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**Jewish Historical Society Oral Histories
Milton Fineberg (5 February 1996)**

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Summary Information

Tape Number: JHS 66
Length: 15:59
Interviewer: O. [Orvil "Ozzie"] Zuckerman
Interviewee: Milton Fineberg
Date of Interview: 5 February 1996
Place of Interview: Greenwood House

1st File

- 1:30 Zuckerman recording the lecture, talking about Ozzie and the members of the Trenton Jewish Historical Society and all the stuff Ozzie does for it.
- 3:22 Introductions; speaker wants to talk about Jewish life and the Jewish world.
- 5:30 Fred Morgan's poetry reading, talking about the poet Fred Morgan and reading a poem Fred Morgan wrote about his wife [doesn't read poem].
- 8:00 Talking about Israeli politics and relations with Syria in the 1990s. Talking about the Israeli elections between Netanyahu and Peres [sound breaks up]; talking about Syria and Israel peace process, reading a story about the peace process.
- 15:30 Moves on to discussing the state of Palestine and the PLO; Arafat removed a statement of the destruction of Israel and the creation of the covenant between Palestine and Israel.

- 16:54 Asks people what the Yiddish is for peddler; magazine from the Yiddish Book Center, talking about Fyvush Finkle who comes from the Yiddish Theater, was on a radio program on NPR, the article was a biography of Finkle and his life. Moves to Alan Alda who was not Jewish, but was close to the Yiddish community. Talking about other Yiddish actors.
- 25:42 “The Rest of Us” by Steven Birmingham; wants to read a part of it; books about Jewish Life, wants to tell people about Jewish life in Hungary; wants to read a part of the book, “The Black Book” about life in Hungary with pictures with the Nazis in Hungary rounding up Jews. Talking about Hungarian History and how Hungary changed; discusses Emery Roth who was a Hungarian Jewish Architect in the 1920s who moved from Hungary. Talking about George Burns and his Yiddish roots.
- 32:00 Collection of oral history interviews with Jewish women in the Mercer County Women Studies group of Mercer County Community College; women were a part of Jewish History. Interview with Bess Hamilstein [?]; reads through interview, talking more about Bess, talking to crowd, calling out Honey Frank [?].
- 42:30 Ends with a poem from Rosemary and Steven Vincent Benet, a book of Americans.

2nd File

- 0:00 Continuing from first file and reading a poem, based on the war of 1812, reading a poem about Grover Cleveland, ends his session.
- 5:00 Ozzie talks about his oral history projects.