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Errata

In our last issue, (June 1955), on page 152, line 8, the word "explicit" should read "implicit," and there should be commas after the words "rights" and "applicable," and in line 9, the pronoun "himself," should follow the name "Williams" so that the quotation should have read:

While full political and civil rights, universally applicable, seem implicit in Roger Williams' teachings, it is questionable if Williams, himself, was in reality willing to go that far.

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Research Scholarship Dinner

The editor addressed a dinner held Tuesday evening, September 20th, at the Ledgemont Country Club on the subject "Jewish History? Who needs it?" He was introduced by Mr. Arthur J. Levy, who spoke of the accomplishments of the Association, Mr. John E. Sapinsley presided. The Association gratefully acknowledges the warmhearted support of Messrs. Fred Abrams, Leonard Abrams, Dr. Nathan A. Bolotow, Benjamin Brier, Charles Brier, Dr. Ilie Berger, Louis A. Chasan, Irving I. Coken, Benjamin Falk, Max L. Grant, Burleigh Greenberg, Benjamin W. Grossman, Fred Greifer, Irving M. Kritz, Arthur J. Levy, Hon. Frank Licht, Max Margolis, Israel Medoff, Samuel J. Medoff, David Meyers, William Meyers, Samuel Rosen, John M. Sapinsley, Milton C. Sapinsley, Harry A. Schwartz, Max Siegal, Edwin Soforenko, Max Winograd and A. M. Zexter.

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Medical Education in Rhode Island

We have had the pleasure of reading an article entitled, "The Beginnings of Medical Education in Rhode Island" by Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky, a member of our association. The paper is scholarly, interesting, and instructive and is appearing in the *Rhode Island Medical Journal*.

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Roger Williams

"Smallest in the sisterhood of states, Rhode Island has a glory all her own, arising from the principles in her constitution coeval with her origin. Hers has been the fame of liberty of conscience. She was the first state, *in the history of the world*, to inaugurate the Divine doctrine . . . prior to the 'living experiment' of Roger Williams, the instance of the complete separation of church and state had not been known in the world since the days of the first Christian Churches."

Rev. Frederic Denison, *Westerly and its Witnesses (1626-1876)*
87 Providence 1878.

A Stuart Portrait

The Jews of colonial Newport employed such advanced business methods that young men who "sought superior commercial training attached themselves to the Jewish merchants.¹ One of these young men was Samuel Rodman who, at an early age, was taken under the wing of Abraham Rodriguez Rivera.² He so admired the character and personality of Jacob R. Rivera to whom he was attached that he asked him to sit for his portrait, which was painted by Gilbert Stuart and now hangs in the Redwood Library in Newport, the gift of a Rodman descendant. Walter Rodman, on October 21, 1751 owned a quarter of the sloop, "Good Intent" with Issachar Pollack who owned three-quarters. Subsequently, Robert Jenkins, Jr. became a half owner.³

¹Hannah R. London, *Portraits of Jews*, 49 New York 1927.

²*Genealogy of the Rodman Family 1620-1686*, by Charles Henry Jones, Philadelphia 1886.

³*Archives of the State of Rhode Island, Admiralty Records VIII*, 50, 51.

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Washington Letter

The letter which President George Washington addressed to the Hebrew Congregation at Newport is celebrated annually in Newport and since the letter has come into the possession of Mr. Morgenstern, copies have been circulated far and wide, emphasizing the liberal sentiments therein embodied. However, a little over a hundred years ago the Jewish press published the copy of the *Address of the Hebrew congregation* from which President Washington quoted. In its issue of December 27, 1850, "The Asmonean" wrote "We have not before us the answer of General George Washington, but it was equally just and complimentary to the patriotism of the Jewish people."

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"A Damn'd Unjust Tax"

Jewish writers have frequently pointed out that Jews were regarded as "Strangers" in the colony, implying that they were singled out as such. However, as we have previously stated, the term had political application to transients in the colony without regard to race, nationality or religion.¹ The Act passed in 1738 to assess such "Forreigners and Strangers" was found to be ineffective. "Hawkers and Pedlars" hired a shop or room from an inhabitant and sold their goods through agents, reaped considerable profit, pulled up stakes and escaped the obligation of contributing to the support of the town.

Therefore the General Assembly passed an Act June 1750, authorizing the Towns to appoint assessors to appraise the *quantity* of European goods offered for sale and, in their discretion, to assess the vendors, if

Strangers, according to the "Largeness" of their trade.² One of the first "Strangers" to run afoul of this law was Robert Jenkins, Jr., the scion of a well-known Boston family who came to Newport and did a large business in comparison with that done in our own day. He had shares in many ventures in trade, commerce, ships and shipping as well as a spermaceti refinery, involving thousands of pounds. His account book contains the following entry for June 6, 1751:

Paid Joseph Proud a Damn'd Unjust Tax assessed by Sylvester Carr and Proud, on me as a Stranger, which Tax is unjust as per their acknowledgement in my Record Book this Day.

One Hundred Pounds, a Rate never before paid by one man in this Government & pray God may be the last unreasonable Rate that for the Futher (Future) shall be paid.³

¹ *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes*, I, No. 2, Dec. 1954.

² *Archives State of Rhode Island, Public Laws 1750*.

³ *Account Book of Robert Jenkins Jr. (1747-1753)*, Rhode Island Historical Society, called to our attention by Librarian, Clarkson A. Collins 3d.

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Jewish Population of Colonial Newport

Political speakers in the past and recent Jewish writers have grossly exaggerated the Jewish population, ascribing the number as 1200.

There is no census for the period and therefore we cannot know the exact number but there are standards by which we can arrive at the reasonable conclusion that it was less than two hundred.¹ First, there are the family names which from 1677 to 1822 total only 40; secondly, there are the statements of a contemporary, Rev. Ezra Stiles in 1762 that there were 15 Jewish families consisting of 58 persons and in 1771 that there were 25 families (George C. Mason erroneously attributed the Stiles figure for the number of *persons* to the number of *families*); thirdly, we have the list of members of a Jewish club formed in 1761 on which there are only 9 names; fourth, we know that the population of Newport in 1774 was a little over 9000; and finally we know that religious institutions build not only for their total membership but also provide a margin for future expansion. Touro Synagogue, dedicated in 1763, had a seating capacity of 60 on the first floor, which has since been increased to the present seating capacity of 138 by the addition of seats in front of the Bimah (reading platform) and in front of the benches along the wall.²

If the accomplishments of the Jewish community of Newport are entitled to acclaim as those of a community of 1200, they are the more

remarkable as those of a community of less than 200.

¹Abram Vossen Goodman, *American Overture, Eighteenth Century Rhode Island*, 49-50, Philadelphia, 1947.

²Dr. Samuel Adelson, Congregation Jeshuat Israel (Touro Synagogue) to the Editor, May 23, 1955.

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Refugees, in Leicester, Massachusetts

Monthly meeting records of the Smithfield Quaker meeting reveal that Thomas Hazard of Kings County (Kingstown) and Anna Rodman, daughter of Thomas of Newport, were married in public assembly on September 6, 1780, at the Meeting House in Leicester, Worcester, Massachusetts, and that among the subscribing witnesses were six Jews then resident in Leicester, as refugees from the British occupation of Newport. They were Abraham Mendes, David, Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca and Esther Lopez.

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The University and the Jews

No college was more liberal towards prospective Jewish students than was the College of Rhode Island (Brown University) founded in Warren, Rhode Island,¹ where it remained until 1770. Nevertheless Israel Strauss (A.B.) and Jacob Hayman (C.E.) in 1894 were the first Jewish students to matriculate. Gutstein in "Jews of Newport" (p. 221) writes "Some of the Lopez boys were attending Brown University in Providence at the beginning of the 19th century," and cites Narragansett Historical Publications (Register). "However, the Narragansett Historical Register (IV p. 299) says that "Samuel and Jacob Lopez attended a school on Meeting Street between 1810 and 1820." This was not Brown University but part of the Providence school system. The only Lopez² to attend Brown University up to 1905 was a Cuban.

¹Abram Vossen Goodman, *American Overture*, 59-68, Philadelphia, 1947.

²See next item.

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Peter Spitz

In an address before the Rhode Island Veteran Citizens History Association on December 7, 1885, at a "meeting devoted to Hebrews," Rev. Fredric Denison delivered an address on "The Israelites in Rhode Island" in which he stated that:

"Between 1810 and 1820 two Jewish youth Samuel and Jacob Lopez were in Providence and attended the school on Meeting Street. Jacob lived with Mr. Knight Dexter. Samuel became a jeweler and married the daughter of Benjamin Tallman, Jr."

Col. Knight Dexter was the father of Ebenezer Knight Dexter who

willed to the City of Providence the Dexter Training Ground, the Dexter Asylum, and the Dexter Donation. Col. Dexter was the owner of a tavern at the corner of Arsenal Lane and North Main Street which subsequently became the Providence Hotel, on the ground floor of which Peter Spitz, a founder of Temple Ohabei Sholam in Boston and a member in Providence (1877) of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David conducted a hat and cap factory. Samuel Lopez was married to Caroline, the daughter of Benjamin Tallman, Jr. in 1824 by the Rev. Stephen Gano of the First Baptist Church in Providence. Samuel Lopez of Newport married Judith, the daughter of Moses Seixas, in 1806. She fell from a window and died November 6, 1829.

Providence Gazette, March 15, 1806. *Providence Journal, Vital Record of Rhode Island* by James N. Arnold, XII, 558.

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Touro Synagogue

It is commonly believed and often stated that the Touro Synagogue was only opened for two or three funerals after the last Spanish Portuguese Jew left Newport in 1822 and no services were held except on the occasion of the funeral of Judah Touro on June 6, 1854. However, there is documentary evidence to show that services were held on Sunday, July 23, 1854, and on Monday, July 23, 1877.¹

Judah Touro died in New Orleans on Friday, January 13, 1854, and on the same day Chazan Joseph Spiro of Providence wrote to Rev. (Chazan) Isaac Leeser at Philadelphia that a new congregation, Bnai (Sons of) Israel was organized in Providence on January 8th; and on Tuesday, July 25, 1854, Spiro again wrote to Leeser telling him that on the previous Sunday he went to Newport at the request of the Gould Brothers (Nathan H. and David J.) where he delivered an address on religion at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and recited the prayer for the dead (El mole rachamim) in memory of Judah Touro, and also the prayer "Ha-nosen teshuah lamelachim" in behalf of the President and all the leaders and officers of the United States of America before a mixed gathering.²

Although Gutstein states that "The Spanish Portugues Jew rightly avoids the Reform movement,"³ a service was held under their auspices at the Touro Synagogue on Monday afternoon, July 23, 1877. The day before, Dr. Sonnenshein of St. Louis and the Honorable Benjamin F. Peixotto of San Francisco, U. S. Consul to Roumania, appeared in Providence before a mass meeting of Jews at which it was voted to reorganize the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David as a "Moderate Reform" congregation. Dr. Sonnenshein and Peixotto came

to Providence in response to the invitation of the Providence congregation to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, then assembled in annual meeting at Philadelphia to send delegates to speak to the Jewish Community of Providence. Their mission successfully accomplished on Sunday, they made the pilgrimage to the Touro Synagogue on Monday afternoon. There Dr. Sonnenshein "offered prayer and delivered an address upon 'Love to Mankind and the Beauty of Charity'." Peizotto delivered an "Eloquent eulogy upon the life and times of Judah Touro." The prayer for the dead (El mole rachamim) was read and the congregation then proceeded to the Touro Cemetery where "The Hebrew service for the dead was read." The newspaper reported that the "Addresses were delivered in an able and scholarly manner and were listened to by the very intelligent audience with deep attention" and went on to say that they believed that the Synagogue had not been opened for services before since the death of Judah Touro, in which they were in error.

¹*Newport Mercury*, July 22, 1854 and July 28, 1877.

²Leeser Collection, Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Pa. Courtesy of American Jewish Archives.

³Morris A. Gutstein, *The Story of Jews of Newport*, XIV, 270, New York, 1936.

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The Newport Mercury

The bulletin of the Newport Historical Society for April 1928 No. 65 is a reprint of a paper read before the Society on February 20, 1928, by Mrs. Alvah H. Sanborn. On page 9 of the bulletin Mrs. Sanborn calls attention to the fact that the Emancipation Act passed by the Legislature in 1784 only applied to children born of slaves and that all other slaves continued in bondage. The paper continues as follows:

"There were also several advertisements of slaves for sale, of which the *most impressive* (italics—mine) is the following from the Mercury of June 12, 1784:

To be sold by
JACOB ISAACKS
very cheap

A few hogsheads of Jamaica spirits, the best of English turpentine, soap in boxes, German steel in packages of 110 lbs., a quantity of white pine boards and two-inch deck plank; flour, pork, and tar by the barrel; a Negro boy of 18, and a girl of 10 years of age."

In reprinting the above advertisement Mrs. Sanborn omitted the

words "for a term of time" after the word "age". She also omitted the second, third, fourth and fifth paragraphs of the same advertisement. In the second paragraph Isaacks offered several houses for sale; in the third paragraph he called attention to the fact that he carried on the "Brokers Business in all its branches in buying and selling"; in the fourth paragraph he offered a sloop for sale and wanted to charter a vessel; in the fifth paragraph he offered several farms for sale. We do not understand what Mrs. Sanborn found to be "most impressive" in the advertisement unless she intended to convey the impression that a Jew was offering slaves for sale in spite of the Emancipation Act. Two months later the City of Newport was offering "two healthy girls, one of 9, the other of 14 years of age to be bound out by the Overseers of the Poor of this city." Presumably these were white children. In the same month a Negro wench 19 years old with a female child of about 2 years old was offered for sale in the same paper through the medium of the printer of the paper. Eight years later Jacob Isaacks was no longer dealing in slaves, but Henry Littlefield was offering \$8 for a runaway and Benjamin Peckham was complaining that a Negro woman and young child had been advised to run away by three individuals whom he named.

There is no evidence that Jacob Isaacks was a slaveholder. The advertisement stated that he was acting as a "broker" for the time being, in the same manner as James Franklin, the Widow Franklin, James Franklin the Younger, and Henry Barber, printers at various times of the *Newport Mercury* were acting as intermediaries between slave owners and prospective purchasers. We call attention to this item as an illustration of how history may be distorted. Isaacks was the discoverer of a method of converting salt water into fresh water in 1791.¹

¹ Herbert Friedenwald, Ph.D., *Pub. A.J.H.S.* II, 111-117.

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Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

Although Gov. Philip Allen was severely castigated by the Editor of "The Asmonean" in the last issue of 1852 for his narrow Thanksgiving Day Proclamation and was by implication rebuked by Lewis Lewisson,¹ he was not a member of the Know-Nothing party which swept New England, but was a Democrat and his political record would seem to indicate that he was ignorant of the existence of the Jewish community which did not number a minyan (religious quorum of 10 males, 13 years of age or over).

Philip Allen, an ancestor and namesake of the Governor, together with Nathan Angell and Zachariah Allen, were co-partners of Aaron

Lopez in the sloop *Three Friends* which they registered in Providence on November 21, 1776, when the Lopez family resided in Providence as Revolutionary War refugees from the British Occupation of Newport.²

¹ *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes*, I., No. 2, Dec. 1954.

² *Ship Documents of Rhode Island, Providence I*, Part 1. While living in Providence, Lopez also registered the brigantine, *Warren*, on September 10, 1776 and with Leonard Jarvis, the brigantine *Fox* on November 20, 1776. Lopez built his home and trading post in Leicester, Mass., on Feb. 1, 1777 and on December 10, 1778 he and others registered in Providence the schooner, *Hawke*, a prize vessel.

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Dates and Statistics

It is repeatedly stated by writers that East European Jews began to emigrate to the United States in 1880. Insofar as Rhode Island is concerned such emigration commenced forty years earlier. The lists of naturalizations (*R.I.J.H.A. Notes* June 1954) show that emigration from Poland, Russia, Rumania, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire started in 1840, increasing in numbers until the minyanim (religious quorum of ten) combined in 1875 to establish the Congregation Sons of Zion. Not one of the names of the seven incorporators of this congregation appears in the above-mentioned list of naturalizations.

Statistics of Jews in the United States commence with the national census of 1850 and are inaccurate because the statistics dealt with the number of churches, and consequently many Jewish groups were not tabulated because there were many congregations in existence which had no fixed place of worship. In 1880 the Union of Hebrew Congregations and the Board of Delegates of the United States published statistics of the Jews as of 1877 and these have been used as authoritative. However, careful examination of the Rhode Island data show them to be unreliable.

Under Rhode Island we find two congregations listed, The Sons of Israel and David (1855) with 45 members and Sons of Israel (1877) with 60 members, the Jewish population is given as 1,000. These two were one and the same congregation. The Congregation of the Sons of Israel, founded in 1854 was chartered in 1855 and not in 1877, and the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David was the result of a merger in 1874 of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and the Congregation Sons of David. In 1877 the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David was in deplorable condition, having dwindled to 18 members.¹ No mention is made of the Congregation Sons of Zion which was incorporated in 1875 and composed of East European Jews.

The Providence Community included the City of Pawtucket and as this comprised most of the Jewish population, it is doubtful whether there were over 500 Jews in the state at the time. In calling a mass meeting in August of 1877, three hundred and fifty circulars were ordered printed and the Providence and Pawtucket directories for 1878 listed a total of 124 names, in addition to which there were 20 persons who attended the mass meeting who are not listed in the directories. (*R.I.J.H.A.* notes p. 72-74, June 1954).

¹ *Records of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations 1877*, American Jewish Archives.

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Military and Naval

During the French and Indian Wars, Lt. Richard Hoyle (on February 2, 1745) wrote a letter to the Governor of Rhode Island, in which he stated that out of 68 men he lost 35. One of these, Samuel Cohen, died January 7, 1745.

Archives of the State of Rhode Island, Letters to the Governor 1746-1750, Vol. III, 5 (sheet 2).

David Salisbury Franks was on the staff of Count D'Estaing, Admiral of the French Fleet, which came to Rhode Island to relieve Newport during the British occupation in 1778.

Uriah Phillips Levy was a volunteer and Acting Lieutenant in the Navy in the War of 1812. He joined the brig *Argus* under the command of Captain William Henry Allen of Rhode Island, "one of the bravest and most generous of men," and saw service in the British and Irish channels where they "destroyed 21 sail in the British channel, valued at \$5,000,000 and raised the insurance from two and a half to twenty-five percent."

Jacob Rader Marcus, *Memoirs of American Jews 1775-1865* I, 80, 81, 90. Philadelphia 1955.

In August, 1747 in the list of prisoners who were taken in the French and Indian wars and who were sent to Boston and there set free, was one, Jacob Judah, "A Jew Boston" of Rhode Island.

Boston Weekly Gazette, August 18, 1747. *Boston Weekly Post-Boy*, August 24, 1747.

Lee M. Friedman, *Early Jews of America*, p. 59.

John R. Bartlett, *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island V*, 225, 295, Providence 1860.

American Jewish Archives

The American Jewish Archives, located on the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is pleased to announce that Mr. Maxwell Whiteman of Philadelphia has joined its staff as Assistant to the Director, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus.

Mr. Whiteman is the author of numerous articles ranging from colonial German journalism to nineteenth century American fiction, and two books relating to the literature of the American negro. He has specialized in the history of early American Jewry and collaborated with Edwin Wolf, 2nd, on *A History of the Jews of Philadelphia, 1655-1830*, which was serialized in the *Philadelphia Jewish Exponent*.

For many years, Mr. Whiteman has been intimately identified with the antiquarian book trade and served twice as President of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of Philadelphia.

The American Jewish Archives is a unique institution which houses approximately a quarter of a million items relating to the history of the Jews in the United States.

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Adolph S. Ochs

In 1871, at the dedication of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Exchange Place, in Providence, Adolph Ochs, as a boy, sold lemonade. He was a "cash boy" by day for Augustus Rodenberg, a relative, who kept a grocery store at 160 Fountain Street, near the City Hall. In the evening, he attended a business college. Mrs. Rodenberg had been a nurse at the Battle of Antietam, during the Civil War.¹

As a result of an experience in Providence, he always signed his full name thereafter. It is said that when he went to the General Delivery window at the Post Office one day, and asked if they had anything for "A. Ochs," the clerk, suspecting that he was being made the butt of a joke, fixed the inquirer with a cold and fishy eye, saying "Nothing, and nothing for A. Cow either." Thereafter, says Stone, Ochs was always Adolph.²

¹Letter of Albert Rodenberg of Hartford, Connecticut to Miss Matilda J. Pincus of Providence, November 21, 1952.

²Gerald W. Johnson, *An Honorable Titan, A Biographical Study of Adolph S. Ochs*, 24, 25, 49. Harper & Brothers, New York, 1946.

JEWISH FAMILY NAMES

Jews had no fixed surnames in the ghettos of Europe but were known by such names as Reb Isaac Ben Schmucl (Mr. Isaac son of Samuel) and because children were named after a common ancestor, there were many who bore the same names. Jews were compelled to adopt family names at the close of the eighteenth century in Austria and France, not necessarily of their own choosing, in order that they might be distinguished for conscription into the armies and in furtherance of a policy of enlightenment. Members of the same family often acquired different surnames in the process of registration by local magistrates.

Few voluntary changes of name were made by Jews in Rhode Island and none seems to have been made to escape identity with the Jewish community. However, as public officials and school teachers strained their eyes and ears to make foreign-looking and tongue-twisting names intelligible, they necessarily underwent changes. Solowaitchick became neither Sullivan nor was it translated into "Nightingale," its English equivalent, "Yankele" (Johnny) did not become "John Kelly," nor did "Yitzchok" (Isaac) become "Hitchcock" in Rhode Island.¹

The late Dr. Mark H. Plainfield changed his name from Yahrashewsky because, as a young man, in the heat of midsummer, he went from one drug store to another in search of employment from early morning until late afternoon, before he met with success. His experience convinced him that his name was a commercial liability. On leaving the store, he looked up at the street sign which read "Plainfield," which he there and then adopted for his surname.²

Between 1892 and 1905, the General Assembly granted the following petitions for change of names:

- 1892 Isaac Banderewsky to Isaac Bander
- 1892 Joseph Banderewsky to Joseph Bander
- 1895 Richard Krasnetzky to Richard Cross³
- 1896 Moses Banminger to Max Banminger
- 1897 Harry Yondelevitz to Harry Levit
- 1897 Harry Levit to Harry Leavitt
- 1899 Moses Banderewsky to Moses Bander
- 1900 Leopold H. Massell to Leopold H. Lincoln
- 1900 Jacob Dashwsky to Joe Dash
- 1900 Meyer Washkansky to Meyer White
- 1900 Abraham M. Granovsky to Abraham M. Grant
- 1900 Louis M. Granovsky to Louis M. Grant

- 1901 Amos A. Smolofsky to Amos A. Small³
 1901 A. Sacofsky to James Sackett
 1902 Morris Finkler to Morris Winkler
 1902 Charles Potoshinsky to Charles Potter
 1902 Louis Potoshinsky to Louis Potter
 1902 Hyman Solomon Balbrisky to Henry Simonds
 1903 Charles Alexander Zaslavsky to Charles Z. Alexander
 1904 Joseph H. Joskovitch to Joseph H. Joslin
 1904 Nathan Makofsky to Nathan Marks
 1904 Daniel Meyers Potoshinsky to Daniel Myers Potter
 1904 Albert H. Sidkowsky to Albert H. Sidney
 1904 Morris Brown to Moritz Braum

¹ Lee M. Friedman, "American Jewish Names," *Pilgrims in a Land*, 209, Philadelphia, 1948.

² As told to the writer by the late Mark H. Plainfield.

³ In 1896, Richard Cross was one of the incorporators of "The Lenard (Linnath) Azedeck Congregation and in 1903 Amos A. Small was one of the incorporators of the Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of American Hebrews.

Jewish Family Names of Providence, 1850

Population 41512

- Deyoung, David, tailor, 16 Orange Street
 Garits, Leonard, merchant 6 Fenner (6 children—Census)
 Lewisson, Lewis, clothing 31-33 S. Main St. h 50 Benefit
 Nathan, Charles, clothing store
 Nathan, Charles, tailor
 Nathan, John, clothing 157 Westminster, 30 Elbow
 Pareira, Solomon, clothing stores 195 Westminster 18 Orange
 h 54 Pine (4 children—Census)
 Steinberg, Morris, clerk 18 S. Main
 Steinberg, Louis, peddler 18 S. Main

1855 Population 47785

- Cook, Solomon, clothing 8 Washington Bldg. 88 Broad h 62 Clemence
 Frank, Raphael, hosiery, etc. 1 Arcade h 16 Plane
 Goodman, Abraham H., clothing 29 S. Main
 Hershorn, Jacob R., hosiery etc. 3 Arcade h 8 Page
 Kastor, William H., 3 Arcade bds. 8 Page
 Lewisson, Louis, clothing store 21-23 S. Main
 Marks, Morris, tailor 106 High
 Nathan, John, clothing 135 Westminster, Exchange Hotel
 (45 Washington)
 Nathan, Julius, 10 Broad h 158 N. Main
 Nathan, Dorcas J., millinery and dressmaker h 158 N. Main

Parcira, Solomon, second hand clothing store 16 Orange
 Rastover (Rashcover), Simeon, tailor, 26 Broad H 66 Clemence
 Solomon, Henry, clothes dealer 47 Broad h 35 Transit
 Solomon, Emanuel (Solomon Brothers), cigars and tobacco 2 S. Main,
 Todd's Hotel (2 N. Main)
 Solomon, Charles (Solomon Brothers), h New York
 Solomon, Morris (Solomon Brothers), h New York
 Solomon, Simon (Solomon Brothers), h New York
 Steinberg, Lewis, 9 Washington
 Steinberg, Simon, salesman 21 S. Main h 9 Washington
 Stern, Joseph, tailor 8 Washington Bldg. h 66 Clemence
 Stern, M. L., tailor 10 Broad h 66 Clemence
 Wormser, A., hosiery etc. 53 Westminster City Hotel (118 Broad)

1860¹ Population 50666

Nathan, Benjamin (Tint & Nathan), laces etc. 116 N. Main
 h 3 Haymarket
 Nathan, Julius, cutter 21 S. Main bds. rear 14 Atwells Ave.
 Frank, Raphael, fancy goods 24 & 26 Arcade h 98 Pine
 Frank, David, fancy goods 1 Arcade bds City Hotel
 Green, Henry, tailor 118 N. Main h do.
 Shuman, Abraham, bookkeeper 21 S. Main bds. 23 S. Main
 Shuman, Benjamin, clothing 21 S. Main bds. 23 S. Main
 Solomon, Henry, tailor 47 Weybosset h 108 Richmond
 Solomon, Sarah, clerk 26 Arcade h 108 Richmond
 Solomon, Samuel, clerk 26 Arcade h 108 Richmond
 Stern, Abraham, clothing 10 Washington Bldg. h 14 Wheaton
 Stern, Joseph, clerk 121 N. Main h 115½ N. Main
 (3 children—Census)
 Tint, Louis, lace goods 116 N. Main h 191 Broad

¹The following names appear in the directories for 1858 and 1859
 Goodhart, Jacob, embroideries, 53 Westminster St. h 188 do.
 Goodhart, Morris, clerk 53 Westminster St. h 188 do.
 Goodhart, Philip, bookkeeper 53 Westminster St. h 188 do.
 Moses Bernhard was Secretary-Treasurer of the Congregation
 Sons of Israel in 1859 according to the Asmonean V, 6.
 The name of William Bernhard appears in the directory
 for 1861

1865 Population 54595

Cohan, Jacob, clothing 11 Smith h 6 Church
 Cohen, Louis (Peyser & Cohen), 251 N. Main bds. 168 Charles
 Fink, Adolph, second hand clothing 1 Mill h do.
 Frank, David, fancy goods 1 Arcade h 21 Walnut

Frank, Lewis (Louis), clerk 1 Arcade bds. 21 Walnut
 Green, Henry, tailor 228 & 242 N. Main h 230 do.
 Green, Louis, clerk 242 N. Main h do.
 Halberstad, Leonard, peddler h 167 Pine
 Jacobs, Abram, clothing 5 Smith h 246 N. Main (Chazan Cong. Sons
 of Israel)
 Kaffe, Isaac, second hand clothing 226 N. Main house rear 225 do.
 Peyser, Isaac, 251 N. Main bds. 168 Charles
 Shuman, Julius, clothing 9 & 21 S. Main bds. Earl House (67 N. Main)
 Simons, A. L. & Co. (J. Strauss), clothing 2 S. Main h 325 N. Main
 Solomon, Henry, tailor 119 N. Main h 108 do.
 Spear, Henry C., clothing 80 N. Main h 533 do.
 Strauss, Isaac, h 325 S. Main
 Tint, Mrs. Louis, fancy goods 122 N. Main h 168 do.
 Wolf, Benno, lace goods 131 Westminster h 118 High

1870 Population 68906

Baker, Maurice, clothing 279 S. Main h do.
 Buitekan, Isaac, clothing 41 Wickenden h do.
 Cohen, Jacob, clothing 61 Wickenden h do.
 Cohn, Casper (Cohn Bros.), clothing 128 N. Main h 61 Randall
 Cohn, Louis (Cohn Bros.), clothing 128 N. Main h 61 Randall
 Dimond, A. Mrs., fancy goods 230 S. Main h 30 Wickenden
 Dimond, Charles A., fancy goods dealer Hedley's Building
 h 190 Charles
 Frank, David, fancy goods 1 Arcade h 157 Friendship
 Frank, Louis, clerk 140 N. Main h 157 Friendship
 Fink, Adolph, clothing 2 Mill h do.
 Fink, David, clerk 245 Westminster h 1 Mill
 Fink, Henry, clerk 77 Westminster h 1 Mill
 Fisher, Louis, merchant tailor 255 Westminster h. 32 America
 Glaser, John, hairdresser 81 Weybosset h 30 Elbow
 Gomperts, A., cigar manufacturer r 281 N. Main bds. 283 do.
 Green, Henry, tailor 281 N. Main h 283 do.
 Green, Louis, clothing 303 and 307 N. Main bds. 301 do.
 Green, Solomon, tailor 91 Charles h do.
 Hahn, Isaac, kid gloves and laces 148 Westminster h 74 Pond
 Halberstad, Leonard, second hand clothing 328 N. Main h 264 Pine
 Harris, Edward, boots and shoes 87 N. Main h 402 do.
 Henius, Isidore, ladies furnishing goods 158½ Westminster
 h 30 Barton

Hirsch, Louis M., 128 Westminster h do.
Holmes, Barnard, clothing 298 S. Main h 11 Williams
Jacobs, Abram, crockery house 121 Pond
Jacobs, Alfred, crockery and glass h 121 Pond
Jacobs, Charles, clothing 15 S. Main house 43 Stewart
Jacobs, Morris, tailor h 30 Wickenden
Kalish, Lewis, tailor 108 S. Main h do.
Levy, Benjamin (J. Richman & Co.), 131 Westminster h 49 Prairie
Krohn, Soloman, clerk 281 N. Main bds. 283 do.
Levi, Solomon, clerk 140 N. Main bds. Central Hotel
Levy, David (Oscar S. Levy & Bro.), groceries 4 Dorrance
h 160 Fountain
Levy, Oscar S. (Oscar S. Levy & Bro.), groceries 4 Dorrance
h 160 Fountain
Marke, H., peddler bds. 30 So. Main
Hartman, Frederick, clerk 28 S. Main bds. 314 N. Main
Meyers, Abraham, salesman 180 Westminster St. h do.
Myers, Edward B., hatter 26 Westminster house 131 Canal
Meyers, Elias, salesman 180 Westminster h do.
Milkman, Bernard Mrs., millinery 161 Westminster house Bradford
cor. Atwells
Milkman, Moses, clerk 161 Westminster bds. Bradford cor. Atwells
Milkman, Solomon, clerk 161 Westminster bds. Bradford cor. Atwells
Perlman, L. Rev. (Chazan Congregation of the Sons of Israel),
bds. 30 S. Main
Pincus, Newman, clerk 83 N. Main h 5 N. Court
Rodenberg, Augustus, grocer 160 Fountain
Spear, Henry C., clothing 83 N. Main house 89 Washington
Spitz, Abraham, clerk 114 N. Main bds. 89 Washington
Spitz, Augustus, clerk 114 N. Main bds. 89 Washington
Spitz, John H., hats etc. 363 High bds. 89 Washington
Spitz, Peter, cap manufacturer 114 N. Main house 89 Washington
Spitz, Samuel, hats, caps etc. 136 N. Main house 24 S. Court
Stern, Henry C., gents furnishing goods, 128 Westminster h do.
Stern, Louis, clerk 227 Westminster boards 4 Oliver Place
Stern, Max & Co., fancy goods 159 Westminster
Tint, Albert, clerk 167 N. Main h 203 do.
Tint, Mrs. Louis, fancy goods 167 N. Main house 203 do.

1877

See *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes I*, 1 (June 1954).

RESERVOIR AVENUE CEMETERY¹

TEN MALES thirteen years of age or over constitute a minyan (religious quorum). Before the formal organization of a congregation, they worship in private homes or halls depending upon their numbers. One of their first concerns is the acquisition of land for a cemetery (Beth Chaim, House of Life). In Providence, in the summer of 1849, one of the members of the Jewish community addressed a letter to the Spanish-Portuguese congregation Shearith Israel in New York inquiring whether they might bury their dead in the cemetery in Newport. He was referred to the legislature of Rhode Island and the Town Council of Newport.² There is no record of any action or response from the legislature or Town Council, probably because they had not yet perfected the administration of the Touro Funds.

On September 10, 1849, Francis Haswell conveyed about an acre of land on the Providence and New London Turnpike Road, which was assessed for \$100.00 and on which the tax was 20¢, to Solomon Pareira, Leonard Garits and Morris Steinberg. There is no mention in the instrument of the use to which the land was to be put.³ However, on January 13, 1854, Chazan Joseph Spiro wrote a letter to "Rev." Isaac Leeser in Philadelphia in which he reported the organization of a congregation by the name of Bnai Israel (Sons of Israel) the previous Sunday (January 8th) and also the purchase of a Beth Chaim (House of Life) or cemetery, which one of the congregation had agreed to fence in.⁴

In October of 1857, Pareira, retiring President of the congregation, and one of the three purchasers from Francis Haswell conveyed the land to the Congregation Sons of Israel "as and for a cemetery for the burial of the members of the said congregation Sons of Israel and for no other purpose for ever."⁵ Thus the record seems to disclose a defective title. However, the deed from Pareira alone to the congregation contains the recital "Being the same land conveyed to this Grantor by Francis Haswell by deed dated the 14th day of October, 1849." It would therefore appear that there is an unrecorded deed or deeds from Pareira, Garits, and Steinberg back to Haswell between the 10th of September and the 14th of October, 1849.

The first burial was that of Solomon Cook, vice-president of the congregation in 1859. Others followed until around 1870 Henry Whitman, an abutting owner discovered that the burials were entirely on land belonging to him and that the land of the congregation was swampland.

The congregation was notified through its President, Henry Green, and David Frank who verified these facts through a civil engineer.⁶

Whitman at first insisted upon having the graves removed but being on personal, friendly terms with President Green yielded to the latter's request that the graves remain on condition that the congregation would deed its land to him and he would deed sufficient land to the congregation to enclose the graves. Fences were removed and new boundaries agreed upon. But the reservation in Pareira's deed required that the congregation obtain a quitclaim deed from Pareira if he were alive and if not, from his heir. The congregation did not obtain a deed from Pareira and Whitman died on November 9, 1888. Time passed and although the Whitman heirs desired to carry out the wishes of their ancestor, it was especially desirable and necessary that the matter be closed while some of the parties on both sides who had personal knowledge of the fact were still living.

Consequently, on January 31, 1893, Josiah Whitman conveyed two parcels of land to the congregation by a deed which recites

Whereas on the 17th day of June 1857 the Congregation Sons of Israel purchased of Solomon Pareira a lot of land situated in the Town of Cranston, the deed of said lot of land was recorded Oct. 20th. 1857 in (Book 34—Page 394) of the records of the Town of Cranston and whereas the said Congregation by mistake enclosed a lot of land and commenced a cemetery on land of this grantor now therefor this deed is in fulfillment of an agreement made between this grantor and said grantee, to convey to it the lot of land enclosed and occupied by said Grantee as a cemetery which is located by mistake on his the said Grantors land, and also to convey to said grantee other land adjoining said lot.

In reply to a letter of Sigmund Lederer soliciting a contribution, on November 22, 1901, Josiah Whitman found occasion to complain,

The small sum I consented to receive for transferring to the members of the Society my claims to the land was an insignificant consideration compared to the boon and benefit to them: but I have never learned that they passed any vote of thanks to me for accepting so trifling amount as I did, and thereby relieving them from the deplorable dilemma in which they were involved.⁷

Since then the cemetery has been enlarged by numerous and substantial additional acquisitions of land.

⁷The only Jewish cemetery within the city limits of Providence and belongs to the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David (Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue).

²Records of the Congregation Shearith Israel, New York, Vol. VI, 4, July 1, 1849.

³Land Records of the City of Cranston, Deed Book 209, p. 76.

⁴Jacob R. Hershorn (Hirschorn), First Secretary and Treasurer of the Congregation.

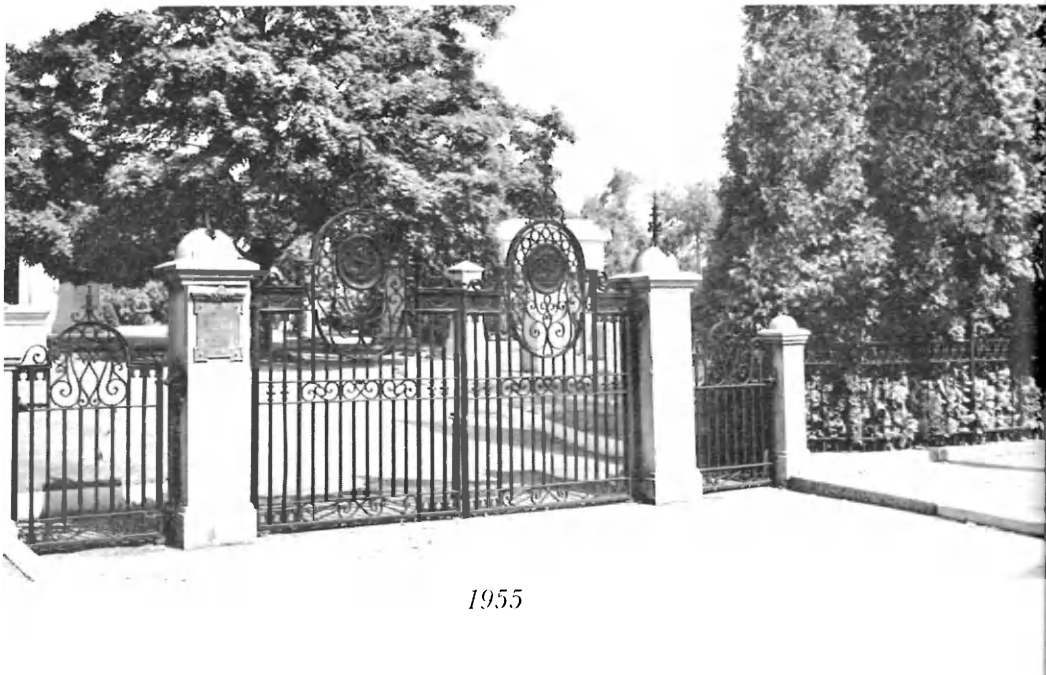
⁵Cranston Land Record Deed Book 220, p. 113.

⁶Report of Goff & Schofield, Civil Engineers, Feb. 26, 1911. Archives, Congregations of the Sons of Israel and David. Minutes of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David, Dec. 17, 1882.

⁷Archives Congregations of the Sons of Israel and David, letter of Josiah A. Whitman to Sigmund Lederer dated Nov. 23, 1901.



Original Cemetery, photograph taken about 1900. From a dance program in the Archives of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David.



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BURIALS
IN THE
RESERVOIR AVENUE CEMETERY, BELONGING TO THE
CONGREGATION OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL AND DAVID
TEMPLE BETH-EL, 70 ORCHARD AVENUE
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

1859

Solomon Cook "Who died Sunday, 11 days in Shevat 5619, corresponding with the C. E. January 16, 1859—56 yrs.

1865

Louis Tint, February 7th—in his 17th year

1866

Frances Solomon (wife of Henry) April 15—age 49

1867

Henry Solomon, September 17—age 68 yrs.

1868

Fannie Wolf, June 19—in her 69th year

1869

Sarah Marks (wife of Henry J.) February 12—age 34, 11 mos., 16 days

1870

Johannah Fink (wife of Adolph) February 7—b. March 23, 1824

1872

Charles Jacob Frank (s. of David and Sarah) Nov. 11, b. Aug. 11, 1867

Rachael Cohen (d. of Jacob and Mary) April 11—age 3 yrs., 5 mos.

Moses I. Vanderslice, September 8—b. July 2, 1802

1873

Byron Irving Nathan (son of Julius and Kate) August 14—1 yr., 5 mos., 1 day

Mathilda Henius—October 5, born July 1, 1856

Fredericka Henius—September 14, born September 5, 1864

Carrie Heymann (wife of A.) July 9—30 yrs.

Simon Heymann (son of A.) August 26—aged 7 weeks

Louis Weiskopf—February 24, born December 16, 1843

Hulde Lubelski (d. of Harris and Esther) Sept. 5, b. Nov. 20, 1868

1875

Simon Wolf—November 16—in his 79th year

Max Cohen (son of Jacob and Mary) September 4—age 4 yrs., 3 mos.

1876

Fannie Krohne—October 1, born December 24, 1848

1877

Henriette Frank (d. of David and Sarah) June 27, b. Oct. 20, 1876

1878

Henrietta Henius—February 19—age 26 yrs., 8 mos., 11 days

Carry Strauss—March 27, born June 6, 1875—“her parents’s second blessing, their first sorrow.”

1879

Louis Rosenfeld, born 1836

Louie Crown (son of Samuel and Sophia) Nov. 27, b. July 8, 1877

1880

Isaac Simon—July 31, born March 7, 1836

Rebecca Rosendale—born 1878

1881

Solomon Levy—December 28—aged 44

Regina Rodenberg (daughter of Gustav and Amelia) November 27,
born September 5, 1879

Rosa Green (daughter of Henry and Mary) April 22—age 9 yrs., 11
mos., 12 days—“died on earth to bloom in heaven.”

Jacob Joseph Dimond (son of Charles and Bernadette) March 12,
born October 22, 1879

William J. Schwarz (s. of Joseph and Esther) Aug. 2, b. Aug. 8, 1871

1882

Henry C. Spear, November 14—age 43 yrs.

Emma Lamb (wife of Harty) December 13—age 24 yrs., 10 mos.

1883

Bella Hartman, January 17, born December 3, 1870

Daniel Friend, Jan. 22, 19 yrs., 7 mos., 27 days, b. Berlin, Prussia

Augusta Rosnosky, June 29—age 44

Charles Jacobs, born 1830

Betsy Rosnosky (d. of Samuel & Augusta) July 6, b. April 28, 1871

1885

Carrie—April 20—18 mos.

1886

Viola Lederer (d. of Benedict & Theresa) June 10, b. April 5, 1885
Leonard Lamb (son of Harty & Emma) August 7, born May 10, 1881
Sarah Milkman (wife of Bernard) sister of Solomon Pareira, 1st President of the Cong. November 7, born Amsterdam September, 1821

1887

Appleyard (Hattie L. Rosenfeld) born 1865
Edward Harris—April 11, born Krotoshen, Germany, May 17, 1817

1888

Charles Jordan Lewis, July 23, born in London 1828

1889

Beryl Green, March 19, born February 15, 1888
Henry Solomon, Jr., July 13, age 38 yrs.
Augustie Jackson (wife of Jacob) September 22, age 56 yrs., 3 mos.

1890

Miriam Green (wife of Henry) April 3—age 54

1891

Michael Morris Dimond (son of Charles & Bernadette) March 7, born September 14, 1877
Jacob Jackson, October 8—age 59
Adolph Fink, December 25—age 73, born Nakle, Prussia

1892

Theresa Waldheimer Lederer (wife of Benedict) July, born June 8, 1857
Lizzie Haas (wife of Maurice) August 14, born September 20, 1859
Henry Green, November 22, b. Sept. 15, 1830, Gnesen, Prussia
Jennie Labensky (wife of Louis) October 10, born April 15, 1859

1893

Jacob Cohen, March 10—52 years of age
Godfrey Boas (son of Herman and Sarah) March 21, born January 23
Fannie Jackson, December 26, born June 11, 1874

1894

1895

Goldie Marks (d. of Adolph and Martha) July 6, b. Dec. 18, 1892
Elias Meyer, October 4, born October 20, 1822

1896

Mary Simon, October 19 (Boston) born Gnesen, Prussia, June 5, 1831

1897

Harry L. Green, May 11, born September 3, 1861

Hannah Jordan Lewis, Aug. 10, b. Manchester, England, May 29, 1836

Sylvia Robinson, August 8, born 1895

Bertha Massler, August 15, born December 31, 1896

1898

Antonie Cohn (mother of Simon and Rose) Jan. 12, b. July 7, 1832

Julius Wolf, born 1841

Herman Boas, May 22, born December 8, Gnesen, Prussia

Henrietta Schloss (wife of Moses) born 1855

1899

Hannah Krohne (wife of Samuel J. Sr.) born 1825

Isaac Schloss, March 24, born January 10, 1895

1900

George P. Steiner, April 8, born January 3

1901

Caroline Samuels (mother of Joseph, Leon and Sophie) Aug. 27, born
August 23, 1838

Emilie Wolf (mother of William) April 26, age 58

Leopold Steiner, November 29, born May 30, 1846

1902

Louis F. Steiner, April 16, born November 11, 1892

Mary Cohen (wife of Jacob) February 8, age 62 yrs.

Amelia Jacobson, January 18, born September 1, 1876

Leopold Hartman, July 8, born February 5, 1836

1903

Augustus Elias, January 4, born January 1, 1878

Marcus Cohn, July 4, aged 66

Minnie Hellman (d. of Louis and Bertha) April 4, b. May 14, 1833

Frances Henius, June 10, born Hanover, Germany, June 10, 1822

Augusta Robinson, born 1868

Sarah Solomon Frank (wife of David) born 1844

Henrietta Rosendale Samuels, April 1, born March 21, 1902

1904

Solomon Hartman, February 29, born February 2, 1813
Hulda Hecht Frank (wife of Henry) January 2, born January 10, 1883
Abraham Rosenberg, born 1850
Samuel Steiner, Jr., born 1897

1905

Benno Wolf, January 15, born March 30, 1837
Ruth Massler (wife of Isaac and daughter of Louis and Sarah Green)
June 3, born December 8, 1872
Louis J. Vantyn (infant son of Benjamin Hattie) March 10

1906

Julian B. Wolf (son of Benno) March 3, born November 22, 1867
Joshua Fink Buitekan (wife of Isaac) October 27, born Makel, Prussia
Sarah Hartman (wife of Solomon) August 20, born November 9, 1858
Michaelis Hellman, June 2, 1906, born September 15, 1845

1907

Bernard A. Sperber, July 11, born May 20, 1906
Sarah Rosenberg, born 1906
Bertha Jacobson (wife of Michael) born 1848

1908

Hannah Jacobs, born 1832
Bertha Beekman (wife of Seligman) September 27—aged 79
Rachel L. Friend, December 17
Jacob Simons (husband of Tillie) born 1844
Henry Meyer, born 1842
Elizabeth Meyer (wife of Henry) born 1837
Samuel R. Wolf, January, born October 28, 1878
Hildreth R. Marks (d. of Adolph and Martha) Jan. 31, b. Jan. 27, 1907
Samuel Fox, July 25, born February 17, 1871
Michael Jackson, born 1840 (Co. A. U.S. Cov.)

1909

Julius Eichenberg, May 9, born October 8, 1866
Janette Marks (d. of Adolph and Martha) July 17, b. April 8, 1909
Jette Rosenberg, born 1850
Isaac Hahn, March 12, born April 28, 1845
Anna Jacobs Rosenfeld (wife of Louis) born 1844
Julius Shuman, July 20, born February 20, 1837
Fred Crown, born 1908
Fred Edward Wolf (s. of Edward and Bertha) May 5, b. Dec. 6, 1908

1910

Charles Dimond, February 24, born March 21, 1848
Bertha Tanzer Koretz (wife of Richard) Aug. 28, b. Dec. 7, 1866
Rachel Spear, December 5, born March 19, 1837

1911

Moses Rosendale, born 1848
Henry Hartman (son of Leopold and Julia) born 1874
Simon Elias, October 14, born June 17, 1847
Leopold Dimond, February 24, born January 27, 1845
Max Deutz, May 15, born March 4, 1873

1912

Emma Rosenfeld Hussey, born 1866
George Rosenberg, September 5, born April 7, 1860
Jennie Rosendale Samuels (w. of Henry C.) Mar. 19, b. Mar. 19, 1877
Deborah Lazarus Lamb (wife of Harty) June 20, b. Dec. 7, 1857
Sarah Green (wife of Louis) November 25
Amelia L. Rodenberg, March 13, born February 9, 1842

1913

Mina Kleinman Fox (wife of Samuel) May 21, born December 7, 1844
Helen Rosenblum (daughter of Harry J. and Augusta) October 22,
born December 15, 1890
Julius Adler, June 24, born December 22, 1829

1914

Benedict B. Lederer, November 23, born April 8, 1854, Bohemia
Louis Green (husband of Sarah) June, born October, 1847
Regina Pesc Grover (wife of Morris K.) July 13, born January 6, 1864
Mollie Cohen (daughter of Bernard and Sarah) born 1865
Johanna Abrams Dimond (wife of Leopold) April 16, b. Oct. 12, 1845

1915

Jacob Shartenberg, July 14, born November 4, 1853
Solomon Crown, May 10, born February 14, 1845
Joseph Cohn, August 2, born November 19, 1840
Julia Schneller Hartman (wife of Leopold) October 25, b. Feb. 8, 1848
Hannah Adler, February 7, born October 2, 1838

1916

Jacob Richard Shartenberg, February 17, born January 7, 1916
Benjamin Jacobs, February 14, born February 22, 1859
Babetta Cohen, February 26, born December 17, 1840
Rose Charak Adelman (w. of Isaac S.) May 1, b. 1871, Odessa, Russia
Ruth Frances Abrams, born 1910
Jacob L. Schwartzkopf, July 29, born February 9, 1859
Rachel Schwartzkopf, (wife of Jacob L.) July 30, b. July 26, 1862
Fannie Slanskey Cohn, August 23, born March 6, 1851

1917

Gustav L. Rodenberg, January 10, born May 26, 1840
William Green, born 1857
Max Feder, June 22, born April 23, 1849
Joseph B. Cohen, born 1868
Adolph Jessel, May 13, born February 21, 1846
Henry S. Lederer, January 29, born July 22, 1894

1918

Rosalie Rosenblum (d. of Harry J. & Augusta) Oct. 19, b. Sept. 9, 1892
Julia Steiner (wife of Leopold) April, born January, 1845
Moses Robinson, October 14, born March 9, 1867
Morris J. Wessel, born 1889 (son of David E. & Sarah)
Joseph Lowenstein, born 1844
Sam L. Lederer, March 15, born March 20, 1891

1919

Louise H. Friedland, April 12, born January 10, 1876
Esther Steiner (mother of David H. & Benjamin) October 29
Rose Cohn, August 6, born November 27, 1838
Sarah Lederer (wife of Elias) March 19, born November 15, 1847
Edward Abrams, infant
Moses Einstein, born 1857
Sadie Fleischer Rosendale, born 1882
David Frank, born 1835
Alice Rosalie Hahn Sulzberger (wife of Milton) born 1873
Fannie Schmelz, October 28, born October 24, 1863
Abraham Robinson, March 21, age 67 years

1920

Ida Rutberg Cutler (wife of Harry) February 2, b. Dec. 25, 1880
Harry Cutler, August 28, born December 25, 1874
Sadie Holtz, August 15

Sophia A. Crown, February 17, born July 8, 1843
 Clara Hartman, August 16, born April 20, 1872
 Rosalie Alice Wolf (d. of Benno) March 26, b. Nov. 21, 1862
 Wolfe Kaplan, August 12, born December 24, 1883
 Evelyn Anita Spear, January 1, born February 10, 1919
 Sigmund Schmelz, (s. of Sigmund & Fannie) Mar. 11, b. July 18, 1894

1921

Louis Rosenberg, October 29, born January 18, 1868
 Rose Rosenberg, September 2, born March 12, 1893
 Julia Loeser Lambert, September 12, born April 28, 1868
 Sarah E. Greene (wife of Louis) May, born December, 1849
 Rose Cohn (sister of Simon) November 21, age 47 years.
 Adolph Wiener, April 25, born Poland, March 3, 1838
 Eva Wiener (wife of Adolph) daughter of Mareh and Rothe Jerzy
 December 14, born Poland March 12, 1840
 Sarah Cohen, October 21
 Jacob Cohn (husband of Matilda Kander) May 27, born 1842

1922

Ignatz Sperber, September 14, born May 5, 1857
 Abraham L. Hartman (son of Leopold & Julia) born 1867
 Charles Robert Albert, December 1—2 mos. and 14 days
 Essie Anhalt, December 9, born October 31, 1888
 Henry Krohne, born 1852
 William Schloss, October 23, born February 4, 1859
 Arnold J. Gilman, (son of David D.) July 10, born November 16, 1914
 Ephraim E. Robinson, February 22, born August 19, 1884
 Adolph L. Lederer, September 2, born December 30, 1866

1923

Esther Bloom Sievers, September 22, born April 12, 1893
 William Wolf, January
 George W. Adelman (son of Isaac S.) December 25, born May 7, 1895
 Caroline Kaufman Lichtenstein December 12, born June 14, 1854
 Louis Green, April 3
 George B. Brooks, February 14, born 1872
 Robert Hellman, born 1848
 Arthur A. Markoff, March 26, born November 14, 1922

1924

Dora Phillips (wife of Henry) December 13, born April 6, 1858
 Augusta Rosenblum (wife of Harry J.) Dec. 20, b. Dec. 20, 1854

Samuel J. Goldberg, November 24, age 48
Amos W. Greene, May 24, born March 9, 1875
Arabella Krohne (wife of Henry) born 1863
Rachel Elias, March 20, born December 25, 1852
William Loeb, born 1856
Bertie E. Lederer, June, born December 14, 1879

1925

Frieda Walshon, June 18, born February 22, 1892
Esther Rose Kessler, June 22, born March 4, 1857
Emma B. Wolf (wife of Benno) July 2, born August 19, 1845
Emma Loeb, born 1864
Robert J. Lederer, March 26, born December 31, 1902

1926

Caroline Cohn, March 15, age 81
Henry Woolf, May 6, born December 25, 1876
Manuel A. Serge, December 21, born October 24, 1877
Theresa Feder (wife of Max) March 27, born March 14, 1868
Solomon Krohne, born 1850
Estelle Shuman Dimond (wife of Abraham) born 1875
Samuel Priest, February 10, born May 5, 1868
Julia Schuelz, February 19, born March 16, 1899

1927

Harry Phillips (husband of Dora) May 13, born October 9, 1857
Harry Payton, April 24, born December 14, 1872
Caroline L. Hellman, March 31, born February 20, 1855
Sarah Marluk Wessel, born 1860
Isadore Cohn, February 23, born September 12, 1870

1928

Wilhelmina Fuerth, February 21, born October 12, 1852
Harty L. Lamb, February 1, born April 9, 1852
Adolph Marks, October 23, born 1861
John Zaslavsky, January 9, born October 12, 1856
Ernestine Abraham Shartenberg, September 2, born January 7, 1853
Rosa Kessler, May 22, born August 6, 1858

1929

Isaac Samuel Adelman, January 1, born 1870, Odessa, Russia
David H. Steiner, September 21, born December 18, 1866
Harry I. Robinson, born 1860

Pauline Shuman (wife of Julius) April 26, born December 1, 1851
 Leon Samuels, September 24, born July 4, 1866

1930

Katie Sperber, March 7, born January 6, 1858
 Bradley Joseph O'Neil (husband of Anna Rosenberg) June 30, b.
 December 25, 1882
 Herbert J. Caffrey (husband of Mabel Rosenfeld) Feb. 22, b. 1876
 David A. Robinson, July 25, born March 21, 1888
 Helen Fuerth Hedison, June 22

1931

Esther Rosenberg, October 18, born March 7, 1880
 Betsey Krohne (wife of Solomon) born 1858
 Morris Crown
 Daniel Donig, born 1872
 David E. Wessel, born 1853

1932

Charles Miller, January 22, born September 15, 1872
 Nathan Goldberg, March 21, born August 15, 1874
 Rose Fox, January 9, born February 17, 1871
 Benjamin Rosendale, January 11, born June 6, 1880
 Newman Pincus, December 20, born February 9, 1846 (G.A.R.)
 Samuel Markoff, July 21, born November 3, 1881
 Sidney Herman Nordlinger, May 24, born February 20, 1876

1933

Sarah Boas (wife of Herman) March 31, born December 12, 1857
 Virginia Silverman, October 27, born September 10, 1933
 Martin Gunther, November 7, born June 4, 1886
 Lester Summerfield, born 1873
 Gustav E. Koppe, June 24
 Edward Wolf, 1883
 Isadore Seltzer, November 13, born April 15, 1881
 Rose Hellman, born 1857
 Samuel Newburger, July 18, born May 16, 1878
 Morris Eilenberg, February 8, born February 10, 1872

1934

Judith Dale Leand, August 7, born August 29, 1931
 Fannie Nordenschild Schloss (widow of William) August 26, b.
 September 5, 1862
 Leo Meyer, August 26, born May 1, 1868

1935

Alexander Hartman, April 15, born April 6, 1862
Esther Blumenthal Steiner, April 17, born August 16, 1878
Samuel Rosendale, February 19, born October 6, 1874
Julia Kohn Lowenstein, born 1852
Sigmund L. Lederer, March 21, born February 2, 1850

1936

David Hellman, born 1883
Jules M. Levy, September 24, born June 13, 1868
Elizabeth Mary Eberhardt (Rosenfeld, wife of John J.) born 1878
C. Joseph Fox, March 22, born July 6, 1873
Gertrude S. Rosendale, March 6
Bernard M. Goldowsky, March 30, born January 3, 1864
Ethel Cutler (mother of Harry) April 2, born 1854
Joseph Arthur Wolf, February 14, born August 2, 1866
William Fuerth, May 31, born January 4, 1859

1937

Albert Abba Travis, May 3, born April 20, 1894
Theresa Goldstein Blumenthal, December 7, born November 9, 1869
Jacob Ernstof, October 26, born April 14, 1877
Herman Felber, June 17, born January, 1864
Fannie Loeb Jessel, March 3, born December 17, 1853
Theodore Rose, February 15, born December 4, 1935
Mildred Frank, July 10
Louis Labensky, October 13, born February 26, 1850
Rose Krohne Glickman, September 11, born May 25, 1890
Rachel Rosenthal Cohen, January 19, born January 11, 1857
Sila Shapiro Stone, September 6, born January 1, 1869
Dora Fuerth, December 13, born April 7, 1888

1938

Emma Faegeson Adelman, March 2, born New York October 2, 1894
Reuben Feldman, April 26, born January 1, 1880
Isaac Wallenstein, September 16, born December 7, 1865
Lydia Raphael Seltzer, November 1, born October 11, 1884
Eva Hartman Grover (wife of Samuel K.) February 4, b. Mar. 10, 1864
Isaac Rosenberg, September 4, born June 22, 1852
J. Jerome Hahn (son of Isaac) December 6, born August 20, 1868
Leonard Jacob Hellman, May 24, born August 12, 1883

Adelaide Henius Pincus, April 17, born July 24, 1854
 Sumner Marshall Saklad, March 10, born December 28, 1928
 Fannie Valle Williams, September 12, born August 22, 1865
 Philip I. N. Robinson, December 5, born January 1, 1869

1939

Joseph Samuels, February 13, born June 7, 1865
 Sophie Samuels Nathans, April 25, born November 9, 1860
 Lucille Robinson Reese (d. of Moses) March 1, b. March 8, 1898
 Estelle Rosenfeld Einstein, (widow of Moses) Sept. 25, b. Aug. 8, 1865
 Dora Cohn Brody, August 15, born June 4, 1885
 Nathan Werner, August 11, born November 24, 1884
 Adolph Cohen, November 16, born April 14, 1849
 Frank Berstingle, May 26, born June 21, 1892

1940

Anna Alexander Zaslavsky, May 31, born 1871
 Edward James Sacarovitz, October 27, born April 18, 1940
 Louis Steiner, August 17, born January 4, 1878
 Mabel Rosenfeld Caffrey (wid. Herbert J.) Apr. 30, b. Aug. 11, 1875
 Rose Miller Hultner, January 28
 Antoinette Lotary Goldowsky, November 23, born May 23, 1873
 Mildred Frank (d. of David) January 23, b. Feb. 24, 1879
 Max Jacob Klein, September 4, born December 10, 1889
 Bertha Volmer Lederer (widow of Sigmund) June 10, b. May 2, 1861
 Leon Isaac Balischansky, December 9, born February 15, 1865
 Abner John Silverman, November 26, born April 16, 1906
 Leon Elias, July 23, born March 8, 1882
 Maurice Weitman, December 15, born August 23, 1898
 Leo Hartman, October 22, born August 4, 1870
 Isaac Rose, July 28, born July 27, 1867
 Esther Simon, August 30, born April 28, 1849
 Joseph S. Blumenthal, August 5, born September 20, 1869
 Bertha Hecker Felber, May 31, born 1857
 Sarah Cohen, October 21

1941

Hattie Lane Greene Steiner, August 12, born September 8, 1867
 Simon Harry Friendson, September 12, born January 6, 1878
 Marion Louise Misch, January 18, born May 13, 1870
 Henrietta Cecelia Wolf Gibson, September 12, born January 11, 1863
 Rose Stern, November 27, born June 26, 19—

Saul Elias, June 5, born February 3, 1875
Morris Sundlun, February 22, born January 31, 1863
Theodore Loebenberg, May 24, born July 26, 1872
Saul Rothschild, January 6, born December 23, 1861
Caroline Waitzfelder, May 22, born August 2, 1848
Mary Dove Newman Grant, September 28, b. Jan. 1, 1886
Aaron Weitman, April 5, born September 10, 1870

1942

Samuel K. Grover, November 12, born December 18, 1857
Jacob Frank, January 18, born March 20, 1886
John Jacob Rosenfeld, January 19, born September 12, 1870
David Daniel Gilman, April 4, born July 15, 1889
Elizabeth Stoneman Fain, May 24, born March 23, 1880
Pearl Lichtenstein Herman, Nov. 19, b. Dec. 11, 1878
Lionel L. Albert, September 6, born July 10, 1890
Evelyn Meisel Sundlun, December 8, born December 28, 1864
Edwin Slocum, December 20, born September 28, 1873
Pauline Rubel, August 27, born December 18, 1877
Lillian Summerfield, December 31, born October 26, 1881

1943

Simon Cohn, February 23, born September 12, 1870
Lee Stoneman Fain, July 28, born April 19, 1943
Louis Joseph Flink, May 22, born January 5, 1900
Albert Leonard Gerber, July 22, born July 31, 1918
Beulah May Nordlinger, June 22, born May 29, 1878
Mendel Marks, May 18, born April 14, 1871
Ferdinand Tanzer, December 24, born July 21, 1862
Abraham Lincoln Abel, August 21, born July 11, 1896
Anna Abel, November 17, born September 3, 1873
Milton Edward Harris, August 20, born June 22, 1921
Isaac Feder, May 6, born February 10, 1882

1944

Bernard Boas, November 22, born November 27, 1880
Braude baby, January 8, born January 5
Philip Crown, December 18, born August 11, 1872
Pearl Raphael Priest (wife of Samuel) Oct. 14, b. Aug. 13, 1872
Walter Scott Lederer, January 10, born April 6, 1883
Jacob Isadore Schmelz, November 15, born January 17, 1874

Fricda Riesenfeld Baender, August 21, born March 1, 1902
Max Sanek, May 2, born March 17, 1880
Barnet Roitman, May 24, born September 14, 1874
Rebecca Grant, February 23, born March 1, 1878
Charles Rosenberg, November 15, born 1857?

1945

Elsie E. Frank, January 16, born May 3, 1885
Harry (Romaine) Romanow, August 28, born March 21, 1891
Solomon Crown, February 14, born May 10, 1915
Theresa Robinson (wife of Moses) August 28
Edward C. Fox, December 19, born November 15, 1887
Anna Topaz, June 19, born March 23, 1872
Samuel Steiner, February 12, born September 19, 1875
Ruth Marion Jagolinzer, May 18, born July 11, 1893
Tena Marks, January 30, born March 5, 1874
Fricda Bernstein, February 12, born 1889
David Leand, March 26, born November 29, 1879
William Zwoden, February 28, born March 24, 1891
Benjamin Salzman, November 2, born March 2, 1882
Bernard William Rubin, July 28, born May 3, 1900
Bertha Beliah Schnabel, July 8, born January 18, 1876

1946

Goldie Cohn Kaplan, November 17, born August 29, 1884
Charles A. Markoff, February 3, born August 28, 1880
Victor Eli Livingstone, November 27, born February 16, 1894
Edward Kemick, January 18, born April 6, 1897
Samuel Cohn, September 27, born August 30, 1871
Sarah Newman Payton, December 8, born October 22, 1877
Robert Joseph Paisner, September 9, born February 11, 1945

1947

Esther Fox Elias, September 1, born October 21, 1875
Etta Louise Colitz, March 16, born August 14, 1885
Adolf Meller, November 30, born December 7, 1891
Sally Deluty Lowe, March 13, born December 5, 1910
Sarah Lichtenstein McLean, June 26, born December 30, 1880
John Williams, January 16, born October 15, 1859
Philip V. Marcus, December 6, born February 3, 1883

1948

Raymond L. Cohen, July 6, born November 25, 1914
Flora Lichtenstein Tallman, August 16, born December 11, 1876
Diana Frank Michaels, September 3, born April 10, 1864
Samuel Bernstein, October 9, born October 13, 1889
Louis A. Sundlun, August 22, born June 26, 1886
Herman Waterman, November 12, born April 20, 1861
Maurice Krohne, July 6, born April 3, 1880
Harry Friedland, March 27, born February 16, 1868

1949

Joseph Marcus, February 11, born March 15, 1880
Jeannette Lichtenstein, June 20, born July 15, 1884
Harry R. Rosen, July 11, born July 21, 1885
Milton Cohn, July 3, born December 2, 1920
Bertha S. Wallenstein, July 22, born October 6, 1869

1950

Louis Kessler, January 3, born 1866
Irving R. Lederer, January 9, born December 7, 1881
David Boren, March 26, born September 21, 1905
Samuel Starr, born December 31, 1884

1951

Milton Sulzberger, October 8, b. April 15, 1870, New York. s. of
Solomon Sulzberger and Esther Enden of Germany
Izri (Israel) W. Lederer, December 10, b. Feb. 4, 1880. s. of
Benedict B. and Theresa W. Lederer
George Triedman, Dec. 15, b. Feb. 5, 1903, Haverhill, Mass. s. of
Louis and Esther, of Vienna, Austria

1952

Isaac Gerber, February 17, b. May 11, 1885, in Boston. s. of
Jacob Gerber and Ida Gerber, of Poland
Ida Kamaroff Colitz, May 13, b. Jan. 30, 1870, Russia. d. of
David Kamaroff and Obena Tolzis
Kate Berman Cohe, June 1, b. Sept. 14, 1888, Benton Harbor, Mich.
d. of Kalman and Fannie Berman, of Russia
Elizabeth Lowenthal-Lowen, b. Sept. 30, 1856, in Brooklyn, N. Y.
d. of Michael Cohen and Sophie Schalor of Germany
Simon Kessler, Aug. 12, b. Apr. 1, 1875, in Stanislau, Austria. s. of
Rubin Kessler and Esther Rose Messer of Austria

THE PINKOSIM OF THE SOUTH PROVIDENCE
HEBREW CONGREGATION AND THE CONGREGATION
BETH ISRAEL ANSHE AUSTRIA

by BERYL SEGAL

With the publication of the two Pinkosim in this issue we are continuing our project to translate and to reproduce the originals of all the available record books of the Synagogues of Rhode Island.

The Pinkosim in this volume are of especial historical interest since their congregations are no longer in existence, under their original names. These two congregations and Teferes Israel are now united under the name Shaare Zedek and worship at the former Temple Beth-El on Broad Street. Their buildings have been razed to make room for the Willard Redevelopment Project. The records here reproduced are in a sense a monument and a remembrance of a Jewish neighborhood once teeming with activity, the Willard Avenue section of South Providence.

Compared to the Pinkos of Beth David (see *R. I. Jewish Historical Notes*, Vol. 1, number 3) the two Pinkosim to follow are inferior in workmanship and poorer in content. The keepers of the records were obviously amateurs and not skilled scribes as in the case of the Beth David and the Sons of Zion Pinkosim. In style, too, the Pinkosim differ greatly from the latter. While the Beth David Pinkos is written in Hebrew with an admixture of Yiddish terms and expressions, these two Pinkosim are mainly in Yiddish with numerous Anglicisms, clearly the influence of a later period when the spoken Yiddish assimilated and adopted many words and phrases from the English. Note that the very name of the Willard Avenue Shul is officially known as South Providence Hebrew Congregation. Then there are terms like member, seat, dues, belong, key, officers, president, vice president, treasurer, and many others that are used consistently in English without an attempt to find the Yiddish equivalent.

The pattern of organization is traditional. First came the Synagogue, a place of worship. Then came the societies for study. Thus both functions of a traditional Shul are fulfilled: worship and study. The study groups do not necessarily bear the same name as the congregation. In South Providence the group (the Chevra) studied the Mishna (the Oral Law) and the Ain Yakov (Well of Jacob). This later book is one of the most popular compilations in Jewish Literature. It represents a collection of all the Haggadic passages in the Babylonian as well

as in the Palestinian Talmud. The author of the *Ain Yakov*, Rabbi Jacob ben Solomon Ibn Habib, was a Spanish scholar who was exiled from that country in 1492, and compiled his work in Saloniki, in 1515. Jews who are too busy or for some other reason unable to plow through the complete Talmud consult the *Ain Yakov* daily.

The seating arrangement in the shul of Beis Israel Anshe Austria should be noted. Here is a typical seating in an Orthodox Synagogue where the separation of the sexes is a fundamental principle. The seats along the East Wall were the choicest in the house. These were arranged on either side of the Holy Ark, and faced the congregation. Note that when the husband occupies East Wall seat number one, right, the wife is seated in seat number one, left, on the balcony above, always on opposite sides of the house. The next in value, and in personal prestige, were the Shpigel seats, or the Mirror pews. These were the front row center seats, just in front of the Reader's desk, facing the Holy Ark. The seats were purchased by the occupants, and were their possession as much as any other item or article in the household. The seats were inherited by the children upon the passing of their parents. One East Wall seat, directly next to the Holy Ark was reserved for the Rabbi.

