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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL GATHERING A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

A Message From President Marvin Rich

My Friends:

Again, I'd like to thank you for placing your confidence in me to serve as your President of the Texas Jewish Historical Society. I will try to live up to my predecessors' accomplishments and your expectations.



Charles Hart receives the Past President's pin from newly elected President Marvin Rich

The Silver Anniversary Annual Gathering held April 30 through May 2, 2004 in San Antonio was a resounding success. Enjoy this issue of the TJHS News Magazine, which contains photos and reprints of some of the presentations made during this fabulous and memorable weekend. If you were unable to attend the Annual Gathering, we hope this gives you a taste of the San Antonio weekend. Many thanks, once more, to the Planning Committee, who worked so hard to make the 25th Annual Gathering so informative and fun!

The first announcement, which I am proud to make, is that we have an agreement of terms and a contract between the TJHS and the University Press of New England, on behalf of Brandeis University Press. This was completed by direct conversation between Phyllis Deutsch and myself, with the advice and assistance of TJHS Past President and Counselor, Lonnie Schooler. Lonnie explained that he could not attend our Sunday Board meeting because of turbulent weather in Houston, but he insisted on working out the agreement because of his experience with our previous publishing.

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For Your Event  
By Jack Gerrick**

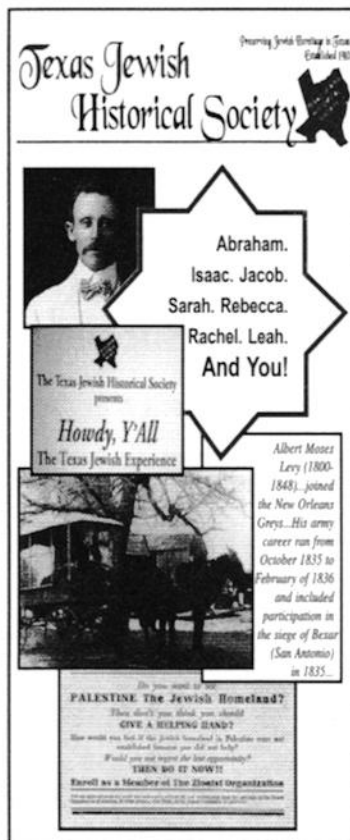


Jews throughout the United States are preparing to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Jews coming to America, and the TJHS has two exhibits for organizations who would like to celebrate with some Texas Jewish history.

In cooperation with the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, the TJHS produced and offers, at no charge, a series of old photographs, stories and a look into the earliest beginnings of Texas Jewish history. The traveling exhibits are on museum-quality reproduction foam board and include 25 large photos with descriptive literature. The exhibits can be displayed on easels or hung on a wall. They are packed in waterproof boxes that can be shipped and returned to the Society using prepaid freight. TJHS prepays the exhibit to the point the showing.

Contact Jack Gerrick at [Texbed@aol.com](mailto:Texbed@aol.com) or 817-927-8765.

**New TJHS Membership Brochure  
Available For Your Organization**



Who do you know who would enjoy membership in the Texas Jewish Historical Society? Now you can use a new, updated brochure to introduce them to our terrific organization. We are happy to send brochures on your behalf to people you know, or directly to you for display in your synagogue or other appropriate organization. Simply send your request along with the name and address of the people or organizations to whom you would like the brochures sent to Membership Chair Elaine Albin, 1893 Bay Shore Dr., Rockport, TX 78382, phone 361-729-6487 or email: [e\\_g\\_k@hotmail.com](mailto:e_g_k@hotmail.com).

**Member News**

**By Selma Mantel, Corresponding Secretary**

We all join in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the following TJHS members and their families:

- Chris Adler, on the passing of her mother, Bess Nance
- Dr. Melvin Cohen, on the passing of his mother, Betty
- Harold Hoffman, on the passing of his wife, Gloria
- Shirley Hoppenstein, on the passing of her husband, Archie
- Rusty and Mitzi Milstein on the passing of his mother, Ada
- Mitzi and Rusty Milstein, on the passing of her father, Howard Shapiro, age 89
- Edward Tann, on the passing of his wife, Rosabelle
- David and Vickie Vogel on the passing of their mother, Caroline

Get well wishes to Roy Elsner, Louis Pink, & Libbie Stool.

Thank you for your gifts to the Texas Jewish Historical Society's Endowment Fund:

- Jewish Federation of Waco & Central Texas
- Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Hersh
- Bernice & Joel Breslau in honor of Frances Kallison's birthday

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*(President's Message, cont. from cover)*

We clarified a couple of misunderstandings, added some provisions – which we learned through past experience – and reached an agreement. Both our co-editors, Rabbi Ken Roseman and Hollis Weiner are satisfied with the outcome and are proceeding to fulfill their duties of promoting the symposium and gathering article contributions for editing.

I had the opportunity to visit both the Thompson Conference Center at The University of Texas at Austin and the Doubletree Hotel, where next year's Annual Gathering will be held. The Thompson Center is wonderful! The facilities are excellent and the staff is professional. We will have on-site catering and convenient, free parking. We should look forward to enjoying Austin next April when the Mountain Laurels are blooming. Our hotel is excellent, and is located off of I-35, just three exits north of the Conference Center. Our Friday Board Meeting will be held in a spacious meeting room.

I hope that each of you will continue to collect and share your family histories with all our members. Please encourage your children to participate. If necessary, pay their dues for a year and let them receive the Texas Jewish Historical Society Newsletter. We must keep our newer generations

aware of our wonderful history as Texas Jews.

I am pleased to tell you that TJHS Vice President Beverly (L. B.) Beck Trachtenberg used her expertise and experience to obtain rooms and meeting space for the July 10, 2004 Board Meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott in Houston, 3131 West Loop, located across the West Loop from the Houston Galleria. Those who requested the meeting be held near attractive shopping had their wish granted! (We try to keep our shoppers happy!) Saturday's Dutch-treat dinner was in nearby Bayou City Seafood Restaurant.

Thank you again for allowing me to be your President. As I told those who attended the Silver Anniversary Annual Gathering in San Antonio, I will ask for your advice and help keep TJHS an active and important part of our Texas Jewish communities.

Please share your ideas and suggestions for programming and/or activities with me.

All My Best to Y'all,



Marvin Rich  
President