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The following individuals have donated materials to the Historical Society:

- Flora Abramson** – 2 newspaper clippings on Hadassah; newspaper clipping about Bonnie Mechanic; photo of Beth El Confirmation Class; “At Esther’s Table – An Afternoon of Family Stories,” 1979; B’nai B’rith of Wisconsin Winter Regional Convention, 1970.
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- Jewish Community Center (c/o Mona Cohen)** – Lizzie Kander Black oil painting.
- Ludwig Kahn** – Life story of Ludwig Kahn.
- Rudy Kane** – Program of 5th Annual Roosevelt Junior High School Band Concert, 1934.
- Avrom Kniaz** – Newspaper clipping on Rosh Hashanah at Anshai Lebowitz, 1946; newspaper clipping “Jewish Youths – Their Struggle to Relate to Their Heritage,” 1972.
- Jack Langer** – Photocopies and newspaper clipping of Walter Langer Pharmacy; photocopy of grandparents photo.
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- Elliot Lubar** – Newspaper clippings on MJWF Junior Division, 1961; Board of Jewish Education certificate.
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- Harold and Pamela Nonken** – Nankin family memory book.
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- Seymour Pikofsky** – Ada Kupper’s graduation certificate from Peckham Jr. High and Washington High School; faculty message to Peckham graduates.
- Lorraine Plotkin** – Wedding tuxedo, pants and dresses, 1916.
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- Merton and Dorothy Rotter** – Audiotape of Louis H. Rotter, 1973.
- Allen Samson** – Project Renewal, Or Yehudah, First National Bank of Glendale and Liberty Bank materials.
- Ted and Dorothy Sattler** – Drawing of Golda Meir.
- Helaine Shackman** – Photo of her father Herbert Rigner, 1950.
- Norman Skurnick** – Photo of Jewish National Workers Alliance – Tenenbaum Branch #199, 1940.
- Betty Soref** – Framed photo of Soref family; 4 campaign posters, Sam Soref; campaign headquarters poster, Sam Soref; college and law school graduation certificates.
- Jerry and Ruth Traxler** – Jewish/Yiddish sheet music.
- Jordan Weigler** – Scanned photo of children and counselors at Camp Sidney Cohen, c. 1948-1949.
- Betty Weinschel** – Western Union telegram to Edward Weinschel, 1944; steamship ticket, 1923.
- Rose Wilk** – Photo of B’nai B’rith Jr. Group, 1937; volunteer certificate from Mt. Sinai; 5 photos and National Convention program of Jewish War Veterans of the USA, 1951; Jewish War Veterans of the USA uniform.
- Arlene Zuckerman** – Newspaper articles on elderly nutrition program and dedication of JCC older adult lounge; photos of Esther and Lester Heing and Louis Ridberg; book, *My Life*, by Golda Meir, 1975.



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From the President

In my message this time, I will be thanking a lot of people for all the time and energy they have given to the Historical Society. Their efforts are bringing a greater awareness of the value we add to the Jewish community. But please don't stop reading – what we're doing is too important to miss.

In September, under the leadership of Michael Green,* we launched our website. If you haven't checked in, we are a link on the Milwaukee Jewish Federation website, or we can be reached at www.milwaukeejewishhistorical.org. If I must say so, we have a great site! An example of what you can find are more than 22,000 Wisconsin death and burial records that Penny Deshur, of Annual Community Campaign fame, has been amassing for years. Of course, our site is a work in progress that we are constantly updating, and we welcome any of your suggestions or thoughts.

Our second major initiative was to appoint a program committee chaired by Jayne Butlein.** Her committee is developing a long-range plan for programming that will give us guidance for many years. They kicked off with a lecture luncheon this summer where more than 150 people came to hear Dr. Larry Rubin speak about the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America. On December 16, we will present the second in our lecture series, which will be co-sponsored with the JCC, Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning and Congregation Beth Israel. Author Jonathan Sarna, Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University

who has written the definitive book, *American Judaism*, will speak at 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel. Please try not to miss this.

Another new program very dear to my heart is the Oral History Project chaired by Barbie Blutstein and Tybie Taglin.*** During two weeks in October, thanks to the many volunteers who helped, we interviewed more than 120 people whose lives will now be permanently archived with us. We hope someday to use these tapes for an exhibition. This program was so successful that we will do another week in May. Don't forget to put your name on the waiting list so that you can be part of this very meaningful history.

We continue our celebration of 350 years of Jewish life in America with a wonderful article in this issue about the Jewish Agricultural Settlements written by our Newsletter editor, Jody Sussman Steren. Jody's talented research and writing has informed and educated us since 1986. We are very grateful.

And we are grateful to Lorraine and Morry Mitz for helping to underwrite this issue of the Newsletter. These special gifts and your memberships keep us in the business of preserving the past for future generations.

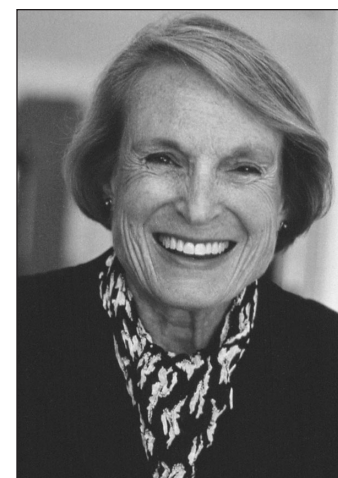
And as always, a special thank you to Kathie Bernstein, our indomitable director, without whom none of this would happen.

More and more people are finding their way to us for research, to deposit their materials in our archives, to share their stories and to volunteer. I

hope that you, too, will share your memories and your mementoes with us. We all need to understand the significance of our Historical Society and be a part of it.

Thank you - thank YOU for all your support.

Marianne Lubar,
Chair



Marianne Lubar

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In Memory of the Kellman Family



Upper: Uncle Gerald, Uncle Charles, Mother Minnie, Aunt Bluma, unknown, Uncle Israel. Lower: Uncle Eugene, Grandmother Rachel, Morry, age 8, Great grandfather Kellman, Milton Mitz, age 12, Grandfather Chiam (Everyone except Mother, Aunt Bluma, Milt and Morry were killed)

The Historical Society is grateful to Lorraine and Morry Mitz, who helped underwrite this Newsletter. They have chosen to remember Morry's mother's family, the Kellmans. Following are excerpts from a letter sent to Morry's Uncle Ben Kellman from his friend, Wilff Girdiske, who had moved to New York.

New York, May 25, 1948

My very dear good friend Baerichel,

I can tell you that I received your letter and read it with much happiness and with tears. ... Now about what you asked me to write you. My wife is not working as yet... She is from Kovna. I married her a short time ago. It is 2 years since my first wife was burned with a 6-year-old boy. She was burned in the Kovna ghetto. If you remember Slobotka, that is where she was with Shainkin and Devoirkan. These were my sisters. You knew them.

When the Germans took me away, they took me away from Kovna... After the war I was in Rassein. Rassein was wiped out as smooth as a table, not a one house was left... There was suffering there. People were being killed for 3 months, the Russians and the Germans. When I arrived there, I did not recognize where we used to live.

Now I will write you what you asked me about your family. I will write you, although I hate to do so... On the 28th of October 1941, the whole town of Rassein was destroyed. They shot almost everybody. If you remember Billovitz near Probeida, there they all lie. I reveal now the briederlieher grave and I write you regretfully, very regretfully – there lies your family too, and there lies my family too. Only Shaiken and Shmoolkin and Tzolke your brother and Afraike my brother-in-law, they were shot 2 weeks later, because they were still working for the Germans. Then they were killed. No one was left alive. October 28, 1941 is the Yahrzeit for your family... When you will come to me, I will explain everything better to you. I close my writing because remembering this has affected me, but you asked me to let you know...

(Letter translated from Yiddish by the Moses Wolfe family, who wrote: "We translated this letter as best as we could. The names may be a little different than they should be.")

Celebrate 350: Jewish Life In America

Immigration

Jewish Agricultural Settlements or “Fifteen Acres and a Shul”

A story in the last issue of the Milwaukee Jewish Historical Society Newsletter about the past 350 years of Jewish life in the United States discussed The Industrial Removal Office. This issue deals with Jewish Agricultural Settlements, many of which were also endowed by the Baron de Hirsch Fund starting in 1891.

Although a group of a dozen German immigrant families had started a farming colony in the Catskills in 1837 that was called “Sholem,” it ceased to exist by 1847. In the 1880s, it was idealistic and socialist immigrants primarily from Kiev and Odessa, Russia, who were the thrust of the Jewish agricultural movement in the United States. Many of these settlers had a desire to show that Jews could earn a living from the soil and not just be peddlers or tailors. This movement was called “Am Olam” (The Eternal People).

In 1891 Baron de Hirsch had written, “My own personal experience, too, has led me to recognize that the Jews have very good ability in agriculture and my efforts shall show that the Jews have not lost the agricultural qualities that their forefathers possessed. I shall try to make for them a new home in different lands, where as free farmers on their own soil, they can make themselves useful to that country”. The Forum, August 1891.

Of the 40 Jewish agricultural settlements started in North America in the late 19th century with the help of the Baron de Hirsch Fund, about 30 were in New Jersey. In 1891 Baron de Hirsch founded an agricultural school in Woodbine, New Jersey that offered scientific training to these young farmers. Woodbine became the first all-Jewish town in modern history when on April 14, 1903 it became a completely independent community with Jews filling all public offices, including the police and fire departments. Small factories were opened nearby to enable the people to supplement their incomes. The farming communities in New Jersey had the advantage of having nearby markets for their products, and their proximity to Philadelphia and New York City lessened their isolation. Even so, these communities lost populations to other economic opportunities, and by the 1940s much of their Jewish character was gone.

Many of the first Jewish settlers in the resort cities of Atlantic City, Lakewood, Bradley Beach and Belmar had come from the farming communities. A number went from being farmers to hotel owners.



The Bernstein family in Clarion. Pictured are Esther, mother Sarah, Miriam, Lillian, Dora, Michael, Louis and Harry. Absent from this photo is husband and father, David. From the book “Back to the Soil: The Jewish Farmers of Clarion, Utah, and Their World” by Robert Alan Goldberg, 1986, University of Utah Press.

Farming communities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Arkansas, Utah (see photo), Kansas, Oregon, and Colorado never really succeeded. Many struggled or failed because the farmers were inexperienced, had chosen poor land, farmed in a hostile climate, and were isolated from any real support. One example was an agricultural colony established by Russian Jews in 1883 in a heavily wooded section of Arkansas between Little Rock and Memphis. The land was considered poor for farming even for experienced farmers. The only opportunity to earn a living was to cut down the trees and convert them to staves that could be sold for \$20 a thousand. The staves had to be floated down a stream, but if flooding occurred, they could not be moved and floods occurred often. Added to this were intense heat, insects, malaria, and yellow fever. This experiment lasted only a few months.

The Arpin, Wisconsin, farming community was

established in 1904 with 17 families on 40-acre plots in a burned over lumber area in Wood County, south of Marshfield. The Arpin community lasted until 1910. The patron of Wisconsin’s Jewish Agricultural Movement was Adolph W. Rich (1843-1917), who came from Hungary with his parents in 1853 and settled in Milwaukee in 1865. He was an entrepreneurial businessman who wanted the immigrants to move outside of the traditional occupations and crowded cities. While the “Am Olam” experimental colonies eventually disappeared, it did allow the immigrant population to integrate into the mainstream of American society.

If anyone’s family included Jewish farmers in the United States, please let the MJHS know. We would be interested in your stories, photos, and/or artifacts.

—Jody Sussman Steren

Yizkor Books

The National Yiddish Book Center and the New York Public Library have joined together in a project to preserve Yizkor books from Eastern European Jewish communities, which were destroyed during the Holocaust. These books commemorate the communities and the victims. Many of these books are rare or out of print. However, thanks to the technology of the Steve Spielberg Digital Yiddish Library, you can purchase a book documenting your family’s town.

Most Yizkor books share a basic similarity. The first section describes the history of the Jewish area of town from the beginning of its existence to the Holocaust. A map will include synagogues, cemeteries, etc. Religious and social welfare organizations with captions and pictures often identify members. The next section contains information about family members recounted by survivors, including names, relationships, ages, and if lucky, birth dates. The back sections of many of the books contain memorial ads honoring town families and Holocaust victims. These ads defrayed the cost of publishing the books. To see if a book has been written for your ancestral community, visit www.yiddishbookcenter.org/yizkorbooks or call 413-256-4900, ext.196.

“We are confronted with insurmountable opportunities.”

—Walt Kelly—
Creator of the
Comic strip Pogo

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Election Year

While Wisconsin’s current U.S. senators are Jewish, earlier in the state’s history, Milwaukee had a Jewish Congressman, Victor L. Berger (1860-1929). He emigrated from Austria-Hungary in 1878. Berger and his friend Eugene Debs were the main architects of the American Socialist Party. He introduced modification in Socialist doctrine that became the more moderate “Milwaukee Socialism.” He was the editor of the German language *Milwaukee Vorwaits* (1892-98), which became the *Milwaukee Leader* in 1911. From 1911-1921, he edited this paper, which underwent hard times during the first world war when its mailing privileges were suspended.

In the same year, he also became the first Socialist member of Congress while representing a district with Jewish and German voters. Berger was reelected twice, but in 1918 he was excluded from Congress on grounds of sedition for his strong opposition to U.S. participation in World War I, and he was charged under the Espionage Act. Sentenced in 1918 to a 20-year prison term and free on appeal, he was still elected to Congress in 1919 in a special election. The Supreme Court reversed his sentence in 1921. Winning reelection in 1924 and 1926, he was defeated in 1928. He died on July 16, 1929 from injuries received in a streetcar accident.

Berger’s house at 2576 North First Street still stands on the northern edge of the Brewer’s Hill area at one of the highest elevations in the city. The Third Street elementary school at 3275 North Third Street was renamed the Victor L. Berger elementary school in June 1931 in his honor. The school’s name was changed again in October 1991 to the Martin Luther King elementary school.



Victor L. Berger

Volunteer Profile

Ruth Traxler



Ruth Traxler

Ruth Traxler has been a volunteer with the Milwaukee Jewish Historical Society almost from its inception as the Milwaukee Jewish Archives. She started volunteering at the request of William (Bill) Orenstein, who was one of the original co-chairs

of the Steering Committee. Her work today is focused on entering data from each collection with a description of donor, subject, and period of time for a computerized record.

Ruth was an early volunteer for the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund (Federation). Having written an historical time line for an anniversary of the Jewish Community Center, she was asked if she would work in a paid position for the Milwaukee Jewish Sesquicentennial celebration in 1994. Ruth became a curatorial advisor for the exhibit, which was displayed at the Milwaukee Public Museum. It depicted various organizations and received artifacts and information from active members of the Jewish community. For the celebration, she wrote the book *The Golden Land: 150 years of Jewish Life in Milwaukee*.

History is one of Ruth's favorite topics, and in her spare time, she likes to read history books. Enjoying being in the company of people with the same interests keeps her working as a volunteer. Ruth wants to continue her firsthand connection with the Historical Society and its development in the Milwaukee Jewish community. She looks forward to the time when the remnants of the museum exhibit, plus additional material, can be mounted and showcased in an appropriate permanent setting so that others can view the contribution of Jews in Milwaukee to the growth and development of the city.

The grocery store pictured in the Spring 2004 Newsletter was not identified. It was Sussman Grocery, 1396 W. Fond du Lac Avenue.

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I Brake For Synagogues

Those who make an avocation a vocation are lucky people indeed. When it benefits society, everyone is a winner. Milwaukee native and Dallas resident Sherry LeVine Zander turned a hobby of photographing former and current synagogues in small towns across America into a career. Sherry Zander is an entertaining speaker and writer who has appeared and presented her work across the United States. She locates small-town synagogue buildings throughout the United States, photographing them, researching the community or congregation, and basically memorializing communities that are no longer in existence. She has gathered unusual anecdotes, historical detail, and in some cases mysteries of long-gone Jewish communities and turned them into a written column in *The Dallas Jewish Week* titled "I Brake For Synagogues." She also has a slide presentation and the places she speaks about range from Texas to West Virginia, the top of Michigan's Upper Peninsula to Oklahoma and Madison, Wisconsin, to Colorado.

As a board member of the Dallas Jewish Historical Society and the Texas Jewish Historical Society, Sherry understood the need to preserve these memories and stories now before they've faded away completely. In some of the towns, it was too late; the personal and communal sources had disappeared. In others, she's found fascinating people to interview and architectural jewels to photograph.

Growing up, Sherry Zander had been a member of Congregation Shalom, and its Sisterhood presented her in May for a lecture and slide show. Her command and knowledge of these small towns was fascinating. Locally, Andy Muchin has attempted to research and preserve the history of the many Wisconsin small-town Jewish communities for the Wisconsin Small Jewish Communities History Project. If you have information, please call 414-963-4135 or you can send an e-mail: wsjl@execpc.com. If you are interested in learning more about Sherry Zander's research and to view some of her material, check out her website at www.smallsynagogues.com. Sometimes this interest starts as innocently as opening a Yellow Page directory for listings under "Synagogues" or "Churches" in towns you travel through. It is another way of understanding the varied Jewish experience in the United States by seeing how our ancestors traveled to many locales to find employment or start a new life.

Our collection is used in many ways...

Some of the people and organizations that have conducted research or borrowed material from the Milwaukee Jewish Historical society are:

Michael Altman – Research on his family.

Amateur Athletic Union of USA – Photograph research on Larry Lederman.

Nancy Banov – Research on Max Leopold family.

Nir Barkin – Long distance research for thesis on Zionism and Socialism in Milwaukee.

Jerry Benjamin – Research on diaries and memoirs.

Geraldine Biller – Research and information sent regarding Leone Rosenfeld.

Manning Bookstaff – Research on his family.

Bila Cohen – Research on Simon Cohen family.

George Edelstein – Visited MJF 100th Anniversary Exhibit.

Carol Fischer – Research on her family.

Tracy Fischer – Research on her family.

Linda Frank – Photograph research on 4th Street School.

Donald Grande – Research and information sent regarding Nat Stone.

Mildred Hamilton – Research on Emil and Lydia Hamilton.

Judge Gerald Held – Research and information sent regarding Wisconsin synagogues.

David Hirsch – Research and information sent regarding MJHS newsletters and Milwaukee synagogues.

Richard Leroy and Robert Leroy – Research on Levy family.

Lowell Levy – Research on Levy family.

Matthew Luckett – Photograph research for article for Milwaukee County Historical Society and Marquette University History Department.

Len Mansky – Research and information sent regarding Emanu-El and Rabbi Sigmund Hecht.

Dan and Shirley Merkow – Researched persons in World War II book.

Gary Palgon – Research and information sent regarding Leidersdorf, Foerster, Black and Haberman families.

Alvin and Betty Rottman – Researched persons in World War II book.

Dan Shapiro – Conducted research for a term paper at UW-Madison.

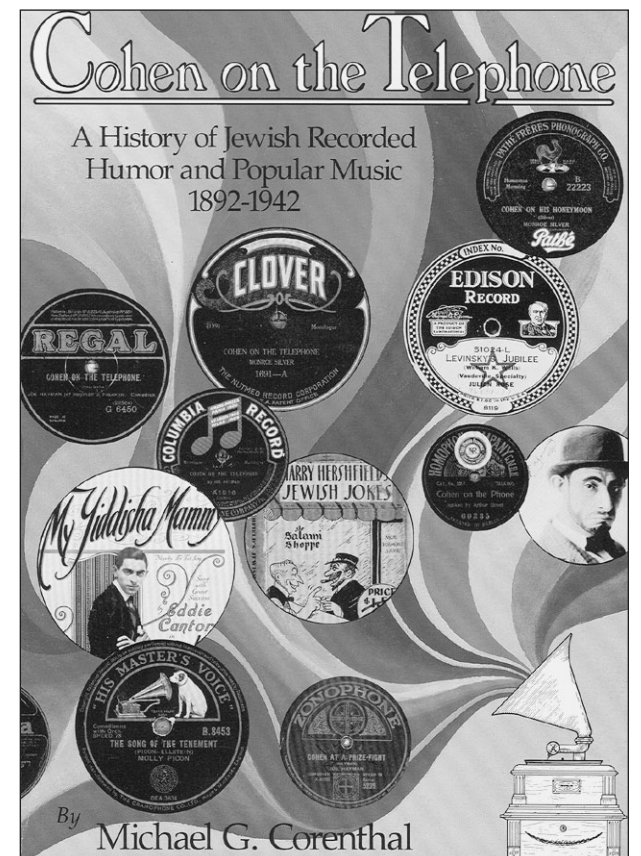
Carri Silberman – Research for Beth Torah Religious School calendar.

Fred Strauss – Research conducted on Israel family.

David Stuart – Research and information sent regarding Milwaukee mausoleums.

A Friend

The Milwaukee Jewish Historical Society has been lucky to be the recipient of several books, photos, and memorabilia donated by Michael Corenthal. We have received *Cohen on the Telephone*, *A History of Recorded Jewish Music and Comedy Sketches from 1892 through 1942*, *The Illustrated History of Recorded Sound, Volume 2*; *Uncle Eli*; and *The Czarina Kind and Other Weird Tales*. Michael owns "Yesterday's Memories Old Record Shop" on 56th and Center Streets, where he sells books, magazines, records, and miscellaneous collectables. We are grateful that Michael thinks of the Historical Society when he comes across material that could be of interest to us.



Jewish Geography

Rae Avenue located on the far northwest side of Milwaukee was platted in 1954. It may have been named for the wife of Melvin Raskin, a developer at that time.

A New Book

Kent State University Press recently published *A Singing Ambivalence: American Immigrants Between Old World and New*. Historical Society member Victor Greene, professor emeritus of history at UW-Milwaukee, wrote the book. In it, he discusses the ways new immigrants, including Jews, responded to life in America through music.

The Milwaukee Jewish Historical Society appreciates the following members who help make our outstanding programs possible.*

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