



NEWSLETTER

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TJHS "MINI-GATHERING" & FALL OPEN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 14-16 IN TYLER

Our October Open Board Meeting will be held in Tyler at 10 AM on Sunday, October 16 at the Tyler Sheraton Hotel. This Open

Board Meeting will be part of a unique "Mini-Gathering" to begin Friday evening, October 14, with dinner and services at Temple Beth El, with the history of the Temple being a feature of the evening.

Saturday morning services will be held at Congregation Ahavath Achim, followed by a brunch and the history of that synagogue.

Saturday afternoon there will be a trip to Kilgore for a guided tour of the Kilgore Oil Museum with historical discussions of Kilgore, Longview and Jews in the Oil Industry.

Saturday night will include dinner at the hotel with the history of Tyler given by the Smith County Historical Society and entertainment by a local musical or theatrical group.

Sunday morning, prior to the meeting, a guided tour of the Tyler Rose Garden is available. This is the week before the annual Rose Festival, and the flowers will be in full bloom. Surely, this will be an event not to be missed.

We will have a working lunch at the hotel during the Open Board Meeting.

All members of the Society are most welcome and invited to attend this event which promises to rival our Annual Gatherings, as the Tyler members are going all-out to see that we have a great weekend.

The Tyler Sheraton Hotel has made a special rate of \$65 per room for one or two persons and suites for \$135. Contact them directly for reservations prior to September 26 at 5701 S. Broadway, Tyler TX 75702, phone (903) 561-4800, or fax (903) 561-9916.

The total cost for the four meals will be \$50. Please send your check payable to TJHS in care of Barry Green, 4801 Richmond Road, Tyler TX 75703 or phone him at (903) 561-4484 no later than September 26. Contact Barry for further information.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Tyler. You will benefit not only from learning more about the Texas Jewish Historical Society, but also the Jewish history of East Texas. As a bonus you'll have the opportunity to make more friends among the members of the Society.



Come "Smell the Roses", learn about Tyler and East Texas, visit with new and old friends, and support TJHS, too! See ya there.

NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Gertrude and I just returned from a three week trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, visiting a lot of places along the way. The outstanding experience of the trip was a 45-minute visit with **Rabbi Jacob Rader Marcus**, the 98½ year old Dean of American Jewish Historians at his home in Cincinnati. He lives alone, having a housekeeper during the day, who had temporarily disappeared without advising him. He himself came to the door to welcome us into his study where we visited until he decided it was time for his afternoon nap.

Rabbi Marcus confirmed what **Howard Lackman**, our resident Historian, has already suggested in regard to producing a scholarly history of the Jewish people of Texas. The Rabbi told us that the Indiana Jewish Historical Society is producing individual histories of each city or community and eventually combining them into volumes. He said this was the correct method to use. Without using glasses, he looked up the address of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, so that we might get some samples of their work. Without using glasses!

I asked **Rabbi Marcus** whether he walked to the school when he taught, as it looked like a reasonable walk that might have contributed to his longevity. He indignantly informed me that he *still* taught a class in Jewish history, but the students come to his house.

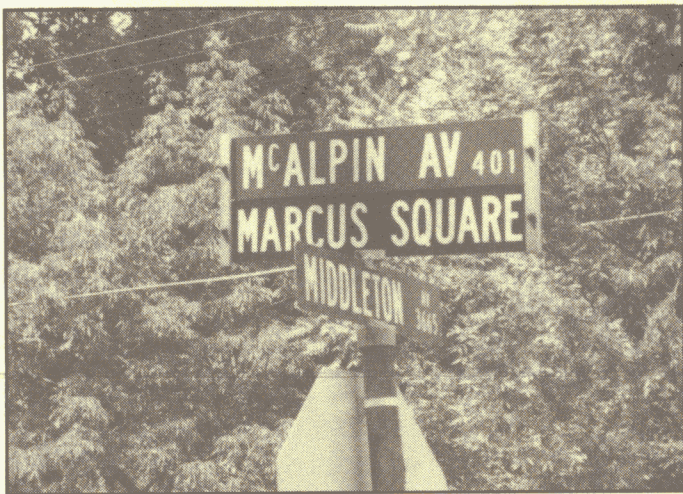
* Please see related pictures on next page ➡

We couldn't get accommodations in Cincinnati for our third night there due to the Reds ballgame and a horse show, but we discovered that **Hebrew Union College** had a guest suite available. It was a new experience spending a night in the building where so many of our Reform Rabbis lived and studied.

The other exciting (for me) event on the trip was discovering a Jewish section in a cemetery in Clarksville, a town about 60 miles east of Texarkana. My informant was our Texarkana member, **Jeanette Gilden**, whom we visited on the way. Several of her family and others are buried there, but this was the first I had heard of it. There are probably many other places in Texas where Jews are buried that I am unaware of, and I need to be advised so I can complete the project I have been lovingly laboring on for almost four years.

I shall hope to see many of you in Tyler in October at our planned Mini-Gathering and Fall Open Board Meeting.

Don Teter



Pictured above: Street sign in front of Rabbi Marcus' home in Cincinnati that declares the area to be called "MARCUS SQUARE".

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PHOTOS of Rabbi MARCUS IN CINCINNATI



Pictured above: RABBI JACOB MARCUS in his study at his home in Cincinnati.



Pictured above (L to R): RABBI JACOB MARCUS & DON TETER. The 98½ year old scholar is the one without the glasses!



Pictured above: Home of RABBI JACOB MARCUS at 401 McAlpin in Cincinnati. He lives there alone!

HOUSTON SYNAGOGUES RECYCLED

by Don Teter (Baytown)

When a member in Dallas asked for help in making a collection of synagogue pictures from all over the state, I volunteered to obtain photos of the Houston synagogues. It was an interesting project, as I visited not only the older, better known edifices in the Southwest part of the city, but also found many new ones I had never seen,

scattered from Clear Lake to Humble to far west Houston.

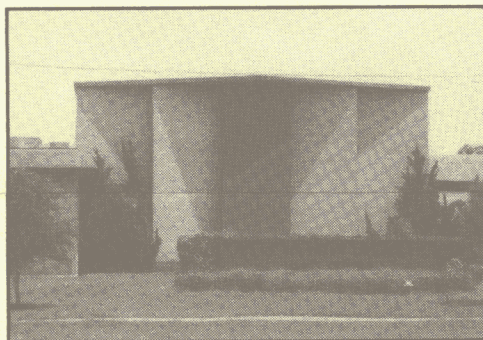
Then I decided that she should have pictures of buildings that are no longer employed as synagogues. With the help of old city directories and phone books, I made a list of all the addresses of synagogues through the years and visited most of the sites. Many locations are now empty lots, parts of freeways, parking lots or modern buildings.

I did, however, find six former synagogues still standing, and on most of them Jewish identification still remains.

Probably the oldest of the six is the original Congregation Adath Emeth, located at 1018 Houston Avenue, north of



The former **CONGREGATION BETH YESHURUN** at 3501 Southmore in Houston.



The former **CONGREGATION ADATH EMETH** at 4115 Ennis in Houston.



The former **CONGREGATION ADATH EMETH** at 1018 Houston Avenue in Houston.

Washington Avenue. The building appears to be no longer in use; its last occupant was a graphics company. At the top there is a tablet design and there are several Stars of David on the building.

The building at 3815 Live Oak once housed Congregation Adath Israel. It is now the largely successful SHAPE Community Center serving Houston's black community. There is no Jewish identification on the building.

The former Congregation Beth Jacob, located at 1901 Cleburne is now a black community church. Stars of David and Menorahs are quite visible on the building. The congregation and the two preceding joined together to form what is now United Orthodox Synagogues of Houston.

The Texas Southern University School of Music at 4115 Ennis was formerly a later home of Congregation Adath Emeth after it left its downtown location. There is nothing of Jewish significance remaining on the building, but it is well-kept and beautifully landscaped.

The former home of Congregation Beth Yeshurun at 3501 Southmore has been converted into the Lucien Lockhart Elementary School. Apparently some of the Jewish ornamentation has been covered by slabs of stone, but there are still a couple of Stars of David over the front door.

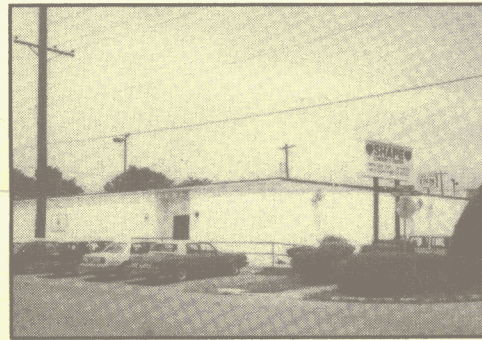
Former Temple Beth Israel at Austin and Holman Streets, now the Heinen Theater of the Houston School District, is unchanged in outward appearance.

The name of the Temple, along with a tablet and Stars of David have been left intact.

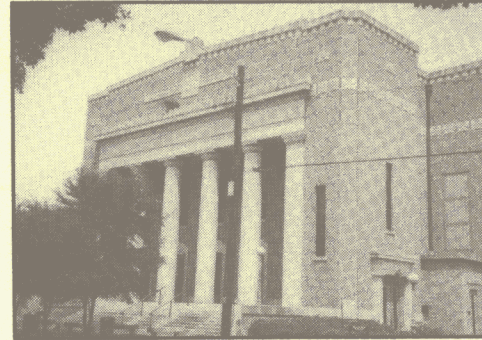
I was extremely gratified to find these buildings and realize that they are still serving communities, as originally intended. There is much more that could and should be researched in regard to the synagogue buildings of Texas cities. Let us hope that there will be future articles in the Newsletter by those in whom I might have instilled some curiosity.



The former **CONGREGATION BETH JACOB** at 1901 Cleburne in Houston.



The former **CONGREGATION ADATH ISRAEL** at 3815 Live Oak in Houston.



The former **TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL** located at the corner of Austin & Holman Streets in Houston.

BRYAN'S TEMPLE FREDA

by Don Teter (Baytown)

A few weeks ago, my wife, Gertrude, and Lena Tapper Aron accompanied me on a visit to Bryan to see Temple Freda and determine other facts about that locality. Lena was born in Bryan, and her father, Max Tapper, was one of the founders of Temple Freda in 1912.

We found a copy of the original deed to the property in the courthouse, naming as trustees Joe Gelber, Julius Levy and Joe Groginski, whose names also appear on the cornerstone. The land was apparently a gift from J. W. English, with the proviso that the property be used only for religious and benevolent purposes, or it be returned to the estate of the grantor. On the cornerstone are also listed the building committee, Joseph Groginski, Samuel Levy, Joseph Gelber Harry Marwil and Max Tapper.

The Bryan community has established and worships at

Congregation Beth Sholom which is located in a Baptist church purchased some years ago.

Although Temple Freda is still owned by the Jewish community, the building has been lent to a Negro church for their use. Although there has occurred some easily repairable structural damage, due to the building's proximity to a railroad track, there is only some cosmetic repair necessary to restore the Temple to its original state.

The Architecture Department of Texas A & M some years ago obtained a National Historic Register designation for the building. With all the professional and labor talent available in the Bryan-College Station community, it would be no great problem to restore Temple Freda and perhaps use it as a museum of Jewish culture.

We hope that family and friends of Temple Freda will join in this project. Although the TJHS cannot allocate funds, we are ever willing to participate in other ways to preserve historical Jewish landmarks.



Pictured above: Temple Freda in Bryan, Texas.



Pictured above: LENA TAPPER ARON standing on "Bima" of Temple Freda in Bryan, Texas.



Pictured above: Nameplate over entryway of Temple Freda in Bryan, Texas.



Pictured above (L to R): ANITA FEIGENBAUM, LENA ARON, & GERTRUDE TETER sitting inside Temple Freda in Bryan, Texas.



Art Contest

SPONSORED by THE TEXAS JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Calling all budding artists
even if your name is not Chagall, Agam or Picasso*

Do you have famous people in your family?

Do you have people in your family who should be famous?

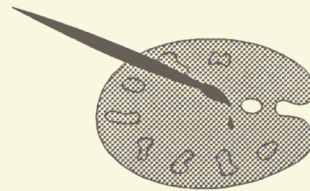
Do you know famous people outside of your family?

Do you know a wonderful story of Texas Jewish history?

Show us through your art!!!

Contact your school administrator or youth group advisor for entry form and rules of the contest. Contest judges will be two well-known Jewish artists, Efim Frumin and Alice Cahana, and a member of the Texas Jewish Historical Society.

Trophies will be awarded.



Be a winner and have your art on display!

Entries must be submitted by March 1, 1995



****For Your Information:*

**THIS CONTEST IS BEING CHAIRED BY
BARBARA ROSENBERG (713/494-2668)
& PEGGY SAMET (713/723-3286)**

ANNOUNCING . . .

STUDENT ART CONTEST WITH HISTORICAL THEMES

Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate in an Art Contest sponsored by the Texas Jewish Historical Society.

In the past we have sponsored essay contests in an effort to stimulate interest in the accomplishments of Jewish Texans who have contributed to the development of our state and its Jewish culture and heritage. This year the format is somewhat different, in the hope that we can appeal to a wider number of students.

The contest is open to all students in two categories:

- I. Grades 6-8
- II. Grades 9-12

GENERAL RULES:

- Art subjects may be persons, places, or events which were notable or newsworthy, or which depict Jews engaged in occupations or activities contributing to the economic development or welfare of the people of Texas or pertaining to specific Jewish culture in the state.
- Pictures may not be from previously published work, but may be from private photos, artistic interpretation of events told in family stories or historic accounts, or pictures of family businesses or professions, or organization activities.
- Artwork must include identifying information, such as a brief (1-5 sentences) description of the person, place, or event, and the dates if known (i.e. if it is a portrait, give the years the person lived and a list of their accomplishments).
- Size of art must be such that it will fit into an envelope up to 10" X 15" in size, including the mat if the art is matted.
- Any medium is acceptable. (Please coat pastels, chalk or other medium which is easily smeared.)
- The art may be matted, but is not required to be.
- Artwork must be submitted to TJHS in Houston at 10402 Willowgrove, Houston, TX 77035, either postmarked by March 1, 1995 or delivered by March 7, 1995.

COMPLETE & UPDATED LISTING OF TEXAS CEMETERIES

by Don Teter (Baytown)

The cemetery data shown in the recent issue of *CHRONICLES* was incomplete and contained errors and omissions. Herewith is the latest listing which contains all the known Jewish cemeteries, including others where there are known to be Jewish people buried. If anyone knows of cemeteries or burials not indicated on this list, please advise Don Teter, as the project is nearing completion, and we want it to be as accurate as possible.

Thank you.

<i>City</i>	<i>Name of Complete Cemetery</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Owner/Operator</i>
Beaumont	Hebrew Rest	1895	Temple Emanu El
Beaumont	Kol Israel	1911	Temple Emanu El
Brenham	B'nai Abraham Cemetery	1873	B'nai Abraham Synagogue
Brownsville	Hebrew Cemetery Association	1868	Temple Beth El
Calvert	Calvert Jewish Cemetery	1873	City of Calvert
Columbus	Hebrew Benevolence Society Cemetery	1879	City of Columbus
Corpus Christi	Hebrew Rest Cemetery	1875	Temple Beth El
Corsicana	Hebrew Cemetery	1875	Corsicana Hebrew Cemetery Assn.
Dallas	Agudas Achim-Tiferet Israel Cemetery	1938	Tiferet Israel Congregation
Dallas	Shearith Israel Memorial Park	1881	Congregation Shearith Israel
Dallas	Temple Emanu El Cemetery	1884	Temple Emanu El
Dallas	Tiferet Israel Cemetery (within Shearith Israel Cemetery)	1910	Congregation Shearith Israel
El Paso	B'nai Zion Cemetery	1900	Congregation B'nai Zion
El Paso	Temple Mt. Sinai Cemetery	1898	Temple Mt. Sinai
Fort Worth	Emanuel Hebrew Rest Cemetery	1879	Beth El Congregation
Fort Worth	Hebrew Cemetery	1908	Ahavath Sholom Congregation
Galveston	Beth Jacob Cemetery	1900	Beth Jacob Congregation
Galveston	Hebrew Cemetery #1 / Hebrew Rest Cemetery	1852	Congregation B'nai Israel
Gonzales	Old Jewish Cemetery	1861	Maintained by Akiba Academy
Gonzales	Jewish Cemetery	1907	Jewish Society of Buh Israel
Hallettsville	Jewish Cemetery	1873	Hallettsville Jewish Cemetery Assn.
Hallettsville	Jewish Cemetery	1890	Hallettsville Jewish Cemetery Assn.
Hempstead	Hebrew Cemetery	1881	City of Hempstead
Houston	Adath Israel Cemetery	1895	United Orthodox Synagogues
Houston	Adath Emeth Cemetery	1905	United Orthodox Synagogues
Houston	Beth Israel Cemetery	1844	Congregation Beth Israel
Houston	Beth Jacob Cemetery	1935	United Orthodox Synagogues
Houston	Beth Yeshurun Cemetery-Allen Parkway	1892	Congregation Beth Yeshurun
Houston	Beth Yeshurun Cemetery-Post Oak	1926	Congregation Beth Yeshurun
Houston	Emanu El Memorial Park	1944	Congregation Emanu El
Jefferson	Mt. Sinai Cemetery (Section of Oakwood Cemetery)	1862	City of Jefferson
La Grange	Jewish Cemetery	1867	Private Residential Property
Luling	Luling Jewish Cemetery	1875	Luling Cemetery, Inc.
Marshall	Marshall Hebrew Cemetery	1881	Marshall Hebrew Cemetery Trust
McAllen	Temple Emanu El Memorial Park	1951	Temple Emanu El
Navasota	Jewish Cemetery	1876	City of Navasota
Orange	Hebrew Rest	1904	Jewish Ladies Aid & Cem. Society
Palestine	Beth Israel	1870	Trust Fund / Royall National Bank
Paris	Jewish Burial Ground	1876	City of Paris
Rockdale	Rockdale Jewish Cemetery	1877	City of Rockdale

San Antonio	Agudas Achim Cemetery	1889	Agudas Achim Congregation
San Antonio	Agudas Achim Memorial Gardens	1960	Agudas Achim Congregation
San Antonio	Congregation Beth El Memorial Park	1955	Congregation Beth El
San Antonio	Rodfei Sholom Cemetery	1912	Congregation Rodfei Sholom
San Antonio	Temple Beth El Cemetery	1855	Temple Beth El
Texarkana	Mt. Sinai Congregation Cemetery	1885	Mt. Sinai Congregation
Tyler	Ahavath Achim Cemetery	1910	Congregation Ahavath Achim
Tyler	Beth El / Oakwood Cemetery	1884	Temple Beth El
Victoria	B'nai Israel Cemetery	1900	Congregation B'nai Israel
Waco	Agudath Jacob Cemetery	1929	Congregation Agudath Jacob
Waco	Hebrew's Rest	1869	Hebrew Benevolent Association
Waco	Rodef Sholom Cemetery	1921	Temple Rodef Sholom
Wharton	Shearith Israel Cemetery	1937	Shearith Israel Congregation
Wichita Falls	Hebrew Rest Cemetery	1920	Temple Israel
Wiess Bluff	Simon Wiess Family Cemetery	1868	Property Owner

<i>City</i>	<i>Name of Section of Cemetery</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Owner/Operator</i>
Abilene	Star of David Section-Elmwood Memorial Park	1957	Temple Mizpah
Amarillo	Llano Cemetery	1930	Temple B'nai Israel
Arlington	Garden of Peace Section of Moore Memorial Gardens	1985	Moore Memorial Gardens
Austin	Agudas Achim Section-Austin Memorial Park	1933	Agudas Achim Synagogue
Austin	Beth Israel #1 & #2-Sections of Oakwood Cemetery	1866	Temple Beth Israel
Austin	Beth Israel #3-Section of Capital Memorial Gardens	1961	Temple Beth Israel
Bonham	Jewish Section-Willowild Cemetery	1881	Willowild Cemetery
Bryan	Beth Shalom Section of Bryan City Cemetery	1871	City of Bryan
Bryan	Temple Freda Section of Bryan City Cemetery	1968	City of Bryan
Corpus Christi	B'nai Israel Section of Seaside Cemetery	1946	B'nai Israel Synagogue
Corpus Christi	Temple Beth El Section of Seaside Cemetery	1953	Temple Beth El
Dallas	Temple Shalom Section of Hillcrest Memorial Park	1967	Temple Shalom
Denison	Section of Oakwood Cemetery	1878	Oakwood Cemetery
Ennis	Section of Myrtle Cemetery	1892	Ennis Cemetery Association
Fort Worth	Beth El Section of Greenwood Memorial Park	1929	Beth El Congregation
Gainesville	Section of Fairview Cemetery	1881	Fairview Cemetery Association
Galveston	B'nai Israel Section of Galveston Memorial Park	1958	Galveston Memorial Park
Greenville	Section of Eastmount Cemetery	1888	Eastmount Cemetery
Houston	Beth Israel Section of Woodlawn Cemetery	1967	Congregation Beth Israel
Kilgore	Temple Beth Shalom Section of Memorial Park (Hebrew Rest)	1956	Memorial Park
Laredo	Jewish Rest Section of City Cemetery	1874	B'nai Israel & Agudas Achim Congs.
Longview	Temple Emanu El Section of Memory Park Cemetery	1960	Memory Park Cemetery
Lubbock	Feldman Memorial / Shaareth Israel Sections of City Cemetery	1940	City of Lubbock
Mexia	Jewish Section of Mexia City Cemetery	1868	City of Mexia
Odessa	Temple Beth El Section of Sunset Memorial Gardens	1957	Temple Beth El
Port Arthur	Rodef Shalom Section of Greenlawn Cemetery	1944	Greenlawn Cemetery
San Angelo	Cong. Beth Israel Section of Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens	1951	Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens
Sherman	Jewish Section of West Hill Cemetery	1890	City of Sherman
Tyler	Beth El Section of Rose Hill Cemetery	1949	Rose Hill Cemetery
Victoria	B'nai Israel Section of Evergreen Cemetery	1856	Evergreen Cemetery

<i>City</i>	<i>Jewish Burials in Non-Jewish Cemeteries</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Owner/Operator</i>
Big Spring	Mount Olive-Masonic Section, IOOF Section	1920-54	Mount Olive Cemetery
Big Spring	Trinity Memorial Park	1920-54	Trinity Memorial Park
Clarksville	Fairview Cemetery	1887	Fairview Cemetery
Columbus	Columbus City Cemetery	1966	City of Columbus
Crockett	Evergreen Cemetery	1966	Evergreen Cemetery
Denison	Fairview Cemetery	1944	Fairview Cemetery
Henderson	Lakewood Cemetery	1975	Lakewood Cemetery
Houston	Houston National Cemetery	1965	U.S. Veterans Administration

Hubbard	Fairview Cemetery	1951	Hubbard Cemetery Association
La Grange	City Cemetery	1896	City of La Grange
Lockhart	City Cemetery	1918	City of Lockhart
Matagorda	Matagorda Cemetery	1830	Matagorda Cemetery
McKinney	Pecan Grove Cemetery	1864	Pecan Grove Cemetery
Mount Pleasant	Masonic Cemetery	1923	Masons
Nacogdoches	Oak Grove Cemetery	1852	Oak Grove Cemetery
Overton	Overton City Cemetery	1974	City of Overton
Sweetwater	Sweetwater Cemetery	1942-56	Sweetwater Cemetery
Sweetwater	Sweetwater Garden of Memories Cemetery	1942-56	Garden of Memories Cemetery

END OF LISTING OF CEMETERIES

Looking Back . . . (A reprint from *The Fort Worth Star Telegram's Sunday, March 17, 1957 edition*)

AT DALLAS: JEWISH MAYOR OF DUBLIN, TEXAS TO MEET COUNTERPART FROM IRELAND

Old Saint Patrick probably would spin in his grave this Sunday if he knew the facts about two of his fair cities. The lord mayor of Dublin, Ireland, Robert Briscoe, is an Orthodox Jew. The mayor of Dublin, Texas, Morris Hoffman, is an Orthodox Jew.

But to compound the situation, the name of this Erath County town is a misnomer. The name originally was spelled Doublin and came from the old cry, "Double in!" when the Indians were about to attack. But there were a number of Irishmen who settled here in the early days and Irish laborers are supposed to have helped build the first railroad.

Today the shamrock is painted on the windows of City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce. It's the symbol used by the high school and there are a number of streets with such fine names as Ireland, Patrick, Bryan, Camden, Grafton, Davies, O'Brian, O'Neil and O'Neal. As far as Mayor Hoffman is concerned, he'll be wearing the shamrock this Sunday "just to help the Irish celebrate."

Right now Mayor Hoffman has two objectives in mind. One is to meet his counterpart from Ireland. This isn't as far fetched as it might seem. Lord Mayor Briscoe landed Saturday in New York where he reviewed the St. Patrick's Day parade. Then he'll be off for a tour of the United States.

The B'nai B'rith in Dallas already is making plans to bring the lord mayor to that city and they've asked Mayor Hoffman to be part of the welcoming committee. Maybe they'll drink a toast with Irish whiskey—or kosher wine.

Hoffman's other objective is to be re-elected April 2 to his fifth consecutive term. He's opposed this year by Sam Sitton, a retired merchant, but Hoffman claims he's not worried. He's going to stand on his record of which he is extremely proud.

Since he took office in 1940, the city has acquired a swimming pool and recreation hall, a 50-unit federal low-rent housing project and paved more than 30 streets. Small industry, which Hoffman considers the town's salvation since the drouth set in, also has moved to Dublin. The Gillsam Manufacturing Company, which makes military uniforms for the government, is the largest. It's been here about six years and now employs more than 200 persons.

The little 66 year old mayor believes his fellow citizens appreciate his efforts. He points with great pride to one of the new residential sections where a street is named in his honor.

Hoffman has come a long way for the boy who went to work when he was 11 years old in a machine factory in Russia. He's had only three years of schooling in his entire life, all of it in Russia. He landed in this country in 1904 with his parents, four brothers and three sisters. None of them could speak a word of English.

"I think maybe," the mayor says, "that the best thing that ever happened to me was that Poppa didn't miss that boat."

Young Hoffman started out in his teens pushing a banana cart in Fort Worth; graduated to a horse and wagon and began moving west. "I went where the bananas sell best. I came to Dublin and sold out pretty quick. I thought, this is a pretty good town."

That was in 1912. He's been here ever since. For a while he ran a grocery. Then he dealt in drygoods and cotton. Today he's a building contractor and owns a junk yard which he calls the Hoffman Iron & Metal Company.

In 1910, he had married a Jewish immigrant girl from Fort Worth. They have two sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren. Only Hoffman and his wife still live in Dublin.

The Mayor figures when he meets his counterpart from Ireland, they'll have more in common than just their religion. Hoffman has discovered that Briscoe once sold apples to help pay the bills. "He started out with apples. I started out with bananas." Briscoe is one of 6,000 Jews in all of Ireland. Hoffman, his wife and one other family are the only Jews in this town of some 3,000 persons.

This week, as befits the mayor of a town named Dublin, Hoffman turned his thoughts to St. Patrick's Day. Besides, he needed to do a little campaigning.

He went by to see his old friend, Dennis W. Sheehan. Sheehan, now 84, is a true-blue Irish Catholic, one of the early settlers in Dublin and its mayor during the 1920s. Sheehan's parents came from Ireland and he's lived here since the turn of the century. He doesn't admit that blamey about how Dublin got its name. As far as he's concerned, his town was named after the Irish capital.

When Hoffman and Sheehan saw each other this week, they grinned, chuckled and decided to drink a toast to St. Patrick. Sheehan said he's going to vote for Hoffman. "Old Hoffman's been a real good mayor," said Sheehan, squinting at his friend. "I think he's as good as elected."

Hoffman giggled and squirmed in his chair and asked his friend: "But tell me, Mr. Sheehan, how do the Irish and the Jews get along now?"

Sheehan thought a moment and then he said: "All right, I guess. The Irish want to grab a little bit and the Jews already got it and run away with it."

They both chuckled at each other and then Sheehan sent his daughter to the kitchen to get something for a toast to St. Patrick's Day. She came back with a bottle of kosher wine.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYONE IN THIS PHOTO?

*This photo was apparently taken at a meeting of the Texas Kallah.
Do you recognize anyone here? If you do, please call Ruth Ginsburg at (512) 474-2208.*



TEXAS JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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October 14-16
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