

# Texas Jewish Historical Society



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## — Frances Rosenthal Kallison Inducted — Into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame

By Tumbleweed Smith

A delegation from the Texas Jewish Historical Society was on hand to witness the first Jewish woman to be inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth. A crowd of nine-hundred people, dressed in appropriate western attire, crowded into the Will Rogers Convention Center on Thursday, October 27, 2016, for the event.

Mrs. Kallison helped her husband, Perry, operate their Diamond K Ranch, which raised prize-winning Polled Hereford cattle. During World War II, they hosted large barbecue dinners for troops. Frances was fond of riding horses and helped establish the Ladies' Auxiliary Drill Team of the Bexar County Sheriff's Posse. The badges from her uniform are in



*Above: Robi and Li Ravicz with their grandmother's photo. Left: Frances Kallison. Photo courtesy of San Antonio Light, Photograph Collection. MS 350: L-3569-F, University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries Special Collection from the Institute of Texas Cultures, as seen in the book by her nephew, Nick Kotz, The Harness Makers' Dream.*

Degree from Trinity University. Her thesis was titled *100 Years of Jewry in San Antonio*. She helped establish the Jewish exhibit at the Institute of Texan Cultures, along with the Texas Jewish Historical Society. *continued on page 18*

a "Jewels" exhibit in the National Cowgirl's Museum. This group appeared in parades, livestock shows, and two movies: *Two Guys from Texas* and *Rio Grande*. She attended Vassar College and the University of Chicago. She also earned a Master's

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# Message from the President

by David Beer

Another quarter has passed, another season, another new year—*L'Shana Tova* to all of you. May 5777 be a happy and sweet year for you and your families.

We had our Fall Meeting in Kerrville, and for those who were not able to attend—ya'll missed a "humdinger" of a get together. Being in Kerrville (for the first time?) was a special treat for several of our members and especially so for those who were campers, counselors, and families of children who attended Echo Hill Ranch. Echo Hill Ranch was a summer camp



Dr. Roger Friedman. Jewish children from Texas, across the United States, and Israel attended the camp, where Jewish values were taught and shared. When the camp closed, it had serviced three generations, including one of our founders, Rabbi Jimmy Kes-

owned and run by Min and Dr. Tom Friedman. It was located eighteen miles south of Kerrville off Texas Highway 16, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, and was operated for sixty-three years by the Friedmans, then by their son,

sler, who served as a counselor from the late 1950s into the early 1960s as he completed his education at the University of Texas.

We joined members of the Jewish Community of the Hill Country for Shabbat Eve services. Since their group is small, they hold their services in a Unitarian Church. On Saturday morning, they participated in a panel telling us about their group and of both the challenges and the benefits of living in the area.

Saturday afternoon, we continued discussion on how to implement the Five-Year Plan for TJHS. This discussion was begun at the summer board meeting held in Rockport and is a guide for what can be done in the future to continue the growth and preservation of the Texas Jewish Historical Society for years to come. A discussion was also held on two possible projects for us to undertake.

Saturday night, after Havdalah services, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the YO Ranch Hotel and Conference Center, which also played host to our group for the weekend. Our speaker for the evening was retired Major General David Rubinstein, who spoke to us about his career in the U.S. Army and the challenges of Jewish

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## The Texas Jewish Historical Society December 2016 Quarterly News Magazine

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# Why Is It Important to Participate in the Historic Texas Cemetery Designation Program?

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There are an estimated 50,000 cemeteries in Texas. These range from single, isolated and often unmarked



graves to expansive cemeteries spanning hundreds of acres and reaching up to hundreds of thousands of burials.

Many Texas cemeteries are endangered due to lack of historic context and knowledge of their presence or exact location. Efforts to identify, locate, protect and preserve these endangered cemeteries remains a goal of the Texas

Historical Commission (THC).

The THC's Historic Texas Cemetery Designation Program is a process

to record and protect historic cemeteries across the state.

Unfortunately, historic cemeteries do not necessarily remain permanent reminders of our heritage. Across Texas, they are threatened by development and expanding urban areas, natural forces such as

weathering and uncontrolled vegetation, lack of fences to keep cattle from toppling headstones, vandalism and theft, including removal of headstones, and objects. Neglect accelerates and compounds the process.

Today, there are more than 1,600 cemeteries that have been designated as Historic Texas Cemeteries.

## *Texas Jewish Cemeteries with the designation:*

### Gonzales County

- Gonzales Jewish Cemetery

### Harris County—Houston

- Adath Emeth Cemetery
- Adath Israel Cemetery
- Beth Israel Cemetery—W. Dallas
- Beth Yeshurun Cemetery—Allen Parkway
- Beth Yeshurun Cemetery—Post Oak

### Harrison County

- Temple Emanu-El—Longview

### Milam County

- Rockdale Jewish Cemetery


## *Texas Jewish Cemeteries in the process of obtaining the designation:*

### Fayette County

- LaGrange Jewish Cemetery

### Tarrant County—Fort Worth

- Emanuel Hebrew Rest

For further information and/or help in obtaining a marker, contact Lynna Kay Shuffield at 713-692-4511, 713-560-8152, or [lisfriday@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisfriday@sbcglobal.net). 

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personnel in the military. He also discussed the Jewish chaplaincy and the Jewish War Veterans organization. His talk was fascinating and inspirational. It was truly a pleasure to have Major General Rubenstein and his wife, Pat, join us.

Sunday morning was the Board Meeting, where we had a lively gathering with spirited participation by the members. Two projects were discussed and we voted to accept them. We will undertake to help communities identify Jewish people

and places in their areas that would be eligible for a Texas historic marker. Another project will help communities obtain a Texas Historical designation to preserve the Jewish cemeteries in their areas. See articles elsewhere in this issue for more detailed information. We also voted to sponsor a series of six talks on Texas Jewish History with the Adult Department at the JCC in Austin. The program will be under the direction of Lisa Quay, Director of Adult Programs.

There were over sixty members

in attendance this weekend, as well as some of the locals who shared in the weekend's activities. This was the largest turnout we have had for any of our meetings during my eighteen months as your President. I was gratified to have so many members in attendance. I am hoping that this will be the start of large attendance at meetings. Come to Sherman in January to find out about the history of Jewish life in the past as well as what life is like today in this North Texas town. 



# Fall Board Meeting In Kerrville



*Barb Vorhes and Dale Flashberg prepares to read the Torah.*



*David Rubenstein, retired Army Major General, spoke on "Jews in the Military."*



*Peg Hainey, Kathleen Croom, Barb Vorhes, and Dale Flashberg from Jewish Community of the Hill Country.*

## *Notes from the Board Meeting*

### **Two Projects were begun**

- Help communities obtain historical designation for Jewish cemeteries. Voted to allow up to \$150 to cover application fees with a maximum of ten cemeteries per year.
- Help communities obtain historical markers for Jewish owned buildings, businesses and individuals and homes.



*Lynna Kay Shuffield with "witching sticks."*



*Dale Flashberg, President, Jewish Community of the Hill Country at Havdalah*

# October 21-23, 2016



*Charles & Jan Hart were Co-Chairs for the weekend.*



*Rachel Walsh led Havdalah.*



*Doug Braudaway spoke about Historical Markers.*

## **Sponsorship**

- Awarded \$1,000 to Lisa Quay, Director of Adult Programs, JCC of Austin, for series, "Texas Jewish History Talks at the J." TJHS will have information available at each of the six programs from January to May, 2017.

## **Also**

- TJHS joined the Houston Historical Alliance in Houston, Texas.

## **Two Grants were awarded**

- \$2500 to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in conjunction with the current exhibit, "State of Deception," to help educators teach the Holocaust.
- \$1500 to graduate student Timothy Quevillon from the University of Houston, to partially underwrite a research trip to Atlanta and Birmingham to research materials pertaining to Rabbi Moshe Cahana, civil rights activist and rabbi at Brith Shalom in Houston, 1958-1970s. 🇺🇸



*TJHS members who attended the Fall Board Meeting Weekend.*



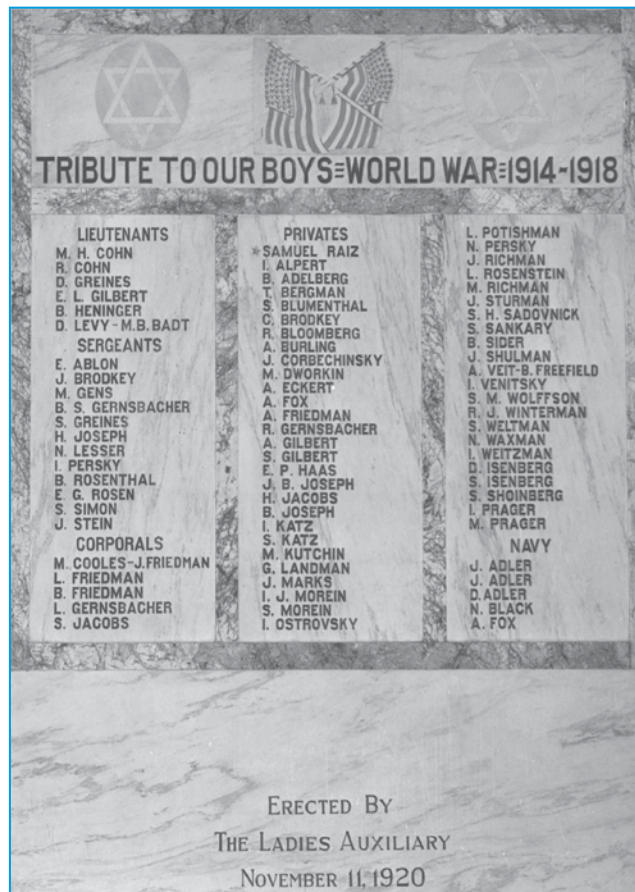
# Fort Worth Soldiers in the “Great War” Commemorating the Centenary of WWI

by Hollace Ava Weiner and Lynna Kay Shuffield

At the close of the First World War, the Ladies Auxiliary to Congregation Ahavath Sholom’s Hebrew Institute commissioned a towering marble montage titled a TRIBUTE TO OUR BOYS. The ten-foot-tall tablet was etched with the names of 81 Jewish soldiers—approximately 3.6% of Fort Worth’s Jewish population of 2,250. The soldiers named on that tablet are the subject of a pair of exhibits organized by the Fort Worth Jewish Archives at Beth-El and Ahavath Sholom. The displays feature WWI uniforms, helmets, canteens, a gas mask, and wartime photos gathered from descendants. A biographical notebook with sketches of the 81 doughboys helps visitors connect with each soldier’s lineage.

The curators hope that publicity about these exhibits will prompt others in the TJHS to gather photos and conduct similar research to mark the upcoming centennial of America’s entry into WWI.

Nearly a century ago in Fort Worth, Ladies Auxiliary President Betty Gordon (Mrs. Sam) Rosen gathered soldiers’ names through publicity in the social columns of the weekly tabloid, the *Jewish Monitor*. In the newspaper, Mrs. Rosen listed several dozen soldiers, asked if any names were misspelled, and gave readers a deadline for notifying her of additional sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers who merited inclusion on the tableaux. It’s not surprising that she missed several soldiers—among them Lt. David Carb who fought with the French Foreign Legion and was



*Original World War I Tablet was at the Hebrew Institute until it closed in 1950.*

awarded the Croix de Guerre—or that some names were misspelled—such as Pvt. Sam Sheinberg, whose surname is incorrectly etched in stone as “Shoinberg.”

The 81 soldiers ultimately listed on the tablet are grouped by rank—yet ten of their military grades are incorrect. The tablet demoted one soldier from lieutenant to private! Nine soldiers, among them Mrs. Rosen’s son, got promotions for posterity. The commemorative tablet, despite its omissions and flaws, demonstrates the pride and patriotism of an ethnic group basking in American pluralism.

For thirty years, the marble TRIBUTE TO OUR BOYS=WORLD

WAR=1914-1918 was embedded in a wall in the lobby of Fort Worth’s Hebrew Institute. That building, next door to Congregation Ahavath Sholom, functioned as a Talmud Torah and Jewish community center. During WWI (and WWII), soldiers gathered there for dances with local Jewish girls, wrote letters in the library, and played ball in the gymnasium. In 1950 the Hebrew Institute closed. The marble montage moved with Ahavath Sholom to a new building at Myrtle & 8th Avenue. Thirty years later, when the congregation moved to its present location at Hulen & Briarhaven, the marble montage was split into four framed sections and placed in a garden at the entrance to the synagogue. The dark ink that highlighted each soldier’s name faded with exposure to the elements. Today the tablets are white-on-white. Yet

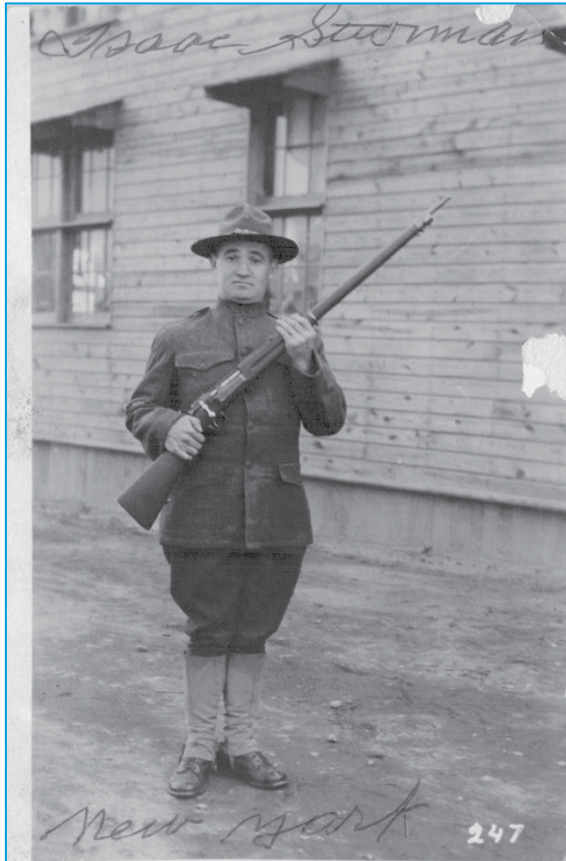
those names inscribed nearly a century ago remain legible and inspiring.

The United States entered the war in Europe April 6, 1917. The fighting had begun during the summer of 1914 after the assassination of the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire triggered a chain reaction, pulling Russia, France, Germany and Great Britain into conflict. Entangling alliances led to the involvement of more than 100 countries and a conflagration soon characterized as the “Great War.” Few imagined a Second World War on the horizon.

Following Congress’s declaration of war, Fort Worth lobbied the War

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Department to construct a military base on the city's West Side to train more than 100,000 recruits from Texas and Oklahoma. The result was Camp



*Pvt. Isaac Sturman. Courtesy Milton Sturman.*

Bowie which extended over 2,285 rural acres. Three airfields opened around the periphery of Camp Bowie. Air combat was in its infancy, and the Texas prairie was ideal for training flights. A fatal crash on January 15, 1918, killed Lt. James J. Joffe, a Jewish pilot from New York who is buried at Congregation Ahavath Sholom Cemetery in a grave never visited by his next of kin. His tombstone reads, "Died in Service of His Country."

With two Fort Worth rabbis volunteering as chaplains, a community center open to all the troops, and scores of young men in uniform, local Jews became immersed in the war. Women gathered at the Hebrew Institute to roll Red Cross bandages. Rabbis joined

ministers in public prayers for victory. Energized by the war, the Ladies Auxiliary unveiled its tablet on Armistice Day 1920. Today, nearly a century later, the slabs of white stone—engraved with 81 names, two American flags, and two Stars of David—bear witness to the community's braided identity as Jewish American.

**Among the 81+ Local Jewish Soldiers were 13 Sets of Brothers:**

- Adler, Joe, Julius, and Simon
- Brodkey, Charles and Joe
- Cohn, Maurice and Ralph
- Gernsbacher, Byron, Laurence, and Roy
- Gilbert, Abe and Ellie
- Greines, David, Sol, and Abe
- Isenberg, David and Sam
- Jacobs, Harry and Sam
- Katz, Irving and Robert
- Morein, Israel and Sol
- Persky, Issie and Nathan
- Prager, Isadore and Morris
- Sturman, Joseph and Isaac

**5 Sets of Brothers-in-Law:**

- Abe Eckert and Laurence Gernsbacher
- Harry B. Friedman and Leo Potishman
- Nathan Lesser and Ben Rosenthal
- Morris Prager and Sam Sheinberg
- Louis Richker and Ralph Cohn

**4 Clusters of Cousins:**

- Sidney Gilbert, cousin to brothers Abe and Ellie Gilbert; cousins by marriage to Emanuel Haas.
- David Veit, cousin of David Carb.
- Persky brothers Issie and Nathan

were cousins of Isadore Persky.

- Gernsbacher brothers Byron, Laurence, and Roy were uncles of Sgt. Lee Gernsbacher; all the Gernsbachers were cousins by marriage to the Sturman brothers.

**21 Immigrants:**

- Tony Bergman, Poland
- Joe Corbechinsky, Russia
- Abie Fox, Poland
- David Isenberg, Russia
- Sam Isenberg, Russia
- Robert Katz, Ukraine
- Morris Kutchin, Russia
- I. Ostrovsky, Russia
- Isidor Prager, Russia
- Morris Prager, Russia
- Samuel Raiz, Lithuania
- Joseph Richman, Latvia
- Meyer Richman, Poland
- S. Harry Sadovnik, Russia
- Shahedi Sankary, Syria
- Sam Sheinberg, Russia
- Ben Sider, Russia
- Isaac Sturman, Russia
- Joseph Sturman, Russia
- David Venetsky, Ukraine
- Isy Weitzman, Poland

**23 who Served Overseas:**

- Joe Adler
- Tony Bergman
- Sam Blumenthal
- Charles Brodkey
- Joe Brodkey
- David Carb
- Joseph Corbechinsky
- Abie Fox
- Emanuel Haas
- Byron Gernsbacher
- Sam Isenberg
- Herbert Joseph
- Robert Katz
- Gus Landman
- Samuel Elly Raiz (KIA)
- James Richman
- Louis Richker
- Sam Sheinberg
- Sol Simon
- Isaac Sturman

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# Sherman's Temple Beth Emeth

## Road to a New Torah

by Davie Lou Solka, with thanks to Andy Faber, President of Temple Beth Emeth, and Cynthia Roth, whose article, *When Hanukkah Came to Beth Emeth*, appeared in the November 2013 issue of the TJHS News Magazine

On Friday, October 23, 2009, Andy Faber, President of Temple Beth Emeth in Sherman, Texas, went to the Temple to prepare for Shabbat Eve services. When he arrived at the Temple, he discovered that the building had been broken into and considerable damage was done to the sanctuary. The Torah of the congregation which had been donated when Temple Beth Emeth was built in 1951, was missing. Also missing were the ornaments that decorated the Torah—the Yad, breastplate, and the cord of the breastplate. The Torah was one that had been used in a synagogue in Poland before World War II, and was saved from the Nazis destroying it. It had been in use at Temple Beth Emeth at religious services and many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and weddings.

After consulting with the Board of Directors, Andy contacted Rabbi Brian Zimmerman, then Director of the South for the Union for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Sherman Stein, Beth Emeth's part time rabbi, had just moved to Florida, and Rabbi Zimmerman was helping the temple with the new rabbi search.

Since nothing like this had ever occurred in the Sherman area, the FBI, Anti-Defamation League and Texas Rangers were all in contact with Faber concerning the break-in, as the Sherman Police Department wanted to make sure all bases were covered in the investigation.



*Left: The Torah that was stolen from Temple Beth Emeth. Above: Holding Temple Beth Emeth's new Torah in front of the synagogue's Ark is the congregation's president Andy Faber with Jesse Heiman (right) whose family helped secure the new Torah and Rabbi Ana Bonnheim, who led the ceremony to dedicate the sacred scroll on Friday, April 1, 2011.*

The ornaments were eventually found, but not the Torah. The first week of November two young men admitted to the theft and told the police they had dumped the Torah in the Texoma Area Solid Waste Authority landfill. They were found guilty, convicted, and sentenced. Faber met with David Sissney, director of the landfill. He showed Faber the area where the Torah was buried, which was approximately the size of two football fields with the Torah buried five to twenty feet deep in the dirt and garbage. It had rained considerably since the Torah had been dumped in the landfill, and all was very wet. Mr. Sissney went to the county directors who gave permission for the Temple members to dig in the dump to look for the Torah. Rabbi Zimmerman was attending a rabbinical convention the next week

and said he would bring up the idea of converting the landfill to a *genizah* (a sacred space used for burying old books and scrolls). If the landfill could be designated as a *genizah*, a special ceremony would be held that would not

add more disrespect to the burying of the Torah. Rabbi Zimmerman called Faber from the convention and said five rabbis had agreed that that this was the procedure to use.

On Friday, November 20, 2009, a parade of Jews drove from the temple to the landfill for the ceremony. The only people who knew that this was going to happen were Andy Faber, Rabbi Zimmerman, and the staff at the landfill. The landfill was afraid if it was announced that the Torah was there, prize finders would begin to show up at the landfill to look for it since the local newspaper had stated it was insured for \$40,000.

When they arrived, they noticed hundreds of birds flying over the landfill. When they arrived at the spot selected for the ceremony, they saw

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that the swarms of birds had gathered on the side of a bank, where they remained silent and still throughout the fifteen minute ceremony. Psalms were read, along with the Rabbi's Kaddish and various people spoke of their family celebrations where the Torah had been used. "It was a good way to say good-bye. It was best to leave it where it lay," said Rabbi Zimmerman. Once the ceremony was over, Faber and Rabbi Zimmerman went to the local newspaper to give the details of the burial and state that the Torah was properly buried. It was also stated in the story that going to the landfill to look for the Torah would not be permitted according to religious custom and laws.

Faber said he was especially grateful of Mr. Sissney and the landfill's accommodations. "They stopped all other traffic from entering or leaving, and all the bull dozers and dump trucks stayed still for us. We know it messed up some working people's timetables," he said, "but it was all about closure, rather than sadness. This is the last sad thing we are going to talk about. From now on, it will be positive and moving onward."


And moving onward the congregation did. As they began to clean the building, projects that had been considered to do were accomplished. Walls were painted, new carpets were laid, pews were cleaned, and refurbishing was done throughout the building. "We even threw out the chipped dishes in the kitchen," Faber said. "We're all a bit more thankful for what we have and now people are calling each other a little more often. We are much closer now." Many non-Jewish congregations came forward to help and a funeral home offered a place to hold services. Boy Scouts and many other groups and

people previously unaware of the congregation also offered their assistance. The congregation realized the number of friends they had in the community.

Rabbi Ana Bonnheim's first official service at Temple Beth Emeth was Chanukah 2009 when the temple was rededicated. The local TV station filmed the event and many local dignitaries attended the service. The detective who was instrumental in the capture of the two men who broke into the temple was also in attendance with his family. His young sons lit the *chanukiah* during the service.

On the sixtieth anniversary of the congregation, April 1, 2011, services were held to dedicate a new Torah, a gift from Temple Meir Chayim in McGehee, Arkansas. Rabbi Ana Bonnheim began the service and said that they would not be opening the Ark, since there was no Torah in it. After a shortened version of Shabbat services, Rabbi Bonnheim invited the members of the congregation to the front, where each of them held the new Torah. Then they formed two lines down the center aisle. As each person helped support the scroll of their Torah, Rabbi Bonnheim unrolled it. After she pointed out different aspects of the Torah, the congregation participated in rolling the Torah back together and redressed it in its cover and ornaments

and placed it in the Ark. One of the members of Temple Beth Emeth had attended the congregation in McGehee and since they no longer needed all of the Torahs they owned, they donated this one to Beth Emeth. It was an old Torah and had been sent to a scribe to repair and preserve it.


Today, Temple Beth Emeth meets monthly, and beginning in December, Rabbi Jordan Parr will conduct services. It is a busy, thriving congregation in Sherman and surrounding area, and continues to keep Judaism alive in North Texas. 

## Guess This Member

Still no guesses—take a good look— this will be the last time we will give you the opportunity to Guess This Member, because it has been one year since we first showed you



this picture. She's a real stumper! This person has been involved with TJHS for a short time (however, by now it's getting not so short!), but has contributed a great

deal of herself to the organization. She is an author among her many accomplishments, and teaches at the University of Texas. The winner will receive a year's free membership to TJHS. Email your guess to Davie Lou Solka at [editor@txjhs.org](mailto:editor@txjhs.org) any time beginning Monday, December 5. Entries received before that date will not be considered. Previous winners and family members are not eligible to participate. Good luck! 

# Grant Awarded for Holocaust Education and Research About a Houston Rabbi

by Hollace Ava Weiner

The TJHS awarded two grants this past quarter. The first is for a workshop at the Bullock State History Museum to help educators teach students about the Holocaust. The second is a travel grant for a Ph.D. candidate researching a controversial, yet overlooked Houston rabbi.


The graduate student, Timothy Quevillon of the University of Houston, will receive \$1,500 to partially underwrite a research trip to Atlanta and Birmingham. Libraries and synagogues there have archival materials pertaining to Rabbi Moshe Cahana, who served at Congregation Brith Shalom from 1958 through the 1970s. The rabbi, a sabra who fought with the Irgun for Israel's independence, linked Zionism with struggles for equal rights in America. He marched with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King at protests in Birmingham, Selma, and Washington. He was instrumental in integrating Houston and securing rights for Chicano farmworkers in Texas.

The title of Quevillon's dissertation is "The 'Brothers' Cahana: Moshe Cahana, Meir Kahane, and the Opposing Applications of Revisionist Zionism

and Jewish Nationalism to America's Racial Struggle of the 1960s." This research will cast the spotlight on Cahana's legacy and place Zionism "at the center of his civil rights philosophies." Quevillon, who has lectured at Del Mar College, Austin Community College, and Texas A&M in Kingsville, plans to complete his dissertation in May 2019.

The second TJHS grant, totaling \$2,500, is for the Texas State History Museum Foundation, an arm of the Bullock Museum in Austin. The museum's current exhibition is "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda." In conjunction with this exhibit, which runs through January 8, 2017, the museum has scheduled a workshop for teachers. Titled "Teaching Difficult Histories: An Evening for Educators," the workshop delves into Holocaust literature written by children. Among those works are *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, poems by Jewish children imprisoned at the Terezin Concentration Camp. The teaching workshop aims to make the Holocaust meaningful and relevant to the next generation.


"State of Deception" is a traveling exhibit curated by the National Holocaust Museum. The Bullock exhibit includes a Texas component with videotaped testimony from local Jewish veterans who were among the liberators at the Dachau Concentration Camp. In addition, dozens of artifacts are on loan from Austin collectors Michelle and Gregg Philipson. Among these are original drawings of anti-Nazi editorial cartoons published in the *Dallas Morning News* during the 1930s.

The Texas Jewish Historical Society awards grants quarterly to projects that expand and enhance the knowledge and understanding of the Jewish presence in Texas. Deadlines for grant applications are December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1. The grant application may be downloaded from the Society's website, [www.txjhs.org](http://www.txjhs.org). 

## Announcements

- **ROBERT COHEN**, originally from Longview and now from Los Angeles, has been photographing small-town Jewish cemeteries throughout the state for the past year and a half. He has been working his way across the state from the east traveling to Texas every four or five months. If you have information that might be of help to him, please contact him at [rbtnc@yahoo.com](mailto:rbtnc@yahoo.com) or at 818-974-1994. Many TJHS members have already been of invaluable assistance. When the project is finished, Mr.

Cohen is planning an exhibit and will publish a book.

- **ROSALINA MARTINEZ BALDERAS** is looking for information about Thelma Lapin who lived on Jefferson Street in Eagle Pass, Texas, in the 1940s, across the street from Concepcion Martinez Gonzales, Rosalina's aunt. Thelma Lapin may have been married to Jim Eisenberg. If you can help, please contact Rosalina Martinez Balderas at [roslyn62balderas@aol.com](mailto:roslyn62balderas@aol.com) or 956-451-5857. 

## —Mazel Tov— to the following TJHS Members

**Isyjean Korenek**, of Rockdale has been recognized by Strathmore's Who's Who as Professional of the Year 2016 for her outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of Reading and Language Education. She has also been inducted into the Top Female Executives and leaders program and has been accepted as a Lifetime Roundtable Member. She was recognized with a special appearance in Times Square, New York City, on June 23, 2016, where she appeared on the world renowned digital billboard.

Please send information for this column to Davie Lou Solka at [davielou@solka.net](mailto:davielou@solka.net).



- Joseph Sturman
- David Veit
- David Venetsky

### 3 Wartime Deaths

- Lt. James J. Joffe. Air training fatality. Age 23. Died Jan. 15, 1918, when the deHavilland 9 bomber he was piloting crashed near Hicks Field #1 near Saginaw. An immigrant from Baku, Asia Minor (now in Azerbaijan), Lt. Joffe is buried at Ahavath Sholom's Hebrew Cemetery in row 11, plot 4. His home of record was Manhattan.
- Pvt. Samuel Elly Raiz. KIA. Age 27. Missing in action, Sept. 19, 1918, in the battle of St. Mihiel. His name is inscribed, alphabetically, among 284 MIAs on the Tablet of the Missing at St. Mihiel American Cemetery & Memorial, Thiaucourt-Regnieville, France. Pvt. Raiz, who emigrated from Russia as a 16-year-old, was Tarrant County's fourteenth overseas casualty.
- Pvt. Isadore Persky. Suicide. Age 22. Died Dec. 23, 1917, in a Belton hotel room. A military inquest ruled his death "self-inflicted by carbolic acid," a toxin also known as phenol. Pvt. Persky had entered the Army ten weeks earlier and was assigned to 33d Co. 9th Bn, 165th Depot Brigade, 90th Division.

### At Least 3 Wartime Romances

- Pearl Brown, Fort Worth native, married Lt. Joseph Morris Linnet of New York April 21, 1918. He was a physician at Camp Bowie. Rabbi George Fox officiated at the wedding in the bride's home on Broadway Ave. The groom left in early July for duty in France. The bride died July 16, 1918, a victim of the Spanish influenza pandemic.
- Lt. Harry B. Friedman, a pilot, met Mamie Potishman while she was selling poppies to soldiers

in downtown Fort Worth. They married in 1923. Her brother, Leo, was an Army private. The couple's son, Bayard, became mayor of Fort Worth.

- Pvt. Tony Bergman planned to marry his childhood sweetheart, Rosea Oberhaut, prior to the war, but the hostilities kept her in Poland. When Rosea immigrated in 1921, skeptical authorities at Ellis Island detained her until Tony arrived with a marriage license issued in Tarrant County. The *Star-Telegram* followed their romance, describing Rosea as a "near-bride."



*Bill Goldsticker, left, and  
Rufus LeMaire*


### 4 Jewish Institutions Supported the Soldiers

- Fort Worth Hebrew Institute, 800 block Taylor Street, was a Talmud Torah and community center that staged weekly socials for Jewish soldiers. All soldiers were welcome to use its library, restrooms, and gym.
- Jewish Welfare Board, a national health-and-welfare organization founded April 9, 1917, to assist Jews in the Armed Forces. At the JWB "hut" at Camp Bowie, staff helped Jewish soldiers connect with relatives in Texas and else-

where. The local JWB worked with local rabbis, distributed prayer books, and gave chaplains of all faiths materials to assist Jewish soldiers.

- *Jewish Monitor*, a weekly newspaper published in Fort Worth, ran a feature, "Stories about Our Soldier Boys in Camp and Abroad."
- Two synagogues, with Rabbis Charles Blumenthal at Congregation Ahavath Sholom and G. George Fox at Beth-El Congregation. The rabbis made daily visits to Camp Bowie's hospitals and convalescent tents. Rabbi Fox's son, Samson, 5, died Feb. 25, 1918, possibly from an illness his father brought home from the military camp. Rabbi Blumenthal's son Sam, a private, served in France with a medical detachment of the 7th Army Corps.

### Additional Data

- *First local soldier to enlist.* David Carb, June 1915, volunteered with the American Ambulance Corps in France. He later fought with French Foreign Legion and was awarded the Croix de Guerre.
- *Last soldier to don a uniform.* Abe Greines, commissioned Nov. 4, 1918, seven days before the Armistice; discharged Dec. 21.
- *Soldier to serve longest.* Simon Adler joined the Navy May 7, 1918; discharged April 24, 1923.
- *Youngest to join.* Four 18-year-old college students: Sidney Gilbert, Sol Morein, Ephraim Rosen, Louis Rosenstein.
- *Oldest to be inducted.* Abe Fox, born May 1886, was almost 32 when he entered the Army in 1918.
- *Physicians:* Morris Badt, Maurice Cohn, Abe Greines, Ben Heninger, and flight surgeon Edwin Schwarz.
- *Longest overseas tour.* Dave Levy of Corsicana, 19 months in France. 

# From Our Archives

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## Doppelmayer's Rescue Liniment

by Vickie Vogel

Long before the "Jesus shot,"<sup>1</sup> there was Rescue Liniment, good for man or beast, made by the Doppelmayer family of Sherman, Jefferson and Marshall.

Meyer Doppelmayer was born in Munich (München), Germany on August 4, 1824, according to his birth certificate, although his gravestone reads August 24, 1823.<sup>2</sup> When he was 19, he immigrated to New York on the ship *Diana* (or *Bark Diana*).<sup>3</sup>

Meyer became a U.S. citizen in 1850 while living in Marshall. He married Rosalie (Rosalie) Eberstadt in 1853 in Shreveport.<sup>4</sup> Rosalie's birthdate in the records of Worms, Hessen is July 10, 1833, but her gravestone says July 10, 1834.<sup>5</sup>

Meyer and his brother Daniel (1834-1902) were businessmen in Jefferson and Marshall.<sup>6</sup> They ran a confectionery, the first Jewish business in Marshall. Daniel, who was born in Bavaria, baked gingerbread and cooked candy.<sup>7</sup> He became a citizen in 1857 prior to serving in the Confederate



*Meyer Doppelmayer in a sulky. Photo courtesy of Barb Teller*

Army, Company D, 7th Texas infantry. Daniel owned the Marshall Dry Goods Company,<sup>8</sup> and was the first president of the Moses Montefiore Congregation in Marshall.<sup>9</sup>

Meyer owned the Pacific Hotel in Jefferson,<sup>10</sup> but when it burned, he moved to Sherman where he owned a general store called the Auction House. He sold it to his son-in-law Ike Exstein and Ike's brother Jake in 1888.<sup>11</sup> Daughter Amelia Doppelmayer worked as a saleswoman there for a year.

Meyer and Rosalie had five children: Bertha in 1853, Moses in 1854, Eva in 1856, James in 1857, and Amelia in 1859.<sup>13</sup> Bertha, called Bettie, married Josef Ney. They had one son, Adolph Joseph Ney in 1875 in Jefferson.<sup>14</sup> Bettie died in 1936 in Texarkana, Arkansas.<sup>15</sup>

Moses, called Mose, was born in Marshall and never married. He lived with his brother James (Jim) and wife Bella until the end of their lives. Mose and Jim ran the confectionery in

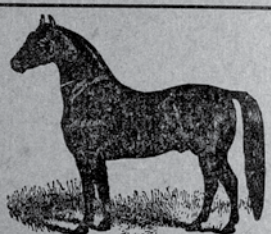
In 1904, Meyer began importing bananas, earning the sobriquet "The Banana King." Considered exotic at that time, bananas were a popular addition to the confectionery. He sponsored a banana festival for school children and, after being assured overeating bananas did not cause harm, he allowed the children to eat as many as they liked—sometimes 18 or 20!<sup>12</sup>

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## RESCUE LINIMENT

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SHERMAN, TEX. NOV. 12, 1890.  
To whom it may concern:

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J. W. LEVY,  
Stock Dealer and of the firm of J. W. Levy & Bro.

SHERMAN, TEX. NOV. 12, 1890.  
MR. DOPPELMAYER:

I used your Rescue Liniment on my mule colt, which was cut on the barbed wire, just below its shoulder on the muckle part. It is now well. Your Liniment keeps the flies off and I think it is the best Liniment I ever used.  
P. M. EVERETT.

*Doppelmayer's Rescue Liniment box, which included testimonials.  
Photos courtesy Barb Teller.*

Marshall after Meyer. They worked in the family dry goods store with Bella. Jim developed cancer of the stomach and died in 1914. Mose died in Dallas in 1937.<sup>16</sup>

Eva Doppelmeyer married Ike Exstein who was born in Syracuse, New York, in 1854. Ike was in business with Meyer for a time. He died in Sherman in 1935,<sup>17</sup> and Eva died there in 1937.

Amelia, the baby of the family, became a successful businesswoman in Sherman and never married.

was the successor to Meyer's concoction, touted as a cure for cuts and burns. Detailed directions advised the user to thoroughly shake the bottle before each application, and use no bandage or water. Clean the wound with the liniment. Apply three times a day for one week and afterwards, twice a day. If the wound is too deep, use a syringe. For screw worms apply more freely. Wounded animals must be kept out of the pasture night and morning, the label advises, to avoid dew poison.<sup>20</sup> The liniment also makes a good

M. L. Doppelmayer's Ice Cream Parlor was located on Austin Street in Marshall. A fan with fancy scalloped edges turned up in Denison over twenty-five years ago at a garage sale. The fan advertises the "Ladies' and Gents' Ice Cream Parlor" with iron phosphate for headache, and fine fresh candies, fruits and nuts.<sup>18</sup>

Meyer developed and obtained a patent in 1890 for Doppelmayer's Rescue Liniment, good for man or beast.<sup>19</sup> Amelia Doppelmayer

nightly remedy for rheumatism.

The recipe for Rescue Liniment was copied down by Fran Tillman of Sherman and placed in our archives. In an era of home canning, the directions would be clear, but some steps now sound exotic or obscure. You need three quarts of coal oil, three quarts of turpentine, three quarts of cotton seed cooking oil (be sure the cotton seed oil is of a light yellow), and thirty tablespoons of carbolic acid. Measure and place the coal oil and turpentine in a container. Put the cotton seed oil in a separate container and heat. When the cotton seed oil comes to a boil, pour into the coal oil and turpentine, stirring constantly. Continue stirring as the carbolic acid is added.

Have your bottles washed and sterile, and fill while stirring the pot. Leave space enough in the bottle to shake it up. Soak corks in hot water and drain. Roll them between two boards to remove excess water. Wipe the mouth of the bottle with a dry cloth and insert the cork. Tamp it down as best you can, then trim the part of the cork that won't go down. Wash the filled and corked bottles off in lukewarm water to get all the grease from the outside.

The next step is confusing as to where the sealing wax goes, either on the label or the cork. "When the bottles are washed and wiped, put on sealing wax." Keep cool water on hand to dip the stamp in, as when it gets too hot, it won't stamp. Then put sealing wax on a low fire and let it get soft without overheating it. Stamp it. Wipe off the stamp with a dry cloth before stamping sealing wax with it. There are two labels, held in place by flour paste. Place the big label first and then the small one. Mix smooth five tablespoons of flour and a teacup of water, and let it thicken on the stove. Do not let it boil, and stir continually so it won't lump.

Did Rosalie prepare the early

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# Encyclopedia of Texas Jewish Communities

*The Texas Jewish Historical Society awarded a grant to the Institute of Southern Jewish Life to research and publish the histories of Jews in Texas towns. These histories are available on the Institute's website and are called "Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities." We will adapt these histories in each issue of our News Magazine. Thanks to the History Department of the ISJL for permission to do so. To see other towns, go to the TJHS website at [www.txjhs.org](http://www.txjhs.org), or the Institute's website, [www.isjl.org](http://www.isjl.org), click on the "History Department" and look for "Encyclopedia" in the drop-down menu.*

## Sherman and Denison

Sherman and Denison, located in Grayson County just below the Texas-Oklahoma border, are cities seventy-five miles north of Dallas. Named after a Texas Revolution hero, Sherman was incorporated in 1850 and began as a stop on the Butterfield Overland Mail route, a semi-weekly mail and passenger stage service that ran from St.

Louis and Memphis across Texas to San Francisco. Eventually, it became a cotton-growing community, which led to the development of such industries as milling and cottonseed oil producing. Denison was formed in 1872, when the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad line came through town. In 1901, Sherman and Denison were connected with Texas' first electric interurban railway, merging the two cities' histories together.

As the two cities blossomed, many Jews from St. Louis and other northern cities came to settle there. In both places most Jews were engaged in the mercantile business. By 1873, Jews in the area were meeting for the



*This building at 104 E. Main in Denison is now known as the Katy Antique Station. It was first known as the Waples-Platter Building and was built in 1874.*

High Holidays. One Jewish resident of Denison reported in the *American Israelite* newspaper in 1873 that "at the very borders of civilizations, on the frontier of Texas, we celebrated Yom Kippur and verily, you with your temples and organs and preacher could not have been more devout and sincere than we were, in our little frame-house, destitute of all furniture and ornaments save a few dozen chairs and a dry-good box improvised as a desk." When newspaper editor Charles Wessolowsky traveled through the area in 1879, he found about one-hundred Jews in Sherman, which had a total population of 10,000 people. On his stop in Denison, he found

ten Jewish families. The *American Israelite* newspaper reported that thirty members formed Congregation Adath Israel in Sherman in 1879, though no mention of the group is found again in historical record.

In Sherman, Jews quickly moved to the forefront of the city's economic and civic life. One of Wessolowsky's first meetings was with William Levy, a former Confederate Army major from Altona,

Germany. Describing Levy as "the well-known vindicator of Judaism, Wessolowsky praised him for his efforts to use "his able pen, earned and logical arguments, clear and distinct reasons [to] hurl back the slander and defamation and false accusations brought against the Jews and Judaism by some narrow-minded and bigoted man or men."

After the war, Levy opened a men's clothing store in town and became involved in the larger Sherman community. He served as an alderman from 1873 to 1881 and again in 1883 to 1889. From 1881 to 1883, Levy served as mayor of Sherman. In 1890,

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he was asked to give the dedication address for an African American col-

served as president. By 1879, Sherman had a B'nai B'rith Lodge with E.



*The Woodmen Circle Home in Sherman, Texas, was built in the late 1920s as a home for widows and orphans. It has since fallen into disrepair and a local legend claims that it is haunted. Photo by Walter P. Lebrecht.*

lege in town. During his speech, Levy called on the town's black residents to emulate Jews by pursuing education. While perhaps condescending in tone, Levy's speech was progressive for its time. His son, Jake Levy, served as mayor from 1891 to 1893. Herman Kuhn was also a prominent Jew in the community, serving as editor of the *Denison Evening Herald*. In Sherman, Wessolowsky noted that "the most extensive and largest business," Schneider & Co., was run by a Jewish family.

While Wessolowsky observed that many Jews in Sherman and Denison were not particularly religious, they did form organizations centered on their faith. In 1879, Jews organized the Denison Hebrew Mutual Relief Association, whose purpose, according to its constitution, was to "aid the needy, care for the sick and bury the dead." By 1887, it had twenty-five members, held monthly meetings, and had a board with L. Eppstein as president; S. Weisman as secretary; and H. Casper as treasurer. By 1900, it had shrunk to ten members with an annual income of \$60. Henry Regensburger

Despite this organizational activity, there seems to have been no active Jewish congregation in either city during the first half of the twentieth century.

During the late nineteenth century, the Jewish community was concentrated in retail trade. The 1887-1888 Denison City Directory shows a number of Jewish-owned stores on Main Street. Levy Louis and L. Bernheim had clothing stores, while J. Casper established a dry goods store. Joseph Weisman and Daniel Doppel-mayer partnered together to open the Weisman & Co. Clothing store, while Solomon Weisman worked as the store's business manager. Brothers Henry and Elias Regensburger, immigrants from Germany, sold clothing, boots and shoes at their U.S. Clothing Company. Their establishment was open for many years, celebrating its 60th anniversary in October 1945. In addition to the businesses mentioned, the 1889-1900 Denison City Directory also lists the Eppstein & Son store. It was owned by Leopold Eppstein and his son, Milton, and sold wholesale liquors, wines, and cigars. Milton

was also the proprietor of the Denison Opera House. Morris Eppstein, an 1876 immigrant from Russia, operated a grocery business.

In 1896, fifteen years after Sherman's first Jewish mayor was elected, Louis Lebrecht became mayor of Denison. Born in Birgen, Germany in 1848, he came from a very religious family, with both his father and grandfather being rabbis. However, he had an unpleasant childhood and chose not to practice any religion. His obituary described him as "a Jew... [but one who] lived outside the faith of his fathers." He left Europe in 1866 and settled in Denison in 1873. He proceeded to establish a wine and cigar business, located on Main Street. Lebrecht was critical in founding the German Vorwaerts Society in 1877, serving as its first president and reelected to the post for the next twenty-five years. It was an organization for local German families, and according to The Denison Herald, its members were "leaders in the social, educational and cultural life of the city." On April 7, 1896, Lebrecht was elected mayor of Denison, serving two terms until he lost his bid for a third term in 1900. His impact on the city was significant. His 1902 obituary stated that "there is no man who has ever lived in Denison whose life has been more closely interwoven with our history than Louis Lebrecht."

Another notable Jew to live in Denison was Ray Karchmer Daily. Her family, fleeing persecution in their native Lithuania, then part of the Russian Empire, arrived in the United States through Galveston in 1907. After settling in Denison, her father, Kalman, became a junk dealer and was, according to his great-grandson, "the poorest man in Denison." However, Ray successfully completed high school in 1909, graduating as valedictorian of her class. She earned a scholarship to the University of Texas

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batches for Meyer, or did he experiment himself? How many bottles did this recipe make, and how often did the inventory need to be replenished? When Amelia took over, did she make the stock herself? This glimpse into commercial preparations before automation and assembly lines is intriguing.

Amelia probably did make the liniment herself, as she enjoyed creating. The famous Dionne quintuplets, born in Canada in 1934 and the first known quintuplets to survive infancy,<sup>21</sup> received gifts from well-wishers around the world, including Amelia Doppelmayer who knitted five little dolls in pastel shades. She neatly packed them side by side and labeled them for the five little girls. In a four year span, Amelia made 200 dozen of the little dolls, all by hand.<sup>22</sup>

Amelia Doppelmayer died in Dallas in 1951. Rosalie had died in 1904 and Meyer in 1910. Amelia,<sup>23</sup> Meyer, Rosalie, Mose, Eva, and Ike Exstein are all buried in West Hill Cemetery in Sherman.

### Endnotes

- <sup>1</sup> <http://fusion.net/story/282538/jesus-shot-michael-lonergan-oklahoma/>
- <sup>2</sup> <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=51520700>
- <sup>3</sup> He must have gone back to Germany in 1859, as he is listed on the manifest of the ship Jubilaum as arriving in the United States in October of that year. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=51520793> Family ID 30154839; NARA Microfilm Serial #M237; Microfilm Roll #55; Mormon's FHL Catalog #0002301
- <sup>4</sup> Email Barb Teller, July 7, 2016.
- <sup>5</sup> She and three of her children (Bettie, Eva, and Amelia) returned to the U.S. after a trip to visit her relatives in Bavaria, arriving in New York from Bremen on the ship *Deutschland* in 1870. NARA Microfilm Serial #M237; Microfilm Roll #336; List #1023; Line 3; also in Mormon's FHL Catalog #01756. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=51520793>



*Doppelmayer Family. Front row, left to right, Meyer, Amelia, and Rosalie. Back row, left to right, Moses "Mose," Bertha "Bettie," Eva, James "Jim." Courtesy Robin Madden.*

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- <sup>6</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all information for this article is found in Box 3A164, folder 5, in the Texas Jewish Historical Society Records, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin.
- <sup>7</sup> Ruthe Winegarten and Cathy Schechter, *Deep in the Heart*, (Eakin Press, 1990), p. 45
- <sup>8</sup> Other sources say the dry goods company was Weisman and Company, founded with his nephew Joe Weisman. Perhaps both? *Deep in the Heart*, *ibid*, p. 45.
- <sup>9</sup> Email Barb Teller, June 27, 2016. Daniel married Fannie (1844-1900) and they had two children, James (who died at age 15) and Bertha (1869-1955).
- <sup>10</sup> Other sources say the Alhambra Hotel in the 1870s. *Deep in the Heart*, *op cit*, p. 45. Surviving descendants contacted for this article are not familiar with the Alhambra Hotel.
- <sup>11</sup> <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Exstein&GSfn=Jake&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=46&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=79213252&df=all&G-> Jake's wife was also named Bertha, like one of the Doppelmayer children.

She was Bertha Wolf, daughter of Isaac and Sara "Sophie" Doppelmeyer Wolf. Sophie was Meyer's sister. Meyer had another sister, Bune, who was also called Bertha. email Robin Madden, July 7, 2016.

- <sup>12</sup> *Deep in the Heart*, *op cit*, p. 45.
- <sup>13</sup> <http://findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Doppelmayer&GSfn=Amelia&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=46&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=51521007&df=all&G->
- <sup>14</sup> <https://www.geni.com/people/Bertha-Ney/6000000032193582393>
- <sup>15</sup> <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=51521785>
- <sup>16</sup> <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=51519935> and <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=51521454>
- <sup>17</sup> <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Exstein&GSfn=Isaac&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=46&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=51521216&df=all&G->
- <sup>18</sup> A friend of Fran Tillman's bought it for her. Fran sent photocopies to the late Ruthe Winegarten, so they ended up in our archives with Ruthe's papers. The Tillmans and TJHS members the

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- Kariels are related to the Doppelmayers. A photograph of the fan can be found in *Deep in the Heart*, op cit, p. 45.
- <sup>19</sup> There is a photocopy of a picture of a bottle of Rescue Liniment in our archives.
- <sup>20</sup> Any of various rashes or infections of the feet or legs, believed to be caused by dew; rarely, a foot disease of cattle. <http://dare.wisc.edu/words/100-entries/dew-poison>
- <sup>21</sup> [https://www.google.com/?gws\\_rd=ssl#q=dionne+quintuplets](https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=dionne+quintuplets)
- <sup>22</sup> *Sherman Democrat*, Friday September 7, 1984 reprinting an article from that date in 1934. "City woman sends dolls to quints." In same article: "Transacted from corporation court to the woodshed was the case of a Sherman boy who was arrested and accused of driving the family automobile 57 miles per hour on South Crockett. The boy's father has jurisdiction over the woodshed."
- <sup>23</sup> <http://findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Doppelmayer&GSfn=Amelia&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSs t=46&GSentry=4&GSob=n&GRid=51521007&df=all&> 

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Kallison led San Antonio's National Council of Jewish Women in establishing a baby clinic for the needy, a maternity ward at the public hospital, and a nursery for blind toddlers. She was on the Witte Museum board for fifteen years and helped found the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. She died in 2004.

"She was instrumental in founding the Texas Jewish Historical Society," says Rabbi Jimmy Kessler. "She married into a family that was providing farm supplies to South Texas ranchers and farmers since the late 1800s through Kallison's Store, right across the street from the court house in San Antonio. She wrote articles on Texas Jewish activities for the local paper. We were both passionate about preserving Texas Jewish history and got together around 1978 to work on getting the society started. She was a marvelous, opinionated lady who was worth arguing with over the silliest points of Texas Jewish history."

Kal Kallison says he loved and respected his great aunt. "From a very young age, I appreciated her thirst for knowledge and her engagement in so many different aspects of San Antonio and especially the Jewish community. She had a keen intellect right up until her death. She remembered things I had forgotten. She always kept up with all the family and we had a great relationship. Passovers were special and full of people at the Kallison house."

Robi Marisol Ravicz spoke at the podium and received the award for her grandmother. "She's been my grand-

mother my whole life," Robi says with a smile and a laugh. "I had the mumps when I was young and was shipped off to my grandparents' house to get well. I remember them being so warm and

Hollace and I started talking to everybody we knew and told them what we were doing. The letters never stopped coming. I am so proud."

Li Ravicz is Frances' grandson.

"She was a cowgirl, but she was also a white-glove Victorian, a fierce advocate for grace and charm. She loved to help underprivileged folks and always encouraged her children and grandchildren to contribute to the well-being of the community. She had an indomitable spirit. She was a big part of the birthday parties, Seders, and all the events in her



*Present at the induction ceremony were, from left to right, TJHS members Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, David Beer, Charles & Jan Hart, Susan and Bob Lewis, and Nelson Chafetz. Not pictured: Joyce and Jack Gerrick.*

loving while they were taking care of me. My grandmother's specialty was frosted Coke and every time you'd walk in the door, she'd ask you if you wanted a frosted Coke. On your birthday you got an angel food cake with strawberries and cream on top. She hand-whipped the cream. We used to have fried chicken picnics on her back porch. In the San Antonio Battle of Flowers parade, I remember watching my grandmother ride a horse in the parade. It was really wonderful."

Janelle Montgomery and Hollace Weiner spent many years gathering information to nominate Frances for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame recognition. "Hollace told me the Cowgirl Hall of Fame did not have a Jewish cowgirl and one of her projects was to try to get one," says Janelle. I told her we needed to find one and Hollace she had Frances in mind. I told her she had to be kidding, that Frances was my friend, Robi's grandmother. It was just one of those bizarre small world stories.

home. She had a big table. When we were growing up, we just knew her as our grandmother. Then we find out what she accomplished. She never talked about it, although we all knew history was her hobby. When I was a teenager I would drive by her house at night, and the light in her office would be on. I could almost hear the manual typewriter clicking away. She never stopped working. She had a strong moral compass and a fierce determination to do what she thought was right. When I was growing up, we'd go to the Witte Museum for lectures. She would interrupt the presentation and correct the speaker. She had that kind of personality. She loved to garden. She'd be in her garden and tell the neighborhood kids that the roots of some of the vegetables went all the way to China."

Dr. Diana Vela, Associate Executive Director of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, says Frances' nomination ma-

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Medical Branch in Galveston. Graduating in 1913, she was one of the first women—and Jew—to graduate from a Texas medical school. Her academic excellence garnered attention from the *Galveston Daily News*, who wrote that she was a “Russian maid who six years ago was unable to speak English, and who has completed eight years of scholastic work in six years.” Though she no longer lived in Denison, she went on to become a pioneer in medical and other fields. She became a successful and renowned ophthalmologist with her husband and son, and served twenty-four years on the Houston School Board.

The Jewish population in both cities decreased as the years passed, and in 1937, there were thirty-six members in Denison and forty-three in Sherman. However, the establishment of the Perrin Air Force Base in Sherman in 1941 brought new Jews to the area. In the late 1940s, a group of twenty families from both cities came together to build Temple Beth Emeth in Sherman. It was chartered in December 1949. A member of the congregation, Irvin Suckle, who owned a scrap

iron business, donated the property. A lay leader conducted services each Friday night. As one member remembers, “(services) were led in about three-quarters English and one-quarter Hebrew and was pretty much Reform.” By 1965, the congregation had joined the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now Union for Reform Judaism). Beth Emeth reached a peak of thirty-two members in the 1970s.

In the 1940s and 1950s, Jews in the area continued to concentrate in retail trade. After settling in Illinois, Austrian immigrants, Louis and Esther Ringler came to Sherman in 1946 and opened The Cinderella Shop (later known as Ringler’s), a women’s clothing store. They employed many local Jews. Milton Schwartz also owned a ladies clothing store. In Denison, the Label and Hartholz families operated clothing stores, while the Weingartens, coming from Austria, owned a millinery shop. Jack Gordon, a Holocaust survivor, opened a western-wear store; Marks Brothers Department Store and Julie’s Dress Shop were other Jewish-owned businesses in the area. After the war, a handful of Jewish

professionals began to settle in Sherman and Denison. Sam Levine was a doctor in Denison.

Unable to sell their businesses and with their children moving away, most Jewish merchants were forced to close their stores in the 1960s. Perrin Air Force Base closed in 1972, and this helped lead to the decline of the area’s Jewish population. After over forty years in business, Herman Ringler, the son of Louis and Esther, retired and sold Ringler’s Women’s Wear. It was the last downtown Jewish-owned store. Despite this decline, Jews continued to have a significant impact on the area. In the 1980s, brothers Bill and Morris Regensburger died leaving a foundation trust of one million dollars to the city of Denison.

With the railroad boom long gone and the Air Force base closed, the Sherman-Denison Jewish community continued to decline. Yet the nearby Austin College has helped attract Jews. Dr. Marjorie Hass is the current president of the college, becoming the first woman and Jew to serve in that position. The congregation has

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## — TJHS Pins Support Texas Historic Cemetery Designations Project —

We encourage cities across Texas to protect their Jewish Cemeteries by applying for Texas Historical Cemetery Designations. Texas Jewish Historical Society pins are available for purchase as a way to help defray some of the expense involved in helping Texas communities to get Texas Historic Cemetery Designations for their Jewish Cemeteries.

Each pin is a minimum donation of \$20 payable to Texas Jewish Historical Society.

Please send a check for the number of pins that you want to purchase, and PRINT on the form with your check payable to: Texas Jewish Historical Society, P. O. Box 10193, Austin, TX 78766-0193

Thank you for your support of the Texas Historic Cemetery Designation Project of TJHS!



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# Texas Jewish Historical Society Grant Application

The mission of the Texas Jewish Historical Society is to expand and enhance the knowledge and understanding of the Jewish presence in Texas and the history of Jews from their first arrival in the State to the present.

We solicit applications for research projects that are in this spirit.  
Deadlines for submission are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

## Application Form

The Texas Jewish Historical Society will consider applications from individuals and non-profit organizations in any written or visual media. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title and Description of project.

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Briefly outline personal and professional background information that support this application.

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What is the anticipated budget for the project? Are you seeking additional support from elsewhere?

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Please detail the timeline of your project.

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Completed project must acknowledge TJHS support. A copy or account of the completed project should be submitted to the Society's archive at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin.

*Send applications to: TJHS Grant Committee: P.O. Box 10193, Austin TX 78766-0193, or email to [grantchair@txjhs.org](mailto:grantchair@txjhs.org).*



## In Memoriam



**Norma Lee Albert**, TJHS member and former board member, died on September 2, 2016, in Dallas. She lived in McAllen prior to moving to Dallas in 2008. She is survived by her children,

Marsha (Harvey) Marcus Wolff, Ron Albert, and Sharon (Michael) Brier; three grandchildren; seven great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.



**Alfred M. Rosenfield**, TJHS member, died July 18, 2016, in Dallas. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Mark & Naomi Rosenfield and Jeffrey and Karine Rosen-

field; his daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl & Richard Spellman; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

**May their memories be a blessing.**

## CUBA!

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**January 23-30, 2017**

For more information, contact Vickie Vogel, Travel Chair, at 979-966-2493 or vvogel@tjhs.org

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also had to overcome anti-Semitism. In October 2009, Beth Emeth was vandalized. Its Torah scroll was stolen and never recovered. A congregation from McGehee, Arkansas, donated their Torah to the Temple.

Unlike the early Jewish settlers in Sherman and Denison, the remaining Jews in the area are committed to maintaining their religious traditions. In 2011, the congregation had fifteen members, most of whom were fairly recent arrivals in the area. Despite their small numbers, the congregation is active, attracting twenty to forty worshippers at its monthly services. 

## Save the Date

**January 20-22, 2017**


Winter Board Meeting in  
Sherman, Texas

**January 23-30, 2017**

3rd TJHS trip to Cuba

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material was some of the best the museum has ever received. "It was so thorough and well organized and made us realize what an extraordinary woman Frances Kallison was. She did so much." In the forty-one years the Hall has been in existence, only two hundred twenty-four women have been inducted.

Members of the Texas Jewish Historical Society in attendance at the luncheon were David Beer, Texas Jewish Historical Society president; Nelson Chafetz; Joyce and Jack Gerrick; Jan and Charles Hart; Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, first president of Texas Jewish Historical Society; and Susan and Bob Lewis (aka Tumbleweed Smith). 

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## New Projects for TJHS

The Texas Jewish Historical Society will embark on two exciting projects. The Board approved these projects at their meeting in Kerrville on October 23, 2016.

**Following** the guidelines of the Texas Historical Commission, TJHS, under the guidance of Lynna Kay Shuffield (lksfriday@sbcglobal.net), will work to designate Texas Jewish Cemeteries as Historical properties. Doing so will give the cemeteries legal identification and protection. See article on page 3 in this News Magazine.

**The second** project, under the guidance of Jane Manaster (janeman@earthlink.net), will be to identify and apply for Historical Markers for Jewish sites and people in Texas communities.

Both of these projects are long range and plans are underway to design the structure of each and create working teams. If you would like to work on either of these teams, please contact Helen Wilk at hkwilk48@gmail.com. Additional details will be in future issues of the News Magazine and on the website, [www.txjhs.org](http://www.txjhs.org). 

**The deadline for  
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**2017 TJHS News**

**Magazine is Friday,  
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## TJHS on facebook

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The exhibits have been displayed in various locations in Texas and other parts of the United States, including Rhode Island and California. They are an excellent program for schools, congregations, and other organizations. To schedule the exhibits, please

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