

DEDICATION OF THE SOUTH FENCE, PATRIOTS' PARK
AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
REMARKS OF LOUIS BARUCH RUBINSTEIN,
PRESIDING AT THE DEDICATION, AUGUST 20, 1978

Rabbi Lewis, Senator McKenna, Mayor Donnelly, Doctor Goldowsky,* citizens of Newport, and Friends of Touro Synagogue:

It is with great pride and pleasure that we gather here at Patriots' Park to dedicate a beautiful new fence, which enhances this lovely adjunct to this National Shrine of the United States of America. The historical records show that the original dedication of this holy and illustrious House of Worship took place on the second day of December, 1763. It was also the first day of Hanukkah of the Jewish calendar year 5523, the Feast of Lights, a day of Dedication and Reconsecration commemorating the cleansing and renewal of the temple in Jerusalem under Judas Maccabeus some nineteen hundred and twenty-eight years earlier, after the victory over the Syrians.

In the *Newport Mercury* dated December 5, 1763 (which incidentally is my birth date—not the year—just the day), the following item appeared:

In the afternoon was the dedication of the new synagogue in this Town. It began by a handsome procession in which were carried the Books of the Law to be deposited in the Ark. Several portions of the Scripture, and of their Service with a prayer for the Royal Family were read and finely sung by the Priest and People. There were present many Gentlemen and Ladies. The Order and Decorum, the Harmony and Solemnity of the Music, together with a handsome Assembly of People, in an Edifice the most perfect of the Temple kind perhaps in America, and splendidly illuminated, could not but raise in the Mind a faint Idea of the Majesty and Grandeur of the Ancient Jewish Worship mentioned in the Scripture. Dr. Isaac de Abraham Touro performed the Service.

Touro Synagogue was dedicated with meaningful ceremony before a host of invited dignitaries, such as we have here today. It is recorded that a great number of notables, not only from Newport but from other towns and cities were present. The parallel is striking.

*Rabbi Theodore Lewis, spiritual leader of Jeshuat Israel (Touro Synagogue); Rhode Island State Senator Robert McKenna, Vice President of Salve Regina College; Honorable Humphrey J. Donnelly, III, mayor of Newport, Rhode Island; Seebert J. Goldowsky, M.D., president, The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue National Historic Shrine, Inc.

It may be noted that some thirteen years prior to the Declaration of Independence, a prayer for the Royal Family was *de rigueur* in all houses of worship. We should also note that when the British later occupied Newport, the great majority of the Jewish community fled to other areas, including Rabbi Touro, who first went to New York and then to Jamaica, leaving two of his children, Judah and Abraham, to the care of his brother-in-law, Moses Michael Hays, in Boston. Their ties to Rhode Island are well known.

The full ceremony that took place on that day was most impressive. There were present many of the leaders of the Newport community and its environs, both Jews and non-Jews. Among them was the minister of the Second Congregational Church of Newport, the Reverend Ezra Stiles, a great friend of Rabbi Touro, of Aaron Lopez, and of many of the other leaders of the community, who had put such great effort into the building of the new temple. Doctor Stiles, who was later to become president of Yale University, was excited and entranced both by the proceedings and all the details, architectural and ornamental, of the synagogue and its furnishings. His detailed account is an exceptional chronicle, providing source material for all historians who have come after him.

History relates that on the day of the dedication those who were privileged to be in the edifice came early and occupied every available space, with the men seated in the sanctuary on the main floor, and the women occupying the gallery, as was the tradition.

At the precise moment previously established for the commencement of the ceremonies, the main doors were closed and a hush descended on the assemblage. From without the door, Rabbi Touro knocked on the door thrice, and intoned the ancient liturgy: "*Seuh Shearim Rashechem*"—"Lift up your heads, oh ye gates—so that the King of Glory may enter." From within came the query: "*Mee zeh Melech Hakavod*"—"Who is the King of Glory?" And the reply came firmly: "The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory, Selah."

The congregation member who was granted the privilege flung wide the doors, and there entered at the head of a procession the Rabbi, followed by those members of the congregation who were carrying the holy Scrolls of the Law. As the procession walked in, the congregation took up a chant of the Psalms of David. Then the perpetual lamp hanging in front of the Ark of the Covenant was lit, and Rabbi Touro chanted the *Shehechyanu*, a prayer which blesses the Lord for granting

life, sustaining all, and permitting those in attendance to be present for that season. He was followed by a procession of gentlemen carrying the beautifully adorned Scrolls of the Law, with all of the congregation chanting selections from the psalms. Then the procession circled the Synagogue seven times with those previously chosen carrying the scrolls, handing them over to others at each circuit. This has always been a great traditional honor. There followed a prayer for the royal family, this being some 12 years prior to the Declaration of Independence.

While my comments link the present dedication to the early historical event dedicating the synagogue itself, dedication of a fence is not a new thing for Touro. In the 1820s, more than one hundred and fifty years ago, Abraham Touro, a son of Isaac, dedicated fences around the cemetery and the synagogue. Then in 1842, his brother, the famed Judah Touro, hired an architect from Boston, built the granite fence still standing, and dedicated that fence. It is in the spirit of these great forebears of this community and in celebration of our traditions and heritage that we have all gathered here today to dedicate, as a part of Patriots' Park, a new venture in the progress of this greatly revered house of the Lord, the oldest edifice of its kind in these United States. On behalf of the synagogue, the friends of Touro Synagogue, and the city of Newport, and as a member of the Governor's Heritage Commission, on behalf of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, I welcome you to this dedication.

At this dedication we are not about to attempt a duplication of the majestic and inspirational ritual which was so appropriate to the dedication of Touro Synagogue as a House of Worship. But it is with a deeply felt appreciation of those years of religious and spiritual liberty which all of us here are able to enjoy in the land of Roger Williams, that we do dedicate this decorative and useful fence, which now surrounds Patriots' Park. I am honored now to ask Rabbi Theodore Lewis, the spiritual leader of Touro Synagogue for so many years, to utter that same blessing of dedication which his predecessor chanted some 215 years ago.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
OF TOURO SYNAGOGUE, NATIONAL HISTORIC SHRINE, INC.
AUGUST 20, 1978

by SEEBERT J. GOLDOWSKY, M.D.

I should like to welcome you to this, the Annual Meeting of the Friends of Touro Synagogue. It is pleasant to see so many of you here on this warm afternoon in this beautiful and elegant edifice.

First let me tell you briefly something about this organization. Touro Synagogue was designated a National Historic Site by the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior in 1946. The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue was chartered in 1948, making this year our thirtieth anniversary. The official designation of the organization is The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, National Historic Shrine, Inc. It is a separate corporate entity from the Synagogue and its Congregation, which receives no federal funds to support its operations. The Society is essentially the fund-raising arm of the Synagogue—which in fact could not adequately support itself in appropriate style with the income derived from the dues of its one hundred member families. The Society of Friends welcomes contributions from any source to carry out its function of maintaining the edifice and its environs.

A few years ago its bylaws were amended to broaden its responsibilities to encompass the cemetery at the junction of Kay and Touro Streets, because the deterioration of its fences as well as those of the Synagogue demanded urgent attention. The Society has now also expanded its interests to include Patriots' Park, the land west of the Synagogue which constitutes its western approaches and provides visibility of the Synagogue from that direction.

During the past two or three years, during the regimes of Samuel Friedman, my predecessor as president, and myself, the restoration of the old granite and iron fences of the Synagogue and of the cemetery cost \$112,000. The fence of Patriots' Park cost \$34,000. The latter was partially funded by a federal bicentennial grant of \$17,000 and a state Jewish Ethnic Heritage Subcommittee grant of \$2,000. Of the total liabilities for these projects of \$146,000, all but \$30,000 has been paid. Our cash assets at this time are some \$5,000. Of the \$30,000 indebtedness, \$25,000 of the sum represents an internal debt, or borrowing from

Synagogue endowments, for which we pay interest to the Synagogue at the prevailing rates. The remainder is a bank loan of \$5,000.

Our future plans include further development of the park and maintenance of the Synagogue as necessary.

We are currently conducting a membership campaign, especially targeted upon Life Memberships at \$500. Members of all categories will be welcomed with open arms. Contributions, of course, are also welcome, and we shall seek grants from foundations.

Our immediate plans for the park call for construction of a fence on the north side and the erection of a flagpole (the mast for this purpose—formerly the mast of an America's Cup defender—has been contributed by Mr. Louis Chartier, the contractor for the fences). We also envision a podium in stone, and stone markers for each of the 13 original states bearing the names of Jewish patriots, one from each state.

We have been offered the assistance of the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior in planning for the further development of the park. We shall certainly take advantage of this offer.

Before closing I should like to thank all of those members of the Board of Directors whose help has been indispensable and Rabbi Theodore Lewis for his faithful attendance to the duties of Secretary of the Society and for his always gentle and wise counsel. I trust that when we meet again we shall have further significant progress to report to you.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association took place on Sunday afternoon, May 21, 1978 in the auditorium of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, and was called to order by the President, Benton H. Rosen at twenty minutes of three. He made brief remarks on the Association's activities, especially of the past year, and made an appeal for the giving of documents and pictures to the Association.

Mrs. Louis I. Sweet, Treasurer, reported a balance as of January 1, 1978 of \$1,028.83 in the savings account and \$230.25 in the checking account for a total of \$1,259.08. The three special endowment funds total to date \$2,207.49 as follows: The Rosen Book Fund, \$1,077.70; the Goldowsky Research Scholarship Fund, \$798.11; and the Strasmich General Fund, \$331.68. Mr. Sweet, Finance Chairman, projected a budget for the ensuing year of \$7,200 with an estimated income of \$8,500.

The Annual Report was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Seebert J. Goldowsky.

Editor of the *Notes*, Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky gave a brief historical background of the Association and commented on the current researcher's work: Ms. Sonya Michel's oral history project at the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island. He spoke of the three chief functions of the Association, viz. collecting, research, and publication, and noted that the Association was hopeful of enlarging its horizons by instituting an Academic Council.

Mrs. Abraham Horvitz, Librarian, emphasized the need for the giving of documents and photographs, both personal and institutional. She reported on the genealogy service she has been providing people with the help of the Rhode Island Historical Society. Students from the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and Brown University use the Association's resources. As a charter member of a new organization, Rhode Island Archivists, the Association through her is learning how to apply for grants. The group was formed to bring together librarians of special collections.

The Nominating Committee headed by Melvin L. Zurier presented the following slate of officers for re-election: Benton H. Rosen, President; Dr. Marvin Pitterman, Vice President; Mrs. Seebert J. Goldowsky, Secretary; and Mrs. Louis I. Sweet, Treasurer. With no counter-nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate.

Mrs. Sweet read the roster of thirty-two new members who have joined the Association since February.

Mr. Rosen introduced the Eighth Annual David Charak Adelman lecturer, Edward N. Beiser, Ph.D., professor of political science at Brown University, who spoke on "Jews and Liberals: Bakke and the Nazis in Skokie, Illinois". Without providing any solutions, Professor Beiser posed the thesis that these two current phenomena are evidence of a tension between Judaism and liberalism. Jews traditionally in their liberalism take the collective or group stance, whereas in the Bakke and Skokie cases, they are stressing the importance of individualism. In the Skokie case a distinction must be made between that which is immediately dangerous and merely offensive; it is a matter of relativism and taste, and taste is a profoundly individualistic matter. In the Bakke case the Jews are on the side of the importance of individualism as against collectivism or the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M. after which a collation was served. Mrs. Marvin Pitterman, Chairman of Hospitality, was assisted by Mrs. Benton H. Rosen, Mrs. Bernard Segal, Mrs. Erwin E. Strasmich, and Mrs. Louis I. Sweet.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Seebert J. Goldowsky
Secretary

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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Recent acquisitions in the library of The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association containing items of Rhode Island interest and a listing of the items:

1. *South Providence*. Statewide Historical Preservation Report P-P-2. Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Providence, R. I., September, 1978. 82 pages, paperback.
 - Pages 37-39. Describes the Jewish settlement of South Providence starting in the latter part of the 19th century and extending to the 1950s.
 - Pages 39-42. Describes architectural development of homes in the area, some the result of activities of Jewish developers. Photograph of Temple Beth-El.
 - Page 47. View of Willard Avenue Retail Section in 1948.
 - Pages 68-81. Brief descriptions of several Jewish related buildings and houses.
2. *Jewish Landmarks of New York*. A Travel Guide and History. By Bernard Postal and Lionel Koppman. Fleet Press Corporation, New York. Revised Edition, 1978. 287 pages, paperback.
 - Page 54. Mentions the marriage of August Belmont, who married into the family of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry of Rhode Island, famed victorious commander at the Battle of Lake Erie. Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont built Belcourt, a Newport summer "cottage," in 1892.
 - Page 101. Describes the original site of Congregation Shearith Israel in New York City. See next item.
 - Pages 109-112. Describes the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue (Congregation Shearith Israel) "It has . . . many connections with other historic American congregations such as Yeshuat Israel (Touro Synagogue) in Newport, R. I." Also: "To this day, the congregation holds the legal title to Newport's Historic Touro Synagogue. For use of the Touro Synagogue, the Newport Jewish community pays the New York congregation one dollar a year for rent."
3. *Newport History*. Bulletin of the Newport Historical Society, No. 171, Vol. 51, Part 3. Summer, 1978.
 - Pages 45-60. *Eighteenth Century Newport and its Merchants*. Part II. Describes the activities of the small Jewish community and mentions Aaron Lopez and Isaac Elizer and their quests for naturalization, Elizer in New York and Lopez in Massachusetts.
4. *Rhode Island—A Bicentennial History*. By William G. McLoughlin. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., New York and the American Association for State and Local History, Nashville, 1978. 240 pages.
 - Page 34 Jews Tolerated by R. I.
 - Pages 47-48. Jews in Newport in the 17th and 18th centuries.
 - Pages 64-65. Aaron Lopez and others in the mercantile life of Newport.
 - Pages 75-76. Jews in 18th century Newport had political difficulties, but no social or economic discrimination.
 - Page 105. Moses Seixas and the Washington letter to Touro Synagogue.
 - Page 183. Jewish immigration to R. I.
 - Page 214. Jews in politics in R. I. Frank Licht, the first Jewish governor of the state.

5. *The Jewish Legion of Valor. The Story of Jewish Heroes in the Wars of the Republic and a General History of the Military Exploits of the Jews Through the Ages*, by Captain Sydney G. Gumpertz. Pub. by Sydney G. Gumpertz, New York, 1934. 358 pages. Gift of Harold Silverman.
 - Pages 97, 121-122. Leopold Karpeles, Color Sergeant, later head of a Providence family, was a Medal of Honor winner in the Civil War.
 - Page 317. Harry Cutler, R. I. National Guard (retired), awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his services as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board.
6. *Guess Who's Jewish in American History. From Wyatt Earp's wife to Sandy Koufax, etc.* By Lionel Koppman and Bernard Postal. A Signet Book, pub. by The New American Library, Inc., N.Y. 1978. Paperback. 322 pages.
 - Page 119. Congressional Medal of Honor winner Sergeant Leopold Karpeles, while serving as color bearer, rallied retreating troops at Battle of The Wilderness, May 6, 1864. See also Item 5 above.
 - Pages 53 and 180. Rabbi Isaac Touro of Congregation Jeshuat Israel of Newport, R. I. (Touro Synagogue).
 - Pages 89, 180-181, 273, 275. Judah Touro, Son of Isaac, philanthropist.
 - Pages 180-181, 209, 311. Touro Synagogue.
 - Page 209. Myer Myers, silversmith of New York. Myers items in Touro Synagogue.
 - Pages 304-305. Washington letter to the Jews of Newport.
 - Pages 310-311. Jewish Cemetery in Newport, R. I.
 - Page 311. Touro Synagogue designated National Historic Site.
7. *Toledot, The Journal of Jewish Genealogy*. Vol. 2, No. 2, Fall 1978.
 - Pages 14-15. "Local Jewish History and Genealogy: The Rhode Island Experience." By Zachary M. Baker. Describes the *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes*. "Local history sources can be among the most useful repositories of genealogical information." "Its publication activities provide an example for newer societies to follow . . ."
8. *American Jewish Archives*, Vol. XXX, No. 2, Nov. 1978.
 - Pages 133-154. "Without Ghettoism: A History of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association, 1906-1930." By Jenna Weissman Joselit. Opposite page 153 is a photo showing "Delegates to the Menorah Societies Conference at Brown University, November 1927." The group picture was taken in front of Rockefeller Hall, now Faunce House. There was a Menorah Chapter at Brown University.

NECROLOGY

BILLINGKOFF, MORRIS, born in Russia, came to this country as a young boy. He won claim in 1919 to the American flyweight boxing title, but relinquished it to compete in the bantamweight division.

Under the name of YOUNG MONTREAL, he rose to national prominence in the 1920s as a bantamweight boxer. He never won the bantamweight title, but he fought on even terms with Joe Lynch and Pete Herman with the bouts going to no decision. He also fought a series of bouts with Providence bantamweight Terry Martin.

During his career he fought 106 professional bouts, winning 11 by knockouts and 46 by decision. He was knocked out only once. He often headed the boxing card at the old Infantry Hall, Providence, and the Marieville Gardens, North Providence. In later years he volunteered his services as a boxing coach at the Providence CYO and at various orphanages.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, June 27, 1978.

BLACHER, BERTHA, born February 22, 1902, daughter of the late Max and Lillian (Marshak) Adler.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a member of Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island, The Providence Chapter of Hadassah, and The Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, May 22, 1978.

CHASAN, DOROTHY, wife of Louis Chasan, daughter of the late Abraham and Bessie Rosen, was born in Russia on April 14, 1895. She had lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for many years before moving to Providence, Rhode Island in 1949.

Vice president of the South Side Jewish Community Center Senior Citizens, she was also a life member and on the Board of Directors of the Pioneer Women, a life member of the Mizrahi Women, a member of the Cranston's Senior Citizens, and the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, December 7, 1977.

CHASET, DOCTOR NATHAN, born in Providence, Rhode Island on May 7, 1911, son of the late Benjamin Chaset and the late Eva (Goldstein) Chaset-Rosenfeld.

A graduate of Classical High School in Providence, Brown University, and the Boston University School of Medicine, he served his residency at the Massachusetts Memorial and Beth Israel Hospitals in Boston.

A former chief of the Department of Urology at The Miriam and Women and Infants Hospitals in Providence, he was also director of the vasectomy clinic at Women and Infants and chief of the Department of Urology at Cranston General Hospital. He also served as attending urologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Davis Park, and as consultant in urology at the Rhode Island Hospital, Woonsocket Hospital, Kent County Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Roger Williams General Hospital, Newport Hospital, and the Veterans Administration Regional Office.

In 1974 he served as president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, as well as president and executive committee chairman of the New England Section of the American Urological Association. He was also a co-founder and director of the Rhode Island Renal Institution and a past chairman of the state's Medical-Legal Committee. He was a diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners and of the American Board of Urology; a member of the American Medical Association; a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; a member of the American Association of Clinical Urologists, the state Board of Medical Review, and the Providence Senior Citizens Task Force. An assistant clinical professor at the

Brown University Medical School, he formerly had been an instructor at the Boston University School of Medicine.

From 1942 to 1946 he served in the Medical Corps of the United State Army, attaining the rank of Major. He received an official commendation from the Government of Iran for his accomplishments in the Iranian Army Hospitals. He was a member of Temple Beth-El of Providence.

Died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, January 18, 1978.

COHEN, REUBEN, born in Russia on March 3, 1907, son of the late Isaac and Minna (Horowitz) Cohen.

A graduate of the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 1926, he was the owner and operator of the Ivy Apothecary on Hope Street in Providence for 18 years. He had previously operated the Eaton Pharmacy in Providence from 1930 to 1960. He was a member of Temple Emanuel and its Men's Club; Roosevelt Lodge No. 42, AF & AM; the Trowel Club; and the Touro Fraternal Association.

Died in Narragansett, Rhode Island, July 20, 1978.

DARMAN, AUTHUR I., born September 28, 1889 in Kurelvitz, Russia, son of the late Louis and Sylvia Darman.

One of Woonsocket, Rhode Island's leading and best known citizens, he was president and treasurer of Stadium Realty Corp., and the Aidco Corp. A lifelong Republican, he was formerly active in city politics. He was much interested in the acting profession; and in 1945 an article in the *Saturday Evening Post* described him as suffering from the strange delusion that actors are people and, as such, are entitled to courtesy, kindness, and hospitality. He was a former member of the Woonsocket Republican City Committee and the Republican State Central Committee, a charter member of the city's Redevelopment Agency, a former member of

the city's charter revision commission, a former chairman of the city's Industrial Board, and a former chairman of the Rhode Island Industrial Development Commission.

A former president of the Woonsocket Council of the Boy Scouts of America, he was a leading member of the Woonsocket Jewish Community. He was honorary president for life of Congregation B'nai Israel Synagogue of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, serving as its leader from 1916 to 1946. He was a former president of the Rhode Island Zionist Region; a charter member of the Woonsocket Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and a former member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York.

He served as a trustee of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence, a member of the board of trustees of The Miriam Hospital in Providence, an honorary director of the Jewish Children's Home and Foundation in Providence, and a member of the Friends of Touro Synagogue National Historic Shrine, Inc., of Newport, Rhode Island.

His fraternal and professional memberships included the American and Woonsocket Chambers of Commerce and the Woonsocket Lions Club, of which he was the first president. In 1949 he received an honorary Doctor of Science Degree from the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences.

Died in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, May 31, 1978.

FREEDMAN, DOCTOR STANLEY, born in Poland in 1897, son of the late Abraham and Evelyn Freedman. A former director of pediatric allergy at Rhode Island Hospital, he was also a founder of the allergy clinics at St. Joseph's, Roger Williams General and The Miriam Hospitals.

He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and of the American Academy of Allergy, a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics, past president of the New England Allergy Society, and honorary president of the Rhode Island Society of

Allergy. During World War II he was a major in the Army Medical Corps from 1941 to 1946. He was a member of Temple Emanuel, and a member of the Brotherhood of Free Masons of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Died in West Palm Beach, Florida, August 16, 1978.

GOLDSTEIN, ABRAHAM E., born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on November 4, 1901, son of the late Louis and Rose Goldstein.

He was president and founder of the Abraham E. Goldstein Company and the Imperial Folding Box Company, both of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He was the president of the former Roaring Brook Spinning Mills, Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He was a member of Temple Emanuel and its Men's Club, Congregation Beth David in Providence, and Congregation B'nai Israel of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He was also a member of the Redwood Lodge, AF & AM; the Palestine Temple; and the Woonsocket Rotary Club; past exalted ruler of the Woonsocket Elks; past president of Woonsocket B'nai B'rith; and formerly on the board of directors of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island. He was also active in many other charitable organizations.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, July 30, 1978.

LEDERER, GEORGE T., born in Chicago, Illinois, March 24, 1880, son of the late Elias Joachim Lederer. A resident of East Providence in recent years, he had been a resident in the Providence area for more than 70 years.

He was the retired owner of the Providence Stock Company, a jewelry manufacturing firm in the Lederer Building on Stewart Street in Providence, with which he had been affiliated for fifty years before retiring 20 years prior to his death.

He had been a member of The Manufacturing Jewelers' Association of Rhode Island, was active in the Boy Scouts in Greater

Rhode Island for many years, and had been a member of the Civitan Club of Providence. He was one of the oldest living members of Temple Beth-El, having joined the congregation in 1903.

His widow, the former Dorothy Jacobs, daughter of the late Harry Loeb Jacobs, founder and president of Bryant College, is his only immediate survivor. A member of a prominent Rhode Island Jewish family, his remains are interred in the family tomb in Temple Beth-El Cemetery on Reservoir Avenue in Providence.

Died October 8, 1977.

LEVITT, JACK, born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 12, 1905, the son of the late Mayer and Lena (Chaset) Levitt. A resident of Warwick, Rhode Island for thirty years. Mr. Levitt for the last eight years was president of NATCO Products of West Warwick, Rhode Island.

A World War II Army Veteran, he was also a member of Temple Beth Israel, the Temple Men's Club, the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island, and the Rotary Club.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, October 9, 1978.

MARKOFF, RUTH, widow of Samuel Markoff, was born in Boston, Massachusetts and was a resident of Providence, Rhode Island for more than 65 years.

Chairman of the Board of Paramount Lines, Inc., she was a member of Temple Beth-El, an honorary life member of the National Council of Jewish Women's Association, and an honorary life member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El. She was a founder of the Providence Philharmonic Orchestra and the Chopin Club of Providence. She was a past President of the Rhode Island

Federation of Women's Clubs, president of the North End Dispensary during the 1920s and 1930s, and during World War II, chairman of the Council House and an active volunteer of the Little House on the Mall, USO. She also served in numerous other charitable organizations.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, July 2, 1978.

MELLER, NANCY B., wife of Robert Meller, born in Providence, Rhode Island, September 25, 1917. She was a daughter of the late Solomon and Ann (Weinstein) Brandt.

A life-long resident of Providence, she attended the Providence Public Schools and was a graduate of Hope Street High School in Providence.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, May 18, 1978.

REICH, DOCTOR JACOB, born in Poland, October 5, 1909, son of the late Israel and Pesha Reich. A practicing physician in Rhode Island from 1938 to 1950, he served since 1950 as anesthesiologist at The Miriam Hospital. He was a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. During World War II he was a captain in the Army Medical Corps in Europe. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek and Temple Emanuel of Providence.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, August 14, 1978.

SAMDPERIL, SOPHIE, widow of Isadore Samdperil, daughter of the late Isaac and Tema Forman, was born in Russia.

A life member of the Jewish home for the Aged of Rhode Island and the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, she was also a member of Temple Emanuel, Temple Beth David, The Miriam Hospital, the Providence Hebrew Day School, and the Jewish Community Center of Providence, Rhode Island.

Died in Miami Beach, Florida, December 12, 1977.

WEBBER, DOCTOR JOSEPH B., born in Russia on April 3, 1894, son of the late Banice and Alice (Barkan) Webber.

A graduate of Tufts University Medical School in 1919, practiced in Providence from 1920 until his retirement in 1975. A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, he was also a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Providence Medical Association, and the Providence Surgical Society. A past president of The Miriam Hospital Staff Association, he had been on the staffs of the Miriam Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Roger Williams General Hospital, and the Charles V. Chapin Hospital.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El; Roosevelt Lodge, AF & AM; the Farband Zionist Alliance; the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association; and the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island.

Died in Providence, Rhode Island, January 29, 1978.

ERRATA AND ADDENDA

The following items refer to RIJHN Vol. 7, No. 3, November, 1977.

Page 388. The following statement regarding the teaching of Hebrew at the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island appears in the first paragraph: "JORI children attended . . . the Sunday school conducted by Temple Emanuel, a large Conservative Synagogue. . . ." Jeannette Resnik (Mrs. Nathan) has called our attention to the fact that Hebrew classes for the children were conducted by her late former husband, Morris W. Shoham, and were in fact held at the Home. Shoham also appears on pages 415 and 418. He served as principal of the Hebrew School at Temple Beth Israel in Providence and later as educational director of the Jewish Community of Woonsocket.

Page 418. Beryl Segal in his paper on "Jewish Schools and Teachers in Metropolitan Providence" describes the activities of Charles Miller as a Hebrew teacher in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Mr. Segal has submitted this addendum:

"Dorothy and Jack Miller of Paineville, Ohio, have called my attention to an omission in my paper on the "Jewish Schools and Teachers in Metropolitan Providence."

"According to the Millers there were in Rhode Island two other teachers named Miller, brothers of Charles Miller who taught at B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. One was Noah Miller who taught in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, while the other, Louis Miller, taught in the Chester Avenue school in Providence.

"While I was preparing the paper I encountered nothing concerning them, their tenure in their respective schools, or former pupils. Dorothy, however, had been a pupil of Louis Miller. Noah Miller, apparently dissatisfied with the school in Pawtucket, became a farmer. That was in the early 1930s.

"The fact that three brothers Miller were engaged in teaching in the state is in itself interesting. However, only Charles Miller of Woonsocket left a lasting imprint on Jewish teaching in the area because of his many years in the same community."

Page 419. The footnote at the bottom of page 419, which reads "For more on this synagogue see page 410," should read "For more on this synagogue see page 420."

Page 436. This page was incorrectly numbered "336."

Page 446. Rabbi Israel M. Goldman of Chizuk Amuno Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland writes: "In your Bibliographical Notes on page 446 you list my recent book (*Life-Long Learning Among Jews*). You state 'while there are no references of Rhode Island interest.' Under the general heading 'Hevrot in America,' I deal with the Hevrah Shash of Bnai Zim of Providence on pages 252 through 256. Also I deal with the Hevrah Mishnayot and Ein Yaakov of Synagogue Keshet Israel of Providence and this is found on pages 256 through 258 . . . the index to my book, unfortunately, does not contain any reference to Providence."

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