman initiated, and for many years directed, a free

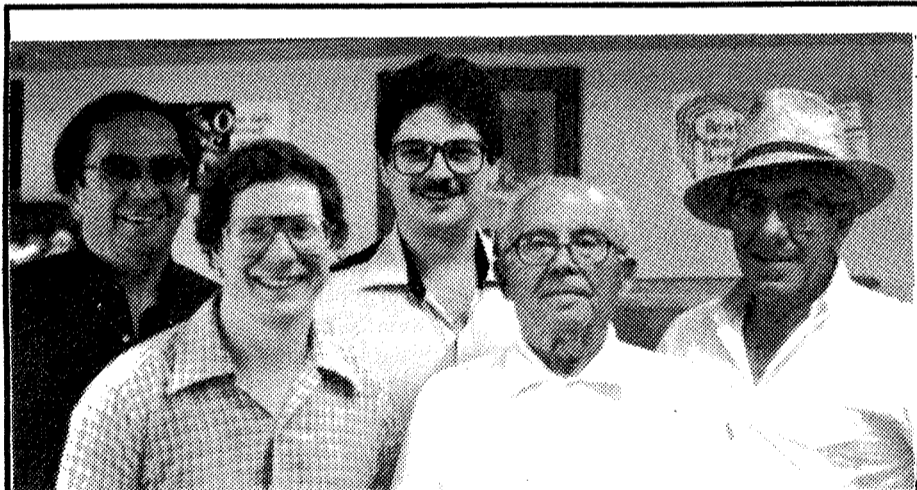
baby clinic under the sponsorship of the West Duluth Masonic Lodge. For this work he received many honors over the years. Another prominent professional in West Duluth was Dr. M.L. Zack, dentist.

This community was a wonderful mutual support group. When my father died in 1924, they gathered for a nightly "minyan" in the back office of the Purity Store for a whole month, to postpone my daily streetcar trips to say Kaddish at the Third Street Shul.

All of these people were around in the early 1920s. By the end of that decade, other Jewish businesses had appeared, Charles Cohen joined the roster of merchants in that 300 block. Abe Krovitz had a food market there later in the 1930s. The Romans, for a time, ran a store at 230 N. Central. Dave Laskin (who later married my mother) and Dave Levey opened Central Auto Wrecking at the corner of Central and Raleigh. Dave Laskin later established Dave's Auto Parts on Grand, while the Leveys continued as Central Auto Parts.

Sidney Laskin continued Dave's Auto Parts at the same location until he sold the business a few years ago. Dave's older son, Sylvester, will be remembered as CEO of Minnesota Power, and a respected civic leader. Syl and I went through school together, all the way to our electrical engineering degrees, becoming "brothers" along the way. Our sister Anita is Mrs. Kople Hallock.

As a parting note, it should be understood that these are purely personal recollections, on which I have done no research. I sincerely hope that my errors and omissions are minimal.



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## Duluth stays fondly in his mind

*Marvin Gallop, formerly of Duluth, lives in retirement in San Jose, Calif., where he was classified advertising sales manager for the San Jose Mercury News. He moved there after working for years for the Duluth Herald and News-Tribune. He shares here some of his recollections.*

By Marvin O. Gallop

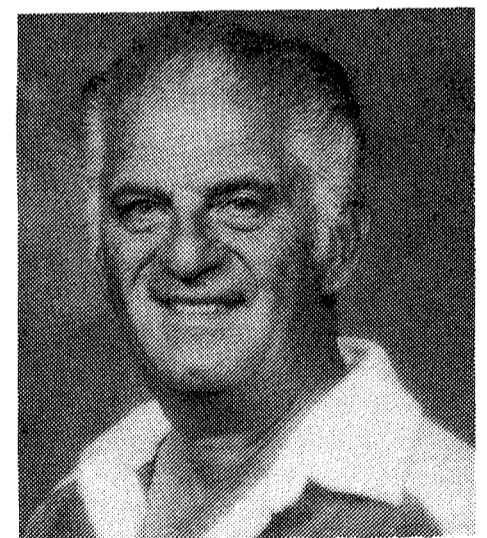
Here are some of my reflections and recollections of Duluth:

Living on Fourth Avenue East and Sixth Street. Fighting and growing up with not only the Sixth Street bunch, but also the Eighth and Ninth Street gangs. Too bad my children and grandchildren missed all this!

Playing hockey in the street and at Chester Bowl and Washington playground in head-high snow and temperatures of 40 degrees below zero. Oh, what fun! Playing sandlot baseball and football on Fourth Avenue East and Seventh or Fifth Streets — no uniforms, only broken bones.

Working for Nate Kremen at Kremen-Duluth Co. and later at the Duluth Herald and News-Tribune.

Impressions I got from many people, but some fond memories come to mind about: Irving Raihill, Rabbi Byron Rubenstein, Dave Norwich, Zom Levine, Marvin Azuz, Palmer Abramson, Erwin Goldfine, Frank Taran and the rest of the Tarans, the Krupps, Fred and Ralph, the Gallop clan plus hundreds of others including my



Marvin O. Gallop

favorite person, my uncle Joe Gallop.

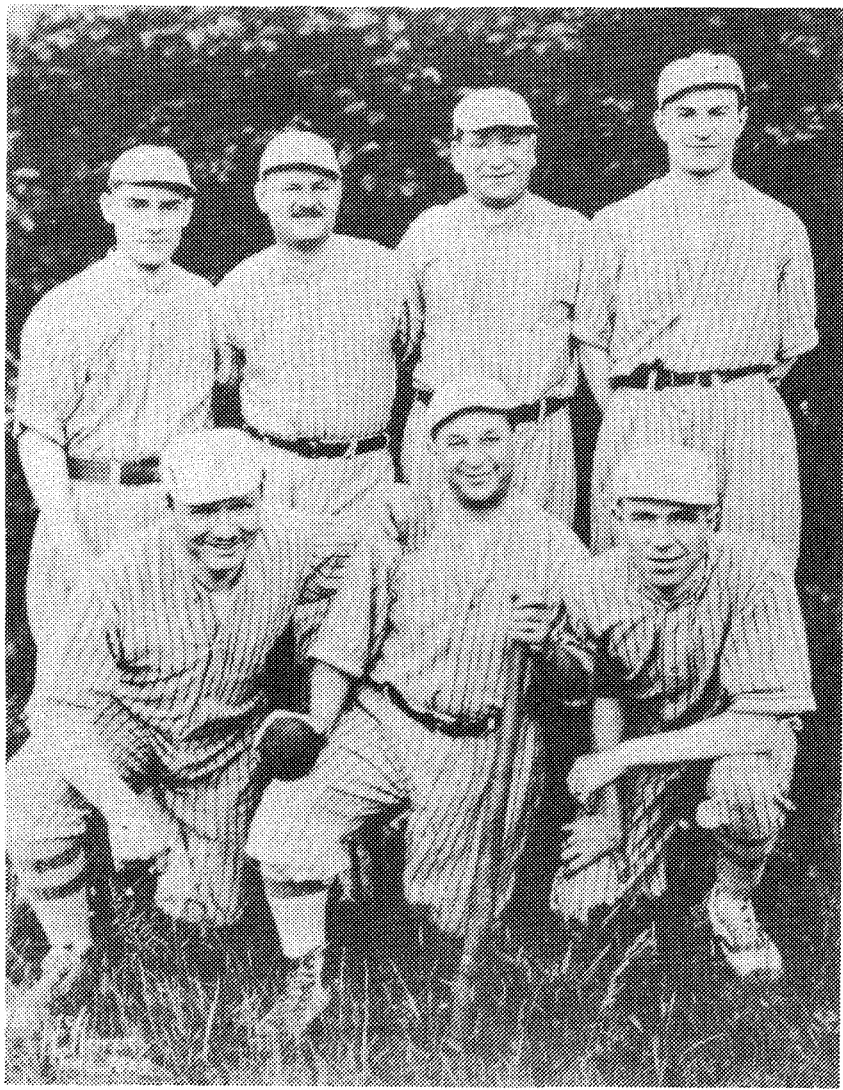
Favorite places, organizations?

The Covenant Club, B'nai B'rith, Temple Emanuel, Park Point.

Major events?

Enlisting in the U.S. Navy Air Corps in 1942. Honorably discharged in December, 1945. Marrying a childhood sweetheart, Beatrice Friedman Gallop. We were blessed with two children, Michele Maureen and Fred Ira, and from these begat five grandchildren. Moving to San Jose, Calif. Having a stroke in August 1983, and retiring from the San Jose Mercury News after 32 years as classified advertising sales manager.





**B'nai B'rith baseball team of 1924** — Standing, from left: Dave Pollack, - - - - Schwarz, - - - - Mark and Sam Golden; kneeling: Oscar Kleckner, Charles, D. Oreckovsky and B.Z. Karsner.

## Remembering: *Growing up Jewish in Twin Ports*

*Born in Superior, Daniel Pearl grew up in Duluth. He is a professor of accounting at the University of New Orleans.*

**By Daniel Pearl**

Looking at current statistics on Jews in America one might conclude that I am one of the lost Jews. My wife is not Jewish, we do not have children, and we are not members of any Jewish organizations. However, I do not feel lost. My dog tags identify me with a "J", my colleagues know me as a Jew and, most importantly, I think of myself as a Jew.

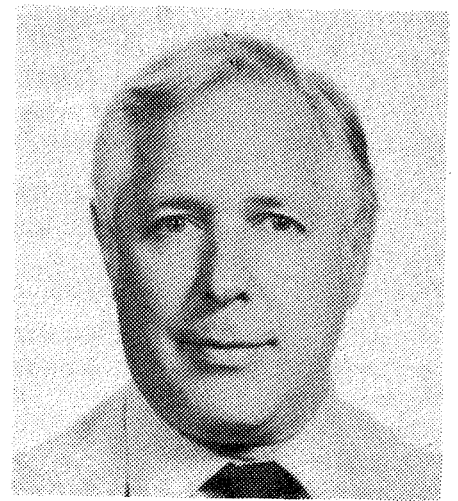
As one is growing up, the events of life do not appear to be special. In later years the experiences do take on a different perspective. Even if they are not a book, there are some I like to share when I have a captive, if not a captivated, audience.

I was born in Superior in 1931, the sixth of seven. The Pearl family moved to Duluth in 1938-39. Our parents were born in Eastern Europe. It is difficult to identify the beginning of my recollections. However, there is no doubt that some of them could only belong to a Jew. For example, if we had store-bread, we had to walk many blocks before we found bread that was permitted in the house. I remember one Yom Kippur evening when my older brothers got home from Shul before our parents. They were eating Taystee or Master bread and would not share with me. I didn't know why. When mother got home, they and the bread were thrown out of the house.

When I was about nine years of age, it started to become clear what it meant to be a Jew. Among other activities we went to two schools: one with the neighborhood kids and the other with such cherished friends as "Babe" Aaron Glazman, "Chuck" Melvin Jacobson and the late Larry Golberg.

Six days a week we made the trip to the Talmud Torah to study and "daven" with the Mizrachis and Mar Rappaport. I never got the hang of "davening" and secretly envied those who were good at it. They did well on Saturdays at the Talmud Torah and got the chance to show their stuff at their Bar Mitzvahs.

Many of us Talmud Torah students followed up our two schools on Tuesday nights with Troop 17 Boy Scouts meetings. In the '40s we had some great leaders and role models such as Billy Saeks and Norman "Brah"



**Daniel Pearl**

Bergstein. It is amazing how much time these older guys gave us younger scouts. I still have visions of them in my mind.

One of the more important events of my generation was the creation of the State of Israel. More than once we were herded into the balcony of the Third Street Shul to listen to speakers and then sign postcards. I must confess that I didn't really know what it all meant. Once I got upset when my Jewish friends at Central High School decided to call their intramural basketball team the "Stern Gang." I guess I still don't like it.

The impact of Israel on me? An example. From time to time the route to the Talmud Torah was treacherous for a Jewish kid. We might end up in a fight or worse. Those experiences and others left me with the inclination to speak quietly when declaring my religion. It seems that my voice became stronger when telling someone that I was a Jew after a few years of Israel's existence. Today it is loud and clear.

I remember clearly my conversation with Allan "Arky" Shusterman the summer he and his family left for Israel. Arky was a year ahead of me in school and I admired him for his academic achievements. That summer we had many days together and, in my mind, became friends. In retrospect, it seems that was the last summer I considered myself to be a resident of Duluth. That fall (1949) I left and never returned to live permanently. Whenever I hear somebody from the Twin Ports having made a trip to Israel, I usually make discreet inquiries about Arky. You see, Arky and I share the same birthday in 1931 and I have always had a special affinity for my birthmate who lives in Israel.

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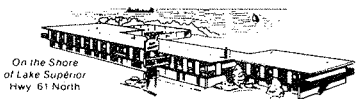
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## Adas Israel Synagogue

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FIRST SELICHOS  
Saturday night, Sept. 7

Social, 11:00 p.m., Selichos service.....Midnight

**ROSH HASHANAH EVE**  
Sunday, Sept. 15

Light festival candles .....7:00 p.m.  
Mincha and Rosh Hashanah Evening service.....7:10 p.m.

**ROSH HASHANAH — First Day**  
Monday, Sept. 16

Morning service .....8:00 a.m.  
Light festival candles .....6:40 p.m.  
Mincha service .....6:45 p.m.  
Tashlich at Lake .....7:05 p.m.  
Maariv service .....7:50 p.m.

**ROSH HASHANAH — Second Day**  
Tuesday, Sept. 17

Morning service .....8:00 a.m.  
Light festival candles .....6:40 p.m.  
Mincha and Maariv services.....7:00 p.m.

**FAST OF GEDELIAH**  
Wednesday, Sept. 18

Mincha and Maariv service .....6:00 p.m.

**YOM KIPPUR EVE**  
Tuesday, Sept. 24

Light Yom Kippur candles .....6:30 p.m.  
Mincha service .....6:55 p.m.  
Kol Nidre .....7:15 p.m.

**YOM KIPPUR DAY**  
Wednesday, Sept. 25

Morning service start at .....8:30 a.m.  
Maariv service, followed by Havdalah .....7:20 p.m.  
Blowing of the Shofar .....6:30 p.m.

**SUKKOS EVE**  
Sunday, Sept. 29

Light festival candles .....6:35 p.m.  
Mincha and Festival Evening service .....6:45 p.m.  
Maariv service .....7:50 p.m.

**FIRST DAY OF SUKKOS**  
Monday, Sept. 30

Festival Morning service .....9:00 a.m.  
Light festival candles .....6:35 p.m.  
Mincha service .....6:45 p.m.  
Maariv service .....7:00 p.m.

**SECOND DAY OF SUKKOS**  
Tuesday, Oct. 1

Festival Morning service .....9:00 a.m.  
Light festival candles .....6:30 p.m.  
Mincha service .....6:40 p.m.  
Maariv service .....6:55 p.m.

**HOSHANAH RABBAH**  
Sunday, Oct. 6

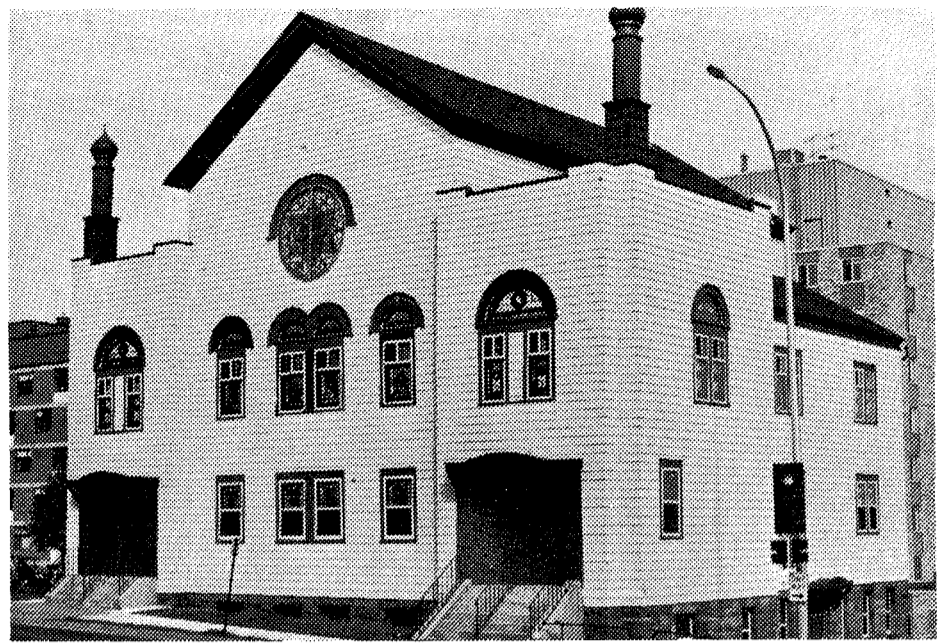
Hoshanah Rabbah Morning service .....8:30 a.m.  
Light festival candles .....6:20 p.m.  
Mincha and Festival Evening service .....6:30 p.m.

**SHEMIN ATZERES & SIMCHAS TORAH HAKOFOS PROCESSION**  
Monday, Oct. 7

Festival Morning service .....9:00 a.m.  
Light festival candles .....6:00 p.m.  
Mincha service, followed by social, Maariv and Hakofos Procession ..6:00 p.m.

**SIMCHAS TORAH**  
Tuesday, Oct. 8

Simchas Torah Morning service .....9:00 a.m.  
Light festival candles .....6:15 p.m.  
Mincha service .....6:25 p.m.  
Maariv service .....6:45 p.m.



Adas Israel Synagogue in Duluth was built by its Orthodox congregation in 1900 and continues in daily use. Formerly, several other Orthodox congregations existed and had synagogues of their own.

## DUSTY

BY JULIE FISHER



Some of the Youth Group activities recently included the Hebrew School Ball, where Marla Eisenberg, Renee Fisher, Joe Cohen, Ann Kaner and I took coats, helped set up, and sold tickets. In July many youth groupers were out of town. Debbie Seiler, Scott Seiler, and I were in Israel on the NFTY program. In the second week of August, the Israeli Scouts came to perform at the Jewish Center. Ann Kaner was in charge of arranging housing for the scouts. NOFTY Leadership was held at Olin-Sang-Ruby-Union-Institute in Oconomowoc, Wis. on Aug. 21-15.

Some of DUSTY's activities last year included; NOFTY conclaves, a NIFTY convention, a Purim carnival, three Shabbat services, Havdallahs, a progressive dinner, movies, a Sukkot dinner, Selichot services, baking for Onegs, Jewish Trivial Pursuit, "anything Jewish goes" night, and many board meetings.

The board included Raquel Shablott, Debbie Seiler, Scott Seiler, Jodi Kirsch, Ann Kaner, and myself. This year's board has potential which will surely provide for another successful year.

Along with these activities, next year we will be hosting the NOFTY Regional Fall Conclave in Duluth on Oct. 25-27.

Our new board, which includes Ann Kaner, Shaun Seiler, Jeff Kaner, Marla Eisenberg, and myself, is working diligently to plan an exciting, educational, and enlightening year.

## Hebrew school alive and well

By Selma Goldish

The Ida Cook Hebrew School is alive and well. This year action was taken to include it as a committee of our Jewish Federation. Awards of campships to Hebrew school students will be administered through Federation Youth Awareness Committee.

Attending the Hebrew school during the past school year were 22 students from Duluth and Superior, plus three children from Virginia. The Aleph class had 10 students; Beth class, six; Gimel, three; and Daled, three.

Classes meet twice a week for two hours under the capable direction of Kitty Altman, principal and teacher. A teacher's aide also is employed. Raquel Shablott served in that capacity in the past year. Julie Fisher will replace her in the '85-'86 school year starting Sept. 9. There are 10 prospective new beginning students for the Aleph class.

Kitty Altman designs the curriculum to include reading and translating biblical Hebrew and instruction in synagogue and conversational Hebrew. The children especially enjoy learning games and music.

Federation's Ida Cook Hebrew School committee consists of: Selma Goldish, chairwoman; Tracy Goman, Arthur Gurovitsch, Judy Holz, Sharon Kaner and Michael Witkin.

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### *Shalom, I'd like to be your friend*

This is one of the many Ethiopian Jewish children now safe, fed and receiving medical care in Israel. More than 70 percent of the Ethiopian Jews in Israel are under the age of 14 and arrived without parents. The immigrants are being aided by the Jewish Agency mainly through money raised in United Jewish Appeal and Federation campaigns. The Twin Ports Jewish Federation drive starts in October.

*(UJA Press Service photo)*

## **Desperate Ethiopian Jews merely latest Israeli settlers**

**By Gerald Nagel**

Editor, UJA Press Service

A majority of the approximately 24,500 Ethiopian Jews are now in Israel. Like earlier groups, they have come for many reasons and after a dangerous trek. Most came to escape terrible persecution and famine.

Like other groups of Jews, those from Ethiopia, who are black, bring their own culture and heritage, enriching the diversified mosaic of Israeli life. The Ethiopian branch of the world Jewish family was certified as Jewish by both the chief Ashkenazic and chief Sephardic rabbis of Israel in 1973.

When Independence was declared on May 14, 1948, fewer than 700,000 Jews lived in Israel. Their numbers doubled in three years as Jews began to return to the homeland they had lacked for nearly 2,000 years. Here are highlights of some major waves of immigration, that may show Ethiopian Jewish immigration in perspective.

The first Jews to arrive after Israel's independence were 25,000 Eastern European Jews whom Britain had jailed on Cyprus for daring to seek entry into what was then a British Mandate with strict immigration quotas barring Jews. They were soon joined by other Holocaust survivors — men and women with battered lives and tattered clothing.

In 1949-50, Operation Magic Carpet airlifted to Israel virtually all 47,000 Jews in Yemen, who first had to survive an arduous journey on foot to Aden. The Yemenite Jews called the planes 'eagles' wings' after God's words, "And I bore you on eagles' wings and I brought you unto myself" (Exodus 19:4).

Operation Ezra soon followed (1950-51), bringing out 114,000 Jews from Iraq, after Iraq enacted a special law permitting Jews to emigrate if all their property would be left behind. They came by sea and air.

Throughout the 1950s the return of Jews to their homeland continued, including many from Arab lands such as Tunisia and Morocco, where oppres-

sive anti-Semitism sparked departure.

In the early 1960s Brazilian and Argentinian Jews came in large numbers, and after the Six-Day War in 1967, Jews flocked from Britain, France, the U.S., Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

Since the early 1970s, when Soviet emigration restrictions eased somewhat, 163,000 Jews made "aliyah." And in the 1980s, Jews also continue to come to live in Israel, including those from Ethiopia.

Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia have many problems common to others, but include a far higher proportion — 70 percent — of children under 14 who arrived without parents. And each is challenged by the needed transition from an ancient culture to a contemporary Western-style democracy.

They are being helped, as have all the others since 1948, by the Jewish Agency, the main beneficiary agency of the United Jewish Appeal and Federation campaigns in the U.S.

It could be said that the Jews of Ethiopia are the lost tribe of Dan, whom the Bible describes as "dark-complexioned." Or perhaps they are descended from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, who saw herself as "black and comely." Or maybe they were once an African tribe, converted to Judaism by Jewish merchants traveling north from Arabia, millenia ago.

The truth of their origin is lost in time. What is known is that Ethiopia's Jews, cut off from Judaism long before the Talmud was written or the events of Chanukah and Purim took place, remained a community apart from Ethiopia's neighboring tribes — venerating the Torah and fervently following pre-rabbinic Jewish law and traditions.

### **60 Israeli firms in China**

JERUSALEM — Sixty Israeli firms are currently involved in cooperative enterprise in China, the newspaper Maariv reported. It said the projects include hotels, and airfield, solar energy plants and agricultural developments.

# **Federation teams gear up for October fund drive**

"Our Jewish Connection: Twin Ports to Israel" will be the theme of the 1985 Federation campaign, headed by David Blustin and George Berman as co-chairmen. The goal is \$275,000.

Featured speaker for most of the events being planned will be Akiva Baum, a prominent lawyer and former commentator and correspondent from Israel.

The men's campaign will kick off with the Initial Gifts dinner on Oct. 9 in the home of Ron Solon. The Men's Major and General Gifts Division, headed by Art Dreshfield, Jack Seiler, Neil Glazman and Steve Goldfine, will hold a cold cut buffet luncheon at the Jewish Center on Oct. 13.

Telethon follow-up for the men will be led by Gordy Cohen and Saul Davis.

Leaders of the Women's Division are Rita Cohen and Lorraine Glazman. The women will begin their campaign with workers' training in the home of Rita Cohen on Oct. 2. In charge of this are Eudice Gallop and Sharon Marcovich. The telethon will be held in the Center on Oct. 6 led by Carol Cohen, Frances Friedman and Joyce Levenson.

On Oct. 14, Baum will speak at Women's Major Gifts luncheon in the home of Beverly Goldfine. Other leaders of this luncheon will be Janet Davis, Robin Seiler, and Min Siegel.

The General Gifts luncheon on Oct.



David Blustin



George Berman



Rita Cohen



Lorraine Glazman

15 will be preceded by a special get-together for members of the "365" group and give them a chance to visit with Baum. Heading the 365 group are Bea Davis and Selma Goldish, solicitation, and Evelyn Latts, event. The luncheon will be chaired by Betty Berman and Anita Cohen. General Gifts solicitation leaders are Ardeth Dreshfield, Ellen Goldfine and Bea Lewenstein. Handling invitations for all womens events are Mickey Glazman and Sandy Solon. In charge of decorations are Mary Glazman, Nancy Litman and Cindy Seiler.

## **Israeli lawyer to speak here**

Akiva Baum, scheduled as main speaker for the Twin Ports Federation campaign, is an Israeli lawyer and former military correspondent and radio commentator. He currently works with a law firm in New York specializing in international corporate law.

He holds advanced law degrees from Hebrew University and New York University and also won a Ford Foundation fellowship in business administration. He served in the Israeli Defense Forces, worked as a civilian on the West Bank and practiced law in Tel Aviv in the early 1970s.

He is being sent to the Twin Ports by the United Jewish Appeal.



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# High Holy Days

Temple Beth El

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High Holy Days services will be conducted by  
Elliot Kula and Joe Brizer

**SELICHOTH**, Saturday, Sept. 7 ..... Service at 11:30 p.m.  
precede by coffee hour

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH**, Sunday, Sept. 15 ..... 7:30 p.m.

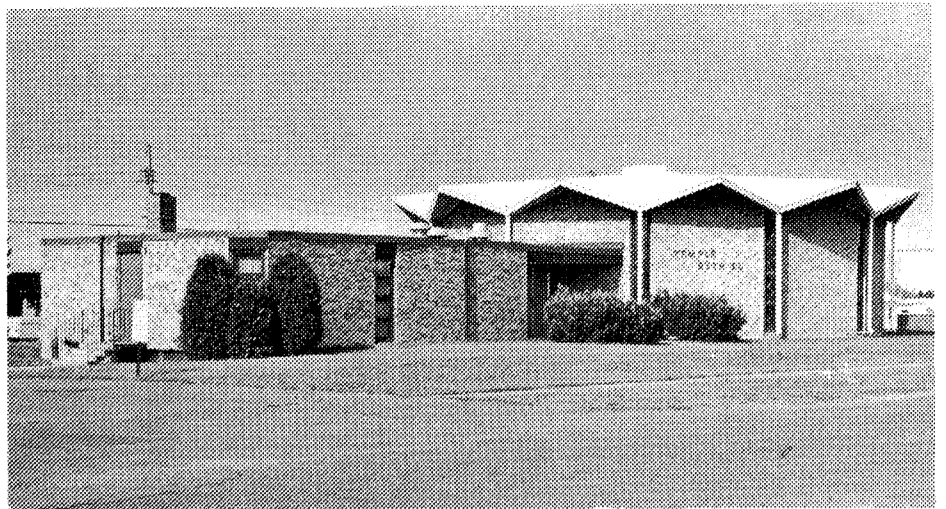
**ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICES**  
Monday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 17 ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Torah reading, both days ..... 10 a.m.

**ROSH HASHANAH EVENING**, Monday, Sept. 16 ..... 8 p.m.

**SABBATH SERVICE**, Friday, Sept. 21 ..... 8 p.m.

**YOM KIPPUR**  
Kol Nidre, Tuesday, Sept. 24 ..... 7 p.m.  
Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Sept. 25 ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Memorial (Yiskor) service ..... 11:15 a.m.  
Afternoon service ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Followed by Nilah and concluding service

Mr. Joe Brizer will be at the Superior Hebrew Cemetery from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8, 15 and 22. He will be available other times by appointment.



Temple Beth El in Superior was dedicated in 1964 as the new home of Superior Hebrew Congregation, affiliated with the Conservative branch of Judaism. The congregation had its formal beginning in 1904 in a church basement as West Superior Synagogue. The sanctuary it built later on Hammond Avenue has since been razed.

## Superior synagogue was once located in church

BY WALTER ELDOT

Superior's Conservative Temple Beth El, dedicated in 1964 at 603 Faxon, had its beginning 80 years ago as an Orthodox congregation. Its first sanctuary was a basement church at 602 Hammond Ave. leased for \$50 a year from the First Presbyterian Church of West Superior. It became known as the West Superior Synagogue.

In the 1920s the name was changed to Superior Hebrew Congregation. That remains the legal designation, though rarely used nowadays. In a 1947 reorganization, the congregation affiliated with the Conservative United Synagogue movement.

The founders of the West Superior Synagogue bought its two lots and basement structure for \$1,525 and then borrowed more money at 6 percent interest to build a more dignified house of worship and study.

Trustees in 1908 included: H. Sparberg, Aaron Siegel, Elias Siegel, A. Holzberg, Roy Edelstein, S. Turan, Israel Bazelon, Louis Laskey, B. Bergstein, S. Rosenbloom and William Schlosberg, secretary.

The religious education of children being foremost, there was always emphasis on having qualified teachers and resident rabbis when possible. Rabbi Zundel Katz served from the 1920s to 1944. He was succeeded by Rabbi Aaron Gold under whose leadership Friday evening services and more readings in English were instituted, Bear relates.

Gold was succeeded in 1952 by Rabbi Selig Auerbach. He was followed in 1955 by Rabbi Meyer Relles. Rabbi

Barry Woolf succeeded Relles in 1970 and was followed in 1973 by Rabbi Ernie Nadler, who also stayed for three years. Joe Brizer, a longtime member, has been serving as lay leader since 1976. Guest rabbis have been engaged on major holidays.

The board after the 1947 reorganization consisted of Sam Titch, Barney Schneider, Paul Witkin, Henry Cohen, Sam Reinkall, Alex Shapiro, Ben Cohen, Charles Robinson, Ben Marcovich, David Siegel, Isadore Pomush, Edward Laskey, Edward Lurye and Dr. Milton Finn.

David Dubester and Paul Witkin, aided by Rabbi Relles, were co-chairmen for the Temple Beth El building campaign which raised \$150,000. Officers at the 1963 groundbreaking were: William Kempisky, president; Mike Slovut and Henry Cohen, vice presidents; Ben Marcovich, treasurer and Mrs. Louis Handlovsky, secretary.

Other board members were Earl Berkowitz, David Dubester, Dr. Milton Finn, Dr. Enzo Krahl, Dr. I.H. Lavine, Byron Lurye, Maurice Lurye, B.D. Schneider, Alex Soroka, Harold Witkin and Paul Witkin.

Officers of the Women's League were the Mmes. Harold Witkin, I.H. Lavine, Enzo Krahl, Arthur Cohen, Mike Shapiro and Miss Elsie Lavine.

Superior at one time had about 300 Jewish families. Now the total is well below 100. The families were almost equally divided between the Superior Hebrew Congregation (then mostly of Russian and Polish background) and the Orthodox Agudath synagogue, now attended by only a few.

## History of Jews harks back to private worship in 1889

from Superior Evening Telegram of July 16, 1954

The first Jews to settle permanently in Superior came probably during the 1880s. Among them were Louis and Isadore Helstein, Abe Holzberg, Edward and Louis Lasky, Samuel Oreckovsky, Aaron and Elias Siegel, Azriel Averbrook, Solomon Kaner and Samuel Lewis Popkin.

By 1889 the Jewish community numbered eight resident families. It was in the fall of that year that the first Jewish services were held in Superior in the home of Solomon Kaner, John and Second St.

In 1890, a congregation, named Hebrew Brotherhood Congregation, was organized and the first synagogue built on Catlin Avenue. This synagogue can still be seen at its present location on North Sixth St., to which site it was moved in 1897. It was used until 1907, when the present synagogue of the Hebrew Brotherhood Congregation was built next to it, corner of Sixth and Hammond.

Today the congregation's old synagogue is the second oldest in the state, and the oldest in this part of the country.

In April 1895, a second Jewish congregation was founded, Hebrew Congregation of West Superior, since many Jews had moved closer to Ham-

mond and John Avenues neighborhood.

In ritual, all the synagogues were the same, adhering to the strict Orthodox persuasion, but the young synagogues were unable to secure proper religious leadership. From 1902 until 1920, they were without a rabbi. But untiring efforts of devoted laymen kept the congregations growing. Outstanding was Isadore Cohen, who kept the religious school going for many years.

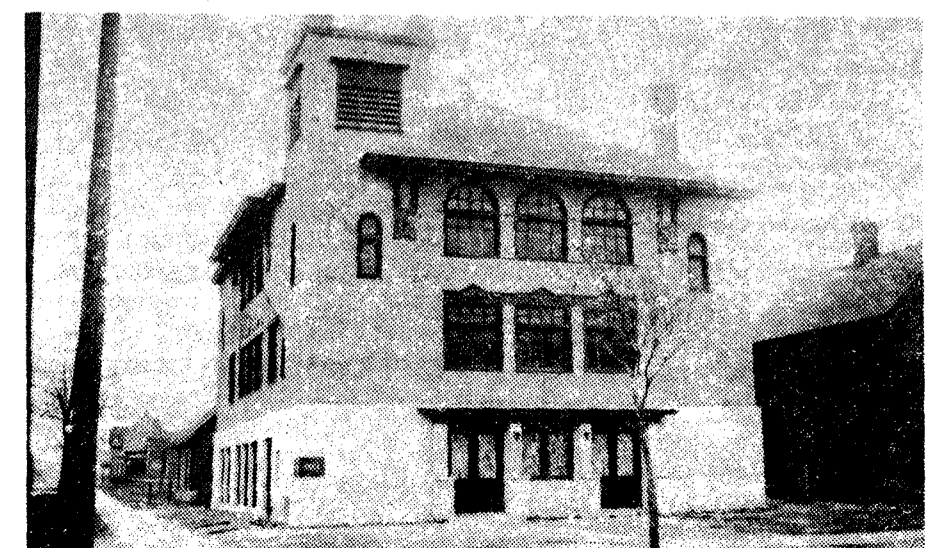
In 1920, Rabbi Moses Hyatt, just arrived from Eastern Europe, was called to the pulpit of Hebrew Brotherhood Congregation. He served until his death in 1945, when his son, Rabbi Alex Hyatt, succeeded him.

In 1943, the Superior Hebrew Congregation recognized the ever-spreading Conservative movement. By 1947, the entire Jewish community was thought ripe for the change toward Conservative Judaism. Rabbi Aron S. Gold was called to Superior and the two congregations united.

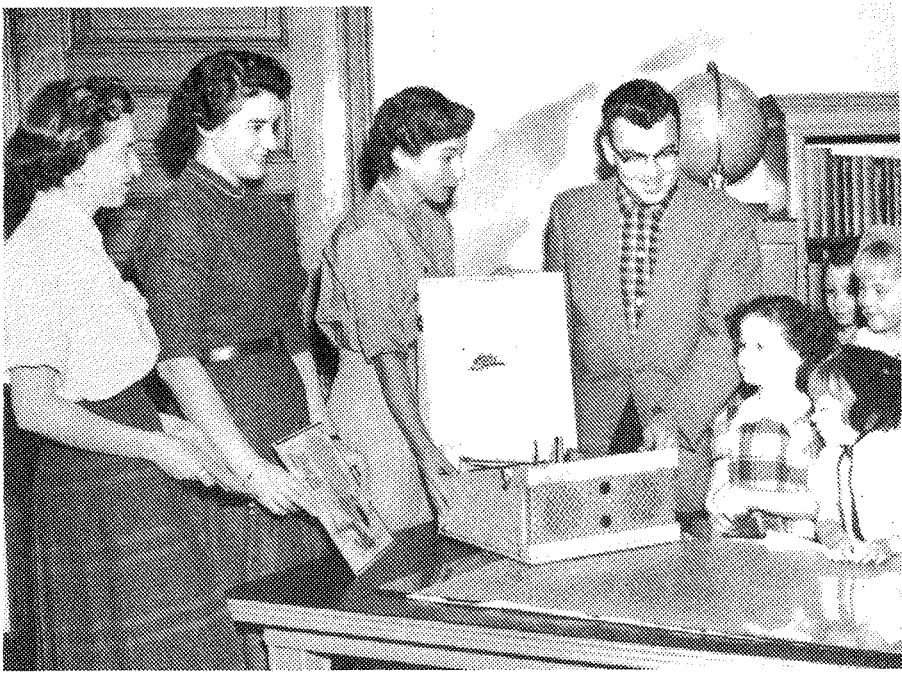
But many Orthodox members were not too happy. Their opposition led to dissolution in 1949 — Hebrew Brotherhood Congregation remaining within the Orthodox fold, and Superior Hebrew Congregation continuing Conservative. Rabbi Gold was retained with this congregation, and Rabbi Hyatt with the Orthodox synagogue.



An old Orthodox synagogue, Agudas Achim, still stands and remains in use.



Old sanctuary of Superior Hebrew Congregation stood at 602 Hammond Ave. Hebrew year of 5665 listed on cornerstone was 1905.



Council of Jewish Women sponsored weekly children's story hour at Duluth Public Library. Presenting phonograph and albums in 1957 to chief librarian Don Potter are, from left, Shirley London, Betti Kreiman and Goldie Eldot.

## Council of Jewish Women pioneered local programs

By Goldie Eldot

The Duluth Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women received its charter in 1923. The organization flourished immediately and had a regular attendance of 75 women at its monthly meetings. The total membership at that time was 135. It rose to 300 in the 40s and 50s.

Duluth women more than fulfilled the goals set down in the charter: "to further human welfare in the Jewish and general community... through an integrated program of education, service, and social welfare." Council became a leading Jewish women's organization and also one of the major general organizations in the city, on a par with the Woman's Club and The League of Women Voters.

The activities to which women gave service throughout the chapter's history suited the needs of the times. In the 20s and 30s, Council's immigration committee helped newcomers to become American citizens. A kosher kitchen was furnished in one of the public schools where instruction was given to all who wished to take advantage of it. The Duluth School Board, through the chapter's influence, established afternoon English classes for mothers who could not attend in the evening.

Visits, books, records and treats were provided regularly at Nopeming, a tuberculosis sanitarium at that time. Other activities included establishment of a Hillside recreation club for Jewish youths, scholarships to the normal school and university, work at the Lighthouse for the Blind, a drama course, holiday and Sabbath teas, teams to visit the sick and lonely, contributions to meet inmates' needs in the prisons, and assisting the Old Home of the Northwest (Sholom Home) in St. Paul.

As the years progressed, new and additional needs were met. Volunteers gave many hours to the USO and a Girls Job Corp Center, furnished a lounge at the Sandstone State Hospital (now a Federal prison) and for juvenile detention in the Duluth jail (in pre-Juvenile Center days). They also continued service to immigrants and new citizens, and the Lighthouse for the Blind. They established a Clothes Cor-

ner for low income families and held annual public affairs luncheons. Volunteers also worked at the Rehabilitation Center and children's homes.

Council instituted the first Golden Age senior citizens club in Duluth and held handicraft sales for the Plus 65 group. A story-telling program was established at the Duluth Public Library. A child play therapy program was started at the Duluth Mental Hygiene Clinic, situated at that time in three small rooms downtown. It became part of the service given at the present Human Development Center.

Parties and religious services were given for Jewish patients at Moose Lake State Hospital. (Council also sponsored entertainment for other patients.) Boxes of clothes and school supplies were sent monthly to girls' homes in Morocco and Paris. With approval of the Duluth School Board, Council conducted a youth employment survey in all of the high schools to help establish vocational needs.

An annual Post Yom Kippur Ball was held to raise funds for the chapter's programs. Council also contributed money to the building funds of the Human Development Center, the Duluth Rehabilitation Center, and also for paving the parking lot at the Jewish Educational Center.

Times and needs changed. The Jewish population in Duluth declined. Young people left and many women became involved in careers. Organizations merged and Israel's needs dominated the scene. After almost 50 years of dedicated service to the Duluth Jewish and general community, the Duluth chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women closed its books.

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## Deaths

### Ben Stein, 78, dies in Virginia

Ben Stein, 78, former Duluthian who became a prominent resident of Virginia, Minn., died there July 11. He had operated the B & F Printing Co. in Virginia for 32 years and was a member of the Typographical Union for 55 years. An Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Virginia American Legion Post and B'nai Abraham Synagogue, he also was a past president of the Virginia Optimist Club, Federation of Jewish Service and past master of the Masonic Lodge. He retained close links in Duluth. He is survived by his wife, Florence; a brother, Mike in Minneapolis, and a sister, Lee Gluskin in Lombard, Ill.

**Ruth (Zien) Heller, 77**, formerly of Duluth, died July 4 in Minneapolis. After graduating from Duluth's Central High School, she studied piano at the Bradbury School of Music and was awarded a Matinee Musicale scholarship as well as a grand piano. Her parents were Isadore and Sarah Zien. She is survived by her husband, Sim Heller in Minneapolis; a daughter, Ann Schneider, and a brother, James, in Las Jolla, Calif.; a sister, Shane Wolf in Minneapolis; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She also has relatives in Duluth.

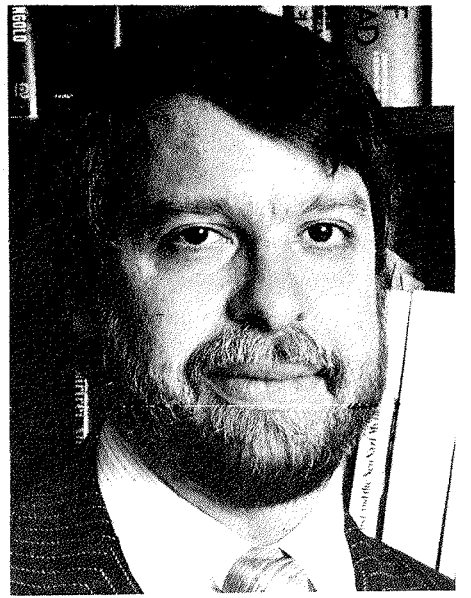
**Sylvia Kovel Gordon, 72**, who was born in Superior and lived in the Twin Ports for much of her life, died June 29 in Silver Springs, MD. She was the widow of Jack Kovel. Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Natchapolsky; her mother, Lena Goldfine, formerly of Superior; a sister, Katherine Schechter, all of Silver Springs; and two brothers, Joe Goldfine of Silver Springs and George "Getzy" Goldfine of San Francisco.

**Esther Casmir, 82**, lifelong resident of Duluth and a member of Adas Israel, Temple Israel and Hadassah, died July 21. Her husband, George, died in 1975. She is survived by a daughter, JoAnn Elevitch of Palo Alto, Calif., and two grandchildren.

**Sam Rocklin, 75**, formerly of Duluth, died July 23 in Novato, Calif., where he had lived for many years. He was honored for his charitable work for the City of Hope Hospital and was also active in B'nai B'rith. He operated the former El Queeno Cigar Co. in Duluth. He is survived by his wife, Grace; a daughter, Elizabeth; and three grandchildren.

**Arnold Horwitz, 36**, son of Julius and Alyce Horwitz of Duluth, died Aug. 5 after a long illness in San Francisco, where he was a lawyer. He had formerly practiced in Minneapolis. Born in Duluth, he was a graduate of East High School, UMD and the Law School of Hamlin University. He was a member of Temple Israel and the Bar Associations of Minnesota and California. Surviving, besides his parents, is a sister, Sandra Miller of New Hope, Minn.

**Maurice Gotkin, 76**, formerly of Duluth, died July 20 in Minneapolis, where he had lived the past 20 years. He is survived by his wife, a son and grandson; and two brothers, Isadore "Itzy" in Duluth and Cy in California.



Danny Siegel

### 'Tzedakah' lecturer Danny Siegel to present seminar

Danny Siegel, a popular lecturer and poet who focuses on Jewish values, will present a weekend seminar in the Jewish Center on Sept. 20-22.

He will speak at the Friday night Sabbath service of Temple Israel on Sept. 20 and address a community luncheon Saturday on a Torah subject. His main talk will be at 8:00 p.m. It will deal with his views on making Jewish traditions and teachings more pertinent and stimulating, especially to the young. He will also read excerpts from his works and tell of his personalized approach to "Tzedakah," the obligation to help the needy. His presentation will be followed by a social hour.

He'll spend Sunday morning, Sept. 22, with the religious school youngsters and youth group. Siegel was president of the United Synagogue Youth before he became a teacher and writer. He studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and now lives in Rockville, Md. His travels include frequent trips to Israel.

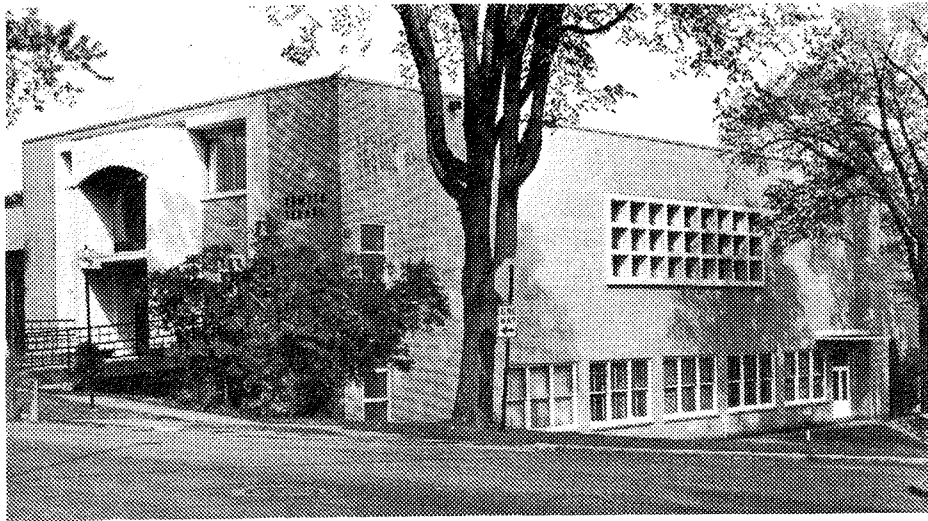
Federation's cultural committee and Temple Israel are cosponsoring Siegel's visit to Duluth and sharing the cost.

A July 18 Israeli dance program by Judith Brin Ingber and Shira Schwartz of the Twin Cities concluded the past season's offerings by the Cultural Committee. They included a Jewish film festival in November, a talk on Kabbalah by Yonassin Gershon in February, a trip to St. Paul in April to view the Jewish Life in America exhibit at the Minnesota Historical Society, and a performance in May by the touring Symphony Orchestra of the Minneapolis Jewish Center.

Programs planned for the season now starting will include, besides the weekend with Danny Siegel, another Jewish film showing in November, a lecture in February and concert in the spring. Ron Solon heads the committee.

**Monya "Mina" Seftz, 83**, who lived in Proctor for 50 years and the past 15 years in Duluth, died Aug. 15. She was born in Poland. She was a member of Temple Israel and its Sisterhood and a charter member of the Proctor chapter of the Women of the Moose. She is survived by three daughters, Ruth Bergal of Duluth, Shirley Chaney of Mililani, Hawaii, and Carole Rosenberg of Skokie, Ill., six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.





Duluth's Temple Israel is located in Jewish Educational Center which also houses the Twin Ports Jewish Federation, Ida Cook Hebrew School and most other Jewish organizations. The sanctuary was constructed as an addition to the building in 1975.

## High Holy Days

Temple Israel  
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- Saturday, Sept. 7** — Selichot service ..... 10:00 p.m.
- ROSH HASHANAH**
- Sunday, Sept. 15** — Evening service ..... 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 16** — Preliminary service ..... 9:15 a.m.
- Morning service ..... 9:45 a.m.
- Children's service ..... 9:45 a.m.
- Evening service ..... 5:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 17** — Preliminary service ..... 9:15 a.m.
- Morning service ..... 9:45 a.m.
- MEMORIAL SERVICES (at the cemeteries)**
- Sunday, Sept. 22** — Tifereth Israel Cemetery ..... 10:30 a.m.
- Temple Emanuel Cemetery ..... 11:30 a.m.
- Shaara Tzedek Cemetery ..... 12:30 p.m.
- YOM KIPPUR**
- Tuesday, Sept. 24** — Kol Nidre ..... 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25** — Preliminary service ..... 9:15 a.m.
- Morning service ..... 9:45 a.m.
- Children's service ..... 9:45 a.m.
- Discussion: "Modern Views of Guilt" ... 1:30 p.m.
- Afternoon service ..... 3:15 p.m.
- Youth service ..... 4:15 p.m.
- Memorial service ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Closing service ..... 5:30 p.m.

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BY RABBI ANTHONY HOLZ  
of Temple Israel

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At this time of year, as we approach the season of our Jewish High Holy Days, our tradition reminds us that answers to our problems and solutions to our difficulties lie "very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it." (Deuteronomy 30:14)

A Chasidic story provides a similar message: Rabbi Eizik of Cracow was very poor. So, when night after night he dreamed that a treasure awaited him under a certain bridge in Prague, he left Cracow to find this treasure. But at the bridge indicated in his dream, Rabbi Eizik discovered no treasure. Instead, he there met a soldier who informed him that he too had dreamed night after night of a treasure, a treasure buried under the hearth of the home of a Rabbi Eizik in Cracow. On hearing this, the rabbi returned home and promptly dug up the treasure which had in fact always been there, at hand to the person who would know where to look.

If we follow the thought of this recurrent theme of our tradition, it would seem clear that on many occasions, it is not the great leaders we need so much as the people who will help us to see what we ourselves have. Seldom do we really need a charismatic Moses to lead us to freedom; Messiahs to solve all our problems simply don't seem to come when they are needed. But we always and urgently need the insight of a Spinoza, a Freud or a modern Judaism that will help us look for and find the treasures within — treasurers that we so often are too blind to find for ourselves.

For Jews scattered throughout the United States, for members of our very diverse House of Israel, for all those who help raise new generations of committed Jews, let this be a timely reminder: Perhaps the crucial need of our time is not so much public leadership as private insight. For it is "in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it."

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## Elliot Kula to lead services at Beth El

Elliot Kula of Minneapolis will lead services in Temple Beth El of Superior during the High Holy Days. He will also read the Torah and blow the Shofar. In previous years, he has lead High Holiday services at Sons of Jacob in St. Paul and Adath Jeshurun in Minneapolis.



**Elliot Kula**

He is a graduate of the Talmud Torah of Minneapolis, and spent a half year in Israel in 1984. He lived in a Kibbutz, Ayn Tzurim, and studied in the Ramah program. He is currently sophomore at the University of Minnesota and studies with his father, Morton Kula who is cantor at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation in Minneapolis.

## Former Superiorite runs dating service

# Matchmaker to keep date at reunion

When the Central Conference of American Rabbis met this summer in Minneapolis, several rabbis made a point of calling on Sandy (Berkowitz) Olkon. They asked the former Superiorite is she and her partner, Bobbie Goldfarb, would help set up a Jewish Dating Service in their cities.

Such requests are no longer unusual, considering that the service the women began a few years ago from a desk in Temple Israel in Minneapolis has spawned more than 60 marriages and thousands of new friendships.

Olkon says its almost instant success led quickly to a regular office elsewhere, "with a five-year lease and more phones." It also resulted in some national attention in print and on TV. She also speaks of encouragement by Jewish social agencies and such groups as the Minnesota Rabbinical Associa-

tion. "They're very supportive of what we're doing," she says. "It's all Jewish and nonprofit."

Olkon grew up in Superior as the daughter of Badonna and Earl Berkowitz and plans to attend the Twin Ports Jewish Reunion. She says she got her start in Jewish matchmaking when she was a member of the Duluth-Superior BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization). She would arrange dates for Jewish counselors from Camp Nebagamon and Jewish girls from the Twin Ports.

What may have begun as a sort of natural knack grew into a polished skill through the years. Rabbi Max Shapiro, now rabbi emeritus of Temple Israel in Minneapolis, apparently heard about it from some couples she had introduced. She says he asked her help in working with Jewish singles. "I told him, 'Forget about your mixers and wine and cheese parties. What you really need is old-fashioned Jewish match-making.'"

She says it was with his direct support and encouragement that the Jewish Dating Service was born, originally with a third partner, Judy Dworsky. "We worked for about three months at the temple and we were just swamped. The phone calls were coming to our home." It was then that they incorporated and moved to their current office, mainly serving singles in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest.

They've helped to set up similar services in a number of cities across the nation and are frequently called on as consultants. Olkon notes, too, that 28 children have thus far been born to couples in whose marriage the discrete matchmaking service played a part.

The widow of Stephen Fink, with whom she had three children, Sandy is married to Sheldon Olkon. He plans to come to the reunion with her, and one of the Olkon children intends to enroll at UMD. Stephen Goldfarb is the husband of Sandy's partner, Bobbie Goldfarb. — W.E.

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# Overman strolls down memory lane

Ben Overman took a stroll down memory lane, imagining himself walking along Superior Street five or six decades ago. As an undomitable civic booster and retired Realtor who never retired, he got to know the street and its merchants well — especially the Jewish merchants.

Starting at Sixth Avenue West and heading east, he passed the Bowery section which, he says, was full of second-hand stores owned by Jews and patronized largely by lumberjacks. At the next corner, faced by elegant hotels (the Spalding, Holland and Fifth Avenue), was the Lyceum Building with its large theater, stores and floors of offices. Charles P. (for Polinsky) Meyers, who owned the Lyceum in partnership with J.B. Clinton, "was very active in Jewish life and charities."

In the same block was M. Cook and Son — "the top men's clothing store in the city, barring none," according to Overman. "Most of the fellows bought their clothes there." Morris Cohen operated a jewelry store at the corner of Fourth Ave. Lou Kanter's jewelry store (formerly Max A. Kohn's) was a few stores farther. Across the street, in the St. Louis Hotel, Harry Allenfall had just opened a high quality specialty men's store.

The St. Louis had a popular restaurant and cabaret, the Rose Gardens, "really one of the highlights of Duluth at the time. You could have a fine dinner for \$1." The St. Louis was replaced by the Medical Arts Building in 1933. Overman recalls watching the construction from his "office" in Bowles Lunch. "In those days, people like myself who were agents and trying to make a living but didn't have a place of their own, we'd sit in Bowles Lunch — it was our office — and we'd watch the laborers hard at work. They were getting maybe 25 cents an hour and were glad to get it."

An Abramson family owned the Zelta Theater (named after a



**Ben Overman**

daughter) and the Seilers had opened their Security Jewelers. Jews also owned many of the other theaters in Duluth. A branch of the Cook family owned the Lyric, Garrick and Strand also the Palace in Superior.

While digressing from his route, Overman also talked about Joseph Oreckovsky's First Street Department Store, and the I.E. Gershgol grocery where many Jewish youths got their first jobs, and Altman's clothing store and Herman Elevitch's hardware business on the avenue.

Back on Superior Street, Overman remembered the Labovitz clothing and general store. Then at 230 W. Superior St., and previously at other nearby locations, it had been started by the father of E. Maurice Labovitz. It was the forerunner of Maurice's.

Overman also talked with admiration about the Glass Block and Oreck's and Freimuth's and Fred Albenberg's clothing store. He mentioned, too, a general merchandize store operated by Richard Abrams' father. It grew into Bud's.

Overman paused nostalgically at Ben Z. Karsner's pool hall which was a popular meeting place, and at the offices above Snyder's Drug Store where

the Overman Co. was situated from 1939 to '79.

But he headed back to the Lyceum Building and the tiny tailor shop operated on the avenue by Oscar Wine for one of his most poignant recollections.

Overman was soliciting pledges for the Jewish Federation. "As I walked into that tiny store," he relates, "Wine said to me, 'I know what you're here for. You folks are doing a good job and I'm going to pledge \$500.' I said, 'I'm not going to let you do this. I won't accept that kind of pledge from you because you have to press 1,000 trousers at 50 cents a piece to take in \$500.' But he wouldn't hear of that. He insisted on making the pledge anyway and, of course, he paid it. Later he even made me a nice fur cap. He said it was in gratitude for 'you American boys going around collecting money to help other Jews.'" — W.E.

## Sisterhood meets Sept. 11

Temple Israel Sisterhood will hold its opening luncheon of the season Sept. 11. Sisterhood will not meet in October due to the holidays and the Federation campaign, according to Betty Singer and Marsha Eisenberg, co-presidents.

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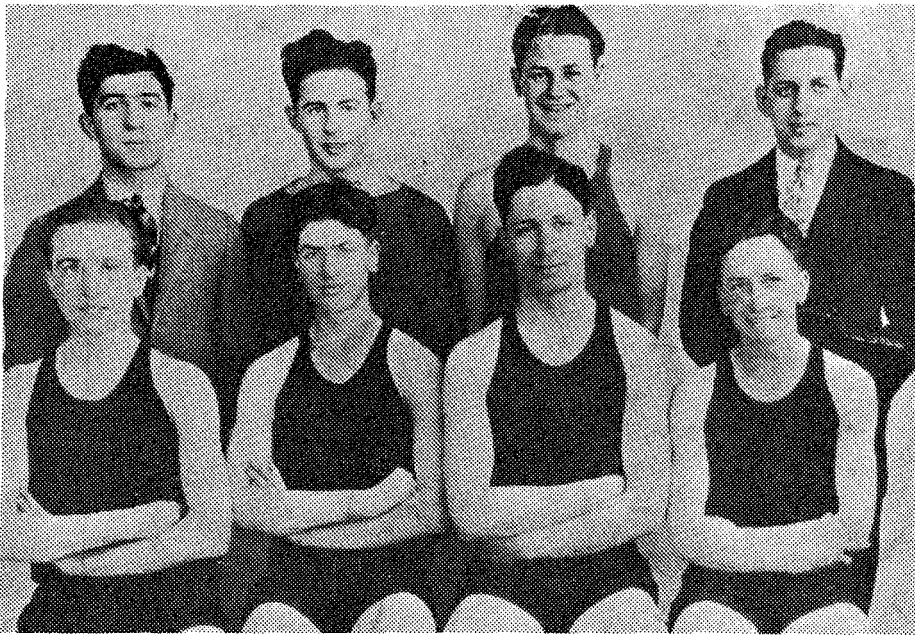
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Duluth's AZA basketball team posed proudly after winning the Northwest tournament in Minneapolis in 1930. Seated, from left: James Chessen forward; Ben Fischman, center; Louis King, guard; and Abe Zimmerman, forward and team captain. Back row: Isadore Crystal, business manager; Marvin Goldstein, guard; Max Cherson, guard; and Paul Zimmerman, coach. Missing in photo was Morris Moskal, forward.

## B'nai B'rith serves many and many are serving it

By Charles Glazman

From a group of 12 men who met in Sinsheimer's Cafe in New York, B'nai B'rith International has grown into the largest Jewish organization, with lodges around the world.

B'nai B'rith has several goals: to unite all Jews, nurture Jewish learning, perform Mitzvot and defend human rights everywhere.

B'nai B'rith lodges exist in 45 nations. This offers to every Jew, regardless of where he lives, the opportunity to become a member of an international family.

B'nai B'rith strives to provide Jewish education through all levels of schooling. The Adult Jewish Education Committee serves the B'nai B'rith family and the wider Jewish community with effective educational programs. Institutions of Judaism have been set up by the commission in many areas of the United States.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith strives to eliminate anti-semitism. Since its inception, the ADL's mission has been: "To stop the defamation of the Jewish people... to secure justice and fair treatment for all citizens alike."

Duluth's Covenant Lodge 569 has built a proud record in its approximately 75 years.

The current officers are: Charles Glazman, president; Paul Zaslasky, first vice president; Steve Davis, second vice president; Tom Karon, secretary; Sherman Garon, treasurer; Harvey Winthrop, chaplain.

### Duluth Lodge started in 1904

Duluth Covenant Lodge (No. 569) of B'nai B'rith was chartered on Feb. 28, 1904 by District Grand Lodge No. 6. Louis S. Levy, 23, among the youngest of the 34 "Israelites" from Duluth who signed the petition for a charter, was chosen first president.

The other charter members were: M.Z. Kassmir, Louis S. Loeb, J. D. Zien, Ignatz Freimuth, Samuel S. Karon, Samuel Rachlin, Barnett Cook, Julius Cook, Sigmund Josepha, Bernard Silberstein, J.L. Hirsch, Louis Freimuth, S. Bernhard, M.M. Rosenberger, Victor Kohn, Edward Helperin, Harry M. Levy, David Cassir, Hyman Y. Josepha, Charles D.

Oreckovsky, Charles Meyers, T. Nusbaum, H. Herrmann, Max Zalk, Dr. S. M. Hirschfeld, M. Cook, S.E. Gittleson, M.L. Beck, Moses S. Cook, B.L. Rosenberg, Benjamin Wolf, P. Cohn, G.A. Klein.

Second president of the lodge was Louis Freimuth, a son of Ignatz Freimuth. Next came S.E. Gittleson and Rabbi Maurice Lefkowitz. Then the gavel went to Charles D. Oreckovsky, who later was named district president for 1924-'25 and earned numerous other B'nai B'rith distinctions. He was followed by Harry Levy, Louis Zalk and H. Y. Josepha. They were succeeded by J. J. Robinson, Dr. Samuel Gross, A.B. Kapplin and Dr. William Cohen, who served again later; Jack Segal and Dr. S.S. Rosenbloom. (Some names may be missing from early accounts.)

The following roster of past presidents of Covenant Lodge starting in 1925 was provided by Harold Lurie, district executive secretary, of Skokie, Ill.:

1925 -	Harry W. Davis
1926 - '28 -	Jacob Garon
1929 -	A.B. Horowitz
1930 -	Rudolph Segal
Late 1930-'31 -	M.L. Davis
1931 -	Harry E. Weinberg
1934 - '35 -	Dr. William I. Cohen
1935 - '37 -	Reuben J. Shapiro
1937 - '38 -	Sidney Kaner
1939 - '40 -	Harry Segal

1941 -	Ben L. London	1967 - '69 -	Lawrence Felsenberg
1942 -	Sidney Kaner	1970 - '71 -	Marvin Azuz
1943 - '44 -	Sylvester Laakin	1971 - '73 -	Sherman Garon
1944 - '45 -	Rudolph Segal	1973 - '76 -	Harvey Winthrop
1945 - '46 -	Isadore Crystal	1976 - '77 -	Irving Latta
1946 - '47 -	Charles Eisenberg	1978 - '80 -	Edward Orenstein
1947 - '48 -	Alfred Weinberg	1980 - '81 -	Steve Davis
1948 - '49 -	Joseph Vertelney	1982 - '83 -	Sherman Garon
1949 - '50 -	Erwin Goldfine	1983 - '84 -	Harvey Winthrop
1950 - '51 -	Harold Birk		
1951 - '52 -	Melvin Gallop		
1952 - '53 -	Norman G. Levine		
1954 - '55 -	Dave Selcer		
1955 - '56 -	Dr. Sherman Levenson		
1956 - '57 -	Harold Shapiro		
1957 - '58 -	Charles Goldberg		
1958 - '60 -	Irving Latta		
1960 - '61 -	Aaron Glazman		
1961 - '63 -	Richard Karon		
1963 - '64 -	Philip Lichterman		
1964 - '65 -	Edwin Levey		
1965 - '67 -	Allan Apter		

## Computer crime rising in Israel

JERUSALEM — A scourge of high-tech societies, computer crimes are also increasing in Israel. The extent of those crimes-by-the-numbers is believed to be considerable. Many offenses go unreported by the victims for fear of adverse publicity.

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# Federation leaders turn goals into reality

The Jewish Federation of Duluth was formed in 1937 as the main fund-raising and coordinating agency of the organized Jewish community. As its local activities and responsibilities expanded, the words Community Council were made part of the title. It was changed again informally in recent years to Twin Ports Jewish Federation. The

United Jewish Appeal for Israel and Jewish needs abroad has been the chief beneficiary of the annual fund campaign which also supports a variety of local and other programs. The 1948 fund drive produced \$410,000. That still stands as a record. Here's a roster of leaders through the years. Reprinted from an earlier issue.

## Past presidents of Federation

Louis Z. Zalk	1938-39
E.M. Labovitz	1939-40
Harry W. Davis	1940-41
H.K. Goldberg	1942-43
A.B. Polinsky	1944-46
Norman A. Cook	1946-47
Nat. G. Polinsky	1947-48
Nathan Kremen	1949-50
Ben Overman	1950-51
Robert J. Karon	1952-53
Arnold R. Nides	1954-55
Dr. S.N. Litman	1955-56
Herbert Samuels	1957-58
R. Jack Benton	1959-60
Morris Gurovitch	1960-61
Robert J. Karon	1962-63
Dr. Sherman Levenson	1963-64
Joel Labovitz	1965-66
Arthur Gurovitch	1967-68
Dr. Dan Goldish	1969-70
Sylvester Laskin	1971-72
Erwin Goldfine	1973-74
Dr. Robert Goldish	1975-76
Ron Solon	1976-77
George Berman	1978-79
James Glazman	1980-81
Manley Goldfine	1982-83
Stuart Seiler	1984-

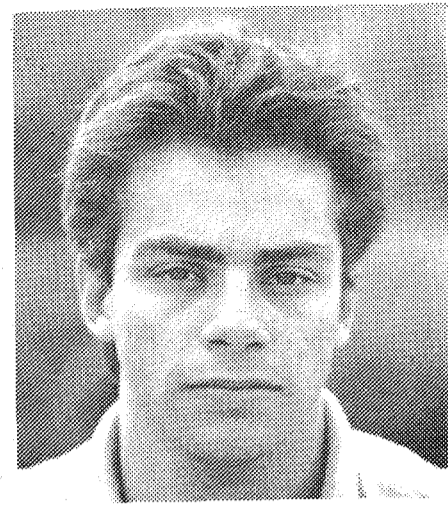
## Past campaign chairmen

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Robert J. Karon
Herbert Samuels
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George Berman and Janet Davis

James Glazman and Stuart Seiler
Manley Goldfine and Lillian Goldfine
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George Berman

## Women's campaign leaders

Mrs. M.D. Nides	1938-40
Miss Lillian Karon	1940-41
Mrs. H.K. Goldenberg	1942-43
Mrs. Ben H. Davis	1944-45
Mrs. Julius Siegel	1945-46
Mrs. H.Y. Josephs, Gertrude Segal	1947
Mmes. David Goldenberg, Mort Gross, Lawrence Cowan	1948-49
Mmes. David Goldenberg, Irving Raihill, S.J. Sher	1950-51
Mrs. Sam Singer	1952-54
Mmes. Rober Karon, R.J. Benton, David Gershgol	1954-55
Mrs. Joseph Gershgol	1955-56
Mrs. Sidney Karon	1957-58
Mmes. Y.B. Davis, Erwin Goldfine	1959-60
Mrs. Ben Overman	1962
Mrs. David Gershgol	1963
Mrs. Joseph Gershgol	1964
Mmes. R.J. Benton, R.L. Solon	1965-66
Mmes. George Berman, Morris Gurovitch	1967-68
Mrs. Stuart Seiler	1969
Mmes. Stuart Seiler, J.S. Vertelney	1970
Mmes. J.S. Vertelney, Robert Goldish	1971
Mmes. Robert Goldish, Richard Polinsky	1972
Mrs. Jerrold Polinsky	1973-74
Mmes. Dan Blehart, Ben Sigler, V.C.	1975-76
Mrs. James Glazman	1977-78
Mmes. Aaron Glazman, James Glazman, Stuart Seiler	1979
Mrs. Manley Goldfine	1980-81
Mrs. Irving Grossman	1982-83
Mmes. Aaron Glazman, Allen Cohen	1984



Stephen Barberio

## Multi-media show retraces history

With the stage set of the Aerial Bridge as background, a multi-media history of the Jewish community will unfold at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, in the Duluth Auditorium. A major entertainment and documentary feature of the Twin Ports Jewish Reunion, the show will use three screens and the computerized magic of synchronized slides, film, voices and music to bring back the events, sounds and images of the past.

Months in the making, the project has been directed by Stephen Barberio, 25, director of theater at the Minneapolis Jewish Community Center, who was hired for the task. He worked under the general guidance of the program committee, headed by Dr. Robert Goldish, with special assistance by Mickey Glazman.

Barberio says the show's march of history begins with scenes of bygone Jewish life in Europe and follows through immigration, Depression, war years and other eras to present-day Jewish life in context of the general history during which they occurred, making the presentation more dimensional.

Barberio is using 730 slides made from photos obtained from many families and other sources. The show also includes vintage film of local Jewish happenings of decades ago, plus voice-over taped comments and reminiscences by a number of people. The final 10 minutes, he says, will consist of a montage-style roundup and review of the entire period.



## Something fishy at Folk Festival

A tank of tilapia, food fish native to the Sea of Galilee, created a novel display at the Israeli booth at the Aug. 4 Duluth Folk Festival. It was arranged by Abraham Herzberg, above, an Israeli working in Duluth on a water research project. Shira and Michael Schwartz of Minneapolis presented Israeli dance. The crew for the booth included Marvin Azuz, Selma and Bob Goldish, Goldie and Walter Eldot, Mary Feldman, Frances Friedman, Dorothy Davis, June Weinberg, Eleanor Cohn, Bradley Karon and Carl Barry, Jewish Center custodian.

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## Teachers following noble tradition

In the Twin Ports, too, numerous Jews have sought careers in education with a special fervor, nurtured by history and immigrant past. This roster of Jewish teachers from the 1920s on provides an impressive testament.

Duluthians who taught in Duluth or are still teaching:

Ruby Allenfall  
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 Marvin Azuz  
 Shirley Berdie  
 Goldie Cohen  
 Bernie Covner  
 Thelma Covner  
 Bessie Widdes Cowan  
 Ann Danzinger  
 Ruth Cohen Ebenstein  
 Richard Eisenberg  
 Rose Lavine Eisenberg  
 (school librarian)  
 Goldie Eldot  
 Debra Freedland  
 Sharon Friedler  
 Louis Friedler  
 Pacy Friedman  
 Helen Geron  
 Edna Gerte  
 Dolores Ginsberg  
 (adult education)

Esther Karon Green  
 Allen Greenbaum  
 Irene (Ida Kaplan) Grubnick  
 Rose Kenner Kaner  
 Sharon Kaner  
 Sophie Gordon Kaner  
 Fanny Kaner Karon  
 Ravella Kopstein  
 Luba Krupp  
 Ben Levine  
 Kathy Levine  
 Shirley Levine  
 Loren Lomansky  
 Sylvia Lugoff  
 Millie Lurye  
 Leby Milavitz  
 Shirley Nides  
 Rose Oxman  
 Selma Pollock  
 Paul Royce  
 Irving Schneider  
 Lois Shapiro  
 Reuben Shapiro  
 Joanne Sher  
 Bess Simon  
 Michele Solomon  
 (school librarian)  
 Ida Solon  
 Eva Weinstein  
 Charlotte Lugoff Wessell  
 Joseph B. Wiener  
 Marianne Willenson  
 Benjie Wolfe

Duluthians who taught or are teaching out of town:

Ruth Milavitz Barth  
 Hyaan G.I. Berman  
 Ben Borken  
 Miriam Bondy  
 Sidney Cohen  
 Robert Cohen  
 Jan Dizard  
 Frances Friedman  
 Janet Kreamer Frisch  
 Sheldon Geron  
 Margaret Berman Glazman  
 Art Hafner  
 Jonathan Kane  
 Jeanette Kaner  
 Abraham Kaplan  
 Bessie Karon  
 Gladys Kenner  
 Sally Krovitz  
 Amy Krupp  
 William Levine  
 Harriett Kaner Lussen  
 Karen Kane Malver  
 Abigail Sher Pinsky  
 Barbara Almond Powell  
 Bessie Rosenberg  
 Eva Davis Segal  
 David Sher  
 Ruth Slonia  
 Goldie Kenner Wolfe

Teachers from Superior, past and present:

Paul Arnovich  
 Cyril Berkowitz  
 Belle Karon Cohen  
 Egal Feldman  
 Leo Finn  
 Jeannette Kaner Goldfarb  
 Harry Goldfine  
 Miss Hoffman (Mrs. Clarence Heinz)  
 Bertha Edelstein Karon  
 Ruth Edelstein Karon  
 Mildred Mandell (Mrs. Meyer Rosen)  
 Rosalyn Kaner Miller  
 Libby Holzberg Sher  
 Dorothy Edelstein Sinykin  
 Rita Zimmerman

Cloquet and Iron Range:

Mayme Borken  
 Elsie Kaner  
 Lillian Rosenberg Kaner  
 Sara Kaner Rosenberg  
 Ruth Lewis Shuman

## Reunion leaders

The reunion organization is made up of these committee leaders:

Coordinator for Superior — Connie Grossman  
 Finance — Irvin Lewenstein  
 Budget Planning — Arnold Nides  
 Program — Dr. Robert Goldish and Mickey Glazman (Steve Barberio, director of multi-media show)  
 Memorabilia — Roberta Sigel  
 Registration — Janet Davis  
 History and Public Relations — Walter Eldot  
 Roster Book — Sharyn Seiler  
 Shabbat Dinner — Sylvia Seiler  
 Gala Dinner — Bea Davis, Anita Cowan, Betty Berman  
 Decorations — Jeanne Davis  
 Kiddush at Adas Israel Synagogue — Helen and Getchell Widdes  
 Oneg Shabbat at Temple Israel — Lorraine Shablott  
 Oneg Shabbat at Temple Beth El — Connie Grossman  
 Religious Services — Rabbi Anthony Holz, Helen and Getchell Widdes, Harry Bear, Joseph Brizer  
 Picnic — Shirley Garber, Muriel Abram  
 Reception — Cindy Seiler, Steve Goldfine, Dan King  
 Transportation — Neil Glazman, John Goldfine  
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# 'Barg' had character of its own

The Jews who lived high on Duluth's East Hillside called it the "Barg". It was a Yiddish adaptation of the German word for "mountain", "Berg". Some of their non-Jewish neighbors called it "Little Jerusalem". That designation referred to an area of several blocks on or near Ninth Street, mainly between Third and Fifth Avenues East.

Many Jewish immigrant families from Russia settled there, struggling to eke out a living and cling to their Orthodox ways. Morris Kerness, 74, lived there in his youth.

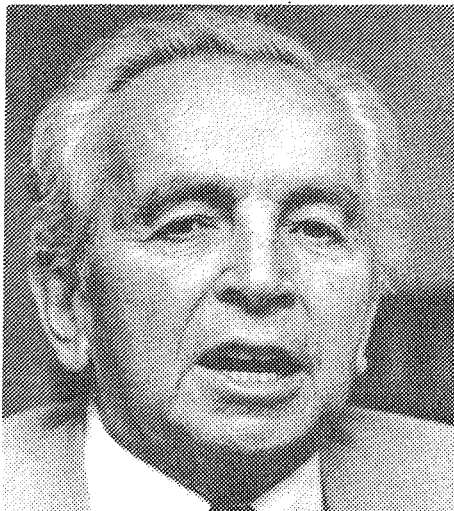
"Ninety percent of the Jewish breadwinners in that area were fruit peddlers or garbagemen," he relates. "My father was a garbageman." He had a team of draft horses. I used to stay out of school when I was 13 or 14 to work with my dad on the garbage wagon. We were lucky if we took in \$2.50 or \$3.00 a day. I'd ask him if we had money to take home, and he'd say he'd have to take care of the horses first and buy oats and hay. He said the horses were the breadwinners. He sure took care of them.

"My folks kept a Kosher house and they always spoke Yiddish. But when they didn't want us kids to understand, they'd talk Russian. The first thing my father did when he came here was to apply for citizenship papers. He was so proud of them. He'd even conduct citizenship classes in our home for newcomers.

"It was like a ghetto up there but it had a lot of character. We kids used to fight but we weren't destructive. We never had gang fights and we didn't steal. I went to the Franklin school from third to seventh grade, and on Jewish holidays the school would close. The kids there were predominantly Jewish."

Kerness can still identify names and houses of many of the people from the "Barg". Also, he remembers not only the Shaara Tzedek synagogue, which stood at Fourth Avenue East and Ninth Street from 1922 to 1967, but also the small house that had been its modest predecessor.

"On the upper side of our block were the Lloyds, who were not Jewish," he retraces. "Next to them was London, then another London,



**Morris Kerness**

then Fishman and Barish. On the corner was Nicherl London, who had a store. Next to him was Steinberg, Gallop, Berman, then us (the Kerness family) at 318 E. Ninth, then Taran and Rocklin...

"Across from the Shul (synagogue) was Garwish, another London, Listman, Berger, Belowski (Bigolow) and another Berger. Some Polish people lived on the lower side who had a garden. I think it was the only house on the lower side... Few of those oldtimers are left now."

The sixth of nine children in the family, Kerness actually was born in Chisholm. He explains: "My father, Sol, was a harness maker before he became a garbage man. He went to Chisholm to make harnesses for the fire department and my mother went with him. They left the rest of the kids here in Duluth with my grandmother. My parents stayed in Chisholm maybe four or five months, and that's how come I was born there. But it was the year of a big fire in Chisholm and much of the town burned. So we came back to Duluth..."

Because of space, Kerness' other reminiscences of his experiences and colorful careers must remain lodes of raw material for future stories. He and his wife Doris have five children: Victor in San Jose, Calif., and Jill Christie, Kathee Johnson, Layne Whiteman and Lance in Duluth. There are also 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchildren. — W.E.

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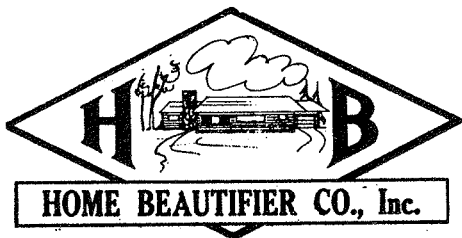
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### When good scouts get together

Goldie Gershgol, captain of Girl Scouts Troop 32 during the 1930s, met for an impromptu outing with some of her "girls" recently. They talked especially about their Friday afternoon meetings in the former Temple Emanuel, which had sponsored the troop. It consisted of 32 members, the maximum allowed, and there was always a waiting list. Pictured are, from left: Gershgol, Shirley (Karsner) Garber, Shirley (Bubly) Azuz, Jeanette (Samuels) Altman, Sylvia (Felsenberg) Kollenberg from Dunedin, Fla., and Luba (Usan) Krupp. Gershgol and her husband, Joe, now live in Florida.

### Who we are

The Jewish Fellowship News is the designated publication of the organized Jewish community of Duluth and Superior as represented by the Twin Ports Jewish Federation and Community Council. It was started in 1936 by the Jewish Fellowship Club, which continues to publish and administer it as a nonprofit community service. The paper is published at least 10 months a year, including two major holidays issues. These are the Passover edition in the spring and Jewish New Year's edition in the fall. Special issues for other occasions, clearly identified, also may be published from time to time.

Inquiries are welcome. They may be addressed to the paper, the Jewish Fellowship Club or Jewish Federation. All have offices in the Jewish Center which also houses Temple Israel and other Jewish facilities at 1602 E. Second St., Duluth, Minn. 55812. Phone (218) 724-8857.

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## From our history

### How Fellowship Club started — from minutes of first meeting

On Nov. 14, 1935 a meeting of Jewish men gathered at the Talmud Torah at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of organizing a Jewish Men's Club.

The meeting opened promptly, with Rabbi Paul Bender in charge, and the following men were chosen temporary officers until such time as a general election will be held for the purpose of electing permanent officers: A.J. Lurye, chairman pro tem; Harry A. Segal, temporary secretary; Morris Klasky, temporary treasurer.

Chairman Lurye appointed the following committee to draw up a constitution, bylaws and purposes of the organization: Benjamin Pass, chairman; Robert Karon, Rabbi Bender.

The chairman suggested a name be chosen for this organization. A motion by Sam Cagan was seconded and carried that one of the following names be chosen: Jewish Men's Club, YMHA, Young Men's Hebrew Club, Hebrew Advancement Society, Duluth Hebrew Association, Jewish Fellowship Club, United Jewish Fellowship Association.

Upon a motion by Morris Klasky, seconded by Ben London and carried unanimously, Jewish Fellowship Club was chosen as the name. (It had been proposed by Morris Solon.)

Rabbi Bender stated he would make an announcement concerning the organization's purposes to the community at the Friday night services held in Adas Israel Synagogue.

## Fellowship leaders through the years

Compiled by Carl Kozlow

### Roster of Jewish Fellowship Club officers and board members:

Initial, temporary officers from Nov. 14, 1935 until first election Jan. 23, 1936: Chairman, Alex Lurye; secretary, Harry A. Segal; treasurer, Morris Klasky.

President: Alex Lurye, '36; Ben Pass, '37; Morris Klasky, '38-40; Louis Fishman, '41; Morris Klasky, '42-43; Max Singer, '44-45; Ben S. Karon, '46; Max Singer, '47; Edward Greene, '49-50; Max Singer, '51-52; Martin Friedman, '53-54; Harry Levenson, '55; Hy Dorf, '56-57; Abe Golden, '58-61; Ben Greene, '62--; Jack Karsner, '65; Charles Bruzonaky, '66-68; Arthur Davis, '69-76; Carl Kozlow, '77-78; Arthur Usan, '79-83; Carl Kozlow, '84, '85.

First Vice President: Morris Klasky, '36-37; Harry A. Segal, '38-40; Ben Greene, '41; Harry Segal, '42; Max Singer, '43; Ben S. Karon, '44-45; Ben S. Litman, '46-47; --Alex Lurye, '49; Louis Fishman, '50; George Toback, '51-52; William Widdes, '53; Harry Levenson, '54; Abe Golden, '55-57; William Widdes, '58; Marvin Krupp, '59; --Maurice Krovitz, '61-62; --Charles Bruzonaky, '65; Arthur Davis, '66-68, Louis Fishman, '69; Morris Gittleman, '70-71; Alex Davidson, '72-73; Louis Fishman, '74-76; Harry Levenson, '77; Louis Fishman, '78-82; David Dubester, '83-85.

Second Vice President: Ben O. London, '36; Ben Greene, '37-39; Louis Fishman, '40; Isadore Alpert, '41; David Gershgol, '42-43; Ben Litman, '44-45; Mandy Horowitz, '46-47; Sam Sander, '50; David Schrabar, '51; Harry Levenson, '52; George Toback, '53; William Widdes, '54; Hy Dorf, '55; Ben Switzky, '56-57; Charles Goldberg, '58; Sumner Davidson, '59; Sidney Kaner, '61; Louis Fishman, '62; Al Davidson, '65; Art Markus, '66-68; Morris Gittleman, '69; Louis Fishman, '70-73; Harry Levenson, '74-76; Louis Fishman, '77; Rudy Segal, '78; Dave Dubester, '79-82; Sherman Garon, '83- to present.

Third Vice President: Ben R. Greene, '36; Sam Altman, '37; Sam Levitan, '38-39; Paul Zimmerman, '40; Robert Karon, '41; Rudolph Segal, '42; Ben Karon, '43; Robert Rivers, '44; Mandy Horowitz, '45; Sam Sanders, '46-47; --Dave Schrabar, '50; Joe Litman, '51; Morris Klasky, '52; Harry Davis, '53; George Toback, '54; William Widdes, '55; Jack Schaefer, '56; Charles Goldberg, '57; Sumner Davidson, '58; --Nate Bruzonaky, '60-61; Sidney Kaner, '62; --Louis Fishman, '65-68; Harry Cohen, '69; Harry Levenson, '70-73; Alex Davidson, '74-77; Ed Kenigsberg, '78-79. Position of third vice president was then eliminated.

Recording Secretary: Harry Segal, '36-37; Alex Lurye, '38; Morris Mark, '39; Rudolph Segal, '40; Clarence S. Levine, '41-42; Alex Lurye, '43; Louis Love, '44; Ben Switzky, '45; Albert Marks, '46-47; --George Toback, '49-50; Sumner Davidson, '51-52; Fred Olarsch, '53; Jack Schaefer, '54; Newton Friedman, '55-56; Ben Sigler, '57-58; Jack Schaefer, '59; Ben

Golden, '60; Harry V. Cohen, '61; Charles Bruzonaky, '62; Harry V. Cohen '65; Al Davidson, '66-67; Harry V. Cohen, '68- to present.

Corresponding Secretary: Hyman Stein, '36; Ben L. London, '37-38; Jack Karsner, '39-40; Position of recording secretary then eliminated and changed to financial secretary.

Financial Secretary: Jack Karsner, '41-42; Nathan Bruzonaky, '43; Edward Greene, '44-47; Harry Levenson, '49-51; Edward Greene, '52; Jack Karsner, '53; Richard Gershgol, '54; Charles Goldberg, '55-56; Marvin Krupp, '57-58; Morris Gittleman, '59; Archie Meltz, '60; Charles Bruzonaky, '61-62; Arthur Markus, '65; Jack Karsner, '66-69; Carl Kozlow, '70-75; Stewart Shablott, '76; Alex Davidson, '77-79; Carl Kozlow, '80-82; Jerry Cohen, '83-84.

Sergeant at Arms: Mandy Horowitz, '36-42; Nate Solomon, '43-47; Shaddy Shablott, '49; Al Davidson, '50; Nate Solomon, '51; Al Davidson, '52; Joe Lent, '53; Harry Davis, '54; Richard Gershgol, '55-57; Archie Meltz, '58; Shaddy Shablott, '59; Richard Gershgol, '60-65; Shaddy Shablott '66; Richard Gershgol '67-80; Ben Ostroviak, '83 to present.

Treasurer: Frank Keil, '36; Robert Karon, '37; Louis Fishman, '38, '39; Ben Greene, '40; Ben O. London, '41; Ben Greene, '42 to '61; Alex Lurye, '62 --; Ben Greene, '65 to '74; Morris Friedaan, '75; Sam Breitbord, '76; Albert Abramson, '77; Charles Adelson, '78 to present.

### Other board members through the years:

Rabbi Paul Bender, Ben Goldish, Dr. S.S. Rosenbloom, I.B. Aarons, John Cohn, Jack Meyers, Louis Shenowsky, Sam Cagan, A.B. Shuaterman, Maurice Weinberg, William Rocklin, Morris Solon, Mike Karsner, Ted Passon, Harry Glazman, Dave Sherman, Dave Steinberg, Sam Galburt, Irwin Stulberg, Burych Golberg, Ben Bergal, Jake Usan, Sam Breitbord, Ted Laxman, Saul Sander, Barney Rich, M. Weiner, Louis Shapiro, Allan Apter, Sam Latts, Phil Kane, Baruch Goldberg, Morris Segal, Irving Latts, Conrad London, Henry Goldfine, Sam Averbrook, Dan King, Charles Bruzonaky, Peter Cohen, Jay Siegel, Morris Friedman, Jack Garber, Ben Davis, Milton Rubin, Ben Davis, Harry Bear, Louis Kall, Walter Eldot, Joe Schrabar, Henry Goldfine, Joe Brizer, Dr. Gary Cowan, Joe Weillinger, Dr. David Willenson, Sam Pomush, Mike Baddin.

### Current officers and board members:

Carl Kozlow, president; David Dubester and Sherman Garon, vice presidents; Harry V. Cohen, recording secretary; Harry Levenson, communications secretary; Charles Adelson, treasurer; Walter Eldot, program chairman; Arthur Usan, awards and scholarships; Newton Friedman, special projects; Ben Ostroviak, sergeant at arms, plus Henry Goldfine, Morris Friedman, Dr. Gary Cowan, Sam Pomush, Joe Brizer, Harry Bear, Mike Baddin and Dr. David Willenson.

# Honor roll of Jewish physicians heeding call to help heal the sick

This is an informal roster of Jewish physicians in present or former practice in the Twin Ports, or who were reared here but practicing elsewhere. Dr. George Cowan and Dr. Robert J. Goldish were most helpful in preparation of this listing.

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Max Hirschfield, M.D.,  
general practice  
E.Z. Shapiro, M.D.,  
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M. Zlatovskiy, M.D.,  
general practice  
Samuel N. Litman, M.D.,  
pediatrician  
Dan Goldish, M.D.,  
general practice  
Nathan Braverman, M.D.,  
general practice  
Harry Klein, M.D.,  
general practice  
Simon Sax, M.D.,  
internal medicine  
Milton Sax, M.D.,  
internal medicine  
George Cowan, M.D.,  
psychiatry  
Gary Cowan, M.D.,  
psychiatry  
Robert J. Goldish, M.D.,  
internal medicine  
Joseph Bloom, M.D.,  
surgery  
Jay Parker, D.O.,  
pediatric allergy  
Peter Austin, M.D.,  
ophthalmology  
Paul Royce, M.D., Ph.D.,  
internal medicine,  
dean of UMD Medical School  
Robert Leff, M.D.,  
internal medicine, rheumatology  
William Portilla, M.D.,  
ear, nose, throat  
Dr. Harvey Green, M.D.,  
child psychiatry  
Bradley Ruth, M.D.,  
anesthesiology  
Marvin Stewart, M.D.,  
family practice  
Neil Nathan, M.D.,  
family practice  
Richard Heilman, M.D.,  
internal medicine, nephrology  
C.L. Clark, M.D.,  
obstetrics-gynecology  
Harold Joffe, M.D.,  
pathology

Lee Cohen, M.D., Two Harbors,  
family practice  
Steven Bloom, M.D.,  
obstetrics-gynecology

## Superior

Joseph Weisberg, M.D.,  
general practice  
I. H. Lavine, M.D.,  
general practice  
Milton Finn, M.D.,  
general practice  
Max Lavine, M.D.,  
general practice  
Enzo Krall, M.D.,  
surgeon  
Marvin Zukov

## Dentists

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Hy Litman, D.D.S.  
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Richard Litman, D.D.S.  
Sherman Levenson, D.D.S.  
Palmer Abramson, D.D.S.  
Leonard Abramson, D.D.S.  
David Finkelstein, D.D.S.  
William Cohen, D.D.S.  
Samuel Rosenbloom, D.D.S.  
Sam Saks, D.D.S. (Superior)

## Elsewhere

Isadore Fisher, M.D.,  
dermatology, Minneapolis  
(practiced in Duluth 1937-'38)  
Arnold Kremen, M.D., Ph.D.,  
surgeon, Minneapolis  
Lawrence Wolfe, M.D.,  
internal medicine, San Francisco  
Melvin Sigel, M.D.,  
ear-nose-throat, Minneapolis  
Franklin Elevich,  
pathologist, California  
Mickey Goldfine, M.D.,  
San Leandro, Calif.  
"Red" Kaplan, M.D.,  
New York  
Benji Goldfarb, M.D.,  
cardiologist, in Israel  
(formerly in Minneapolis)  
Harvey Even, D.D.S.,  
orthodontist, St. Paul  
James Chessen M.D.,  
Denver, Colo.  
(practiced in Duluth 1937-'38)  
Ralph Golberg, chiropractor  
Sacramento, Calif.



## West End Hebrew class of 1915

Peter Cohen, who died in 1983, took this memorable photo of the 1915 Hebrew class of the West End's B'nai Israel Synagogue at an outing in Lincoln Park. Max Wiener, standing, father of J.B. Wiener, was the Hebrew teacher. He was a tailor by trade. The youths visible in the picture are, from left: front row, Eddy Davis and Dave Litman; second row, Sam Friedman, Isadore Davis, Dave Borken; third row, Norman Howard, Sam Passon, Ben Davis, Gordon Cohen; back row, Morris Cohen, Abe Bruzonsky, Morris Friedman and Nathan Cohen.

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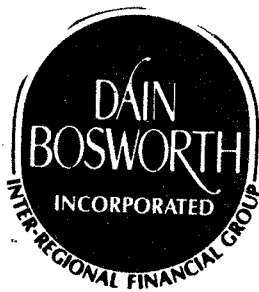
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- Oscar Kleckner
- Moses Goldberg
- Max Gilmore
- Martin Friedman
- Newton Friedman
- Irving Friedman
- Fred Friedman
- Harry W. Davis
- Daniel Davis
- Alfred Weinberg
- Harry Weinberg

- Edward Litaan
- Merle Litaan
- Sidney Kaner
- Robert Kaner
- Robert J. Karon
- Sue Ginsberg
- Henry Paull
- A.B. Clarfield
- B.W. Pass
- Albert Baddin
- Michael Cohen
- Ralph Sher
- Roger Karon
- Sigmund Slonim
- Irving Raihill

### Superior

- Toby Marcovich
- Harold Witkin
- Paul Witkin
- Pat Cowan
- Robert Sher
- Alex Soroka

### Elsewhere

- David Paull, Oregon
- Leslie Shapiro, Washington
- Michael Berman, Washington
- Sherman Winthrop, St. Paul
- Jon Gallop, Minneapolis
- Stanley Karon, St. Paul
- Robert Karon, Minneapolis
- Mervin Sonosky, Washington

## Phil Myzel offers footnote to history

Phil Myzel has harbored a private peeve for 50 years. He says he's never received any recognition, nary a word of public mention, of how he helped start the Jewish Fellowship News.

He says Alex Lurye, Morris Klasky and Harry Segal, early leaders of the Fellowship Club, recruited him at the outset to solicit advertising and later invited him to write a column, too.

"I was connected with this paper right from the beginning," he says. He wants the record to show at last, if only as a footnote, "I got all the advertising for the first issue and for many years after that." (He also handled most of the ads for this edition.)

His column, "Motke from Slobotke," was a potpourri of anecdotes and tidbits about local people. "I wrote about the fun we used to have, and mentioned lots of names." He still likes to recall stories he wrote — and some he didn't write — about picnics and parties held at Herb Samuels' former cabin on the Rice Lake Road.

He also wrote regular news stories, with Bella Beckner often helping with the typing, he says. And he also contributed items about Jewish men in the military, including the National Guard.

But whenever the history of the Fellowship Club and this community paper has been recited, he says, "they never mentioned me at all — never, and I couldn't figure out why."

## Adas lists leaders

Following are the presidents of Adas Israel congregation, beginning in 1900:

- J.L. Cook, Joseph Polinsky, Max Zalk, M.J. Abramson, Moses Cook, Samuel "Shopaa" Karon, Samuel Kaner, Albert Bergstein, Abe I. Karon, Benjamin M. Laron, Morris Widdeas, Israel Garon, William Widdess, Alex Lurye, Ben Karon, Sam Karon, Maurice Krovitz, Ben R. Greene, Charles Brunzonsky, Gordon Cohen, Louis Shapiro, Getchell Widdess, Nathan Brunzonsky and, currently, David Sher and Ted Widdess, co-chairmen.

The following rabbis have served at Adas Israel: \_\_\_\_\_ Saperstein, Israel Teplitz, \_\_\_\_\_ Kopstein, Paul Bender, M. Benjamin Silman, Herman Rozler, Jacob Traub, Noach Bernstein, Maurice Schwartz, Ely Braun.

The following cantors have served at Adas Israel: \_\_\_\_\_ Appleman, Joseph Wolfe, Joseph Braverman.

The following Shammases have served at Adas Israel: Moshe Leib Casair, Nathan Rosenberg, Louis Cohen.

Shochets (Ritual slaughterers) have been: \_\_\_\_\_ Appleman, \_\_\_\_\_ Schnitzer, Israel Zien, \_\_\_\_\_ Rabinovitz, \_\_\_\_\_ Kaplan, Victor Cowl, Nathan Roenberg.

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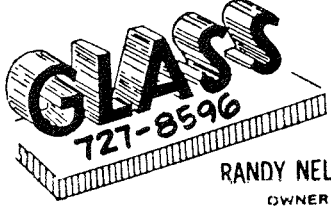
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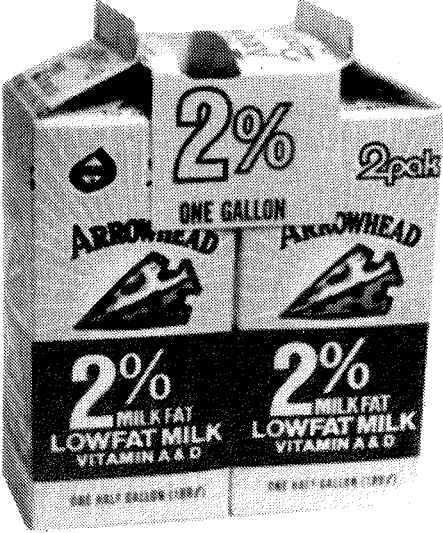
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