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Institute of Texan Cultures to Renovate "The Jewish Exhibit"

by Davie Lou Solka

The Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) in San Antonio, Texas, is planning a renovation of several major exhibit areas and the Jewish Exhibit is one of those. The Texas Jewish Historical Society will aid in the renovation with input, items for exhibiting, and other areas that will be determined.

The Jewish Exhibit opened in 1998 at the Annual Gathering of TJHS. In addition to funding, artifacts from members were loaned to the ITC

for the exhibit. Noel and Mickey Graubart from Houston headed a fund-raising committee, and Federations in cities around the state pledged to help the project.

A committee, chaired by Immediate Past President



ITC "Charity" Exhibit.

Davie Lou Solka, was formed and met with staff at the ITC. After a walk through of the exhibit, suggestions were made by the group. These included which areas could be eliminated, and many areas that could be added to make the exhibit timelier. Also discussed was interactive inclusion in many areas. In addition to the Chairperson, committee members are Sally Drayer, Lynda Furgatch, Sonny Gerber, Bob

Lewis, Susan Lewis, Bobbie Ravicz, Barbara Rosenberg, Ben Rosenberg, and Jack Solka.

The ITC has begun preliminary research, especially

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Message from the President

by Susan Zack Lewis

Discover yourself through the Texas Jewish Historical Society.

It was a trip almost two years in the making. Vickie Vogel discovered Jewish Toronto, Canada and offered to put together a trip to discover the city. Something tugged at me and I looked to my husband and said I wanted to go. We had taken a couple of TJHS related trips with the society and they were interesting and fascinating. The first was to India through Go Ahead Tours. Vickie and husband, David, have traveled with that company all over the world. The itinerary was packed North to South with history, all the usual tourist sights, a tiger safari, overnight in a houseboat and a tour of Jewish Cochin. We had hosted a Rotary International group study team from India and stayed in touch



with a young journalist from Kashmir. Bob taught Mass Communications and Speech at the University of Texas Permian Basin for 34 years and had a student from India who eventually moved to Mumbai with her

husband, who was an Oncologist. We had kept in touch with her also. Both agreed to meet us for a visit. Sonny Dua, the Journalist, had in-laws living in Delhi. He took several days off from his work and met us at our first stop. Several of our group missed a flight because of a storm. The tour guide was fascinated with Sonny and because there was now room on our bus, he invited Sonny to tour with us. The group was able to see the Sikh temple in New Delhi and other sights not originally on our schedule.

The Jewish tour through Cochin

was a sweet, sad experience. We learned that Jews were welcomed in India until Israel became a state and then it was strongly suggested that they immigrate. Most of them did. There was a Jewish lady who did embroidery in Cochin, and was well into her 90s then. We met with her and her caretaker who was a Muslim gentleman, obviously devoted to her. She was the "last Jew in Cochin". After the tour, our friend, Vidya Shrinivas, met us at the airport in Mumbai. We spent three days with them. She had taught Mass Communications at one of the Universities there and made arrangements with one of her former students to have Bob speak to one of the classes. Our visit with them included a wedding reception, dinner on top of the Mahindra building with Mr. Mahindra (who manufactures automobiles, tractors and farm equipment world wide), and a cocktail party with friends. We were very social!

Our next trip with the Society was a humanitarian mission to Cuba. It was the first of three TJHS sponsored trips to that country. The country was impossible to understand. There were social and economic contradictions at every level. Cuba was more than just interesting. It was a real lesson in dictatorial politics. The synagogues

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—Toronto Welcomes TJHS Travel Group—

by Vickie Vogel

Members of the Texas Jewish Historical Society enjoyed a long weekend in Toronto, Ontario Canada, in September, 2019. From the centrally-located headquarters at the Chelsea Hotel, we walked to the historic Kensington Market area where we met our guide from the Ontario Jewish Archives for a walking tour of the Spadina district, home to Jewish immigrants from the early 20th century. (The earliest record of Jewish residents is 1817 with the arrival of Arthur Wellington Hart. Could he be related to our past president, Charles Hart?)

We were met by two new friends from the Toronto Jewish community, Michael Cole and Howard Roger. I met Michael last summer when I made a brief scouting tour of Toronto, and he volunteered to help us make our plan and implement it. We started our walking tour at the Kiever Synagogue, formed by immigrants from Kiev who began meeting in 1912, and built their synagogue in 1927. The Romanesque/Byzantine architecture features twin-domed towers. It was restored in the 1980s, and continues to be home to a thriving congregation. After telling us about the Jews of the area, our guide, Sharoni Sibony, walked us through the still-thriving market area to the Minsker Shul, built by Minsk immigrants in 1930. It enjoys more limited activity than the Kiever.

After our walking tour, we all hopped on a street car and transferred to a bus to the northern part of town for lunch at United Bakers Dairy Restaurant. Established in 1912, it



Minsker Shul, Kensington area. Back: John Campbell; Sheldon Lippman; Susan Zack Lewis; Bob Lewis. Front: David, Vickie Vogel; Sally Drayer; Michael Cole and Howard Roger from Holy Blossom Temple.

continues to be run by the Ladovsky family. Nathan and his father, Philip, graciously welcomed us to the restaurant. Learning that it was TJHS President Susan Lewis's birthday, we were surprised with a birthday cupcake at the conclusion of our meal. We dined on cabbage rolls, gefilte fish, borscht, and other Jewish delicacies.

While some of us rested at the hotel before Friday night services, Bob and Susan Lewis tracked down Fanny "Bobbie" Rosenfeld Park and historic plaque named for Susan's relative, an athlete with the Canadian Olympic team. Bobbie Rosenfeld won a gold and a silver medal in the 1928 Olym-

pics. She was called the "best Canadian female athlete of the half-century," and a star at basketball, hockey, softball, and tennis. She was named Canada's Female Athlete of the First Half Century (1900-1950), and was called Bobbie for her bobbed haircut.

We boarded the subway to head north to Holy Blossom Temple for Kabbalat Shabbat. TJHS members were recognized in the bulletin and we met more new friends, including Rabbi Zachary Goodman, who was born and reared in Dallas, graduated the University of Texas at Austin, and was ordained at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati. There was a baby naming on Friday night, and a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday morning.

On Saturday, we returned to Holy Blossom where Michael gave us a tour and orientation to the temple and its history. The unusual name stems from an

inscription on a Yad given as a gift by the Asher family of Montreal which said it was for the "pircchay kodesh," i.e. the "holy blossoms" of Toronto. In a display case is a book threaded with shoelaces. It is a pledge book, and since the donor could not write on Shabbat, he threaded a shoelace through the page next to his name. Michael arranged for the biographer of Bobbie Rosenfeld to be present and meet with Susan. After services, we enjoyed a kiddush luncheon with the congregation.

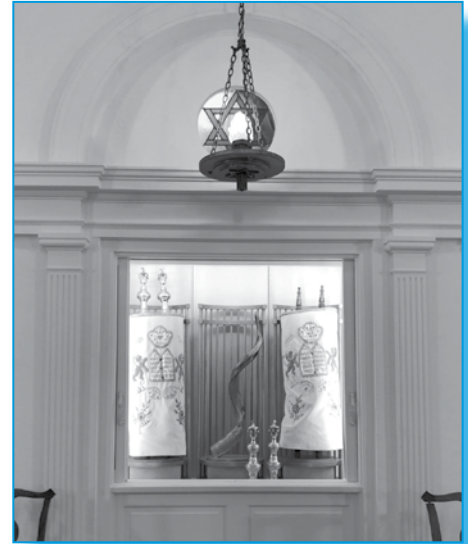
En route back to the hotel, we left the subway at the Museum Exit to

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Board Meeting in Baytown



Reuben & Joan Linares and Sonny Gerber, weekend chairs.



Congregation K'Nesseth Israel ark.



Saturday morning panel—Joan Teter Linares, Leah Linares Abbate, Dolly Moskowitz Golden, and Betty Fram Weiner.

The October 25 - 27, 2019 meeting of the Texas Jewish Historical Society was held in Baytown, Texas. It was hosted by Joan and Ruben Linares, assisted by Sonny Gerber, Denise and John Havenar, and Leah Abbate.

More than sixty-five people filled the newly restored historic Congregation K'Nesseth Israel for Shabbat services, led by Karen Marks Aarons and Alyssa Linares. Afterward, the community building was opened for a dinner and tour of preserved artifacts.

Saturday morning the crowd gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn to hear a panel of speakers reminiscing about growing up in Baytown. Dolly Moskowitz Golden of Aus-

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TJHS Board.

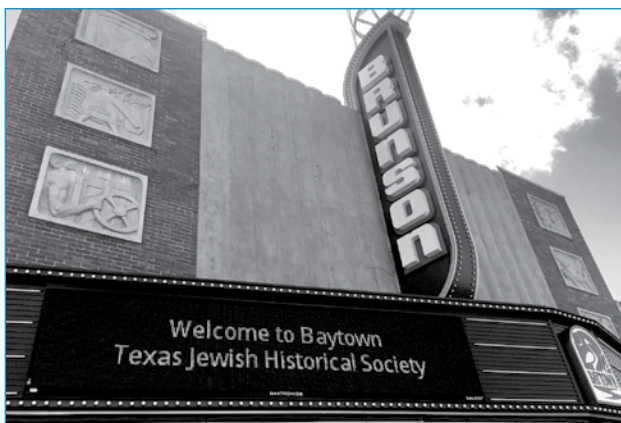


*Congregation K'Nesseth
Israel chandelier.*

Notes from the Board Meeting

From the October 2019 TJHS meeting in Baytown:

- Approved a grant request from the Texarkana Museum System for the preservation of Mt. Sinai Congregation artifacts and papers from 1875 - 2017 for \$700.
- A committee has been formed to work with the Institute of Texan Culture in San Antonio to renovate and update the exhibit on the Jewish Experience in Texas. (See article on page 1)
- Saw a sample and visually toured the updated website for the Texas Jewish Historical Society being developed by Sheldon Lippman and John Campbell.
- Hired an intern, Elizabeth Seely, at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History on the UT Campus in Austin. She will continue to organize the TJHS collection.
- The next meeting will be in Laredo, January 10-12, 2020. Chairs are: Sally Drayer, Charles Hart, and Sonny Gerber.



Goose Creek walk welcome sign.

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tin, Betty Fram Weiner of Houston, Joan Teter Linares and Leah Linares Abbate of Baytown related their experiences of growing up Jewish in what was once a small town on the Texas coast.

Special guest Cynthia Elliott, who is writing a thesis on Holocaust survivors and Jewish refugees from WWII, asked for help in discovering how Jewish organizations supported and assisted them in Texas. She asked to be contacted with any available information. Her email address is celliott@student.gratz.edu.

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*Alyssa Linares and Ben Rosenberg
lead Havdalah service.*



Congregation K'Nesseth Israel Bimah.

Board Meeting in Baytown



TJHS Lunch on Saturday.



Tina Altman Lees and Carol Altman Aikin discuss their family business, Altman's Fashions. Seated is Sue Jacobson.



Baytown people, Saturday morning.

After a barbecue lunch in a round downtown building owned by Denise and John Havenar, Carol Altman Arkin from San Diego, California, and her sister, Tina Altman Lees, of Lutherville, Maryland, talked about their parents, Max and Natalie Altman, and the impact the family store, Altman's, had on the community. Gary Lees assisted with a power point presentation. Sue Goldfield Jacobson from Houston spoke of her family, the Lerner's, and their descendants. Then, Ivan Edelman of Dallas told of the relationships these families had with each other.

Joan Linares displayed a mock-up of the main "drag" and the stores that once lined the streets. She then led the group on a walking tour of the downtown area and surprised the walkers with a "sweet treat" from one of the stores.

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Goose Creek Walk umbrellas.



Dolly Moskowitz Golden, Gayle Cannon, Davie Lou Solka, and Betty Fram Weiner at breakfast.

TJHS Intern at Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, UT Campus

by Davie Lou Solka

The TJHS Board of Directors voted to give the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History on the UT campus funds to hire an intern for the Fall, 2019 semester.



TJHS intern Liz Seely

Elizabeth Seely has been hired and will continue the work on the TJHS Collection that was begun Spring semester, 2019, by Brady Cox. With her impressive resume, Elizabeth is well qualified to do this work. She graduated with highest honors in 2016 from University of California Davis with a BA in Art History and Women's Studies. She received Departmental Citations for Outstanding Performance and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is currently enrolled at the University of Texas School of Information at Austin, and is a MSIS candidate due to graduate in 2021.

She worked at the Newberry Library in Chicago as Exhibitions Program Assistant and had daily hands-on experience working with a variety of processed and unprocessed archival collections.

As a person of Jewish descent, Elizabeth has been actively involved with a variety of Jewish community organizations in Davis, California and Chicago, Illinois.

Elizabeth met with TJHS President Susan Zack Lewis, Bob Lewis, Immediate Past President Davie Lou Solka, and Jack Solka on Monday, October 28, 2019, to discuss her work on the TJHS Collection.



TJHS stacks



Liz Seely, Susan Zack Lewis, Jack Solka, Davie Lou Solka seated.

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Meet Your Board

David Beer, TJHS Past President, was born and raised in Dallas. He worked in the restaurant business for eleven years, before joining the family real estate business. He is in his 38th year of representing buyers and seller in real estate in Dallas.



Ruthe Berman is from Katy Texas, and attended the University of Texas. She worked at Dow Chemical as a paralegal for seventeen years, and upon retiring, began volunteering in various organizations. She has two children and two grandchildren. She likes to travel, cook, play Mah Jongg, and read.



Judy Cassorla, from Austin, grew up in New York and attended Queens and Hunter College. She married in 1963, and worked in market research. She lived in South



Carolina to be near family, before moving to Austin to also be with family.

John P. Campbell now lives in Austin. He received a B.A. from Tulane University and a M.P.A. from the LBJ School at UT in Austin.



From 1984-2004, he lived in Washington, DC, and was on the staff of Texas Select Committee on Higher Education and a member of the staff of the National Academy of Sciences. In 2005 he became the Executive Director of the Inter-Academy Council in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He retired from this position in 2014.

Nelson Chafetz, Austin, is a lifelong Texas resident, who was born in San Antonio. He attended the University of Texas/



Austin, where he received a BSEE degree. He is married to another native-born Texan, Mitzi Chafetz. Nelson works for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is a competitive swimmer. He has two children, Rachel Chafetz and Valerie Chafetz Gonzales, and one grandson, Brayden Chafetz. Nelson lives in Austin and is a thirty-three-year member of United States Masters Swimming Organiza-

tion, and in his spare time, is a party barge captain.

Former Congressman **Martin Frost** served twenty-six years as a Congressman from the 24th District of Texas (Dallas-Fort Worth) from 1979-2005. During that time he served eight years in the House



Democratic Leadership, four years as Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (1995-1999), and four years as chair of the House Democratic Caucus (1999-2003). He was a member of House Rules Committee and the House Budget Committee. Since leaving Congress, he served four years as chair of the National Endowment for Democracy (2013-2017) and is currently Vice President of the Former Members of Congress Association. He is an adjunct professor in the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management. He holds journalism and history degrees from the University of Missouri and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He lives in Alexandria, VA, and is a member of Temple Beth-El there.

Lynda F. Furgatch was raised in Abilene and now lives in Brownsville. She participated in TOFTY (now NFTY-TOR). She is married to Michael Furgatch, and they have two children and three grandchildren. Her many activities include Sisterhood President, member of Hadassah, hospital volunteer, and coordinates Temple Social activities. She lived in Puerto

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Rico for eight months before the hurricane! Lynda has been a television and radio spokes-

person and has been in commercials since 1975. She has worked in Customer Service for Ford for twenty-three years and enjoys cooking, exercising and reading.

Charles Hart, TJHS Past President, is from Temple, but was born and raised in Houston. Charles graduated from



the University of Houston with a BS degree and American University with

a MS degree. He served in the U.S. army from 1958-1960 and 1961-1962. He retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture after thirty-four years of civil service, and taught horseback riding at Jewish summer camps for over twenty-five years. He is married to TJHS member, Jan Siegel Hart, and they have three children and six grandchildren. He and Jan have been TJHS members for over thirty years. Charles is Chair of the Meeting Committee.

Carolyn (Kay) Krause now lives in Dallas, but raised her three children in Brownsville. She participated in many different areas in organizations and was one of three women to help open a Planned Parenthood Center. She is a



She is married to Dan Krause.

Kathy Corenlison Kravitz lives in Austin and taught biology and geometry in high school. She worked for



AT&T/Western Electric as a Statistical Quality Control Engineer and met her husband,

Bruce. After four years at AT&T, they moved to New Zealand, where she worked as a Quality Manager for a telecommunications company. Their son, Scott, was born there. They moved to Austin in 1991, where she spent a few years as a mom, homemaker, and volunteer. Subsequently, she worked for AISD as an Assistant Librarian. Kathy currently assists a legally blind widow and continues to volunteer in various organizations. She enjoys walking and hiking in natural surroundings, as well as traveling to new places. She does not like to cook!

Sheldon Lippman grew up in Schulenburg and attended the University of Texas, Austin. He earned a Bachelor of Journalism and a MA in Radio-TV-Film. From 1975-2017, he lived and worked in Washington, D.C., the last twenty-five years with the World Bank in Communications. He served on the

para-legal and has worked in court-rooms during trials and picking juries.



and one of his hobbies is photography.

Joe L. McClellan is from Longview. He and his wife, Barbara, grew up in Tyler, where Joe had a strong interest in



sports and music. He began boxing when he was nine and boxed in Golden Gloves with good success as a middleweight

his last three teen years. He has a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of North Texas and retired after directing vocal music for thirty-two years. He is a member of the Longview Rotary Club and is very interested in World War II and its history. This versatile TJHS board member did oil explorations in Indonesia and Singapore from 1971-1974.

Vickie Vogel lives in La Grange and Austin and is a Past President of TJHS



and is Chair of the Travel Committee. She is a retired attorney who practiced primarily criminal law. Vickie loves to travel and she and her

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husband, David, have been to many interesting places and have planned several trips for TJHS members. Vickie is an avid quilter and exhibited in several locations. She is involved in political activism and loves dogs, red wine, and chocolate.

Michael Thomas Wolf was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, but moved to Brownsville, Texas, with his parents, Raymond and Madeleine Wolf. Madeleine had been rescued at age fourteen



from Berlin by HIAS prior to WWII. Michael grew up in Brownsville, where

he became an Eagle Scout and was involved in BBYO. He attended Texas A&M University and was a member of the Corps of Cadets and was commissioned as an Army Officer. He


was involved in Hillel, and graduated with a degree in Finance and he also earned his MBA from Texas Tech. He moved to Beaumont, where he served many years as Treasurer of Temple Emanuel until he became President of the congregation. He served as Chair of the URJ Greene Family Camp, and continues serving on the committee. He has served as Vice President of the URJ Southwest Council, a member of the North American Board of the URJ; Treasurer of the Texas A&M Hillel Corporation Board, and now is a Vice President. He has served on the Grant Committee of TJHS, and is now the Chair. Michael is a past president of the following community organizations: Symphony of Southeast Texas, Three Rivers Council BSA, Beaumont A&M Club, Southeast Texas Estate Planning Council, and Southeast Texas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He has thirty-three years of perfect attendance in the Rotary Club of Beaumont and serves on the Rotary Foundation Board. Michael is a partner in Wolf Bunt and Associates, a financial services company. Michael

has many hobbies and personal interests, but at the top of his list is family! Michael and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents and grandparents of Natalie and Brett Barth, Brian and Benjamin of New York City; Sallye Wolf and sons, Truman and Ryan of Houston; and Marc Wolf of New York City.

Marc Wormser, TJHS Past President, lives in Pearland and is an "Aggie at heart." He has been a traveling sales rep for Levi, C.R. Gibson, gifts and



medical sales. He owned a recruiting firm and was active in scouting and the Optimist Club.

He and wife Joyce, (TJHS Recording Secretary) travel whenever they can. He maintains the database for membership and dues. 

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Saturday evening, Ben Rosenberg and Alyssa Linares conducted the Havdalah service and the Motzi was said over a beautiful Challah baked by Shana Bauman. After a lovely dinner at the hotel, Paige Bernick Watkins presented a portion of her master's thesis on the history of the Galveston movement. Her father, Dr. Jim Bernick, showed photos of Jewish residents, and spoke about Jewish Baytown History. Pam Bernick donated flowers for the meeting. After dinner, the group gathered in the Hospitality Room for more visiting, where cookies provided by Bonnie Moskowitz Cohen were served.

The Texas Jewish Historical Society will meet January 10-12 in Laredo. 

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we visited were a mix of secular and religious rituals and headed by lay leaders who were determined to stay connected to Jewish roots. We took medical supplies, thread, tooth brushes, other items, and left as much clothing as we could spare.

Bob did a radio documentary about Texas Jews going to Cuba. It won an international award and is in our archives at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American history on the UT campus.

Toronto welcomed TJHS with open arms in September, 2019. Vickie, David, Sally Drayer, Sheldon Lippman, John Campbell, Bob and I made our way to the city and met at the Chelsea Hotel in the heart of Toronto, Canada. We began in earnest Friday morning with a walking tour of the old Jewish neighborhood where there were two synagogues. We heard the history of the Kiever Synagogue from Sharoni Sibony, who gave us an in-depth history of old Jewish Toronto. We learned that the Kiever Synagogue was named by Jews from Kiev, and that the Minsker Synagogue, which was nearby, was named for the home of most of the early congregants who were from Minsk!

Howard Roger and Michael Cole are members of the Holy Blossom Temple who hosted us for Kiddish Luncheon on Saturday after services. They gave us a wonderful tour of the

area and traveled with us to lunch at United Bakers, a dairy restaurant nearby. The business has been in the same family for over a hundred years. The Father and son owners were thrilled that they had customers all the way from Texas!

During lunch, I mentioned that I wanted to go to the Bobbie Rosenfeld Park because Bobbie was my father's cousin. Michael Cole picked up on the name and told me he knew a lady who had written a biography of Bobbie. I knew Bobbie had won a gold medal in the 1928 Olympics and was named the athlete of the half-century for Canada. Roger also mentioned that Ann Dublin, the biographer, usually attended Holy Blossom services on Saturday mornings. He contacted her and we were able to have a short visit. I discovered she had been in touch with Bobbie's niece and offered to forward my contact information to her. My father's family emigrated through Canada from Russia, and he had lived near Toronto for awhile. I think it was with Bobbie's family. As soon as I returned home, I ordered Ann's book and sent her copies of all the information I had on the Zack Family. I'm hoping to re-connect this thread to my family soon.

When you travel, especially with the Texas Jewish Historical Society, not only do you discover your heritage, you just might find a part of yourself. 🇺🇸

Save the Date

**January
10-12, 2020**

Board Meeting in
Laredo, Texas

April 17-19, 2020

Annual Gathering
and Board Meeting
in San Antonio

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From Our Archives

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A Musician For All Seasons

by Vickie Vogel

Isabel Miriam Leon Samfield is a multi-talented musician whose long career included playing piano and violin, singing, recitation, teaching, conducting, and other activities in the music field. She was trained in piano from the age of four, and violin from early childhood, and garnered Bachelor and Master of Music degrees

from the University of Texas at Austin with a major in voice and music education, with special studies in strings, band instruments, conducting, and drama.¹ At age five, she decided she wanted to be a fine musician, but declared she would never teach. She changed her mind and taught her siblings, Judy and Ben, to repay her parents for investing in her musical talents.² A great many other students were added over the years.

Isabel was born in 1925 in Aus-



Isabel as Golde in Fiddler on the Roof. Note the candles in the challah. Photo courtesy Dina Samfield and Frieda Werden.

tin.³ She was named for her maternal grandmother, Isabelle Franklin. Isabel's father was Dr. Harry J. Leon, a classics professor at the University of Texas from 1923 until his death in 1967. During World War II, he led Yom Kippur services in Hallettsville. As no cantor was available, his seventeen-year-old daughter sang Kol Nidre and served as cantor for the High Holy Days.⁴ Dr. Leon was the only non-ordained member of the Kallah of Texas Rabbis.⁵

born in 1895 in Harlem and grew up in the Bronx. She did classical research, had many publications, and taught Latin and Greek.⁷ Harry and Ernestine had three children, Isabel, Judith,⁸ and Benjamin. Dr. Leon's courses, especially his class in Roman civilization, were popular with students, who gave him a teaching excellence award in 1961. He wrote many books on classical literature. One of the best known was *The Jews of Ancient Rome*, based

Dr. Leon was born in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1896 and studied at Harvard. He married Ernestine Phelps Franklin, a doctoral candidate in classical archaeology at Columbia University. They met in Rome, where she had a *Prix de Rome*⁶ and he had a Sheldon Harvard Fellowship. Ernestine was

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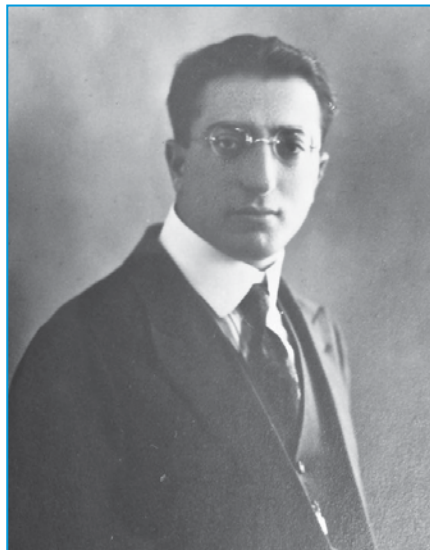
Isabel Samfield at the beach with her children Emily, Frieda, and Max Milton. Photo courtesy of Dina Samfield.

on his studies and explorations of the Jewish catacombs. He received a Fulbright grant related to this research in 1950-51. Harry died in Austin in 1967, and five weeks later Ernestine died in 1968. They donated their bodies to medical science.⁹

Dr. Leon's father was Jacob Leon, born in Lublin, Poland in 1873. His mother was Rachel Hoch Herschel

Leon, born in Riga, Latvia, in 1876. They arrived in the U.S. around 1880 and met in Massachusetts. Both are buried in Rhode Island.¹⁰ His two brothers, Henry and Louis, were born in Rhode Island, but are buried in Texas. Ernestine Leon's parents were from Germany and may have arrived in the U.S. as early as the 1840s.¹¹

As a freshman at UT, Isabel Leon



*Isabel Samfield's parents, Dr. Ernestine and Dr. Harry Leon.
Photo courtesy Dina Samfield and Frieda Werden*

and other girls organized a group called Hillel Independent Organization for Jewish students who did not belong to fraternities or sororities. Students were asked their religious preference on their records, so the girls could comb through the files looking for Jewish students who were independents. They invited them to a party at Hillel. That's where Isabel met Max Marcus Samfield, a PhD candidate in chemical engineering from Port Arthur.

Isabel, as a senior music student, did her practice teaching to sixty third-grade students in a school where English was often not spoken at home. She asked permission to teach them Spanish songs. She became Isabel León!

Max and Isabel married in 1944, even though "he couldn't carry a tune," but Isabel taught him. They were together for 49 years.¹²

Isabel became the band and choral director for 1944-45¹³ in the Lockhart, Texas public schools. They had not had a band director through four years of World War II, as men were serving in the military. Isabel had not even finished her senior year, but she was hired to direct the Junior and Senior Band. Some of the seniors were older than she was! She had learned military marching at Austin High as part of a group that provided half-time entertainment at football games. The Superintendent asked how could she handle big kids. "I'm going to keep them so busy they won't have time to get into trouble," she replied. It was hard to teach them how to march and play at the same time. A few seniors really carried the band. One young troublemaker stuffed apples into a tuba before Christmas break, so the room smelled pretty ripe when they returned. He had to take the instrument home, take it apart and clean it, returning it the next day in perfect condition.¹⁴

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Isabel got her degree soon after turning 19. She did not renew her contract with Lockhart, which had only paid her \$75 a month. Instead, she began work on her Masters in Music Education.

In 1947, after their first child Frieda was born, the Samfields moved to Evansville, Indiana. Isabel organized a Women's Chorus at the synagogue. She played violin and viola in the Evansville Philharmonic, and attained first chair her final year.

The Samfields had four children: Linda Catherine (who changed her name to Frieda) Lindfield Werden (born in Austin), Max Milton (born in Evansville), Emily Claire and Dina Margaret (both born in Durham, North Carolina).¹⁵

Max had earned a masters degree in chemical engineering (1941), and was hired in 1952 as Assistant Director of Research¹⁶ at Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company in Durham, later becoming Associate Director of Research. He was issued six patents, and after leaving Liggett & Myers became a consultant, an expert witness on patent issues, and a researcher on indoor air pollution at the Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle, North Carolina. Max also founded the



*Max Samfield.
Photo courtesy of
Emily Samfield*

Durham, North Carolina branch of Toastmasters, International and was the Toastmasters North Carolina state representative.

When the family relocated to North Carolina, Isabel applied to teach in high school, but they were not accepting women or Jews in her field, so she set up her own music studio. The local newspaper featured newcomers to town,

and wrote about the Samfields. It was mentioned that she taught music, and she started to receive students at the Samfield Music Studio.

To summarize Isabel Samfield's varied career, she was an instrumental music and orchestra director in Austin and Evansville, Indiana. She performed at UT in University Singers, Symphony, Opera Company, Wind Symphony (French horn and tympani), Radio Orchestra, and Curtain Club. She performed with the Austin Symphony, the Evansville Philharmonic, Duke University Symphony, Durham Symphony and others, as well as various theater and chamber groups. She participated in annual summer music workshops and seminars in the United States and abroad, spending the summer of 1980 at Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. She has reading and singing skills in nine languages, and taught prize-winning voice and piano students in local, state, and regional contests. Isabel performed in musical theater and opera with the Duke University Players, Duke Summer Theatre, Durham Theatre Guild and others. She was the music director for various groups in Texas, Indiana, and North Carolina.

She portrayed Golde (the mother) in *Fiddler on the Roof*. One night the prop man forgot to put the candlesticks out for the Shabbat dinner scene. As the curtain rose, Isabel quickly

jammed the candles into the big loaf of challah, and the show went on!

Isabel was a soloist in programs such as the Festival of Polish Music and Jewish music concerts. She was a founder of the first Jewish congregation in Durham, in 1961.¹⁷ Rabbi E. M. Rosenzweig of Judea Reform Congregation said, "Isabel Samfield's singing gave additional dimension to our worship service. Her perception of liturgical meaning, combined with her musical mastery, brought forth nuances hitherto neglected." Musical scholars referred to her in terms such as creative, versatile, accomplished, exciting, superb, captivating, and entrancing. Pegge Abrams, Director of Language Labs of Duke University said, "When I hear Isabel sing or play in the Synagogue, I truly believe in our five thousand, seven hundred and forty-four years of history. She is a remarkable musician."¹⁸

During Duke University's Polish Music Festival series, Isabel's rendition of Polish cabaret songs was often interrupted by spontaneous applause. "Her performance brought down the house," said Professor M. J. Krynski, Chairman, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Duke.

Max Samfield died in 1993. Isabel remarried in 1995 to Herbert S. Posner, a member of the Judea Reform Congregation. Herbert was a researcher in life sciences. In 2003, he wrote an article titled "Living with Musical People," for *American Music Teacher Magazine*.¹⁹ He died in 2011. Isabel continues to live and thrive in Durham, North Carolina. At age 94, she is still teaching music, specializing in teaching non-singers to sing.²⁰

Endnotes

- ¹ Unless otherwise stated, all information is from Box 3A168, File "People by Occupation, Merchants - Performance Artists," Texas Jewish Historical Society

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*Isabel Samfield at age 90.
Photo courtesy of Dina
Samfield and Frieda Werden.*



Jewish Exhibit at Institute of Texas Cultures.

identification and collection of objects. They have asked for items in the following categories; however, if you have something you think would add to the exhibit, they would like to know about it. The committee decided that Davie Lou Solka would keep a list of items from individuals and pass the list on to the ITC. A short description and a photograph would be very helpful. Contact Davie Lou at davielou@solka.net. Items may be on loan or gifted. They will be accepted as a loan if it can be used in an immediate exhibit. A gifted item will be stored by the ITC and used as needed. If you have any questions, please contact Davie Lou. **DO NOT SEND YOUR ITEM OR CONTACT THE ITC.**

1. List of photos, artifacts, books, documents, recipes, etc.
2. List of suggested people, places

and stories to include and/or the stories themselves with photos,



ITC Staff and TJHS members. Back row: Jack Solka, Sonny Gerber, and Ben Rosenberg. Middle row: Lynda Furgatch, ITC Docent Hanna Margolis, Susan Zack Lewis, Davie Lou Solka, and Barbara Rosenberg. Front row: Julie Tzucker from the San Antonio Holocaust Museum and Sally Drayer.

newspaper articles, artifacts, etc. if they are less known or not well documented.

3. Examples of recipes, practice, expressions, or anything else that is specific to Texas (like the spur that was used to make *matzah*).
4. The Institute of Texan Culture plans to begin production in the Spring, with work continuing into the summer and fall. The aim is to be able to launch a Phase 1 before the High Holidays in 2020.

We Need Your Stories!

We are earnestly looking for stories with ties to Texas Jewish history! Any kind of story about your family history or your Temple's history can fill the pages of our News Magazine. Everyone has a story to tell, long or short. To submit your story, or if you need help writing your story, contact Davie Lou Solka at davielou@solka.net or 512-527-3799.

Come to Laredo for the Winter Board Meeting January 10-12, 2020

Registration form in this issue.



The 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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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

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Title and Description of project.

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

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

Please detail the timeline of your project.

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.



The TJHS is Accepting Nominations for Two Outstanding Recognition Awards for the Preservation of Texas Jewish History

Texas Jewish Historical Society (TJHS), founded in 1980, is seeking nominations for Outstanding Recognition Awards in two areas: (1) Significant Historic Site Preservation (awarded first to Leon and Mimi Toubin for the restoration of the Orthodox Synagogue originally in Brenham and moved to Austin, in order to continue as a sacred place for Jewish worship services) and (2) Extraordinary Historic Project (awarded first to Rabbi Jimmy Kessler for the 1980 founding of the Texas Jewish Historical Society, which continues to educate, to preserve stories, and to archive Texas Jewish History).

TJHS now seeks your help to identify and honor those individuals who have made a significant and lasting impact on the preservation of Texas Jewish History. Only one award per year can be given in each category; but it is not mandated to be given yearly, only when an outstanding accomplishment merits the award. Recognitions as determined by TJHS Award Committee will be presented at TJHS Spring Annual Gathering. Applications must be received by July 15, 2020 and mailed to Cynthia Wolf, 4305 Sterling Lane, Beaumont, TX 77706.

Application Form

Date of Submission: _____

Name and Contact Information of Nominee(s): _____

Name and Contact Information of Person(s) Recommending Nominee(s) for Consideration: _____

Category of nomination:

☐ Significant Historic Preservation

☐ Major Historic Project

In the packet that you will return with this sheet as your cover page, please include the following:

- Complete description of the accomplishment
- Reasons that you are submitting this nomination and how you became aware of this accomplishment
- Pictures and other documentation
- Impact of this accomplishment and how it has and will continue to make a difference now and in the future on the ongoing story of the Jews of Texas
- Short bio of nominee(s)

Thank you for helping us recognize deserving individuals!

Send applications to: Cynthia Wolf, 4305 Sterling Lane, Beaumont, Texas 77706

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visit the Royal Ontario Museum, noted for its large dinosaur collection. A short walk through Queen's Park found us back at the hotel.

Our dinner reservations were at Wayne Gretzky's Restaurant, which features sports memorabilia and photographs of the hockey great. After dinner, we walked next door to Second City Toronto for an evening of comedy. *Saturday Night Live* greets Gilda Radner, Dan Ackroyd, Tina Fey, Mike Meyers, and others got their start here. Perhaps we saw stars of the future!

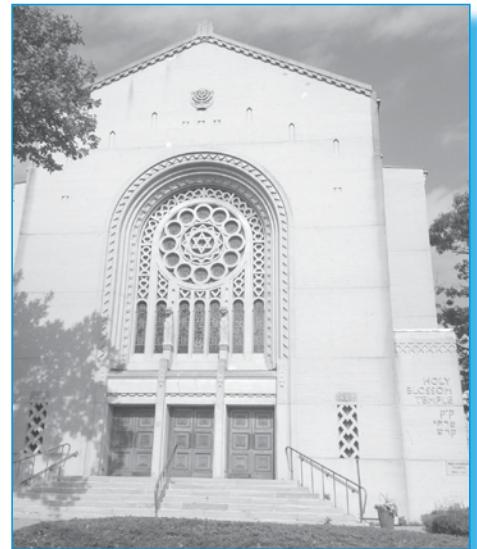
On Sunday, we hopped a street car and met Michael Cole and Gary Posen at the historic Pape Avenue Cemetery, established in 1849 as the first Jewish cemetery in Toronto. When Toronto Hebrew Congregation, the predecessor to Holy Blossom Temple, was established in 1856, it took over management of the cemetery and continues to run it today, although it was closed to new burials in the 1930s. Michael and



Susan Zack Lewis at Bobbie Rosenfield Park, named after one of her cousins.

Gary gave us information on some of the burials, and I had found information on several others from findagrave.org. A few of the tombstones do not have photos on that website and TJHS participants located several of those graves and took pictures to add to the site. The cemetery is always locked, and is almost completely hidden by surrounding foliage. While we were there, a neighbor took the opportunity to come in and look around.

The streetcar took us back across town to the University of Toronto area to the Free Times Café. Judy Pearly welcomed us warmly and told us she started the restaurant in this old house after her mother, Bella, died. She calls Sunday the "Bella, did ya eat? Brunch" and it includes a klezmer band on the small stage. The buffet contained blintzes, latkes,



Holy Blossom Temple

gefilte fish, and virtually every other traditional Jewish dish you can think of. Judy urged us to eat more and brought little tidbits to our table. When she introduced the klezmer band, she gave us a warm welcome from the stage.

We discovered many Texas connections during our adventures besides Rabbi Goodman. Rabbi David H. Wittenberg was briefly a rabbi at Holy Blossom before taking up his duties in Marshall, Texas. (If you have a photo of Rabbi Wittenberg, they would love to have a copy!) The bass player in the klezmer band has a relative in Houston. A friendly woman I met on the streetcar once lived in Richardson while her husband worked there. These are just a few examples.

We presented a copy of *Deep in the Heart* to Michael Cole, who will place it in the library/archives at Holy Blossom Temple. After lunch, we split up to visit sites of our own interest or meet up with Toronto friends. What a week-end! We wish you could have joined us. Participants were John Campbell & Sheldon Lippman, Sally Drayer, Susan Zack & Bob Lewis, and Vickie & David Vogel.

The next great TJHS adventure will be announced soon. Come with us! In the meantime, check out more photographs at www.txjhs.org.



Kiever Synagogue with Michael Cole (Holy Blossom Temple); Sally Drayer; John Campbell; Bob & Susan Zack Lewis; Sheldon Lippman, David (in back) & Vickie Vogel.

In Memoriam

Barry Edwin Pidgeon, TJHS



member, died August 24, 2019, in Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Zona; children,

Steven (Leslie); Michael (Pamela); David (Sheryl); and Daniel (Mindi); nine grandchildren and spouses; one great-grandchild; brother, Harold (Shirley); and sister, Sharon (Nat) Koren.

Marvin Rich, TJHS Past President,



died August 12, 2019, in Houston. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Mayer Rich; children, Bernard Rich; Tova Rich; Rachel Rich; Elka (David)

Poor; three grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Rebecca Louise Speed Gale, TJHS



member, formerly of Beaumont, died October 14, 2019, in Prattville, Alabama. She is survived by her daughters,

Lesley (Dr. Robert) Cotter; and Anne (John) Hollis; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her brother, Dr. Darrell (Teresa) Speed.

Beverly Jane Levin Beck,



former TJHS Board Member, Houston, died October 26, 2019. She is survived by her children, Jay Michael; Garrett

Lawrence; Melanie Larissa (Beck-Rosenberg); eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Abe Daily, TJHS member, died July



24, 2019, in Houston. He is survived by his children, Ben (Eva); Bill (Pam); Nancy Daily; sister, Dorothy Bemel; son-in-law, Harvey Cohen;

brother-in-law, Charles (Jan) Hart; four grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Guy James Manaster, TJHS board



member, died October 15, 2019. He is survived by his wife, TJHS 3rd Vice-President, Jane; children, Kim

(Michael) Mitchell; Rex (Mika) Manaster; Dawn Manaster Levy; and six grandchildren.

Carol Naomi Brin, TJHS member,



died August 17, 2019 in Dallas. She is survived by her husband Royal Brin; Daughter, Janice Brin; Sister,

Sandra Bodner; brother, Barry Cohen.



Miriam Feigenbaum, TJHS member, died October 18, 2019, in College Station. She is survived by her children, Leslie (Anita)

Feigenbaum; Arlene (Lawrence) Maze; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jay Albert, TJHS member,



Houston, died November 12, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, his children, Julie Stein and Layne (Rhonda) Albert; five

grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Jacob Lefkowitz, TJHS member, died July 31, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Miriam; children, Marc (Cheryl); Jeff (Beth); Ellen, Rudi, Rosie Yeroshalmi; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

May their memories be a blessing.

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- ² Oral history of Isabel Samfield by Frieda Samfield. Isabel Samfield On Music Teaching-ed_to26_40 which has now been placed in our archives.
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Guess This Member

Well, no winner yet—evidently this cutie is difficult to identify. She has been a member of TJHS for many years, and is involved in many aspects of the organization. She's good at saving "things" and will quickly tell you so.

Email your guess to Davie Lou Solka at editor@txjhs.org any time beginning Friday, August 19, 2019. Entries received before that date will not be considered. Family members and previous winners and their families are not eligible to participate. Good luck! If you'd like to try and stump the TJHS membership, please send your photo to davielou@solka.net. 



Can You Identify Any of These People?

*These photos may have been taken at a Young Judea Convention in Waco around 1960.
Please contact Davie Lou Solka at davielou@solka.net.*



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Each exhibit is comprised of approximately thirty-six photographs that can either be self-standing with an easel back or hung on a wall. There is no charge for the exhibits and they will be shipped prepaid freight via UPS in waterproof boxes



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The exhibits have been displayed in various locations in Texas and other

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