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Book announced, board expanded



Visiting during the TJHS annual meeting in March are, from left, Milton and Helen Smith, Ginger and Mike Jacobs, Stanley and Doris Glasser, Jimmy and Shelley Kessler, Ima Joy Gandler and Lonnie Schooler.

MAKING HISTORY

"An Oral History Workshop" was hosted by Fay Brachman at her lovely home for Fort Worth Society members.

Ginger Jacobs, Dallas author and oral historian, conducted a "how to" session for an enthusiastic group on June 12.

Ruthe Winegarten gave a talk, "On the Trail of Texas Jewish History" at the Institute of Texian Cultures in San Antonio on May 27 to an overflow crowd of 100. Descendants of many pioneer San Antonio families were present, including Bette Cohen, daughter of Carrie Pfeiffer Brown.

Leon and Fay Brachman traveled to Abilene for a presentation about Texas Jewish history to members of Temple Mizpah, several of whom drove considerable distances to attend.

The Kerin Ami Council of



—Photos by Bette Redman Reichman

Patti Leonard, annual meeting chair, and Rabbi Larry Jackofsky mark the beginning of Shabbat at the TJHS meeting.

Temple Emanu El Religious School in Houston made a generation contribution to the TeJHaS. After careful study, the students chose the Society as one of the agencies they felt most needed their financial support.

The Texas Jewish Historical Society celebrated its 10th anniversary in Austin, March 2-4, with the announcement of an ambitious program, including the publication of a major work, *Deep in the Heart: The Lives and Legends of Texas Jews* and a Curriculum Guide to be made available to every Jewish religious school in the state.

Other priorities include writing entries on Jews and Jewish Texans for the *Handbook of Texas*, the state's encyclopedia, oral history workshops around the state, and the documentation of Texas Jewish cemeteries.

Milton Smith of Austin was re-elected president. Other elected officers included Rabbi Lawrence Jackofsky of Dallas, vice-president; Nell Hall of Fort Worth, secretary; Shelley Kessler of Galveston, treasurer; Fay Brachman of Fort Worth, membership chair; and Ima Joy Gandler of Waco, archivist.

Leaders from around the state were elected to an expanded board, including Jimmy Alexander (Dallas), Robert Beer, Dallas; Jeanette Gilden, Texarkana; Herbert Given, El Paso; Doris Glasser, Houston; Leonard Goldblatt, Abilene; Phil Hurwitz, Tyler; Ginger Jacobs, Dallas; Karen Kaplan, Fort Worth; Audrey Kariel, Marshall; Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, Galveston; and Doris Lascher, Houston.

Others are David Lack, Victoria; Itta Lenowitz, Seguin; Dr. Philip Leonard, Austin; Dr. William C. Levin, Galveston; Allen Mondell,

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Dallas; Dr. Raymond Reiser, College Station; Marvin Rich, Houston; Rabbi Kenneth Roseman, Dallas; Barbara Rosenberg, Sugarland; Nat Rosenblum, Dallas; Barbara Rubin, Fort Worth; Lionel Schooler, Houston; Herb Silverberg, Corsicana; Norma Skibell, Lubbock; Donald Teter, Baytown; and Helen Wilk, Corpus Christi.

Herbert and Phyllis Kadish serve on the administrative staff.

Dr. Jonathan Siegel, founder of the Washington, D.C., Jewish Historical Society, was the weekend scholar-in-residence and a fascinating display from the TeJHaS Collection at the Barker Texas History Center (UT-Austin) was enlightening and enjoyable. Items ranged from an old Delta Phi Epsilon sorority photo album to family pictures, letters, old documents and the Frosch Family Album, donated by Houstonian Daniel Frosch. An aging issue of the *Jewish Herald-Voice* contained a picture of a B'nai B'rith activist, the late Elsie Hart of Dallas, discovered with pride by her son, Charles Hart of Temple, who was attending with his wife Jan. The Saturday night banquet was highlighted by excerpts from Mark Harelik's play, "The Immigrant," produced by the Live Oak Theatre of Austin.

Sunday morning, papers on the Jewish communities of Brownsville and Corsicana were presented by Dr. Denise Joseph of Texas Southmost College and Dr. Tommy Stringer of Navarro Community College.



Sharing history at the annual meeting: Seated, from left, are Edith Kruger, Dorothy Hyman, Walter Cohen of Austin; Maurice and Virginia Hoffman of Houston; Standing, from left, Alex Corman, Charles and Jan Hart from Temple; Jan's parents, Minnie Siegel and her husband from Dallas.



'Small Town Texas Jewish Communities' was the topic of a panel discussion sponsored by the Texas Jewish Historical Society at the organization's annual meeting in Austin March 2. From left, are: Lonnie Schooler, moderator; Ruthe Winegarten, commentator; Dr. Denise Joseph, professor at Texas Southmost College, who presented a paper on Brownsville; and Dr. Tommy Stringer, Navarro Community College, who presented a paper on Corsicana.

FOOTNOTES

Recent donations to the TeJHaS Collection at the Barker Center include:

"The Weil Family Reunion" program, March 24, 1978, Corpus Christi, including a list of descendants of Charles and Sarah Hymans Weil. (Donated by Beverly Scarborough

of Austin).

You Can't Live All Your Life, the biography of Fanny Lack.

Ledger book (1950s) of the Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority in Austin, plus historic photo of members. (Donated by Irene Kanter of Austin)

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (Toby Summer, Editor, January 1990), Volume 2 of the Greater Houston Section, National Council

of Jewish Women, senior adult writings.

Mazel Tov

To Cathy Schechter for her article about Austin gerontologist Bert Kruger Smith: "The House That Bert Built" in *Southpoint* magazine, March 1990 and for her forthcoming article, "Shalom Y'all," in the August, 1990 issue of *Texas Highways*.



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