



NEWSLETTER

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1993 ANNUAL GATHERING TO BE HELD IN SAN ANTONIO *MARCH 12-14*

Our Annual Gathering is Friday March 12 through Sunday March 14 in San Antonio, one of the most historic cities in Texas. We will celebrate our special Bar Mitzvah Year as this is our thirteenth Annual Gathering.

A wonderful treat is planned for the Art Reception on Saturday evening. Ann Heiligman Saslav, pianist, and Dr. Isidor Saslav, violinist, will perform two Bloch violin and piano pieces. The Saslavs make their home in Overton, Texas. They are back from a shared musical residence of six years in New Zealand.

Our headquarters hotel for the Gathering is the *Holiday Inn at the San Antonio International Airport*, 77 N. E. Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216. You must make your own reservations with the hotel. Please *telephone* (512) 349-9900 and tell the reservationist that you have the TJHS convention rate of \$72 per night (plus tax) for a single/double room. The hotel provides free shuttle service to and from the airport. Be sure to telephone for the courtesy van when you arrive at the airport.

Pre-registration fee for the three-day meet-

ing for paid up members is \$25 or \$45 at the door. The fee for non-members is \$50 in advance or \$70 at the door. No meals are included in the registration fee. Friday night's fish dinner banquet is \$25, Saturday's luncheon buffet is \$15, and the Sunday continental breakfast is \$6. Friday's 2-4 PM bus tour of San Antonio is \$10 (space is limited, please reserve early). The Sunday 1:30-3:30 PM car tour of historic Castroville is \$5.

Please pay in advance for registration and all the meals and tours you want. *Make checks payable to TJHS and mail to TJHS c/o Bill and Judy Munter, 3411 Hunters Stand, San Antonio, TX 78230.*

The meeting schedule includes a variety of programs including tours, speakers, video presentations and a special art exhibit with reception. For further information, telephone Barbara Rosenberg (713) 494-2668 or Judy Munter (512) 492-0210.

Have you made your reservations to attend the Gathering? For a more complete listing of the schedule, see pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

Tentative Schedule for The 1993

Friday, March 12

- 11 am–2 pm **Registration**
- 12–1 pm **Executive Board Meeting/Lunch**
- 1–2 pm **Committee Meetings:**
 Cookbook Committee
 Journal Committee
- 1–2 pm **Oral History Session**
 Live, on Stage —Helen Wilk
- 2–4 pm **Bus Tour of San Antonio*** (Meet at Holiday Inn Entrance)
 Historic Sites of Jewish Interest
 Tour leader —**Frances Kallison**
- 5:30 pm **Dinner/Banquet***
 Welcome —Fay Brachman
 Introduction of Guests
 Presentation of Founder's Certificates
 Video Presentation: "Rabbi Kessler Presents Dr. Marcus"
- 8 pm **Shabbat Services** at Temple Beth El —**Rabbi Sam Stahl**
 TJHS Honor Presentations

Saturday, March 13

- 9:30 am **Shabbat Services** at our Hotel
- 11–12 am **San Antonio: Tzadakah in our Tradition**
 The San Antonio Foundation —Richard Goldsmith
 The Hebrew Free Loan Society —Stephen Ross
- 12–1 pm **Lunch Buffet***
 Two San Antonio Merchant Families: Joskes and Frosts —Henry Guerra
- 1–2:30 pm **Small Towns in Texas:**
 Midland/Odessa Jewish History —Roy Elsner
 Laredo Jewish History —Dr. Stan Green
 Jewish Origin of San Angelo —Dr. Ralph Chase
- 2:30–2:45 pm —**Break—**
- 2:45–4 pm **Women in Texas State Politics: "92 a Historic Year"**
 Profiles of Rose Spector, Debra Danburg, Sue Schechter, & Florence Shapiro
 —**Jane Guzman, et al**
- 4–4:30 pm **Days of the Republic**
 Surgeon Moses Albert Levy: "A Virginian at the Alamo" —Saul Viner
- 4:30–5:30 pm **The Arts in Texas**
 Holocaust Art in Kingsville —Maurice Schmidt
- 5:30–6 pm **Art & Musical Reception** (Cash Bar)
 Musical performance —Pianist Ann Saslav and violinist Dr. Isidor Saslav
- 6 pm **Dinner —On Your Own**

ANNUAL GATHERING in San Antonio

Sunday, March 14

8:30 am	Continental Breakfast*
9-10 am	<i>How to Produce a Video of Your Town's History: Waco</i> —Vernon Woolf & Ima Joy Gandler
10-10:30 am	<i>An Introduction to West, West Texas: El Paso</i> —Ann Goodman
10:30-11 am	<i>A Jewish Hero of the Indian Wars</i> —William Suhler
11-11:30 am	<i>The Jewish Trunk Show</i> —Walter Fein
11:30-12:30 pm	Business Meeting
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch —On Your Own
1:30-3:30 pm	Car Caravan Tour to Castroville* (Meet in Holiday Inn Parking Lot) <i>Henry Castro's Alsatian Settler's Village, Landmark Inn and Museum,</i> <i>Castroville Cemetery, Home Tour</i>

* Admission Prepaid with Registration

World Famous Musicians to perform at Gathering's Art Reception on Saturday Evening



Pianist Ann Saslav and violinist Isidor Saslav

Pianist Ann Saslav and violinist Dr. Isidor Saslav will perform at the TJHS 1993 Annual Gathering in San Antonio on Saturday evening, March 13, during the Art and Musical Reception which begins at 5:30 PM. It is a treat to hear their music.

Violinist Dr. Isidor Saslav, who may be best known as former concertmaster for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, is now with the New Zealand Symphony. Dr. Saslav was appointed concertmaster of the New Zealand Symphony in 1986 after two decades

as concertmaster of orchestras in Buffalo, Minneapolis, Baltimore, Washington, and Texas. In addition, he was on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music and a member of the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

Pianist Ann Heiligman Saslav is a Fulbright scholar, music educator, and concertist with major orchestras throughout the country and abroad. Mrs. Saslav divides her time between New Zealand and the United States. Born in Texas, she made her debut with the Houston Symphony Orchestra at

the age of 15 and studied at the University of Indiana School of Music where she met and married Dr. Saslav.

They have performed as a duo throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and have made tours in Europe. Last season the Saslavs received the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust Medal for Excellence in Chamber Music Education in Baltimore for their programs "Adventures with 88 Keys" and "Adventures with the Violin and Piano".

DONALD TETER RECEIVES AWARD IN AUSTIN



Donald Teter (l) receiving award from John B. Meadows, President, Texas Heritage Foundation

The Texas Historical Foundation named Donald Teter of Baytown the recipient of its 1992 Deolece Parmelee Award for outstanding achievement in historical preservation research.

He was recognized for his work in locating and documenting over 70 Jewish cemeteries in Texas, and for

inspiring individuals and groups to help in the program of renovation and preservation. The award was presented to Donald at its Awards Dinner in Austin January 23, 1993.

Gertrude and Donald have spent many days since 1985 searching for forgotten cemeteries. It has been a labor of love and devotion

as well as research for the TJHS archives. We can all take pride in this award.

The Texas Historical Foundation is an independent, non-profit, historical preservation organization which supports education, research, archaeology and preservation projects.

ACQUISITION FOR OUR ARCHIVES

Houston's *JEWISH HERALD-VOICE* Microfilm
Provided by DR. and MRS. HOWARD LACKMAN

A generous contribution from Annette and Howard Lackman of Arlington has enabled TJHS to purchase from the New York Public Library microfilm copies of *The Houston Jewish Herald-Voice* dating from 1932 to 1989. The remaining issues of the paper from 1908 to 1932 are going to be microfilmed in the very near future by the Texas Newspaper Project at the University of Texas Austin. TJHS is participating in the cost of this project which will insure the permanence of this very important historical source.

To continue this project, the second

longest running newspaper that should be microfilmed is *The Texas Jewish Post* of Fort Worth Dallas. Microfilm of issues of the newspaper dating from 1963 to 1987 may be purchased from the American Jewish Historical Center in Cincinnati. The issues from 1947 1963 and 1987 1993 will be scheduled for microfilming by the Barker Library in the future with TJHS participating in the cost of the project.

We recently purchased from the American Jewish Periodical Center one reel of microfilm of *The Jewish*

American (1938 1941), and 2 reels of *The Jewish Monitor* of Dallas (1919 1920 and 1928 1929).

We need information about missing issues of these newspapers and other Jewish newspapers in Texas so that we can have them scheduled for future microfilming.

TJHS newspaper microfilm reels are catalogued at the Barker Library in Austin. Members may arrange to read them there or have them sent to another library that participates in the Interlibrary Exchange program.

My Memories of the Waco Jewish Community's Relationship with Baylor University

by

Irving M. Etkind, M.D., P.G., New York City

During the depths of the depression of the 1930's Baylor University almost went bankrupt as it had almost no money to pay its staff. Baylor issued its own money called "Baylor Script" No one wanted to accept it. Even the ministers of the Baptist Church complained when it was left in the collection plates. Jewish merchants were the first in town to accept the script. Other Waco merchants followed. If the script had not been accepted Baylor might have gone bankrupt.

At one time there were two universities in Waco: Texas Christian University on the north side and Baylor on the south. T.C.U. moved to Ft. Worth after a fire. In the late 1920's there was a movement to move Baylor to Dallas. The City of Waco agreed to donate money to build an auditorium and Baylor remained in Waco. A fund raiser was started to raise money for Waco Hall. The Jewish community responded with contributions in greater proportions than other religious groups.

Pat Neff, President of Baylor, decided to

buy land adjacent to the campus for future expansion. Many people did not want to sell their land to Baylor. Frank Chaznow told me that whenever he bought land near Baylor, he would go to the campus to talk to Pat Neff and resell the land to Baylor. In this manner the university expanded.

When I was at Baylor there was a Jewish football player named Morris Weis, number 72. He was a tackle from Marshall, Texas, where his father had a tailor shop. When his parents sent kosher salamis, he and I would share them. He graduated with a B.B.A. in 1951.

Issie Fred designed the original Baylor University class ring which was gold with green stones as the Baylor colors are green and gold. On one side of the stones was the Tower of Old Main and on the other side the Baylor Bear. Issie Fred donated class rings to the football players each year and did many other things for the school.

The Baylor University Library catalogues the TJHS Newsletter.

ORAL HISTORY CHAIRMAN REPORT

by *Helen K. Wilk*

A major beam in the structure of TJHS is our continuing Oral History Project.

On Friday afternoon at the Gathering, Helen Wilk will present a workshop on doing oral histories. She will demonstrate with a public taping of an oral history.

TJHS recently purchased a transcriber machine for standard audio cassette tapes. This transcriber is available on loan for typing oral histories.

As members have recorded many oral histories, TJHS needs typists all over Texas. Volunteers are needed!

If you would like more information about doing this valuable and very necessary work, please contact: *Helen K. Wilk, Oral History Chair, 260 Cape Aron, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412, or you may call her at (512) 991-1118.*

Newsletter Publication Schedule

Issue Month

May 1993
August 1993
November 1993

Deadline

April 1, 1993
July 1, 1993
October 1, 1993

Unless specified in a cover letter and a return envelope with postage is included, all **original** materials submitted to TJHS Newsletter will be forwarded to the Barker Texas History Center and will become the property of that library. *If you wish to have original items donated to the Barker Library, please make arrangements with Don Teter (713) 424-5829.*

For the TJHS Newsletter, when items are valuable, one-of-a-kind, or fragile, ***please submit copies only***. We cannot be responsible for items lost in shipment.

Remember: do NOT send us your ONLY copy of a precious photograph.

One Mystery Solved!

The photograph published in the fall edition of this newsletter, the identification of which was sought by R.D. Moses of Fort Worth, has been identified as **Harry and Fannie Broadkey**, whose last known address was **Waco**.

Nomination Report:

Robert Beer, Chairman, reports the following slate of officers for 1993/94:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Donald Teter</i>	<i>Baytown</i>
<i>1st Vice President:</i>	<i>Mrs. Barbara Rosenberg</i>	<i>Sugar Land</i>
<i>2nd Vice President:</i>	<i>Herb Given</i>	<i>El Paso</i>
<i>3rd Vice President:</i>	<i>Dr. Howard Lackman</i>	<i>Arlington</i>
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	<i>Mrs. Merilee Weiner</i>	<i>Houston</i>
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	<i>Ms. Dvosha Roscoe</i>	<i>Fort Worth</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Mrs. Judy Munter</i>	<i>San Antonio</i>
<i>Archivist:</i>	<i>Mrs. Ruth Ginsburg</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Parliamentarian:</i>	<i>Mrs. Fay Brachman</i>	<i>Fort Worth</i>

Welcome New Members

Ms. Cathy Adelman, San Antonio
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anton, Ft. Worth
Pat Cohen, Wichita Falls
Mrs. George Cohen, San Angelo
Mr. Brian Colton, Dallas
Dr. and Mrs. Donald Greenberg, Houston
Mrs. Rosalind Kaplan, Houston
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Korenman, Ft. Worth
Mr. Marc Kramer, El Paso
Mr. Aaron Lifshutz, San Antonio

Mr. B.C. Moses, Houston
Mr. and Mrs. Nat Myers, Ft. Worth
Mr. Charles C. Nathan, Houston
Mr. Dave Novy, Austin
Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Nussenblatt, Bethesda, MD
Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Soloman, Houston
Mrs. Mitch Stenzler, Ft. Worth
Mr. and Mrs. David Vogel, LaGrange
Rabbi and Mrs. S. Zimelman, Ft. Worth
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zimmerman, San Antonio

American Jewish Historical Society National Conference

New York Meeting/Tours

All TJHS members have a unique opportunity to attend the American Jewish Historical Society National Conference in New York City at the Mayflower Hotel April 29 through May 2, 1993. It is not necessary to be a member of AJHS to attend the meeting/tours, but you must pay the per person registration fee.

Tours will include guided visits to Ellis Island, the Lower East Side's Tenement Museum, and a walking tour of Colonial Jewish New York. Programs and lectures will be held at the Jewish Theological Seminary Library (the nation's greatest Judaica collection), Congregation Shearith Israel (New York's oldest congregation) with an authentic Sephardic lunch, and Central Synagogue (the oldest synagogue in continuous use in the U.S.). A dinner tour to Brighton Beach in Brooklyn requires an additional fee of \$40.

Hotel: \$130 (plus 20% NY tax) per night (single or double), Suite \$175 (plus 20% NY tax) per night. Book your own reservation with *Mayflower Hotel, 15 Central Park West at 61st. St. Tel.: (800) 443-5677 or (212) 870-1000*. Ask for the American Jewish Historical Society conference rate.

Registration fee: \$225 per person* if paid before March 15, 1993. \$250 per person* if paid after March 15, 1993. *Registration fee includes lectures, programs of the conference, tours (including transportation round trip for tours), 2 lunches and a cocktail reception on Saturday night.

Please send your registration fee to:

American Jewish Historical Society

Attn.: 1993 National Conference Registration

2 Thornton Rd.

Waltham, Ma 02154

Tel: (617) 891-8110

Fax: (617) 899-9208

Visit to College Station by Dr. Howard Lackman

Dr. Howard Lackman of Arlington spoke in College Station at a recent Friday evening service. Mrs. Ruth Clearfield, program chairman for the congregation, expressed her appreciation of his informative presentation to the congregation explaining the Texas Jewish Historical Society.

Newsletter EDITOR Needed!

TJHS needs a NEWSLETTER EDITOR beginning with the next issue. If you have an interest in history and enjoy writing, please telephone:

Donald Teter at (713) 424-5829.

TEXAS JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

I am enclosing my contribution of \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000
to the Texas Jewish Historical Society for the 1992 membership year.

Classification of membership: \$25 - Annual Member; \$50 - Supporting Member;
\$100 - Sponsor and Organization; \$250 - Sustaining member;
\$500 - Benefactor; \$1,000 - Patron

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

My areas of interest are: _____

Please furnish us with a brief family history/or our archives.

Clip and send to address on reverse side.

Contributions to TJHS are tax deductible within the limits of the law.

Report from the President...

This year our Gathering is in San Antonio from March 12 to the 14th. Barbara Rosenberg, architect of the successful Galveston Gathering in 1992, has developed another interesting and informative program that will keep us involved in learning more about our people's past in Texas. San Antonio was the location for our very first organizational meeting in 1980—thirteen years ago. We hope that all of our members will attend this Bar Mitzvah Gathering in the place where it all began.

This will be my last President's message as my term of office has come to an end. It has been a busy, involved two years for me. It has been gratifying to watch the growth of our Society and the involvement of so many of our members.

Now that we have reached our Bar Mitzvah age, we are ready to take on the responsibilities of adults.... Isn't that really what Bar Mitzvah is all about?

We are certainly setting goals for ourselves that show maturity. Our membership is larger than ever—over 585 members! No one can accuse us of being "the best kept secret in Texas" anymore.

My thanks to all who have made our growth and success possible!

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