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**Jewish Historical Society of Trenton  
Administrative Records and Historical Collections  
(ca. 1880-2006)**

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### **Institutional History**

The roots of the Jewish Historical Society (JHS) can be found in the 1954-1955 nationwide observance of the American Jewish Tercentenary commemorating the anniversary of the Jews' arrival in New Amsterdam, now New York. Like many communities across America, Trenton formed a Committee of 300, and developed a yearlong celebration culminating in a successful historical pageant presented to almost 5,000 people in Cadwalader Park. During the planning for this celebration, organizers raised money not just for the Tercentenary but for the publication of a history of Trenton Jewry.<sup>1</sup> Despite the initial enthusiasm however, the book was not written.

In late 1962, Bernard and Jessica Alexander sought to revitalize this plan by gathering many of those who had been part of the Committee of 300 to help fulfill this promise by creating the Jewish Historical Society of Trenton. On November 20, 1962, a group met at Adath Israel Synagogue, adopted a constitution and by-laws, and elected their officers: Judge Sidney Goldmann, President; Rabbi S. Joshua, Vice President; Jessica Alexander, Secretary; and Sol Phillips Perlman, Treasurer. The 1962 Constitution set the Society's objectives as "the collection, preservation and publication of materials relating to the settlement and history of Jews in Trenton and vicinity, and the publication and popularization of information and materials relating to the history of the Jews of New Jersey."

These efforts, however, stalled until 1975 when the upcoming American Bicentennial spurred new interest, and a period of activity began. Major goals for this renewed iteration of the Society were, again, the production of a history of the Trenton Jewish community, creation of a repository for resources and historical material collected, and the building of community support. Members began giving presentations on the history of Trenton's Jews and a room was

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<sup>1</sup> See Series V – American Jewish Tercentenary below for more information.

reserved for the Society's use at the Jewish Community Center. JHS reached out to the many Jewish community groups, encouraging them to write their own histories and to select someone to help coordinate with JHS in its goal to gather information. The newly elected Vice President, Harry Gerofsky, began his research through newspapers, court records and deeds to develop an exhibit, *Trenton Jewish Enterprises of Yesteryear*, and a slide show, *Union Street Revisited*. It was also during the late 1970s that Dr. Milton Feinberg and Rita Allen "cataloged" the collections of Nathan Kramer.

While attempts to raise money for the publication of the book failed (requests to both the Jewish Federation of Trenton in 1976 and 1988, and to the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1980 and 1981), the group carried on with lectures on Jewish life in Trenton and JHS-sponsored bus trips until about 1987 when, once again, the organization appeared to have gone dormant.

In 1992, a new Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton was formed with Herbert Spiegle as president and Orvill "Ozzie" Zuckerman as vice president. Their mission was to "foster a sense of pride in the areas Jewish heritage ... (and) to preserve and maintain an archival collection." Presentations and exhibits were to be an important part of this new Society. At this point, a search for the collection "stored in wet basements and hot attics" began and a new period of productivity was set in motion. Zuckerman took the lead in interviewing some of the older Jews of Trenton and the surrounding area, as well as the children and grandchildren of some of the earlier Jewish settlers and entrepreneurs. These recordings were used to produce Zuckerman's chronicle of Jewish life in the various newspaper articles he wrote from 1993 to 2006. The call for information and memorabilia was met with an enthusiastic response and once again, the Society began to actively collect, having gained office space at Woodbrook House at 865 Lower Ferry Road in Ewing.

This last incarnation of JHS remained active until about 1998, collecting materials, sponsoring lectures, and presenting programs based on research they had gathered. Then, in a February 12, 1999 letter to members, Zuckerman (who was by then president of the Society) reported that "While the volume of materials being placed in our hands for archival storage and cataloguing has kept a steady pace, outside presentations were very limited due to illness by some of our board of directors and volunteers." By the following year, the Society's board voted to transfer the collection to the Trenton Free Public Library's Trentoniana Department.

## **Bibliography**

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## **Scope and Contents Note**

This collection consists of the administrative records of the Jewish Historical Society of Trenton, research or subject files of information gathered by their members as well as records of Jewish organizations and individuals. Though the collection spans between about the 1880s to 2006, much of the earliest material is in the form of copies of newspaper articles. Record types

and formats vary from series-to-series as described below, but broadly include minutes, newsletters, newspaper articles, copies of newspaper articles and obituaries, correspondence, printed reports, event programs, and scrapbooks. Audio visual formats include taped oral histories or interviews (many of which have been digitized and made available online with transcription summaries – see <https://trentonlib.org/trentoniana/oral-histories/>), VHS tapes, reel-to-reel audio tapes, and some slides, photographic prints, and negatives. In addition, there are some artifacts including yarmulkes, awards, plaques and clothing. The collection consists of 50 boxes and 9 oversized items. The material is divided into 38 series as outlined in the chart below.

This collection focuses on the vibrant Jewish community of Trenton that began around 1850, flourished until the late 1970s and then eventually faded as more Jewish families moved out to the surrounding suburbs and beyond. It provides information about the life of Jewish immigrants, their children, and grandchildren, as they worked to become part of the Trenton community while maintaining their religious and cultural identity. It also provides insight into the activities of major Trenton Jewish organizations including the Jewish Federation of Trenton, the Jewish Community Center of Trenton, the 300 Committee of Trenton which planned celebrations for the American Jewish Tercentenary (1954-1955), various synagogues, social clubs and the Trenton Hebrew Academy.

### Series List

Series ID	Series	Container (box-folder)
A.	Jewish Historical Society Administrative Records, 1962-1999	1-1 to 2-2 22-15 to 22-17 32-2 to 32-14; 40-6; Boxes 47-51
B.	Jewish Federation of Trenton Administrative Records, 1943-1996	2-3 to 4-11; 32-15 to 32-16; 33-1 to 33-5; 40-3
C.	Ozzie's Columns, 1975, 1993-2006 arranged by date of publication; Ozzie's Columns arranged alphabetically by subject surname	5-1 to 5-13.1; 33-6 to 33-7
D.	Biographies, ca. 1900s - 2000	5-14 to 5-26; 33-8 to 33-12
E.	Family Archives, ca. 1900s – 1970s	6-1 to 6-7; 22-10 to 22-11; 23-14; Boxes 29-31; 40-1 to 40-2
F.	Genealogy	6-8 to 6-16
G.	Retail Business and Industry	7-1 to 7-10
H.	Greenwood House Administrative Records, 1951 - 2001	7-11 to 8-4; 33-13.1

<b>Series ID</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Container (box-folder)</b>
I.	Clubs	8-5 to 8-7 22-12 to 22-14
J.	Organizations, ca. 1890s -1990s	8-8 to 9-8; 33-14 to 33-17; 40-4
K.	Workman's Circle, Branch 90, 1927 -2002	9-9 to 9-12
L.	Jewish Family Services of Trenton, correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes, budget information 1966, 1970-1976	9-14 to 9-21; 34-1
M.	Newspapers, Newsletters, etc., 1925-1985	10-1 to 10-9; 34-2 to 34-5
N.	Events Programs, 1973-1990	10-10 to 11-3; 34-6 to 34-7
O.	Schools, 1903-1989	11-4 to 11-11; 34-8 to 34-13; 35-1 to 35-3
P.	Young Men's Hebrew Association – Young Women's Hebrew Association, 1900s – 1980s	12-1 to 12-17 35-3.1
Q.	"Arts-Drama-Music," 1902-1996	12-18 to 12-24
R.	"Trenton History," ca. 1883- 1986	12-25 to 13-5
S.	Trenton Chapter of Hadassah, 1931-1997	13-6 to Box 15; 35-4 to 35-14
T.	Jewish Community Center of Trenton	Box 16 to 17-4; 36-1 to 36-4
U.	Nearly New Shop, 1970-1979	17-5 to 17-22
V.	American Jewish Tercentenary, 1952-1957, 1970	Box 18 & 19-1 to 19-7
W.	Nathan Kramer Collection, 1943-1945	19-8 to 19-14; Box 20; 21-1 to 21-6; 36-3 to 36-5
X.	Population Studies, 1937-1975	21-7 to 21-11
Y.	Obituaries, 1940s-1990s	22-1 to 22-4
Z.	Holocaust, 1940s-1998	22-5 to 22-9
AA.	Ben Olinsky Collection, c1. 1989-1990	22-18 to 22-23
AB.	Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Trenton Post No. 156, 1937-1997	23-1 to 23-13; 45-45 & 45-46
AC.	Synagogues, ca. 1880s-2000	Box 24, 25-1 to 25-17 and Box 27; 36-12; 40-5
AD.	Trenton Hebrew Sheltering Associations, ca. 1900s, ca. 1994-1951	25-18
AE.	Community Poultry Slaughterhouse, ca. 1933-1965	25-19 to 25-21, 26-1 to 26-5
AF.	"Jewish Life," 1944-1996	26-6 to 26-13
AG.	"Union Street Community," ca. 1919-1993	28-1 to 28-6

Series ID	Series	Container (box-folder)
AH.	Miscellaneous Subject Files, ca. 1917-1988	28-7 to 28-14
AI.	Miscellaneous Publications, 1926- 998	28-15, 32 -1 & Box 38
AJ.	Miscellaneous Artifacts	32-2; Box 39
AK.	Audiovisual material, 1984-1996	Box 37
AL.	Scrapbooks, 1941-1980	Boxes 41 - 46
____--	Oversized Materials	--

## Provenance

The collection was compiled by JHS members from about 1975 to 2000. As indicated in the history above, the collection had many homes including the Jewish Community Center, members' homes, and a dedicated office in the Woodbrook House Apartments in Ewing. In 2000, because of the members' declining health and advanced age, Orvill "Ozzie" Zuckerman, the last ambulatory member of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton, asked the Trentoniana Department to assume responsibility for the collection. He continued to occasionally add to the collection, including copies of his own articles, until about 2006. In addition to the core JHS collection, a January 19, 2011 report made by intern Joshua Butchko indicates that miscellaneous original materials regarding Trenton's Jewish community have been added to the collection.

## Processing Notes

Because this collection had been gathered by many hands, broken apart and then brought back together, it was difficult and sometimes impossible to know what the "original order" of much of this material was. Joshua Butchko's report also reveals that most of the material in the collection deposited remained as labeled and organized by JHS. It is those categories that have been used to divide the collection into the series listed above and described below. When specific labeling was used, this is indicated by quotations marks. When there was no obvious original category, material was arranged and inventoried in the most useful way for researchers to use the records. Although there are no usage restrictions, researchers should note that some of the oldest material is fragile and should be handled with care. In particular, the older scrapbooks and original newspaper clippings are especially fragile. There was duplication of materials, especially newspaper clippings and publications. Clean copies of materials and those with unique handwritten notes were retained and duplicates were weeded out. Duplicate publications were offered to the groups that are the successors of the Trenton organizations that created them. Finally, it appears that the photographs also noted in Butchko's report have been added to the general photograph collection as was the procedures followed at the time.

## Additional Resources

Alpern, Michele. "Exploring Trenton's "Jewtown." *The New Jersey Jewish News*, September 12, 2016. <https://njewishnews.timesofisrael.com/exploring-trentons-jewtown/>

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[https://www.facebook.com/pg/TrentonJewishHistoricalSociety/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/TrentonJewishHistoricalSociety/posts/?ref=page_internal)

Trenton Jewish Project Blog. <http://trentonjewishproject.blogspot.com/>

## Series Description and Container List

### Series A. Jewish Historical Society Administrative Records, 1962-1999

Series A consist of administrative and fiscal activities of the Jewish Historical Society of Trenton as well as some materials documenting the Society's public programs and unsuccessful attempts to receive grant funding for projects. The materials date from 1962 through 1999, with the bulk of the documents dating from the mid-1970s through the mid-1980s. The first portion of the files (1 / 1 to 1 / 7) are basic administrative records which were found arranged chronologically and include minutes, correspondence, newsletters, and flyers announcing upcoming events. Financial records including bank statements, check registers and invoices may be found in files 1 / 9 to 2 / 2 and 32 / 7. Unsuccessful attempts by JHS and Dr. Gertrude Dubrovsky to receive funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities are documented in grant application files which can be found in folder 22 / 15 to 22 / 17 and material related to slide presentations are found in 32 / 9 to 32 / 12. In addition to paper records, a series of recorded interviews done by the JHS in the form of tapes and reformatted CDs are stored in Boxes 47-50 and can be heard at <https://archive.org/details/trentoniana>. They are also available as reformatted files (.wav) on a portable hard-drive in the archivist's office.<sup>2</sup>

### Box / Folder / Content

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| 1 / 1 | Correspondence, minutes, agendas, meeting notices, member lists, 1962 Constitution, minutes of first organizational meeting, August 1962-December 1975 |
| 1 / 2 | Correspondence, minutes, agendas, meeting notices, member lists, committee reports, bylaws June 1976, trip to Baltimore, January 1976-July 1979        |

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<sup>2</sup> Summaries with some time-stamped indexing of these oral histories are being produced and will be made available when completed. See <https://trentonlib.org/trentoniana/oral-histories/>

- 1 / 3 Guest Book from Trenton Jewish Entrepreneurs of Yesteryear Event held at Trenton Public Library, and brochure about event, June 4, 1978
- 1 / 4 Correspondence, minutes, agendas, meeting notices, member lists, committee reports, Board list, draft article on history of JHS, Jewish American Folklife Symposium June 1980-December 1982
- 1 / 5 Correspondence, minutes, agendas, meeting notices, member lists, committee reports, Starr Tour to Washington-Baltimore; certificate of donation for oil portrait of David and Rebecca Naar dated 1834 by David Goldberg; background information on David Naar from meeting lecture, January 1983-November 1983
- 1 / 6 Correspondence, minutes, agendas, meeting notices, member lists, committee reports, Annual Report, survey report, articles re: Sol Weinstein's appearance March 1984-February 1999
- 1 / 7 Undated documents including ephemera, generic forms, floor plans, mailing lists
- 1 / 8 Trenton Trust Bank Statements, 9/1970-5/1972; National State Bank Statements 4/1973 -12/1973
- 1 / 9 National State Bank Statements, 13/1974-12/1977
- 1 / 10 National State Bank Statements, 1/1978-10/1983
- 1 / 11 National State Bank Statements, 11/1983-2/1985; Constellation Bank Statements, 10/1993 -2/1994
- 2 / 1 Check register, 1975-1981; Invoices, Bank Books, 1954-1970 Trenton Trust, Stacy Savings and Loan, 1970-1984
- 2 / 2 Miscellaneous correspondence, invoices, income, and disbursement statements, 1976-1979; IRS forms
- 22 / 15 NEH grant application to fund the Trenton Jewish Community, 1850-1980: Its History and Document (8/28/1980) and correspondence, 1980
- 22 / 16 NEH grant application to fund the Trenton Jewish Community, 1850-1980: Its History and Document (8/27/1981) and correspondence, 1981
- 22 / 17 Correspondence re: NEH grant application (8/27/1981), 1982
- 32 / 2 Membership and board lists, 1975-1978
- 32 / 3 Membership and events flyers and notices, ca. 1976-1997
- 32 / 4 Draft grant application for funding of oral history project, ca. 1970s
- 32 / 5 List of oral history tapes
- 32 / 6 List of names, names of relatives and dates of arrivals [presumably related to a JHS research project]
- 32 / 7 "Finances," 1978 [budget information and correspondence to and from Rosalie Dietz, President of the JHS
- 32 / 7 Photographic Negatives: "Executive Board Meeting at JHS Office of GT, 865 Lower Ferry Road, B-5, August 1994
- 32 / 9 Slide show scripts by Harry Gerofsky, ca. 1985
- 32 / 10 Slide show scripts – "Original Gerofsky slides," ca. 1985
- 32 / 11 Captions for slides #68 -121, ca. 1985
- 32 / 12 Slides and captions for presentation on Trenton's Jewish neighborhoods
- 32 / 13 "Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton" door sign [Suite B-5, 865 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ]
- 32 / 14 "Making a Living in Trenton" [single panel exhibit prepared by Harry Gerofsky], ca. 1980s

- 40 / 6 "Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton" door sign
- 47 / Oral histories #1 - #37, 1976-2003 [audio cassettes]
- 48 / Oral histories #38 - #66, 1976-2003 [audio cassettes]
- 49 / Oral histories # 1 - #58, 1976-2003 [CDs; reformatted from original audio cassettes]
- 50 / Oral histories # 59 - #66, 1976-2003 [CDs; reformatted from original audio cassettes]
- 51 / Plastic name placards

**Series B. Jewish Federation of Trenton (JFT) Administrative Records, 1943-1996**

This series consists of administrative and fiscal documents generated by the Jewish Federation of Trenton dating from December 1943 through June 1996. Founded in 1929, JFT consolidated the fund-raising efforts of many existing charitable, social service and religious organizations that had been organized by the Jewish community of Trenton. The Federation provided funding for the Young Men’s and Women’s Hebrew Associations, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services, Greenwood House (home for the aged), and Hebrew educational institutions. In addition, JFT provided funding for resettlement of Jews during and after WWII and supported projects in Israel.

In 1971, JFT became the Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton (JFGT) and in the early 1980s, FGT merged with the Jewish Federation of Bucks County and became the Jewish Federation of the Delaware Valley. Then in 1986, to clarify the specific geographic area represented by the Federation, it changed its name to the Jewish Federation of Mercer and Bucks Counties. In 1996, the Jewish Federation of Mercer and Bucks Counties merged with the Princeton Jewish Federation and became the United Jewish federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks. (Sources: Feinberg, Milton A., 1980. *A history of the Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton: The First Fifty Years 1929-1979*. Trenton, N.J.; United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks. "Our History" Accessed November 12, 2020. <https://jewishpmb.org/history>)

The first three folders include specific publications including *A History of the Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton: The First Fifty Years, 1929-1979*. The bulk of the remaining files are diverse materials filed, for the most part, in chronological order. Included in these files are publications, correspondence, board meeting notices, agendas and minutes, executive committee reports, receipts and disbursement statements, budget documents, correspondence and materials relating to United Jewish Appeal Campaigns (UJAC) and the Federation’s United Jewish Campaign (UJC), donor and campaign worker lists and the Federation’s constitution and bylaws and newsletters. The UJC was a focal point of the Federation’s activity and is documented in a series of scrapbooks listed in the final series of this collection (see scrapbooks 2-13).

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 2 / 3 A History of the Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton: The First Fifty Years, 1929-1979, by Milton A. Feinberg
- 2 / 4 Federation News, October 1940 [Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Jewish Federation of Trenton’s newsletter]



- 2 / 5 Jewish Federation of Trenton Honor Roll: Contributors roll and Report, 1961-1975  
[with gaps]
- 2 / 6 Materials filed chronologically: October 1932-December 1949
- 2 / 7 Materials filed chronologically: January-July 1950
- 2 / 8 Materials filed chronologically: October- December 1950
- 2 / 9 Materials filed chronologically: January- March 1951
- 2 / 10 Materials filed chronologically: April- December 1951
- 2 / 11 Materials filed chronologically: January- June 1952
- 2 / 12 Materials filed chronologically: July- December 1952
- 3 / 1 Materials filed chronologically: 1953
- 3 / 2 Materials filed chronologically: 1954
- 3 / 3 Materials filed chronologically: 1955
- 3 / 4 Materials filed chronologically: 1956 (see also files 32 / 15 and 31 /16 listed below)
- 3 / 5 Materials filed chronologically: 1957
- 3 / 6 Materials filed chronologically: 1958
- 3 / 7 Materials filed chronologically: 1963-1976
- 4 / 1 Materials filed chronologically: 1977
- 4 / 2 Materials filed chronologically: January-May 1978
- 4 / 3 Materials filed chronologically: June-December 1978
- 4 / 4 Materials filed chronologically: 1979
- 4 / 5 Materials filed chronologically: 1980
- 4 / 6 Materials filed chronologically: 1981-1983
- 4 / 7 Materials filed chronologically: 1984
- 4 / 8 Materials filed chronologically: 1985
- 4 / 9 Materials filed chronologically: 1986
- 4 / 10 Materials filed chronologically: 1987
- 4 / 11 Materials filed chronologically: 1988-1996
- 32 / 15 Board members' material filed chronologically, January 2, 1956 to May 25, 1956
- 32 / 16 Board members' material filed chronologically, June 6, 1956 to December 19, 1956
- 33 / 1 Annual Reports, 1944-1950, 1969 & 1972
- 33 / 2 *Year Book*, 1939, 1951-1960 & 1962
- 33 / 3 Federation News, June 1941, September 1942
- 33 / 4 Fund raising flyer, 1970
- 33 / 5 Notes on fund raising from specific individuals, 1970s
- 40 / 3 Campaign Booklet, ca. 1970s

### **Series C. "Ozzi's Columns"**

This series consists of articles about the Trenton Jewish community that were written by Orvil "Ozzie" Zuckerman and in two instances, about him. Orvil "Ozzie" Zuckerman was born in Waynesboro, PA to Israel and Bessie Siegal Zuckerman in 1924. He attended the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University but left to serve in the Navy during WWII. After the war, he came to Trenton, where his family had moved. He owned the Hermitage Delicatessen for 16 years and latter owned an Amoco Transmission store in Bristol, PA. Although he did not grow up in Trenton, Ozzie embraced it and became passionate about preserving the memories of its

Jewish community. Zuckerman was one of the leaders of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton, and was instrumental in accumulating and maintaining the Society's collection until it was transferred to the Trentonian Department in 2000. Mr. Zuckerman died in June of 2012. (Source: *The Times of Trenton*. "Orville "Ozzie" Zuckerman." Accessed November 12, 2020 <https://obits.nj.com/amp/obituaries/trenton/158329969>)

The first article, written in June of 1975, was published in the Trenton Times. Articles from November of 1993 to April/May appeared in the *Jewish Federation Reporter* in Zuckerman's column "Eyes and Ears of Greater Trenton" (November 1993-June 1996) and then "Ozzie's Old Trenton" (July 1996-April/May 1998). From July 1996 to June 2006, the articles appeared in the *New Jersey Jewish News: Princeton, Mercer, and Bucks Edition* in his column "The Old Neighborhood." There are two sets of articles, the first was found arranged in publication order (stored in Box 5) and the second arranged alphabetically by the surname of the main subject (stored in Box 33). While there is much duplication between these sets, some article found in the first are not in the second and vice versa.

These articles range from general reminiscences about life in the Jewish neighborhoods in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries to stories about specific individuals, businesses, or social organizations. The inventory below only highlights the main subject and/or individuals discussed. Formats include typed drafts, clippings of articles as published and photocopies of the articles. It is believed that interviews done by Zuckerman and available at <https://archive.org/details/trentoniana> were used as source material for many of these articles. See also <https://trentonlib.org/trentoniana/oral-histories/> for transcription summaries.

<b>Box / Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Main Subject</b>	<b>Format</b>
5 / 1	6/23/1975	He Sees the Battle Monument in the Land of Oz	Zuckerman's plan to build town houses in the Battle Monument area and restore the Reading Terminal into a week-end flea market.	Photocopy
5 / 1	11/1/1993		Launching of "Eyes and Ears of Greater Trenton" as a column in the Jewish Federation Reporter.	Draft
5 / 1	1/1/1994		Trenton's Young Men and Young Women's Hebrew Association.	Draft
5 / 1	2/15/1994		Archie Scholsberg and Arthur Garfing – memories of Trenton in the early 1900s.	Draft and photocopy

<b>Box / Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Main Subject</b>	<b>Format</b>
5 / 1	4/6/1994		Bessie Zuckerman (Ozzie's mother) who was a photographer and painter)	Draft
5 / 1	7/20/1994		Jewish Historical Society of Great Trenton relocation to the Woodbrook House Apartments in Ewing. Reminiscences of Julian Goodstein and Dr. Joseph Dietz	Draft
5 / 1	10/2/1994; published in Nov/Dec Issue		Gross Family of Trenton including David and Harry who founded the Gross Bothers flour mill in Hightstown which moved to Trenton	Draft and photocopy
5 / 2	10/28/1994; published in Jan/Feb 1995 issue		The Trenton Junk Peddlers Association and founder Samuel Gilman	Draft and photocopy
5 / 2	2/22/1995; published in March/April 1995 Issue		Lavine, Siegel and Kalen families who founded Lavine's Department Store, Siegel Department Store in Trenton and Kalen Fine Arts of Princeton and Morrisville	Draft and photocopy
5 / 2	4/24/1995; published in May/June 1995 edition		Barker family	Draft and photocopy
5 / 2	7/3/1995; published in July/August 1995 edition		Nathan Milner	Draft and photocopy
5 / 2	8/28/1995; published in Sep/Oct 1995 edition		Rabbi Joseph D. Kaplan and family	Draft and photocopy

<b>Box / Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Main Subject</b>	<b>Format</b>
5 / 2	10/30/1995; published in Nov/Dec edition		Trenton's Jewish philanthropic societies including the Mutual Aid Society, Workman's Circle Branches #90 and #222, the Hebrew Immigrant Assistance Society	Draft, photocopy, and original clipping
5 / 3	1/4/1996; 3/21/1996		Samuel and Celia Phillips Perlman and family	Draft and photocopy
5 / 3	4/15/1996; published 4/15/1996		Israel "Izzy and Evelyn Rothman Richmond, their family and various businesses including the Richmond Tire Co. and the Richmond Bus Line	Draft and photocopy
5 / 3	5/30/1996		Display honoring officers of the Trenton branch of the Jewish Federation from 1930 to 1978; article lists those individuals	Photocopy
5 / 3	6/20/1996; published 7/18/1996	The Smallest Kosher Deli	Max and Jenny Palat, owners of the Palat's Dairy Deli	Draft and photocopy
5 / 3	7/18/1996	From the Earliest Days of the Trenton Community .... [adapted from "A history of the Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton" by Milton A. Feinberg]	Jewish Federation of Trenton 50 year celebration recapping the organizations history [this includes photograph of Ozzie and his display of officers as discussed in his 5/30/ 1996 article]	Original clipping
5 / 3	8/19/1996; published 8/29/1996	When "Temple" was a "Shul..."	General article about how synagogues formed in the United States and the various branches (Reform, Orthodox and Conservative). Includes a list of local synagogues.	Draft, photocopy, and original clipping

<b>Box / Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Main Subject</b>	<b>Format</b>
5 / 3	9/16/1996; published 9/26/1996	“The return of “Pumpernickel”	Sol “Pumpernickel” Weinstein [freelance comedy writer and author of “Oy Oy Seven – Israel Bond”] recalling growing up in Trenton in a talk for JHS.	Draft and photocopy
5 / 3	10/21/1996; published 10/31/1996	The Red-headed Baker	Samuel and Libby Leventhal Kohn – their business and family	Draft and photocopy
5 / 3	11/11/1996; published 11/29/1996	Daddy’s Song	Alvin E. Gershen, city planner who worked with Mayor Carmen Armenti in the 1960s.	Draft and photocopy
5 / 3	12/10/1996; published 12/19/1996	The Jewish Historical Society Marches Forward	The Jewish Historical Society	Draft and photocopy
5 / 4	1/16/1997; published 1/30/1997	When the Walls Talked...	The Young Men’s and Young Women’s Hebrew Associations	Draft and photocopy
5 / 4	2/14/1997; published 2/27/1997	Discovering the Past in Denver	Jewish Historical Society of Denver’s help in finding the grave of Samuel Diernfeld 1892- 1920	Draft and photocopy
5 / 4	3/14/1997; published in 3/27/1997	Hats off to a Jewish Success Story	Gross Millinery Company and its successor Reed Millinery stores	Draft and photocopy
5 / 4	4/11/1997; published 4/24/1997	A Way-station for travelers	Jewish charitable organizations in Trenton – The Hebrew Immigrant Assistance Society and the Hebrew Sheltering Home; Zuckerman’s recollection of similar charity in his hometown of Waynesboro, PA	Draft and photocopy
5 / 4	5/16/1997; published 5/29/1997	A Chicken in Every Pot	Development of kosher chicken slaughterhouses in Trenton	Draft and photocopy

<b>Box / Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Main Subject</b>	<b>Format</b>
5 / 4	7/3/1997	Moving into the National Spotlight....	Lionel “Lonny” Kaplan, then president-elect of the United Jewish Federation of Princeton, Mercer Bucks.	Photocopy
5 / 4	8/15/1997; published 8/28/1997	Fannie Duchman Budson (1889-1982)	Obituary of Mrs. Budson who ran a Hebrew school in Trenton, was active in the Hebrew Sheltering Home, the Hebrew Free Loan Society and was the only women on the founding Executive Board of the Jewish Federation	Draft and photocopy
5 / 4	9/12/1997; published 9/25/1997	The Money Man	Percy Siskowitz, known for his leadership in several local Jewish organization	Draft and original clipping
5 / 4	10/17/1997; published 10/30/1997	Looking back at Industry Leaders of Old Trenton	History of Trenton Department store, S. P. Dunham & Co. [an expanded story of the history of Dunham was published on 10/19/2004]	Draft and photocopy
5 / 5	1/29/1998	The Abrams Foundation	Samuel Abrams, his family, and the Abrams Foundation	Photocopy
5 / 5	2/26/1998	A Renaissance Man	Judge Sidney Goldmann (1903-1983) – biography	Photocopy
5 / 5	3/26/1998	Remembering our “deli” days	Hermitage Deli – Zuckerman’s recollections of Passover at his family’s Deli	Photocopy
5 / 5	April/May 1998	The miracle in the mine	Zuckerman’s recollection of his family including his father’s close call in a mine disaster in Russia when he was a boy.	Photocopy
5 / 5	6/4/1998	Greenwood House responds to Jewish community’s needs	History of Greenwood House Home for the Jewish Aged.	Draft and photocopy

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5 / 5	7/16/1998	Segal – directing his way from Trenton to Broadway to television	Biography of Alex Segal (1916-1977) who was a television director, television producer and film director	Draft
5 / 5	8/13/1998	Entrepreneur left legacy of helping the poor and destitute	Biography of Harry Haveson (1866 – 1953) who was a successful businessman who used his profits to help the poor	Original clipping
5 / 5	9/10/1998	As holidays approach, remembering a thriving Jewish community	Description of Trenton’s Jewish neighborhoods and businesses when they were thriving at the beginning of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century	Original clipping
5 / 5	10/8/1998	Ronson and Renee - a Trenton dance team remembered	Biography of Abraham “Ace” Aaronson who formed a short-lived dancing partnership with Fritzi “Renee” Levy.	Draft
5 / 5	11/12/1998	A Veteran’s Day Tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice	A tribute to all who fought and died in America’s wars. Includes a reproduction of a plaque left at the Jewish Historical Society which had the names of Trenton’s Jewish WWII veterans	Original Clipping
5 / 5	11/12/1998	Zuckerman honored by Greenwood House [written by Ruth Peskoin]	Story about Zuckerman’s volunteer work at the Greenwood House.	Original Clipping
5 / 5	12/10/1998	Frank Sisters look back at their nine decades of life	Biography of Nina and Honey Frank	Draft and original clipping
5 / 6	1/14/1999	Weisberg’s Trenton High coaching records unbroken	Biography of David Weisberg	Draft
5 / 6	2/11/1999	Newsman heralded the happening of this Community	Sam Jacobs and his American Jewish Life newspaper	Draft and original clipping

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5 / 6	3/18/1999	Meat market owners remembered for their influence	The Liberty Kosher Meat Market and owners Isadore "Izzy" Katzeff and Phillip Wiener	Draft and original clipping
5 / 6	4/22/1999	'Doc Cook' remembered as Trenton's top boxing promoter	Boxing trainer and promoter Alex Cohen	Draft and photocopy
5 / 6	5/13/1999	Couple give their 'hearts and souls' to community	Joseph and Fannie Bogage	Draft and original clipping
5 / 6	6/10/1999	Half-century of dedicated work ethic marks success of immigrants' son	Lou Linowitz	Draft and original clipping
5 / 6	7/15/1999	Remembering the old day at the Trenton YM-YWHA	Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association	Original clipping
5 / 6	8/12/1999	Gilbert Sussman – an American Jewish success story	Gilbert Sussman and the Starr Buss Lines	Original clipping
5 / 6	9/2/1999	Early entrepreneur gave the customer the 'very best'	Samuel Swernisky/Swern, Hoenig & Swern and Swern & Co. department stores	Draft and photocopy
5 / 6	10/14/1999	Berman - - humble doctor dedicated to patients, not dollar	Dr. Jacob Berman	Draft and photocopy
5 / 6	11/18/1999	His wife's intimate look at Albert Einstein	Reprint of a 1926 letter from Elsa Einstein in Berlin to the editor of the New York Review which talks about her life with Albert.	Draft
5 / 6	12/16/1999	Trenton's Jewish past remembered at turn of century	Review of Trenton's Jewish community from 1888 to 1955	Draft and original clipping
5 / 7	1/13/2000	The Sheins - - a 'fantastic history of men and their machines;	The Shein family and the Shein's Express Line which began with a horse and wagon and expanded to a fleet of trucks	Draft and original clipping



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5 / 7	2/3/2000	A ribbon-cutting event and life's greatest disappointment	Orvill Zuckerman recalls his passion for airplanes	Original clipping
5 / 7	3/16/2000	Herman Lefkowitz – glad to give more than he received	Herman Lefkowitz biography	Original clipping
5 / 7	6/15/2000	Reveries of long-ago names and games	Charles Lehman recalls childhood games, nicknames, and his career	Original clipping
5 / 7	7/13/2000	Generations of Barker family involved in local community	Barker family	Original clipping
5 / 7	8/17/2000	Jewish Historical Society to be relocated	Announcement that JHS Board of Directors had voted to transfer JHS material to the Trentoniana Dept. of the Trenton Free Public Library; this is followed by reprints of sketches from newspapers from 1949 to 1954 meant to stir memories about Trenton's Jewish community as it had been.	Original clipping
5 / 7	10/12/2000	The logical realization of dreams	Zuckerman's recounting of evolution of Trenton Jews from hard working unskilled settlers to educated and assimilated professionals who would leave the old shtetl (community) for more prosperous areas.	Original clipping
5 / 7	12/14/2000	Louis Josephson – Trenton's hardest working public official	Louis Josephson – labor lawyer and Trenton City Attorney	Original clipping
5 / 8	¼/2001	'Dinky' Friedman: a teacher devoted to her craft	Lena 'Dinky' Mendel Friedman	Original clipping

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5 / 8	1/17/2001		Trenton's Jewish philanthropic societies including the Mutual Aid Society, Workman's Circle Branches #90 and #222, the Hebrew Immigrant Assistance Society [reprint of a story printed in the Nov/Dec of 1995]	Draft
5 / 8	3/1/2001	Remembering Major – and the vanished presence of the family horse	Bernard Forer remembering Major, his father's cart horse for work and family pet	Original clipping
5 / 8	4/5/2001	Matilda Spector, the ultimate Florence Nightingale	Matilda Spector, RN	Original Clipping
5 / 8	4/18/2001		Bessie Zuckerman (Ozzie's mother) who was a photographer and painter) [reprint of a6/6/1994 article]	Draft
5 / 8	6/7/2001	From stock boy to supper success	Herman Spiegel and Spiegel's Furniture Store	Original clipping
5 / 8	7/5/2001	The Jews of Trenton – Where did they all go?	Description of the Trenton's vibrant Jewish community in the early 20 <sup>th</sup> century	Original clipping
5 / 8	8/9/2001	Trenton's Sapersteins remember family history	Sapersteins and related families: Kalen, Lavine and Siegel	Original clipping
5 / 8	10/18/2001	In Princeton, Bailey's dry goods store reigned supreme	Murray and Ruth Bialostosky Schlossberg and Bailey's store in Princeton	Original clipping
5 / 8	11/1/2001	Trenton's William Cohen – a doctor at the front	Dr. William Cohen	Original clipping
5 / 9	1/15/2002	Kosher chickens come to Trenton's Jewish community	Development of kosher chicken slaughterhouses in Trenton [reprint of 5/29/1997 article]	Original clipping

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5 / 9	2/12/2002	Celia and Bess – like mother, like daughter	Celia Tankel Haveson and daughter Bess Haveson Himmelstein	Photocopy
5 / 9	7/12/2002	Market and Union Streets – the center of the universe	Market and Union Street Jewish neighborhood	Original clipping
5 / 9	8/20/2002	Remembrances of High Holy days Past	General article about how synagogues formed in the United States and the various branches. Includes a list of local synagogues. [reprint of 8/29/1996 article]	Original clipping
5 / 10	1/14/2003	Decade-old interview reveals memories of three Trentonians	Memories of Aaron Gurney, Jane Goldberg wise and Fedora Eckstein Rosen	Original clipping
5 / 10	2/11/2003	Chester Cohen – humble beginning to two-term mayor	Chester Cohen, Mayor of Ewing Twp. 1976-1977	Original clipping
5 / 10	3/11/2003	Selma Litowitz – dedicated to Jewish Trenton’s legacy	Selma Urken Litowitz, high school teacher who in retirement revitalized the former Jewish Historical Society of Trenton into the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton	Original clipping
5 / 10	5/6/2003	Watching Greenwood House grow – a community saga	Greenwood House and volunteers Joseph and Ida Handis	Original clipping
5 / 10	7/8/2003	Rabbi Ira Budow leads Abrams Hebrew Academy to new heights	Rabbi Ira Budow and Abrams Hebrew Academy, Yardley, PA	Original clipping
5 / 10	9/16/2003	Greenacres Country Club – the place to be	Greenacres Country Club, Lawrence Twp.	Original clipping
5 / 10	10/14/2003	Ben Forer – an attorney who left a legacy of kindness	Benjamin Forer (1917-1975)	Original clipping
5 / 10	11/11/2003	Remembering stars of the Trenton YM-YWHA	The Young Men’s and Young Women’s Hebrew Associations	Original clipping

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5 / 10	12/9/2003	A trip down memory lane on Lamberton Street	Lamberton Street's Jewish neighborhood	Original clipping
5 / 11	1/20/2004	Ahhh, the shvitz, restorer of men's bodies and souls	Jewish Community Center's shvitz (sauna or steam room) and those who enjoyed it	Original clipping
5 / 11	2/24/2004	Sports store owners were all-star mentors	Harry and Teddy Snyder and Snyder's Sporting Goods	Original clipping
5 / 11	5/4/2004	Home is the sailor, form from the sea	Person history of Orvill "Ozzie" Zuckerman including transcript of a letter he sent to home from the pacific in December 1943	Original clipping
5 / 11	10/19/2004	The rise and fall of S. P. Dunham and Co., a 'crown jewel' of Trenton retail	S. P. Dunham and Co.	Original clipping
5 / 12	5/3/2005	A chronicle of history – the Jews of Trenton	History of the Jewish Historical Society of Trenton	Original clipping
5 / 12	6/14/2005	Recalling Rider	History of Rider College in Trenton written by Rosemary Byn Molloy in 1975 and "edited for style" in this reprint	Original clipping
5 / 13	2/7/2006	Those were the days – memories of childhood in old Trenton	Letter written by March Jacobs Rosen to her cousin Samuel D. Jacobs recalling their childhood in Trenton	Original clipping
5 / 13	6/13/2006	Remembrances of a stalwart synagogue – People of Truth	History of Chevre Anshe Emes – Congregation People of Truth	Original clipping
5 / 13	11/14/2006	A quarter-century of service to the community [reprint of January 1975 article published in American Jewish Life]	George Warren – spearheaded creation of Greenwood House and served as president of the Jewish Community center for two decades	Original clipping

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5 / 13.1		Miscellaneous loose material found in box: Memories: Newsletter of the JHS of Greater Trenton, 1996 & 1997; General Business Skits by Herman Mintz, 1972 [Monograph # 124 in the South -Western Monographs in Business and Economic Education; Mintz was Demonstration Teacher in Business Education of the Ewing Township Public Schools		

**“Ozzie’s Columns”** Arranged alphabetically by surname of main subject [all original clippings]

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33 / 6	1/29/1998	The Abrams Foundation	Samuel Abrams, his family, and the Abrams Foundation
33 / 6	10/25/2002	The Abrams Family – a solid foundation in giving	Abrahams Foundation
33 / 6	10/8/1998	Ronson and Renee - a Trenton dance team remembered	Biography of Abraham “Ace” Aaronson who formed a short-lived dancing partnership with Fritzi “Renee” Levy.
33 / 6	2/8/2005	Recalling a mother’s life lesson	Story written by Dr. Mark Arnold in the 1970’s about his late mother, Nettie Arnold
33 / 6	May/June 1995		Barker family
33 / 6	10/14/1999	Berman - humble doctor dedicated to patients, not dollar	Dr. Jacob Berman
33 / 6	5/13/1999	Couple give their ‘hearts and souls’ to community	Joseph and Fannie Bogage
33 / 6	8/19/2003	Phyllis Brody – from Russia to Trenton	Phyllis Brody
33 / 6	8/28/1997	Fannie Duchman Budson (1889-1982)	Obituary of Mrs. Budson who ran a Hebrew school in Trenton, was active in the Hebrew Sheltering Home, the Hebrew Free Loan Society and was the only women on the founding Executive Board of the Jewish Federation
33 / 6	4/5/2005	Community activist toward “head and shoulders’ above the rest	Budson, Fannie Dutchman
33 / 6	4/16/2002	The Chasan family – pioneering settlers in Jersey Homesteads	Chasan, Augusta

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33 / 6	2/11/2003	Chester Cohen – humble beginning to two-term mayor	Chester Cohen, Mayor of Ewing Twp. 1976-1977
33 / 6	12/7/2004	Cohen’s Tuxedos leaves a legacy	Cohen and Bruccoleris families, Cohen’s Tuxedos
33 / 6	11/1/2001	Trenton’s William Cohen – a doctor at the front	Dr. William Cohen
33 / 6	11/16/2004	‘The Candyman’ – community activist, star B-ball player – remembered	Cohen, Willard “Willie”
33 / 6	4/22/1999	‘Doc Cook’ remembered as Trenton’s top boxing promoter	Boxing trainer and promoter Alex Cohen
33 / 6	2/14/1997; published 2/27/1997	Discovering the Past in Denver	Jewish Historical Society of Denver’s help in finding the grave of Samuel Diernfeld 1892-1920 [Note: The only Trenton connection in this article is Michael Milner, a native Trentonian, who was also in Denver and able to help in this search]
33 / 6	4/2002	I. Louis Finkle – the president’s friend	Finkle, Louis I and President Harry S. Truman
33 / 6	3/7/2006	Junking a Rolls Royce – a reminiscence of a Trenton auto wrecker	Finkle, Jean and Sidney; Saperstein family
33 / 6	10/14/2003	Ben Forer – an attorney who left a legacy of kindness	Benjamin Forer (1917-1975)
33 / 6	3/1/2001	Remembering Major – and the vanished presence of the family horse	Bernard Forer remembering Major, his father’s cart horse for work and family pet
33 / 6	12/10/1998	Frank Sisters look back at their nine decades of life	Biography of Nina and Honey Frank
33 / 6	¼/2001	‘Dinky’ Friedman: a teacher devoted to her craft	Lena ‘Dinky’ Mendel Friedman
33 / 6	3/23/2004	Wayne Gale – learning life’s lessons on the streets of Trenton	Wayne Gale and growing up in Trenton in the 1940s, 50s and 60s
33 / 6	1/10/2006	The four loves of Daisy Garfunkel – learning, people, Judaism, family	Daisy Garfinkel

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33 / 6	4/4/2006	On the Job at the 'Trentonian' newspaper	Bill Gervon
33 / 6	11/28/1996	Daddy's Song	Alvin E. Gershen, city planner who worked with Mayor Carmen Armenti in the 1960s.
33 / 6	Jan/Feb 1995		The Trenton Junk Peddlers Association and founder Samuel Gilman
33 / 6	2/26/1998	A Renaissance Man	Judge Sidney Goldmann (1903-1983) – biography
33 / 6	Aug/Sept 1994	Jewish Historical Society has new home	Jewish Historical Society of Great Trenton relocation to the Woodbrook House Apartments in Ewing. Reminiscences of Julian Goodstein and Dr. Joseph Dietz
33 / 6	2/1/2001	Ed Grad: a true friend of the community	Ed Grad
33 / 6	Nov/Dec 1994	Response to Historical Society's rebirth overwhelms	Gift of office furniture to JHS; Gross Family of Trenton including David and Harry who founded the Gross Bothers flour mill in Hightstown which moved to Trenton
33 / 6	3/27/1997	Hats off to a Jewish Success Story	Gross Millinery Company and its successor Reed Millinery stores
33 / 6	1/14/2003	Decade-old interview reveals memories of three Trentonians	Gurney, Aaron  Jane Goldberg Wise and Fedora Eckstein Rosen
33 / 6	8/13/1998	Entrepreneur left legacy of helping the poor and destitute	Biography of Harry Haveson (1866-1953) who was a successful businessman who used his profits to help the poor
33 / 6	2/12/2002	Celia and Bess – like mother, like daughter	Celia Tankel Haveson and daughter Bess Haveson Himmelstein
33 / 6	12/12/2006	Eugene V. Howard, Mercer's first Jewish county office holder	Howard, Eugene V.

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33 / 6	6/3/2003	J. Stanley Husid - compassion, modesty, benevolence	Husid, J. Stanley
33 / 6	2/11/1999	Newsman heralded the happening of this Community	Sam Jacobs and his American Jewish Life newspaper
33 / 6	8/22/2006	In remembrance of Trenton's 'Mr. Brotherhood,' Sam Jacobs	Sam Jacobs (1918 – 1988), owner of <i>American Jewish Life</i> , founder of <i>The Trentonian</i> [story was written by Charles Titano and originally published in 1988]
33 / 6	12/14/2000	Louis Josephson – Trenton's hardest working public official	Louis Josephson – labor lawyer and Trenton City Attorney
33 / 7	5/14/2002 & 6/11/2002	Alice Kahler – friend of Einstein and Princeton intellectuals	Alice Kahler
33 / 7	Sep/Oct 1995		Rabbi Joseph D. Kaplan and family
33 / 7	7/3/1997	Moving into the National Spotlight....	Lionel "Lonny" Kaplan, then president-elect of the United Jewish Federation of Princeton, Mercer Bucks.
33 / 7	3/18/1999	Meat market owners remembered for their influence	Katzeff, Isadore "Izzy" & Phillip Wiener
33 / 7	5/11/2000	Kohn's Bakery – Sam had flour in his blood	Kohn family bakery
33 / 7	10/17/2006	Pearl Englander – business manager, college student, community activist	Kramer family including Pearl Kramer Englander
33 / 7	9/14/2000	The good old days and old patriarch Morris Lavine	Lavine, Morris
33 / 7	3/16/2000	Herman Lefkowitz – glad to give more than he received	Herman Lefkowitz biography
33 / 7	6/15/2000	Reveries of long-ago names and games	Lehman, Charles recalls childhood games, nicknames, and his career
33 / 7	6/10/1999	Half-century of dedicated work ethic marks success of immigrants' son	Lou Linowitz



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33 / 7	3/11/2003	Selma Litowitz – dedicated to Jewish Trenton’s legacy	Selma Urken Litowitz, high school teacher who in retirement revitalized the former Jewish Historical Society of Trenton into the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton
33 / 7	July-August 1995		Milner, Nathan
33 / 7	7/13/2004	In service to Trenton’s protectors	Moses, Phil and Charly, Irv who raised money to buy bulletproof vests for Trenton police.
33 / 7	9/12/2006	For decades, Scotty Mosovich was coach and mentor to Trenton’s youth	Mosovich, Scott
33 / 7	1/11/2005	This must be the smallest kosher dairy deli in the USA	Palat, Max and Jenny, owners of the Palat’s Dairy Deli
33 / 7	3/21/1996		Perlman, Samuel and Celia Phillips Perlman and family
33 / 7	9/7/2004	Remembering Pat Pollock – a man of great humanity	Pollock, Pat
33 / 7	4/25/1996		Richmond Family
33 / 7	12/6/2001	Wheels of fortune mark the life of the Richmonds of Trenton	Richmond Family
33 / 7	11/12/2002	Dorothy Saaz – rural origins of a Trenton family	Saaz, Dorothy Rosenthal
33 / 7	5/2/2006	The guy who put ‘Astro’ into orbit	Salkind, Edward
33 / 7	4/13/2000	Jack Saperstein – ordinary man, extraordinary father	Saperstein, Jack
33 / 7	8/9/2001	Trenton’s Sapersteins remember family history	Sapersteins and related families: Kalen, Lavine and Siegel
33 / 7	March/April 1995		Saperstein and related families Lavine, Siegle and Kalen families who founded Lavine’s Department Store, Siegel Department Store in Trenton and Kalen Fine Arts of Princeton and Morrisville

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33 / 7	10/18/2001	In Princeton, Bailey's dry goods store reigned supreme	Schlossberg, Murray and Ruth Bialostosky and Bailey's store in Princeton
33 / 7	8/10/2004	Remembering the glory days of old downtown Trenton	Schulman, Barney and a "tour" of old downtown
33 / 7	7/9/1998	Segal – directing his way from Trenton to Broadway to television	Biography of Alex Segal (1916-1977) who was a television director, television producer and film director
33 / 7	1/13/2000	The Sheins - a 'fantastic history of men and their machines;	Shein family and the Shein's Express Line which began with a horse and wagon and expanded to a fleet of trucks
33 / 7	March/April 1995		Siegle, Sophie and Nathan ; Lavine, Siegle and Kalen families who founded Lavine's Department Store, Siegle Department Store in Trenton and Kalen Fine Arts of Princeton and Morrisville
33 / 7	9/25/1997	The Money Man	Siskowitz, Percy known for his leadership in several local Jewish organization
33 / 7	9/6/2001	Trenton family realizes 'American dream' through three generations	Smith, Vera and Louis
33 / 7	11/16/2000	Red Smith and the glory days of Trenton High School	Smith, Le Roy "Red"
33 / 7	6/7/2001	From stock boy to supper success	Spiegel, Herman and Spiegel's Furniture Store
33 / 7	4/5/2001	Matilda Spector, the ultimate Florence Nightingale	Spector, Matilda RN
33 / 7	8/12/1999	Gilbert Sussman – an American Jewish success story	Sussman, Gilbert and the Starr Buss Lines
33 / 7	9/2/1999	Early entrepreneur gave the customer the 'very best'	Samuel Swernisky/Swern, Hoenig & Swern and Swern & Co. department stores
33 / 7	7/26/2005	Closing the castle – when Van Sciver's left Trenton	Van Sciver's furniture store

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33 / 7	11/14/2006	A quarter-century of service to the community [reprint of January 1975 article published in American Jewish Life]	Warren, George spearheaded creation of Greenwood House and served as president of the Jewish Community center for two decades
33 / 7	12/10/2002	Sol ‘Pumpernickel’ – Trenton boy makes good	Weinstein, Sol “Pumpernickel” [freelance comedy writer and author of “Oy Oy Seven – Israel Bond”] recalling growing up in Trenton in a talk for JHS.
33 / 7	9/26/1996	“The return of “Pumpernickel”	Weinstein, Sol “Pumpernickel” [freelance comedy writer and author of “Oy Oy Seven – Israel Bond”] recalling growing up in Trenton in a talk for JHS.
33 / 7	1/14/1999	Weisberg’s Trenton High coaching records unbroken	Weisberg, David
33 / 7	4/8/2003	From Russia to Trenton – the Weiss Family	Weiss family; Clare Weiss Lowenstein
33 / 7	9/17/2002	Honoring the memory of Zuckerman family forebears	Zuckerman family
33 / 7	5/3/2001	A women ahead of her time – finding her way in the world	Zuckerman, Bessie Seigel (Ozzie’s mother) who was a photographer and painter
33 / 7	April/May 1998	The miracle in the mine	Zuckerman – recollection of his family including his father’s close call in a mine disaster in Russia when he was a boy.
33 / 7	2/3/2000	A ribbon-cutting event and life’s greatest disappointment	Orvill Zuckerman recalls his passion for airplanes
33 / 7	6/1/2004	Happy birthday, Ozzie – from a loving son	Zuckerman, Orvill “Ozzie – tribute from his son Michael on Ozzie’s 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday
33 / 7	5/4/2004	Home is the sailor, form from the sea	Zuckerman, Orvill “Ozzie” personal history including transcript of a letter he sent home from the Pacific in December 1943

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33 / 7	3/26/1998	Remembering our “deli” days	Zuckerman, Ozzie recollections of Passover at his family’s Deli

**Series D. “Biographies,” ca. 1900s - 2000**

This is a series of mostly unorganized copies of newspaper clippings, memorials, and sometimes hand-written biographies of members of Trenton’s Jewish community. There are also a few individual files as indicated below.

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 5 / 14 Jewish Historical Society Oral History Tapes [list of tapes and subjects)
- 5 / 15 Biographical pieces in the JHS Collection [list of surnames]
- 5 / 16 Budson, Fannie
- 5 / 17 Cohen, Andrew
- 5 / 18 Finkle, David
- 5 / 19 Hersch, Rabbi Howard
- 5 / 20 Kaplan, Lionel
- 5 / 21 Weisberg, David
- 5 / 22 “JHS Biographies” [sorted alphabetically by surname and one section containing clippings covering several people or families]
- 5 / 23 “Biographies” [unsorted]
- 5 / 24 “Biographies – People in Print” [unsorted]
- 5 / 25 [unsorted]
- 5 / 26 [unsorted – includes original documents in what might be Russian as well as copies of documents written in Hebrew or Yiddish]
- 33 / 8 Fanny Budson (1889-1982) – interview by Abby Rudnick, 1980
- 33/ 8.1 Bernard Forer (1907-2001)
- 33 / 9 Mrs. Erich Jacobs memories of living on Union Street in Trenton from 1947 to 1965
- 33 / 10 Death of Ira J. Kind (1926-1991) as told by his granddaughter Cimone Berman in 1994
- 33 / 11 “David Naar of Trenton, New Jersey,” by S. Joshua Kohn, June 1964 (reprinted from the American Jewish Historical Quarterly
- 33 / 11.1 Samuel Swern (1890-1971)
- 33 / 12. “Zada,” 1973 - early life of Max Palat (1903-1990) as told by a grandchild

**Series E. “Family Archives,” ca. 1900s -1980s**

This series includes loose material, original documents written in what may be Hebrew or Yiddish, photocopies, at least one picture and awards in the form of paper and plaques.

## Box / Folder / Content

- 6 / 1 “#34 Lavine Family” [includes printed genealogy of the Lew/Lewin/Lavine family and copies of photographs of Samuel Lavine and his tombstone.]
- 6 / 2 “#43 Shein Family” [clippings, B&W print of Shein’s Express horse and wagon, newspaper clippings and copies of family memorabilia].
- 6 / 3 Original records of Victor Klein including documentation of passage on the Russian East-Asiatic Steamship Company from Libau [Latvia] to New York and “further by emigrants’ train from New-York to Trenton”
- 6 / 4 Gilman, Saul [card announcing his receipt of the silver Membership Medal from the American Numismatic Association, August 1972
- 6 / 5 Levy family [handwritten genealogical notes]
- 6 / 6 Moses, Louis marriage to Hirschfeld, Emma on 5/2/1916 [photostat]
- 6 / 7 Rudner, Louis – certificate for outstanding service to the Jewish community of Trenton given December 1936 by The Sunday Breakfast Club [removed from broken frame]
- 22 / 10 David L. Kelsey (1884-1973): Correspondence, 1919-1970; Naturalization Certificate, 29 May, 1905; attorney’s certificates, filed January 1907; events programs including gubernatorial inaugural ball of Woodrow Wilson, 1/23/1911 and 150th anniversary celebration of the battles of Trenton, 12/29/1926
- 22 / 11 David L. Kelsey (1884-1973): Newspaper clippings, ca. 193-1968
- 23 / 14 Sugarman Family (Dr. A. Arthur Sugarman 1929-2007, wife Ruth and children Jeremy, Michael, Adam and Rebecca) - 1960-1991 [include Rosh Hashanah and yarmulkes from Michaels’ Mar Mitzvah, 1977 and Rebecca’s Bat Mitzvah, 1981

## Boxes 29, 30 and 31

Schildkraut Family: Wedding anniversary announcement for Dr. Jacob Max Schildkraut (1891-1981) and awards given to Louis Schildkraut (1902-1988) who was a pharmacist. These awards came from a variety of civic organizations including the Lions Club and the Jewish War Veterans and date from between 1957 and 1983. It is not known how Jacob and Louis were related.

- 40 / 1 Bernard Alexander: autographed photograph from C. H. Weizman re: United Jewish Appeal, May 4, 1949
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alexander: certification of contribution to U. S. Jewish Relief Day Special Fund, 1/27/1916 [laminated]
- Harry Byer: Certificate of Naturalization, 1/8/1916 [photographic reproduction]
- Israel Bulitsky: Membership certificate on the Independent Order of Ahbahas Achim, 10/29/1909 [copy, laminated]
- Samuel Goldmann: cancellation of surety bond for permit to sell liquor [copy]
- Saul Gilman: Program for retirement party, 5/11/1979
- Esther Kramer: Acknowledgment of gift given in her name by the National Youth Aliyah Committee of Hadassah, ca. 1967

Israel Kramer: Certificate of Appreciation from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, June 8, 1980

Simon Lavine: certificate of naturalization, 5/3/1901; deed to synagogue seat at the People of Truth, 5/14/1906 [both laminated]

Henry Milner: Citation of Merit from the Golden Jubilee Jewish National Fund, January 1951

Mrs. Henry Milner: Citation for Outstanding Achievement from the Adath Israel Sisterhood, 5/18/1955

40 / 2 Benjamin Olinsky: Letter from someone at the Supreme Court of the United States, 1939 [handwriting is difficult to decipher]

Mark Olinsky: certificate for participation in Jewish Community Center Youth Basketball League, 4/8/1962

Hiller Rubin: certificate of naturalization, 6/23/1922; deed to seat at Congregation Workers of Truth, 2/13/1924

Rubinczik Family: Passenger list or ticket re: voyage of Hanna, Freida and Leibe Rubinczik on the ship Grosser Kurfurst which left Bremen, Germany on June 5, 1909 and reached New York City on June 16, 1909. Their ultimate destination was listed as Trenton, NJ. [laminated; written in German]

Esther Wollin: Bachelor of Arts Diploma, Rutgers University New Jersey College for Women, 6/3/1942; Master of Public Health diploma, University of Michigan School of Public Health, 6/6/1951

### **Series F. "Genealogy"**

This series includes written genealogies, newspaper clippings and copies of family papers.

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

6 / 8 Aaronson, Abraham "Ace"  
6 / 9 Abrams, Samuel, David, and Sue  
6 / 10 Barker Family  
6 / 11 Herman Family: Budson, Weinstein, Weiner, Kline  
6 / 12 Lavine #1  
6 / 13 Lavine #2  
6 / 14 [Lavine #3]  
6 / 15 Zimskind, Dr. Joshua Norman  
6 / 16 Zimskind, Dr. Paul Donald

### **Series G. "Retail Business and Industry"**

This series consists predominantly of newspaper clippings and photocopies although there are a few original materials including invoices and advertisement post cards. They were already

folded under the categories listed below. As indicated, they all relate to Trenton's Jewish businesses in the first half of the 20th century.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 7 / 1 Certificates of incorporation [photocopies]
- 7 / 2 Chambersburg [stories about the Jewish population of Chambersburg including a lengthy typed piece on Leo Eisner (1868-1929) Chambersburg entrepreneur who was also a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Deeds and a Notary Public who became known as the "Mayor" of Chambersburg.]
- 7 / 3 Ephemera [receipts, copies of advertising notices and some originals]
- 7 / 4 Gerofsky Notes [It is assumed that these are the notes of Harry Gerofsky who was a member of the JHS. For the most part, these are handwritten notes categorizing the types of Jewish businesses in Trenton and listing specific stores, etc.]
- 7 / 5 History – Washington Market
- 7 / 6 Industries – Cigars, clothing etc. [photocopies of news clippings]
- 7 / 7 Retail Business/Industries [News clippings and photocopies of news clippings. Also 2 flyers from the Jewish Historical Society dealing with an exhibit on Jewish Entrepreneurs]
- 7 / 8 Retail Business/Industries [News clippings and photocopies of news clippings.]
- 7 / 9 Stacy Building and Loan Assn. [Clippings and photocopies regarding Stacy Building]
- 7 / 10 Stores, Hotels, Restaurants [News clippings and photocopies of news clippings.]

- see also Oversized Material for exhibit poster "Trenton Jewish Entrepreneurs of Yesterday"

### **Series H. "Greenwood House"**

This series includes reports, administrative records, and Greenwood House events programs dating from ca. 1951 to 2001. In addition, there is a collection of issues of Jewish Community Report from 1950 to 1989 with stories featuring Greenwood House and two folders of additional clippings from various publications.

In 1939, the Trenton Ladies Sick Benefit Society, a Jewish charitable organization, bought and refurbished a home on Greenwood Avenue in Trenton to serve as the Home for Aged Sons and Daughters of Israel. In 1974, the facility was moved to Ewing Township and renamed Greenwood House Home for the Jewish Aged. Over the decades, the facility expanded its services to provide skilled nursing, rehabilitation services, assisted living, homecare services and hospice care. (Source: Greenwood House. "Our History" Accessed November 12, 2020 <http://www.greenwoodhouse.org/about/history>)

**Confidentiality Concerns** – Folder 4 is a collection of Level of Care Reports which include patients' last names and first initials. These reports classify people by care need and funding source (Medicaid, Medicare, welfare, private). This folder is marked as "Confidential."

## **Box / Folder / Content**

- 7 / 11 Self -Study Report on the Home for the Aged Sons and Daughters of Israel, 1951
- 7 / 12 Benson, Samuel [first resident of Home for the Aged Sons and Daughters of Israel; story told by his granddaughter for the JHS archive]
- 7 / 13 Financial Reports, 1978
- 7 / 14 Confidential – Level of Care Reports, 1982-1989
- 7 / 15 Local Agency Committee, Jewish Federation – Information regarding Greenwood House’s capital fundraising for a construction project, 1978
- 7 / 16 Greenwood House Installation Dinner, 1962
- 7 / 17 Greenwood House and 50 and the Future, 1989 [Report – Robert A. Norman, President of the Greenwood House Board of Directors]
- 7 / 18 Women of Greenwood House 25th Anniversary, 1997
- 7 / 19 Volunteers [undated, partial interview transcription]
- 7 / 20 Oversized Photograph of what may be the Greenwood House facility in Ewing ca. 1970
- 7 / 21 *Tree of Life*, 1981 – 1989 [Greenwood House newsletter]
- 7 / 22 The Volunteer Voice, 1978-1979 [Greenwood House volunteers’ newsletter]
- 8 / 1 Pamphlets and miscellaneous publications, ca. 1950s-2001 [includes 2001 Greenwood House Gala: A Family Album]
- 8 / 2 *Jewish Community Reporter*, 1950-1989 [publication of the Jewish Federation of Trenton]
- 8 / 3 Newspaper clippings, ca. 1953-1991
- 8 / 4 Newspaper clippings, ca. 1956-2000
- 33 / 13 *Tree of Life*, Spring 1996 and Fall 2002
- 33 / 13.1 Newspaper Clippings, ca. 1971 -2000

## **Series I. “Clubs”**

This is a small series that includes two pamphlets, a newspaper clipping and a history of the Golden Age Club of the Jewish Community Center, a written history of the Valeda Girls Club of the Young Women’s Hebrew Association of Trenton and a program from the Har Sinai 20-30 Club 1948 musical revue.

The Golden Age Club was begun in 1952 as a group to help “the growing population of elderly enjoy [their] quality of life.” The club in this form appears to have continued until at least 1992 and there are similar clubs in East Windsor and Princeton as of the writing of this guide. The Valeda Girls Club was begun in 1928 by a group of 13 and 14 year-olds at the YWHA. They continued until at least 1995 when the history of the club was written by Phyliss Swerdlow Brody. The 20-30 club appears to have been a social club for young adults of the Har Sinai Temple and a version of it still exists at the congregation’s new home in Pennington, New Jersey.

## **Box / Folder / Content**

- 8 / 5 Golden Age Club, 1967, 1977, 1984 & 1992



- 8 / 6 Veleda Girls Club, 1995
- 8 / 7 Har Sinai 20-30 Club, 1948 [Note: a program based on this revue was presented by the JHS on November 9, 1997]
- 22 / 12 Green Acres Country Club, newspaper clipping, 1967; member list 1994-1945
- 22 / 13 Elysian Club, newspaper article, ca. 1949
- 22 / 14 Progress Club, newspaper article, 1949

**Series J. “Organizations,” ca. 1890s – 1990s**

While there are some folders dedicated to specific organization, much of this series includes folders of unorganized old photocopies of news clippings often combined with original materials.

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 8 / 8 “The Jewish Organizations Incorporated in Mercer County, New Jersey, 1857-1964 and their Incorporations,” by Paul Teicher, 1967
- 8 / 9 List of Jewish organizations incorporated before 1929 and news clippings
- 8 / 10 List of Jewish organizations
- 8 / 11 B’Nai B’rith – history, pamphlets, and news clippings, 1915, 1984, no date
- 8 / 12 Brith Sholom, Trenton City Lodge #39 – History, 1906-1976
- 8 / 13 Fidelity Link No. 11 Order of the Golden Chain – news clippings, ca. 1950-1960s
- 8 / 14 Hebrew Free Loan Association – Reports, ca. 1934-1957; news clippings, 1903-1930
- 8 / 15 Jewish Community Relations Council – History, 1967-1975
- 8 / 16 Jewish Family Services – correspondence, reports, 40th anniversary program, news clippings, ca. 1949, 1977-1978
- 8 / 17 Jewish Welfare Services – correspondence, reports, 1945
- 8 / 18 Lawrence Hadassah – history, 1966-1976; “The Shofar” [newsletter] 1994
- 8 / 19 National Council of Jewish Women, Trenton Section – 1942/1943 Program and Membership List booklet
- 8 / 20 New Era Literary Society – news clippings, ca. 1908 and 1950
- 9 / 1 “Political Action” – copies news clippings, ca. 1891 – 1993
- 9 / 2 “Political Parties” – Hebrew Democratic and Republican Organizations – mostly copies of news clippings, ca. 1902-1931
- 9 / 3 “Political – Zionism” – mostly copies of news clippings, ca. 1900-1940
- 9 / 4 United Jewish Appeal, correspondence, pamphlets, ephemera 1944-1960
- 9 / 5 Young Judea Association, copy of news clipping, ca. 1942 and brief hand-written history, 1976
- 9 / 6 Young Women’s League of Deborah - History, 1948- ca. 1976
- 9 / 7 Zionist Organization of America-portfolio with reports, informational pamphlets and flyer, 1950s
- 9 / 8 Copies of news clippings, ca. 1915-1931
- 33 / 14 Development Corporation of Israel – State of Israel Bonds, 1951-1996 [miscellaneous material including press releases, news clippings and event programs]
- 33 / 15 Hebrew Loan Association – Reports, 1934-1935 to 1955-1956; forms or pass books written in Hebrew or Yiddish, no date

- 33 / 16 Jewish National Worker's Alliance, Dr. Nachman Syrkin Branch No. 94 – event program, 1958
- 33 / 17 Trenton Section National Council of Jewish Women – History as of ca. 1940s
- 40 / 4 Pioneer Women Organization for Palestine, Trenton Club – 11x14 paper copy of dinner, ca. late 1940s or early 1950s

**Series K. Workman's Circle, Branch 90**

This series consist of copies of newspaper clippings, written histories, information about the New York- New Jersey branch of the organization dating from ca. 1927 to 2002 and 3 original records form the Workman's Circle, Branch 90 from the 1940s.

Workman's Circle was founded in New York City in 1900 to “foster Jewish identity and participation in Jewish life through Jewish, especially Yiddish, culture, and education, friendship, mutual aid and the pursuit of social and economic justice.” Branch #90, Trenton was established in 1905. [Sources: The Worker Circle. “Our History.” Accessed November 12, 2020. <https://circle.org/who-we-are/our-history/>; *Workman's Circle Branch #90, 1905-1955* by Florence Popkin.]

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 9 / 9 Various histories and notes regarding Workman's Circle, Branch 90, ca. 1927-2002
- 9 / 10 Copies of newspaper clippings, ca. 1918 -1945; copy of Sam Levine's membership certificate; copy of photograph of the Workman's Circle, Branch 90 Dramatic and Singing
- 9 / 11 3 pieces of correspondence written in Hebrew or Yiddish on Branch 90's letterhead, 1945 and 1948. The 1948 letter has a typed English translation and concerns the total number of individuals interred in the Circle's cemetery from 1906 to 1948
- 9 / 12 2002 information about the Workman's Circle of New York/New Jersey and about records of the organization found at the American Jewish Historical Society in New York City

**Series L. Jewish Family Services of Trenton, Records, 1966-1976**

This series consist of correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes, budget information and case work information regarding the Jewish Family Services of Trenton dating from 1970 to 1976. Also included is their 1966 constitution and “Personnel Practices” which list the agency's job classifications and corresponding qualifications and duties. The nature of the material suggests that they may have been collected from one or more board members.

Jewish Family Services of Trenton was incorporated as the Jewish Family Welfare Bureau in January of 1937. It was founded to “conduct work of charitable nature among persons of the Jewish faith.” The 1966 constitution expands on this saying their purpose was to “promote physical, spiritual, economic and social welfare of Jewish individuals and families whose wellbeing is or may be endangered by environmental or personal causes.” [Sources: May 1966

Jewish Family Service of Trenton Constitution; Jewish Family Services of Trenton 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Program, April 30, 1977]

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 9 / 14 Constitution and Personnel Practices, 1966
- 9 / 15 Minutes, agendas etc. 1970
- 9 / 16 Minutes, agendas etc. 1971
- 9 / 17 Minutes, agendas etc. 1972
- 9 / 18 Minutes, agendas etc. 1973
- 9 / 19 Minutes, agendas etc. 1974
- 9 / 20 Minutes, agendas etc. 1975
- 9 / 21 Minutes, agendas etc. 1976
- 34 / 1 40th Anniversary Celebration Program, 4/30/1977

**Series M. Newspapers, Newsletters, ca. 1920s-1985**

This series consists of scattered issues of a variety of newspapers and newsletters as listed below.

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 10 / 1 The Community Messenger published by the Young Men's Hebrew Association's Community Home. April 1926, October 1929 and November 1929
- 10 / 2 The Community Messenger "Jews in Trenton History" by Harry J. Podmore. [Bound photocopies of a series of articles published in The Community Messenger between 1925 and 1930]
- 10 / 3 The Community Messenger published by the Jewish community of Trenton, September 1943, November 1943, May 15, 1944
- 10 / 4 Jewish Federation of Trenton (JFT) Miscellaneous Publications, 1940-1966: Federation Newsletter, May 1940; Federation News, March 1943; Annual Report, 1944 & 1948; JFT Year Book, 1957; "People and Faith ... the Story of the 1966 United Jewish Campaign of Trenton"
- 10 / 5 Jewish Community Reporter, published by the Jewish Federation of Trenton, 1950-1971. February 1960, August 1960, May 1966, December 1967, August 1969, November 1969, December 1969, May 1970, June 1970, September 1970, April 1971, May 1971
- 10 / 6 The Reporter, published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton. 1979-1980
- 10 / 7 National Conference of Christians and Jews New Jersey Region Newsletter, 1947-1948, 1957-1965
- 10 / 8 Miscellaneous publications: The Jewish Ledger, November 19, 1935 [photocopy]; Center Messenger, published by the Jewish Community Center, March 1963; Trenton Y.M.H.A. Review, published by the young Men's Hebrew Association of Trenton June 13, 1941; Tree of Life, published by Greenwood House, Spring 1985
- 10 / 9 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1924-1996
- 34 / 2 The Community Messenger, September 1925 and June 1929

- 34 / 3 Jewish Community Reporter, March-May 1951, April 1952 & May 1956
- 34 / 4 The Reporter, October 1978
- 34 / 5 Trenton Review / Trenton YMHA Review, December 1939 – October 1946

### **Series N. Events Programs, 1973-1990**

This series consist of event programs of the Brothers of Israel, Greenwood House, Har Sinai Temple and miscellaneous fundraising concerts and programs sponsored by a variety of organizations, 1973-1990.

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 10 / 10 Brothers of Israel 90th Anniversary, 1973
- 10 / 11 Greenwood House: Golden Gala, 1989
- 10 / 12 Greenwood House: Greenwood House Gala, 1992
- 11 / 1 Greenwood House: The Promise Ball, 1994
- 11 / 2 Har Sinai Temple: 125th Celebration, 1983
- 11 / 3 Fundraising concerts and shows, 1973-1990: The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, 1975; Itzhak Perlman, 1986; Ray Charles, 1988; Jay Leno, 1988; Marvin Hamlisch, 1990
- 34 / 6 Fundraising concerts and shows, 1989-1993: An Evening with Michael Feinstein, 1989 [autographed]; Rudolph Nureyev and friends, 1991; An Evening with Peter Schickele, 1993; Peter, Paul and Mary, 1994 [autographed]
- 34 / 7 Emerald Ball: The Greenwood House Gala, 1998

### **Series O. Schools, 1903-1989**

The bulk of this series consists of records of and information about the Trenton Hebrew Academy from ca. 1903 to 1989. These consist of year books, financial reports, miscellaneous publications, and newspaper clippings. There is also information about other Hebrew schools in Trenton as well as Trenton public schools that Jewish children attended.

A Hebrew school was begun under the auspices of the Brothers of Israel of Trenton in 1903 and held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Lavine's Department Store at 105 Union Street. In July of 1904, the cornerstone of the first Hebrew school building in Trenton was lain and named the Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School (HZHS). By the 1920s, the school had been moved to another building and it became clear that a community effort would be needed to keep it functional. As a result, a new body was constituted to run the school, and the building was sold to them by the Brothers of Israel. A new building was opened in 1926.

In the 1950s, HZHS entered into an agreement with the newly formed Congregation Jeshurun to join forces and funds to purchase property and build a new school as well as a separate synagogue. The new school was opened in September of 1958, but the synagogue was never built. By 1973, the institution was known as the Trenton Hebrew Academy. Beginning on July 1, 1978 it was known as the Hebrew Academy, reflecting the fact that its students now came from a wider geographical area outside of Trenton including Lawrence, the Windsors, Roosevelt in New Jersey, and the Yardley-Newtown area in Bucks County, PA. In about 1980,

the school moved to Yardley, PA and was renamed the Abrams Hebrew Academy. [Sources: Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School 1965 Scholarship Fund Dinner Program; “The Hebrew Academy sheds its ‘Trenton,’ The Reporter, May 1978; Abrams Hebrew Academy blog – <http://abramsonline.org/welcome-to-the-budowsphere/>]

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 11 / 4 Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School Annual Reports, 1932/1933 to 1942/1943
- 11 / 5 Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School Annual Reports, 1944/1945, 1947/1948, 1949/1950, 1957/1958
- 11 / 6 Hebrew Academy, etc. – Miscellaneous publications 1965- ca.1979
- 11 / 7 Hebrew Academy - Financial Reports, 7/1978 and 2/1979
- 11 / 8 Hebrew Academy - News clippings, 1903-1989
- 11 / 9 Miscellaneous Original Materials: Summary of Jewish Educational Survey in Trenton as of May 1944; Ticket to Greenwood Hebrew School Rush Hashana & Yom Kippur services, 1961 B’Nai B’Rith Hillel at Rider College 1977/1978 and 1978/1979; budget and cover letter from Rabbi Howard Hersch, 6/19/1978; Trenton State College Hillel Budget, 1976/1977 to 1978/1979
- 11 / 10 Miscellaneous News Clippings regarding other Hebrew Schools, ca. 1905-1955
- 11 / 11 “Jewish Students in Trenton Public Schools” – Newspaper clippings regarding public schools that Jewish children would have attended, ca.1910-1933
- 34 / 8 Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School (HZHS) Annual Reports, 1945-1946 and 1950-1951
- 34 / 9 Letter from Louis Korbin, president of HZHS to board members of Trenton Jewish Federation re: threat of funding loss from Federation, ca. 1953-55 (Korbin’s term as president)
- 34 / 10 HZHS Scholarship Fund Dinner Programs, 1964-1967
- 34 / 11 Trenton Hebrew Academy Scholarship Fund Dinner Programs, 1970-1972, 1974-1976
- 34 / 12 Hebrew Academy / Abrams Hebrew Academy Scholarship Fund Dinner Programs, 1979-1980, 1982-1985
- 34 / 13 The Hebrew Academy – Miscellaneous informational publications, ca. 1980s
- 35 / 1 Abrams Hebrew Academy Scholarship Fund Dinner Programs, 1987-1989
- 35 / 2 Abrams Hebrew Academy Scholarship Fund Dinner Program, 1991
- 35 / 3 Abrams Hebrew Academy Scholarship Fund Dinner Programs, 1993 & 1994

### **Series P. Young Men’s Hebrew Association – Young Women’s Hebrew Association (YMHA-YWHA) ca. 1900s-1980s**

This series consist of material documenting the YMHA-YWHA of Trenton. This includes copies of incorporation papers; 1925 constitution; 1919 and 1925 annual reports; scattered issues of newsletters, 1920-1947; correspondence of board member Nathan Kramer, 1943-1949; ephemera including the 1917 program for the dedication of their first building; and voluminous copies of newspaper stories. As reported below, the Y became the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in 1949. The material that post-dates this (mostly newspaper clippings) are stories that report on the history of the Y rather than JCC.

The Young Men’s Hebrew Association was incorporated on March 1, 1910 for “Educational, Literary, Social and Athletic purposes.” It was not until 1912 that they had sufficient membership and funds to rent rooms at 112 South Broad Street for club activities. That year they also helped form the Young Women’s Hebrew Association as an auxiliary group to meet for the same purposes. In December of 1917, the group moved into facilities at 18 South Stockton Street which was known as the YMHA Community Home. The Y provided a center for social, recreational, and educational programs. In 1949 the Y’s name was changed to the Jewish Community Center. [Sources: copy of 1910 incorporation; “Souvenir Program: Dedication Exercises” for the Young Men’s Hebrew Association Community Home, December 1917; Jewish Community Centers of the Delaware Valley “Our Background and History” timeline, 1910 to 1990.]

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 12 / 1 Incorporation papers (copies) 1910, 1916 and constitution, 1925 (2 copies)
- 12 / 2 Annual Reports, 1919 and 1945
- 12 / 3 Newsletters, 1920-1947 [with gaps] [Title begins as “The Y.M.H.A Messenger” but becomes “Trenton YMHA Review” by 1940]
- 12 / 4 Newsletters (copies). 1939-1946 [with gaps]
- 12 / 5 Nathan Kramer – board member correspondence, 1943-1949
- 12 / 6 Ephemera, 1910-1968
- 12 / 7 Histories, 1927 - ca. 1990
- 12 / 8 News clippings, 1900s-1919 (1 of 2)
- 12 / 9 News clippings, 1900s-1919 (2 of 2)
- 12 / 10 News clippings, 1920s
- 12 / 11 News clippings, 1930s
- 12 / 12 News clippings, 1940s
- 12 / 13 News clippings, 1950s
- 12 / 14 News clippings, 1960s
- 12 / 15 News clippings, 1970s
- 12 / 16 News clippings, 1980s
- 12 / 17 News clipping, undated
- 35 / 3.1 News Clippings 1920-1940

### **Series Q. “Arts-Drama-Music,” 1902-1996**

This small series that includes copies of news clippings, programs, and some brochures centered on the “Arts-Drama-Music” theme

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 12 / 18 Misc. – news clipping on Oscar Wolf, 1967; and Jon Stewart, 1996
- 12 / 19 Invitation to Art Showing, 1986
- 12 / 20 Jewish Folklore, 1983 and undated [includes newspaper clippings, a brochure on Yiddish culture and translations of “Sephardic Folk literature (sic) and Eastern Mediterranean Oral Tradition”]

- 12 / 21 Programs from various local theatrical performances, 1938, 1934, 1938 and ca. 1990s
- 12 / 22 Music - copy of a happy birthday song in Yiddish, Hebrew and English
- 12 / 23 News Clippings, 1902-1903; 1939 – copies of clippings about theatrical performances
- 12 / 24 Program of the First Anniversary Banquet of the New Era Literary Society, 1908

**Series R. “Trenton History,” ca 1883-1986**

This is a collection of written histories of Trenton, copies of news clippings and some original materials. The most notable of the original materials was found in a folder labeled “History of Trenton Jewry – Milton Feinberg Collection.” This folder includes typescripts of what may be chapters in a proposed book or series of articles. The included edits are sometimes signed by Harry Gerophsky which may mean that these are his edits.

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 12 / 25 Miscellaneous written histories ca. 1883-1996 and undated [includes copy of chapter 3 “The Russians: South Trenton’s Colony of Russian Jews....” From John S. Merzbacher’s Trenton’s Foreign Colonies.]
- 12 / 26 Mayor Frank W. Donnelly to Samuel Goldmann re: Trenton Committee for War Emergencies Secret Service Bureau, May 7, 1917
- 12 / 27 James Kerney, editor, and publisher of the Trenton Times to David L. Kelsey re: Kerney thanks Kelsey for sending him a copy of an editorial in the Jewish Standard which had praised Kerney, May 5, 1930
- 13 / 1 “History of Trenton Jewry – Milton Feinberg Collection”
- 13 / 2 “Responses of the Jewish Community to pogroms; national disasters; public questions: bible readings in schools; World War I servicemen’s needs in Trenton; anticipations: orphanage in Trenton and other needs; local controversy; and \$25 war relief certificates, 1900-1926 [copies of newspaper clippings]
- 13 / 3 “Jewish History-Western States,” ca. 1984-1986
- 13 / 4 Post Cards of Trenton Sites published by Harold Anshen & Co. Inc. Trenton, NJ, ca. 1930[?]. Includes “William Trent House” (2 copies), “Skyline at Night,” “Trenton Central High School,” “United States Post Office,” “Scene in Cadwallader Park,” “The Old Barracks”
- 13 / 5 Federation of American Zionist (FAZ) certification of Roses of Zion Society of Trenton as an organization of the FAZ, 4, 24, 1904 [photographic reproduction]

**Series S. Trenton Chapter of Hadassah**

This series includes a variety of records of the Trenton Chapter of Hadassah. Included are the earliest book of minutes of the Board and Regular meetings (1932-1938); minutes for both meetings (1982-1987); their newsletter Hadassah Scroll (1957-1995 [with gaps]) and membership list from 1931-1983. Also included are various notices and invitations, miscellaneous material from the Southern New Jersey Region of Hadassah and the national group, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America. Finally, there are two tape recordings of a 9/19/1995 meeting of Hadassah at Ellarslie, and a collection of pins and ribbons from various meetings and conventions.

The Trenton Chapter of Hadassah had its first formal meeting on March 16, 1932. This group was part of the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, New York City as well as the Southern New Jersey Region of Hadassah. Hadassah began as an organization that supported the health and welfare of women and children in Palestine before the forming of the State of Israel. Today they continue the mission of “advancing health and well-being, advocating for women, and building community in the US and Israel.” Records in this collection show that the Trenton chapter continued until at least 1995. At some point, the group became the Trenton-Lawrence chapter and then in December of 2013, they joined with the Princeton Ha’Atid to form the Greater Princeton Chapter of Hadassah. (References:

<https://www.hadassah.org/about/> ; <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/hadassah-organization>;  
<https://njewishnews.timesofisrael.com/merger-forms-greater-princeton-hadassah/>)

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 13 / 6 Minutes of the Board, 1932-1938
- 13 / 7 Minutes of Regular Meetings, 1932-1938
- see 35 / 4 for Minutes of the Board and regular meetings, 10/2/1945 – 6/21/1949
- 13 / 8 Minutes of the Board and Regular Meetings, 1982/1983 – 1985-1986 [A note in this book records that when the Recording Secretary is absent, minute notes will be kept in a separate notebook; see folder 10 in this box]
- 13 / 9 Minutes of the Board and Regular Meetings, 1986/1987
- 13 / 10 Minutes of the Board and Regular Meetings “Not Recorded in Book,” 1982/1983 – 1985/1986
- 13 / 11 Reports to the Board and the Membership, ca. 1930s-1984 [with gaps]
- 13 / 12 Certification of the Trenton Junior Hadassah, November 1931
- 13 / 13 Membership Lists, 1931-1983
- 13 / 14 *Hadassah Scroll*, 1957-1995 [with gaps]
- 13 / 15 Correspondence, 1970s, 1980s and undated
- 13 / 16 Press Releases, 1974-1979
- 13 / 17 Board Meeting Notices, 1982-1989
- 14 / 1 Notices, Invitations, etc., undated, 1936, 1959, 1972-1973
- 14 / 12 Notices, Invitations, etc., 1976-1970, 1981-1984
- 14 / 13 Notices, Invitations, etc., 1985-1989
- 14 / 14 Programs, 1978, 1982, 1989, 1997
- 14 / 15 Biographies and photographs of speakers [includes photograph and biography unless noted]: Morris Carnovsky [photograph]; Mrs. Mordecai (Barbara) Goldstein; Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal [biography]; Mrs. Abraham (Anna) Tulin; unknown [biography]
- 14 / 16 Photograph of June 2, 1987 installation of officers: Pearl Aronson, Gladys Fox, Zelda Freeman, Sylvia Gerofsky, Judy Glazer, Florence Lipstein, Ruth Lubitz, Rita Rosenthal, Blanche Segal, Ernestine Urken
- 14 / 17 Script for “Chai,” a play written by Mildred Michelson for the 18th annual meeting, 1950
- 14 / 18 Awards, undated, ca. 1943, 1983-1997
- 14 / 19 Journal Calendar, 1974-1975 to 1981-1982



- 14 / 10 Southern New Jersey Region of Hadassah, Miscellaneous newsletters, brochures, notices, etc., 1973-1988
- 14 / 11 News clippings, 1940s-1980s
- 14 / 12 Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America – Miscellaneous newsletters, brochures, notices, etc., ca. 1930s, 1946, 1970s-1980s
- 14 / 13 Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Convention minutes and information, 1972-1974, 1984
- 14 / 14 Miscellaneous material not related to Hadassah
- 15 / Tape recordings of a 9/19/1995 meeting of Hadassah at Ellerslie (2 cassettes); Meeting pins and ribbons
- 35 / 4 Minutes of the Board and regular meetings, 10/2/1945 – 6/21/1949
- 35 / 5 Notes for a 10/20/1987 meeting
- 35 / 6 Draft notes for end of year report [probably Hadassah president], ca. 1974
- 35 / 7 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1974-1975, 1980, 1984
- 35 / 8 Membership lists, 1932, 1974-1975, 1979-1980, 1993-1994 and no date
- 35 / 9 Hadassah Scroll, 1973-1983 [with gaps]
- 35 / 10 Event notices and flyers, 1975-1982
- 35 / 11 Lists of donors, no date
- 35 / 12 Newspaper clippings, 1974 & 1984
- 35 / 13 Notices, etc. from Hadassah Southern New Jersey Region, 1978-1979
- 35 / 14 Hadassah Headlines, 1979-1980 [newsletter from Hadassah from America]

**Series T. Jewish Community Center of Trenton, 1943-1999**

This series consists largely of materials filed within each year covering the years 1943 to 1999. The bulk of the material dates from 1951 to 1959 and include minutes of the board of directors, correspondence to board members and some correspondence to the general membership filed by year. The impression is that much of this material was kept by one or more board members including Nathan Kramer since some of the material is addressed directly to him. It is telling that after 1959, the year of Kramer's death, there are far fewer records.

The Trenton Jewish Community Center is rooted in the creation of the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA) in 1910 and the Young Women's Hebrew Association (YWHA) in 1912. Even before the official name change, the facility at 18 South Stockton Street was often referred to as the YMHA Community Home or the Jewish Community Center of Trenton. The center served as a hub of activities including sports. As Trenton's Jewish population began to grow and became more dispersed in Trenton and its surrounding suburbs, leaders of the JCC began discussing the need to build a larger facility to serve this population. In 1954, they purchased close to 40 acres in Ewing Township and hired Louis I. Kahn, who went on to be one of America's most influential architects. While Kahn did design the Bath House and Day Camp Pavilions (which were listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places in 1984) the rest of the building was designed by Kelly and Gruzen, Architects and was dedicated in October of 1962. The Center continued as a hub for activity for the next several decades, but by the 1990s, as more families moved to surrounding areas, membership and the physical conditions of the facility began to decline. Public funds were

eventually raised to preserve the Bath House and in 2005, the JCC sold the property to Ewing Township and moved to West Windsor.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 16 / 1 Miscellaneous material, 1943-1949
- 16 / 2 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1950
- 16 / 3 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1951
- 16 / 4 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1952
- 16 / 5 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1953
- 16 / 6 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1954
- 16 / 7 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1955
- 16 / 8 Miscellaneous material, 1956
- 16 / 9 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1957
- 16 / 10 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1958
- 16 / 11 Minutes, correspondence to the board, etc., 1959
- 17 / 1 Miscellaneous material, 1962-1976
- 17 / 2 Newsletters, directories, letters to members (includes "75 and Alive" a program celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the JCC in 1985)
- 17 / 3 The Community Messenger, May 1944, June 1956, November 1956, February 1957, May 1957
- 17 / 4 News clippings, ca. 1907-1990s
- 36 / 1 1916 flyer launching fund raising to purchase building for the Community Center [written in Yiddish; includes copy of translation]
- 36 / 2 Publications and flyers, 1950-1994 [with gaps]
- 36 / 3 Louis I. Kahn's Trenton Jewish Community Center by Susan G. Solomon, 1999 [edited galleys]
- 36 / 4 Newspaper Clippings, 1950

### **Series U. Nearly New Shop, 1970-1979**

This series consists of records of the Nearly New Shop. The shop was begun in 1937 as the Thrift Shop which changed its name to the Nearly New Shop in 1963. It was run by a consortium of organizations, each represented on a board which managed the store and dispersed funds to various causes. The bulk of the records consist of minutes filed by fiscal year which may include minutes of the board, list of officers, the fiscal calendar, and financial records. There are also copies of the shop constitution, member lists, miscellaneous correspondence, news clippings and a folder of miscellaneous materials.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 17 / 5 Constitution and by-laws adopted September 9, 1964 and Revised September 1967
- 17 / 6 Minutes of the Board, 1970-1971
- 17 / 7 Minutes of the Board, 1971-1972
- 17 / 8 Minutes of the Board, 1972-1973
- 17 / 9 Minutes of the Board, 1973-1974

- 17 / 10 Minutes of the Board, 1974-1975
- 17 / 11 Minutes of the Board, 1975-1976
- 17 / 12 Minutes of the Board, 1976-1977
- 17 / 13 Minutes of the Board, 1977-1978
- 17 / 14 Minutes of the Board, 1978-1979
- 17 / 15 Financial Reports, 1963-1964, June-November 1979
- 17 / 16 Officers, 1967-1968 and 1968-196
- 17 / 17 Composite Membership List, 1963; Ivriah Sisterhood members, 1974; undated and unidentified list
- 17 / 18 Press Releases: January 1968 and June 1973
- 17 / 19 Correspondence, undated, 1966-1977
- 17 / 20 Print block: "A Volunteer Shop Selling New and Used Merchandise for Charity"
- 17 / 21 Miscellaneous material including forms, sample of stationery, lists of vendors, etc.
- 17 / 22 News Clippings, 1963-1964

### **Series V. American Jewish Tercentenary, 1952-1957, 1970**

This series consists of material that documents the celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jews arriving in New Amsterdam (now New York) in 1654. Celebrations were planned to last from September 12, 1954 to the end of May 1955. While coordinated by the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee in New York City, communities including Trenton created their own Committee of 300. Judge Phillip Forman, who was a member of the national committee, was the chairman of the Trenton group and it is assumed that the material in this series is from his files. Some of the other members of the Trenton Committee were Mrs. David (Rosalie) Dietz, Chairman of Special Events; Samuel Abrams, Milton Feinberg, Judge Sidney Goldmann, Nathan Kramer, and Samuel Swern.

The first part of the collection (folders 18/1 to 18/12) specifically document Trenton's efforts to celebrate the Tercentenary. This is done predominantly through Judge Foreman's correspondence which include his own letters, those addressed directly to him by the national committee, and correspondence from fellow committee members that he was copied on. Other records include scattered minutes from committee meetings, event programs, newspaper clippings and the final financial report. In addition, there is a folder documenting the main event celebration, a pageant titled "Unto this Day" which was performed on May 15, 1955 in Cadwalader Park to an estimated 5,000 people. Materials include copies of the production script, a schematic of the stage, and the event's official program. In 1956, the Trenton Committee of 300 was selected as the recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal Award by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for its activities. The award included \$50 which today would have a value of about \$500.

The second part of the series (folders 18/13 to 18/16 and 19/1 to 19/7) includes material received by Judge Forman from the Jewish American Tercentenary Committee (referred to in this finding aid as the National Committee). This includes correspondence, the committee's newsletter "300," publications and news clippings. As a member of the national committee, Judge Forman received such general correspondence which provides insight to activities in New

York and throughout the country. [Note: correspondence sent specifically to Judge Forman by the national committee is filed with his correspondence in folders 18/1 to 18/4)

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 18 / 1 Trenton Committee: Phillip Forman Correspondence, 1952-1953
- 18 / 2 Trenton Committee: Phillip Forman Correspondence, 1954 1954
- 18 / 3 Trenton Committee: Phillip Forman Correspondence, 1955
- 18 / 4 Trenton Committee: Phillip Forman Correspondence, 1956-1957 & 1970
- 18 / 5 Trenton Committee: meetings notes, agendas, and minutes, 1953-1954 [very few minutes are included in this collection]
- 18 / 6 Trenton Committee: Religious Convocation Program and copies of what are assumed to be Judge Forman's opening remarks, 11/24/1954
- 18 / 7 Trenton Committee: Graphic Art Exhibit Catalog held at Trenton Junior College and School for Industrial Arts, April 1955.
- 18 / 8 Trenton Committee: "Unto this Day" pageant material, 1954-1955
- 18 / 9 Trenton Committee: Recognition Award given to Phillip Forman by the National Committee, 6/15/1955
- 18 / 10 Trenton Committee: Newspaper clippings, 1955
- 18 / 11 Trenton Committee: Final financial report, 6/30/1959
- 18 / 12 Rutgers University: Program of "Convocation in Recognition of the Tercentenary of Jewish Culture in North America, 11/7/1954
- 18 / 13 National Committee: Correspondence, June, September 1952, 1953
- 18 / 14 National Committee: Correspondence, 1954
- 18 / 15 National Committee: Correspondence, 1955
- 18 / 16 National Committee: Minutes, 6/3/1952 & 4/12/1953
- 18 / 17 National Committee: Committee on military participation, 1954
- 19 / 1 National Committee: "300" newsletter, January 1953-March 1955 [missing Nov. 1953]
- 19 / 2 National Committee: "Community Manual," 1954 [copy 1; provided guidance to local communities on planning and executing local celebrations]
- 19 / 3 National Committee: "Community Manual," 1954 [copy 2]
- 19 / 4 National Committee: 1953-1954
- 19 / 5 National Committee: Event programs, 1953-1955
- 19 / 6 National Committee: Newspaper clippings, 1953-1955
- 19 / 7 Programs and publications from other cities and institutions, 1953-1954

### **Series W. Nathan Kramer Collection, 1943-1945**

This collection includes correspondence, scrapbooks, and issues of the Community Messenger which include materials written by Mr. Kramer. In addition, there is a prototype of a history of Trenton that Kramer was trying to have published. It is chiefly composed of handbills, notices and events programs (mostly written in Hebrew or Yiddish) that illustrate the cultural and religious vibrancy of Trenton's Jewish community from the 1930s to the 1950s. While the material in this series was specifically identified as coming from Kramer's "collection" it is suspected that other materials in the JHS collection may have been originally part of his records.

This includes correspondence in the YMHA-YWCA series (Box 12, folder 5) and minutes and correspondence of the JCC (Box 16, 2-11).

Nathan Kramer was born on August 13, 1888 in Latvia and immigrated to the United States in 1904. He founded the Kramer Trenton Company in 1914, a commercial refrigeration manufacturer. (Though no longer in Trenton, Kramer is still in business). He was on the boards of the YMHA/YWHA and the Jewish Community Center. He was also a member of the Jewish Federation of Trenton and served on the history committee of the American Jewish Tercentenary. His correspondence in the 1940s shows his interest in the plight of Jews in Europe during WWII, those living in Palestine, and that he was active in the resettlement of many who came to the United States. His collection shows his keen interest in Trenton's Jewish history, which he wrote about in the Community Messenger. He had several scrapbooks containing news clippings and had gathered information about Trenton Jewish history. According to his 12/3/1959 Trenton Times obituary, Nathan Kramer was writing a history of the Jews of Trenton at the time of his death on December 3, 1959. [see Box 36, Folder 3]

### **Box / Folder / Content**

#### Correspondence and informational material

- 19 / 8 American Friends of the Hebrew University, 1945
- 19 / 9 American Jewish Congress / World Jewish, 1944-1945
- 19 / 10 American ORT Federation (American branch of the Russian Society of Trades and Agricultural Labor), 1944
- 19 / 11 Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, 1945
- 19 / 12 Jewish Labor Committee, 1944-1945
- 19 / 13 Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 1945
- 19 / 14 Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1945
- 20 / 1 National Refugee Service, 1945
- 20 / 2 New Jersey State Committee for the Histadrut (Jewish labor organization) in Palestine, 1943-1945
- 20 / 3 United Palestine Appeal /United Jewish Appeal, 1945

#### Writings and Notes

- 20 / 4 "Jewish History in Trenton," 1949-1950 (notes on various conversations with other Trentonians)
- 20 / 5 Notes (notes and transcripts including a transcript of "History of the Trenton Jews" written in Hebrew or Yiddish)
- 20 / 6 "Notes of Nathan Kramer," note pad written in Hebrew or Yiddish

#### Subject Files [clippings from scrap books that are organized by subject; it is not known if this was done by Kramer or the JHS]

- 20 / 7 "Bright Young Jews," 1952-1956

- 20 / 8 "Conversions," "Intermarriage," "Racial Purity" 1948-1956
- 20 / 9 "Rabbis", 1901-1957
- 20 / 10 "Shirt Factory," 1906 and no date

### Scrapbooks

- 20 / 11 February 1926 – December 1957
- 20 / 12 February 1950 – February 1957

### Miscellaneous

- 20 / 13 Sunday Breakfast Club: minutes, 1935-1938; correspondence, 11/7/1949; photograph: "European Jews, ca. 1930", "Found in meeting minutes of the Sunday Breakfast Club"
- 36 / 5 History of Trenton, 1930-1950s [cut and pasted prototype of a history of Trenton through signs and posters that were written in either Hebrew or Yiddish]; Andor Braum [of Kingsport Press, NYC] to Nathan Kramer giving an estimate of the cost of producing the Trenton history, 4/47/1954
- 36 / 6 2 flyers [broadsides] written in Hebrew or Yiddish
- 36 / 5 Notebook on intermarriages

### The Community Messenger

- 21 / 1 1924 (September, October & December)
- 21 / 2 1925 (missing May)
- 21 / 3 1927 (missing March)
- 21 / 4 1930
- 21 / 5 1931 (March, April-May, June-July, September, October)
- 21 / 6 1932 (October & November)

### **Series X. Population Studies, 1937-1975**

This series consists of various reports on population studies of Jews in Trenton that were, for the most part, conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Trenton. These studies were used to gauge needs of the Jewish community including social services and education.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 21 / 7 1937
- 21 / 8 1941
- 21 / 9 1949
- 21 / 10 1961
- 21 / 11 1975

- see also Oversized Material for Trenton Population Statistics charts

### **Series Y. Obituaries, ca. 1940s-1990s**

Collection of newspaper clippings or copies of clippings as well as some handwritten memorials. These have been arranged semi-alphabetical by surnames.

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 22 / 1 A-G
- 22 / 2 H, K-P
- 22 / 3 R-Z
- 22 / 4. "During the Year 1983: Trenton Mourned Kahn, Levy and Judge Goldberg." Jewish American Life, 12/16/1983. Article commemorating deaths of Albert B. Kahn (d. 4/23/1983), Leon L. Levy (d. 4/24/1983), and Sidney Goldberg (d. 8/6/1983).

### **Series Z. Holocaust, 1940s-1998**

This is a collection of miscellaneous material regarding the history of the holocaust as well as efforts to preserve the memories of survivors.

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 22 / 5 Holocaust History Committee, Jewish Federation of the Delaware Valley – Outline and notes on conducting interviews of Holocaust survivors, ca. 1980s
- 22 / 6 Julius and Dorothy Koppleman Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center, Rider University: Clippings, programs, 1995-1998.
- 22 / 7 "Holocaust – Day of Remembrance," program, Adath Israel Congregation [no date]
- 22 / 8 Miscellaneous publications [no Trenton connections]
- 22 / 9 Newspaper clippings, 1940s, 1989, 1996

### **Series AA. "Ben Olinsky Collection," ca. 1989-1990**

Benjamin Olinsky (12/5/1917 – 11/11/2001) was a Trenton resident who volunteered at the YMHA and later the Jewish Community Center as a basketball coach and historian for the Center. The records in this series include correspondence, hand-written notes and lists and photographs (mostly newspaper clippings). There is also one 1940 personal letter to Olinsky from his 1933 Trenton High classmate Mary Meagher thanking him for his efforts to make a successful class reunion. Materials have been foldered as they were grouped in separate binders and envelopes of photographs.

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 22 / 18 Letter from Mary Meagher re: Class of 1933 reunion, 6/27/1940
- 22 / 19 "Participants in YMHA JCC Athletic Program 1917-1990" [hand-written lists]
- 22 / 20 "Executive Directors, Athletic Directors, Past Presidents, Hall of Athletic Honor, Volunteers," Correspondence and notes, ca. 1989-1990

- 22 / 21 YMHA-YWHA photos of photo exhibit: "1927 baseball pictures," award presentation, 1939," and "U.S.O., 1940s" [negatives]
- 22 / 22 Photographs A-Z and "veterans killed in WWII" [newspaper clippings]
- 22 / 23 Miscellaneous: newspaper clippings; Y drama clubs' program, 1937; broadside advertising table tennis tournament, 1941
- 36/ 8 "YMHA Club News, Clubs 1916-1960"
- 36/ 9 "Trenton YMHA Review, 1939-1945"
- 36 /10 "YMHA – YWHA Hall of Athletic Honor" [notes and lists of names]

**Series AB. Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Ben Kaufmann Trenton Post 156, 1937-1997**

This series consist of publications, photographs and miscellaneous notices and programs of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Ben Kaufmann Trenton Post 156 as well as some miscellaneous material from the national association. The collection includes a well preserved scrapbook covering 1939-1955 that was kept by Post 156's historian Irving Lasky until his death in 1951. The book was named the *Lasky Book* in his honor and completed by his widow, Yetta. In addition, there are two scrapbooks for the JWV stored in box 45 which cover the period 1937 to 1960. Finally, the collection includes a Ladies Auxiliary uniform cape and hat, and 2 men's caps.

Post 156 was founded in May 1937 and quickly became active in opposing the rise of the German-American Bund, a pro-Nazi group that was active until just before the United States entered WWII. During the war, they supported the war effort by selling War Bonds and helped boost the morale of local soldiers with the distribution of a newsletter, *The J. W. Poster*. At some point (probably ca. 1981) Post 156 was named after Ben Kaufman (1894-1981), a WWI veteran who was active in both the Trenton and national JWV and was the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1918. In 2010, the Trenton post joined with another Mercer County post to form the SPC Mark Seiden/Benjamin Kaufman Post #444. (Sources: Trenton Post 156 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, May 7, 1977 and <https://njewishnews.timesofisrael.com/local-jwv-leader-honored-as-top-post-commander/>)

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 23 / 1 The JWV Poster, 1939
- 23 / 2 The JWV Poster, 1940 [missing Oct. and Nov.]
- 23 / 3 The JWV Poster, 1941 [missing May and Oct.]
- 23 / 4 The JWV Poster, Feb., April, July, Sept and Oct., page 1, 1942
- 23 / 5 The News Letter, ca. 1944
- 23 / 6 Newsletter, Jan., Sept., Oct., & Dec., 1947 and Jan., Feb., 1948
- 23 / 7 The Lasky Book: Correspondence and proclamation regarding book 1951; April 1996 letter of donation of book to JHS from Lasky's daughter, Shirley Lasky Miller.
- 23 / 8 The Laskey Book, ca. 1939-1955 [scrapbook; at some point after accessioning, the picture of Irving Laskey on the first page of the scrapbook was replaced with a photocopy and the original was added to the archival photo collection].



- 23 / 9 Programs and notices, 1951-1993 [includes 35th (1972) and 40th (1977) celebration programs that provide history of Post 156]
- 23 / 10 Ben Kaufman, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient – newspaper clippings and testimonial breakfast program, 1964-1965.
- 23 / 11 News clippings, 194s, 1990s and undated
- 23 / 12 Photographs: “Visitation to U.S. Veteran’s Bureau – Boston, Oct 32nd, ’41;” “JWV Negs,” May 13, 1994
- 23 / 13 Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. - programs and reports, 1959-1997
- 36 / 11 Military Ball programs, 1952 & 1954; Korean War 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet, ca. 2000; copy of 5/14/1944 obituary of Lt. Norman Bishusky; events programs, 1938-1963 [with gaps]

Box 39 Ladies Auxiliary uniform cape and hat; 2 men’s caps

Box 45 Scrapbook 45 (1937-1940, 1960) & Scrapbook 46 (1955-1960)

### **Series AC. Synagogues**

This series is made up of sub-series arranged by congregation name followed by two miscellaneous subject files (Box 25 folders 16 & 17). A brief history of the congregation, based mainly on information found in the collection, precedes the folder lists for each respective congregation.

Adath Israel Congregation (in Trenton 1920-May 1991; in Lawrenceville, NJ May 1991 to the present) – Although organized in 1920, Adath Israel was not formally incorporated until October of 1923. The first order of business was to build a new synagogue on Bellevue Avenue which was completed in October of 1926. The need for more room, especially for classrooms, led to the Educational Building which was in use by 1952 but formally dedicated in January of 1952. In 1984, after conducting a demographic survey of the congregation, the decision to move from Trenton was made. Finally, in May of 1991, the congregation moved to its new home in Lawrenceville.

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 24 / 1 Events programs, 1952-1996
- 24 / 2 News clippings, ca. 1900s-1990s
- 36 / 12 Sisterhood press releases, December 1977-1978; new temple dedication dinner yarmulke, 1991

Ahavath Israel – (In Trenton, 1909-March 2010; merged with Adath Israel, Lawrenceville, 2010). Founded in December of 1909 by Jews who had migrated from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Congregation Ahavath Israel met at various rented halls until 1911 when they purchased the Wesley Methodist Church building at 429 Centre Street. This remained their home until 1965 when their new facility at 1130 Lower Ferry Road in Ewing was dedicated. In March of 2010, just a few months after celebrating their 100th anniversary, the remaining congregants voted to merge with the Adath Israel Congregation in Lawrenceville.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 24 / 3 A Short History of Congregation Ahavath Israel, 1977; programs, events programs, 1984-2002
- 24 / 4. Miscellaneous material (news clippings, copy of incorporation papers and constitution, etc.), ca.1909-1947
- 40 / 5 Architects rendering of proposed synagogue, ca. 1980s [9"x14" B&W print]

Brothers of Israel/ Hachiano Benai Israelites (In Trenton, 1883-2007; in Yardley, PA 2007 to the present). The Brothers of Israel Congregation was chartered on June 2, 1883 as the Hachiano Benai Israelites of Trenton, the first Orthodox congregation in the city. Their permanent house of worship was a converted Methodist Episcopal Church which they dedicated in 1877. A newer building was put up on the same lot and dedicated in July of 1900. In 1904, they built a Hebrew school naming it the Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School. In the late 1950s the congregation again felt the need for a larger facility and in 1956 moved to Greenwood Avenue. Beginning in 1885, the congregation maintained a cemetery on Vroom Street and then in 1913, an additional plot on Cedar Lane. In 2007, the Brothers of Israel became the last Synagogue to leave Trenton, settling in a new facility in nearby Yardley, PA.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 24 / 5 History of Congregation and of Sisterhood, 1976
- 24 / 5.1 Centennial Sabbath yarmulke, June 4, 1983
- 24 / 6 Event programs and notices, 1957-1998
- 24 / 7 Miscellaneous documents, 1883-1965 (includes copy of incorporation document, deeds to synagogue seat deeds to cemetery plot and graduation diploma)
- 24 / 8 Copy of booklet written in Hebrew or Yiddish (given to JHS "with permission" from Mrs. Isaac (Lillian) Bulitsky)
- 24 / 9 News clippings, 1900s-1950s
- 24 / 10 Records of Samuel Abrams [Board member and chairman of cemetery committee] – Minutes of the Board, Nov. 1968-Sept. 1970
- 24 / 11 Records of Samuel Abrams – Cemetery Committee Records, 1968-1969
- 24 / 12 Records of Samuel Abrams – Correspondence, 1/1965 – 4/1970

Har Sinai Temple (in Trenton 1857-2006; in Hopewell Township, 2006 to the present). Har Sinai, which is the oldest Jewish congregation in the Trenton area, dates its founding to the creation of the Har Sinai Cemetery Association in 1857, from which the congregation quickly grew. Permanent locations for the congregation included buildings on North Montgomery Street (1866) and Front and Stockton Streets (1904). In 1925, the congregation purchased a lot on Belleview Avenue and had its last permanent home in Trenton built. In March of 2001, the Board of Trustees voted to leave Trenton, in part because of changing demographics and expenses in the upkeep of the 70-year-old building. Sale of the Belleview Temple was completed in 2006. The congregation has a new home at 2421 Pennington Rd in a part of Hopewell Township between Pennington and Ewing Townships.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 24 / 13 Anniversary Programs, 1957 (100th), 1982-1983 (125th) and 1987 (130th)
- 24 / 14 Belleview Avenue Temple, 1930-1947 (dedication program, news clippings)
- 25 / 1 Sisterhood, 1950s and 1980 (correspondence and history)
- 25 / 2 "Annual Book of Memory, Yom Kippur," 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1992
- 25 / 3 Miscellaneous publications, 1976, 1985, 1987 and undated
- 25 / 4 News clippings, ca. 1903-1983

Jeshurun Congregation – Founded in 1956, Congregation Jeshurun joined forces with Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School to build a new school and a separate synagogue for Jeshurun Congregation at South Eastfield Avenue and West State Street. The school building was opened in September of 1958 but attempts to build a separate synagogue adjacent to the school failed and the congregation merged with the People of Truth in 1969.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 25 / 5 Minutes and correspondence regarding negotiations between Jeshurun and the Hebrew School, 1956-1968
- 25 / 6 News clippings, 1958-1959
- 25 / 7 Sisterhood, minutes of board, 1958-1960; correspondence, etc. regarding transfer of funds from Sisterhood Jeshurun Congregation to People of Truth Congregation, ca. 1968-1979

People of Truth/Chevra Anshe Emes - Although established in 1892, the People of Truth Congregations (Chevra Anshe Emes) was not incorporated until January of 1900. In 1902, after meeting at various locations in the city, a former Presbyterian Church on Union Street was purchased and converted into a synagogue. This remained their home until 1969, when they moved to 1201 West State Street. This was also the year that the Jeshurun Congregation merged with Anshe Emes. The congregation remained active there until at least 1992. [Sources: *Eighty-fifth Anniversary Program, April 1978*; "Clinging to tradition: Orthodox synagogue perseveres in changing city," *Trenton Times*, ca. 1992]

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 27 / Record Book, ca. 1939-1956 [This is a large binder with A-Z tabs containing correspondence arranged semi-alphabetically by surname of sender or recipient as well as accounts and possibly other records. Some of the material is written in Hebrew or Yiddish.]
- 25 / 8 Histories, undated and 2000
- 25 / 8 Histories, undated and 2000
- 25 / 9 Miscellaneous minutes – Nov. 26, 1967 [incomplete] & Dec. 9, 1976; Resolution of Board selling property at 20 S. Dean Street, March 18, 1973
- 25 / 10 Correspondence and notices, 1972-1978
- 25 / 11 Events programs, 1978-1988; Calendars, 1977-1978 and 1983-1984

- 25 / 12 Picture of People of Truth Synagogue on Union Street, c. 1903 [color reproduction; includes notes on reverse]
- 25 / 13 Seat deed to Simon Lavine, 1906 [photocopy]
- 25 / 14 News clippings, ca. 1902-1992

Sons of Jacob – The only documents of this congregation are a photocopy of its March 1897 incorporation papers and an 1898 cemetery deed from the congregation to Simon Lavine for plot No. 1 in the congregation’s cemetery in Hamilton.

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 25 / 15 Sons of Jacob Congregation incorporation papers, 1897 [photocopy; Trustees of the congregation were Israel Silberstein, Max Popkin, David Lavine, Max Simon, and David Rosenzweig]; cemetery deed to Simon Lavine, 1898

Miscellaneous

- 25 / 16 Events programs from non-Trenton synagogues: Rose Sholom Temple, Newport News, VA, 1964; St. Thomas Hebrew Congregation, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 1964
- 25 / 17 General news clippings about Jewish congregations, ca. 1885-1952.

- see also Oversized Material for a Tree of Life plaque assumed to be from one of the old Trenton Synagogues

**Series AD. Trenton Hebrew Sheltering Associations, ca. 1900s & ca. 1944-1951**

This series consists of accounts of two shelters for travelers. The Hebrew Sheltering Home of Trenton which was run by the Hebrew Charity Society was located at the corner of Market and Mill Streets for some time in the early 1900s. All these accounts are written in Hebrew or Yiddish. The Hebrew Sheltering Association was located at 49 Union Street and was in existence by the 1920s. The accounts in this series go from 1944 to at least 1951 and are written in both English and Hebrew or Yiddish.

**Box / Folder / Content**

- 25 / 18 Trenton Hebrew Sheltering Associations – Accounts, ca. 1900s & ca. 1944-1951

**Series AE. Community Poultry Slaughterhouse, ca. 1933-1965**

This series consists of records of the cooperative poultry slaughterhouse on Union Street which provided a central location for the purchase of kosher chickens. The Community Poultry Slaughterhouse opened at 52 Union Street by the Congregation Brothers of Israel and Congregation People of Truth in 1923 to satisfy the Jewish Community’s need for kosher chicken and to comply with state and city health regulations. The name was later changed to the Orthodox Hebrew Community Slaughterhouse. The building was demolished in 1965 as part of

the John Fitch Way Redevelopment in Trenton. [Source: Zuckerman, Orville. "A chicken in every pot." *New Jersey Jewish News*, May 29, 1997.]

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 25 / 19 Cash receipts and disbursements ca. 1933-1953 [most of these accounts are written in Hebrew or Yiddish]
- 25 / 20 Bills, receipts, etc. 1955-1956
- 25 / 21 Bills, receipts, etc. ca. 1959-1963
- 26 / 1 Bills, receipts, etc. ca. 1959-1965
- 26 / 2 Miscellaneous Monthly Expenses, 1953-1965
- 26 / 3 Correspondence regarding inspections and licensing, 1955-1963
- 26 / 4 State and Federal Regulations, 1957-1962
- 26 / 5 Committee on Kashruth [kosher laws] of the United Orthodox Hebrew Community, Trenton, NJ, - accounts, 1953-1961 [written in Hebrew or Yiddish and English]; certification tags

### **Series AF. "Jewish Life"**

This series was found as labeled and includes various subject folders as described below.

### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 26 / 6 Jewish Educational Survey in Trenton, prepared for the Trenton Jewish Federation by David Rudavsky, Director, Department of School Administration, Jewish Education Committee, N.Y., Summer 1944
- 26 / 7 The Riverton Study: How Jews Look at themselves and their Neighbors, by Marshal Sklare and Marc Vosk, The American Jewish Committee of Scientific Research, 1952 [photocopy; information gathered from the Trenton Jewish community was used to write this study]
- 26 / 8 "The Values of Jewish Family Service to the Client and the Community: A Rationale for the Jewish Family Agency," Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, N.Y., N.Y., 1954
- 26 / 9 A Changing Community: A Study of the Jewish Community of the Greater Trenton Area, Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton, 1975
- 26 / 10 *Daughters of Rachel: A Collection of Interviews with Jewish Women in the Mercer County Area ...*, Women's Study Group, Mercer County Community College, 1988. Interviewees: Bailey, Ruth; Bodine, Bea; Chasen, Augusta; Feldman, Rose; Friedman, Lena "Dinky"; Himmelstein, Selma; Kahler, Lili; Kramer, Estelle; Krugman, Margaret; Krugman, Marion; Lapin, Elaine; Leventhal, Beatrice; Litowitz, Selma Urken; Lowenstein, Clara; Pellitteri, Ruth Rabstein; Saaz, Dorothy; Socholitsky, Hortense; Klatzkin, Ida; Spiegle, Ida
- 26 / 11 "The Extended Jewish Family," by Bernard Forer (b. 1907, Trenton, NJ – d. 2001, Sarasota, FL), no date
- 26 / 12 Newspaper clippings, ca. 1930 – 1996

26 / 13 Commemorative yarmulkes: Peninah A. Chilton, Bat Mitzvah, 1965; Israel Bond Dinners, 1971 and 1972; Dr. Herzl Zion Hebrew School, no date

### **Series AG. "Union Street Community," ca. 1919-1993**

This series consists of copies of newspaper clippings, maps, handwritten notes and two original photographs that were probably the basis of at least two JHS slide presentations created by Harry Gerofsky. These slideshows told the story the Jewish neighborhood of Union Street which was almost entirely physically erased by the development of the New Jersey State Hughes Justice Complex between 1978 and 1982. A recording of one of these presentations, "Union Street Revisited, Part II," [JHS 27] can be found at <https://archive.org/details/trentoniana?and%5B%5D=Harry+Gerofsky&sin=>

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 28 / 1 Gladys Gerofsky [widow of Harry "Red" Gerofsky] to Rose regarding Harry's records, 11/12/1993
- 28 / 2 Photographs: "Fall St. looking east from Decatur," 1919 [2.5"x3.5 B&W print; shows People of Truth Synagogue on Union Street]; "Typical mom-pop store on Union St," 1934 [25"x4.5" B&W print]
- 28 / 3 Slideshow scripts, 1965 & 1980; List of slides; notes and outlines of presentation
- 28 / 3.1 "Copy negatives of slides" [presumably for Union Street Community slideshow]
- 28 / 4 News clippings [copies], ca. 1989-2006 [includes description of one of the presentations in an American Jewish Life article, "Historical Society Rekindles Interest in Trenton Jewish History," 6/27/1980]
- 28 / 5 Images of buildings [photocopies]
- 28 / 6 Street maps showing Union Street neighborhood before Hughes Justice Complex was built [photocopies]

### **Series AH. Miscellaneous Subject Files, ca. 1917-1988**

This material was stored in a box of records of "loose donations – to be merged."

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 28 / 7 History and Circulars of Jewish Congress Campaign of 1917 [most of the material is written in either Hebrew or Yiddish]
- 28 / 8 Opening statement of Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. re: Hearing on the busing of school children, Feb. 19, 1974
- 28 / 9 Jewish Education: Proceedings of the Institute for Jewish Educators, September 8, 1968 [Sponsored by the synagogues of Trenton, Trenton Hebrew Academy, Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Trenton]; Community School for continuing Jewish Education, Trenton, NJ, Budget Modification, 1978-1979
- 28 / 10 Anti-Semitic newsletters from a California organization called the "Western Front," ca. 1978

- 28 / 11 Celebration 33 press releases, May 1981 [celebrating the 33rd anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel]
- 28 / 12 "UJA" [United Jewish Appeal] Cabinet Propaganda, 1980-1981
- 28 / 13 Israel's Law of Return and the "Who is a Jew" debate, 1984-1988
- 28 / 14 "Dr. [Arthur] Krosnick and the War on Diabetes," 1988 [Written by Beth H. Lavine for American-Jewish Life]
- 28 / 14.1 September 1970 hijacking by Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine [includes clippings on experience of David Raab, a teenaged boy from Trenton, son of Rabbi Menachem Raab]

### **Series AI. Miscellaneous Publications, 1926-1998**

This series includes Jewish newsletters that were not published in Trenton, prayer books and children's schoolbooks (including some written in Hebrew or Yiddish). Perhaps the most interesting book found is a 1983 facsimile printing of *The Sarajevo Haggadah*. A Haggadah is the instructions on how a Passover Seder is to be conducted and the original of this version dates to about 1350. This is only Vol. 1 of what is a 2 volume set. [Sources:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarajevo\\_Haggadah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarajevo_Haggadah);  
<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/the-haggadah/>)

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

- 9 / 13 Hebrew textbook, possibly regarding the study of physics
- 28 / 15 New Jersey, non-Trenton Jewish newsletters, 1984-1993
- 28 / 16 Non-New Jersey Jewish newsletters, etc. 1926-1998
- 28 / 17 Prayer Books:

National Jewish Welfare Board. *Prayer Book Abridged for Jews in the Armed Forces of the United States* (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1943).

New York Board of Rabbis. *Selected Prayers for the High Holy Days* (New York: New York Board of Rabbis, 1967).

Stern, M. *Daily Prayers: A New Edition Revised* (New York: Hebrew Publishing Co., 1928).

- 38 / 1 Schoolbooks [the form of these books indicates that they are lesson books but since they are written in Hebrew or Yiddish, further research will be needed to confirm this]
- 38 / 2 Cohen, Lenore. *Bible Tales for Very Young Children* (New York: Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1934); Fine, Helen. *G'dee* (New York: Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1966)
- 38 / 3 Gamoran, Mamie G. *Hillel's Calendar* (New York: Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1964); Vorspan, Albert. *To do Justly: A Junior Casebook for Social Action* (New York: Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1969)

38 / 4 Simons, Howard. *Voices of the American Jewish Experience* (New York: Anchor Books, 1988)

38 / 5 The Sarajevo Haggadah (facsimile) (Beograd: Provesta, 1983)

### **Series AJ. Miscellaneous Artifacts**

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

32 / 1 Yarmulkes

40 / 7 "In Memory of Harry and Sadie Garb," plaque

### **Series AK. Audiovisual Material, 1984-1996**

The item in folders 37 / 1 and 37 / 2 relate directly to the Jewish community of Trenton. The remainder are broadcasts from the Israel Broadcasting Services, New York, which provided Jewish American news directly related to Israel.

#### **Box / Folder / Content**

37 / 1 Sully Alexander – Life History, Taped 1 / 2 1987 for Jewish Historical Society – Carole Lichtenstein [VHS tape], Nathan Millner, 100 years old, 8/24/1984 [VHS tape]

37 / 2 Jewish Federation of Mercer and Bucks tribute to retiree Winnie Turner, 10/2 1994 [VHS tape]; Sol Weinstein at Har Sinai Temple, 10/21/1996 [VHS Tape]; Jewish Historical Society of Greater Trenton at Brothers of Israel Temple, 4/28/1996 [audio cassette]

37 / 3 Israel Broadcasting Services, New York, NY, *Israel Magazine*: 6/29/1982 [includes time stamped contents list] & 8/8/1984 [reel to reel ¼ inch audio tape]

37 / 4 Israel Broadcasting Services, New York, NY, *Israel Magazine*: 3/26/1985 [includes time stamped contents list] & 7/30/1985 [reel to reel ¼ inch audio tape]

37 / 5 Israel Broadcasting Services, New York, NY, *Israel Magazine*: 11/26/1985 [includes time stamped contents list] & 10/15/1985 [includes note: "Philadelphians in Israel, Rose Cohen (Bloch)"] [reel to reel ¼ inch audio tape]

37 / 6 Israel Broadcasting Services, New York, NY, *Israel Almanac*: October/November 1985 & January 1986 [both include time stamped contents list; reel to reel ¼ inch audio tape]

### **Series AL. Scrapbooks, 1941-1980**

This series is comprised of 46 scrapbooks. Except for book 1, these scrapbooks document activities of specific organizations and correspond with other series in this collection.



Scrapbook **1** is of unknown origin and consists of 1941 news clippings of interest to the Jewish community from various sources including the *New York Times*, *The Trenton Times*, and the *Philadelphia Jewish World*.

Books **2 to 13** chronicle activities of the Jewish Federation of Trenton, especially documenting their annual United Jewish Campaign covering the years 1954 to 1973.

Books **14 to 41** provide information about the activities of local committees of the Development Corporation of Israel – State of Israel Bonds (Bonds) through news clippings, correspondence, invitations, and notices. Israel Bonds were created in 1950 to help boost the economy of the newly formed State of Israel and relied on the activities of local committees to launch yearly campaigns for the purchase and reinvestment of these bonds. From 1954 to 1962, the material is generated by the Trenton Committee. By 1963, correspondents and clippings from other area committees (Flemington, Perrineville and Roosevelt, NJ; Central New Jersey and Lower Bucks County, PA) are included.

Book **42** chronicles the activities of the Trenton Chapter of Hadassah from 1956 to 1969.

Books **43** and **44** document the Jewish Community Center from 1953 to 1954 [previously indexed as SB078] and then their antique show of October 1974.

Finally, books **45** and **46** were created by the Trenton branch of the Jewish War Veterans from 1937 to 1960. Researchers should note that there is an additional JWV scrapbook (known as the Laskey Book) located in box 23, folder 8 of this collection. The Laskey Book includes material dating from ca. 1939 to 1955.

Box #	Book #	Creating Organization	Title	Date Span
41	1	-	[ News of interest to the Jewish Community]	1941
41	2	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1954”	1954 - 1955
41	3	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1956”	1955 - 1956
41	4	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1957 Campaign”	1957
41	5	Jewish Federation of Trenton	--	1958 - 1959
41	6	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1960”	1960-1961
41	7	Jewish Federation of Trenton		1961 - 1962
41	8	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1963”	1963
41	9	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1965”	1965
42	10	Jewish Federation of Trenton	-	1966
42	11	Jewish Federation of Trenton	-	1967 - 1968
42	12	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1969 – 1970 – 1971”	1969 - 1971
42	13	Jewish Federation of Trenton	“1972 –“	1972 - 1973

Box #	Book #	Creating Organization	Title	Date Span
42	14	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"1954 New Development Bond Issued, Alben W. Barkley Dinner, High Holy Days, Max Movshovits Dinner"	1954
42	15	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"Trenton, 1956"	1956
42	16	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"Trenton, 1957"	1957
42	17	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"Trenton, 1958"	1958
42	18	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"State of Israel Bonds"	1959
43	19	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"Trenton, 1960"	1960
43	20	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"Trenton, 1961"	1961
43	21	Development Corporation of Israel, Trenton Committee, State of Israel Bonds	"1962"	1962
43	22	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1963"	1963
43	23	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1964"	1964
43	24	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1965"	1965
43	25	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1966"	1966

Box #	Book #	Creating Organization	Title	Date Span
43	26	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1967"	1967
44	27	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"Women's Division 1967-1970; Brothers of Israel, Flemington, Princeton, Levittown, PA, 1970"	1967 –1970
44	28	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1968"	1968
44	29	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1969"	1969
44	30	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1970"	1970
44	31	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1971"	1971
44	32	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1971-1972 - Flemington, Brothers of Israel, Women's Division, Final Dinner Dance, Dec 12, 1971, Ahavath Israel, Flemington"	1971 –1972
44	33	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1972"	1972
45	34	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1972 – 1973 - Trenton Women's Division, Jeshurun People of Truth Division, Brothers of Israel Division, Flemington"	1972 - 1973

Box #	Book #	Creating Organization	Title	Date Span
45	35	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1973"	1973
45	36	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1974"	1974
45	37	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1975"	1975
45	38	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1976"	1976
45	39	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1977"	1977
45	40	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1978"	1978
46	41	Development Corporation of Israel, various Trenton area committees, State of Israel Bonds	"1979 -1980"	1979-1980
45	42	Hadassah	"Publicity for Trenton Chapter, Senior Hadassah"	6/1956 – 5/1959
45	43	Jewish Community Center	JCC	1953 - 1954
45	44	Jewish Community Center	Jewish Community Center's 2nd annual antique show	10/26 – 10/28/1974
45	45	Jewish War Veterans Trenton Post 156	Jewish War Veterans Trenton Post 156	1937 – 1940, 1960
45	46	Jewish War Veterans Trenton Post 156	Jewish War Veterans Trenton Post 156	1955 - 1960

Oversized Material

Trenton Population Statistics - 1889 map (25"x32"), c.1978 includes 1885, 1887, 1907, 1910 estimates for Trenton population and Jews living in the city [Related series: Series X. Population Studies]

Trenton Population Statistics - 1912 map (30"x 35"), c.1978 includes 1941 Jewish Survey and Trenton population from US census, and 1978 approximation for Trenton and Jews living in Greater Trenton [Related series: Series X. Population Studies]

Color photographs of unidentified event/meeting, 21 December 1994 (glued on 20"x 30" board)

"Trenton Jewish Entrepreneurs of Yesterday, 1804-1945" exhibit poster (24"x 24")  
Exhibition co-sponsored with Trenton Public Library that was held at the library June 4 - July 1, 1978 [Series G. "Retail Business and Industry"]

List of handwritten names (all different handwriting) with names of parents and what country they were from (24"x 36")

Tree of Life with the inscription: "It (the Torah) is a tree of life for those who hold fast to it, and those who support it are fortunate." On either side of the inscription is a Star of David with the Hebrew word for Zion in the center. [6'x 8', made up of two wooden boards nailed together with wooden frame. Names are painted on the leaves, trunk, and roots]

Star of David concrete stone, 16" L x 12"H x 5"D

Bronze plaque honoring the Veterans of World War II [bronze plate on wood, 15"W x 19"H x 1"D.] Names etched into the plaque:

Norman Bishusky	Fred S. Kaufman
Bernard Cohen	Bernard Klein
Milton J. Edelman	A. Herman Koplin
Myron M. Goldmann	Harry Levin
Edward A. Goodman	Jerald H. Liberman
Allan J. Hoenig	Irving B. Nitzberman
Fred Holtzberg	William Roum
Edwin, H. Jacobs	Nathan Sarapan
Sidney B. Kalen	

Rolled Item, Daughters of Rachel Poster [38"x 60" B&W photographic reproduction] [Related material: Box 26, Folder 10 – *Daughters of Rachel: A Collection of Interviews with Jewish Women in the Mercer County Area ...*]