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WASHTENAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Founded December 17, 1857

OCTOBER 1994

# WASHTENAW IMPRESSIONS



The 11 children of Charles and Mary Ann Otis Kellogg are pictured above. Seated, front row, left to right, John Q., Dorllska, Abigail, Ann, Della, Semantha, Frances L., and Dan W. Standing, back row, Charles H., Day Otis, Dwight, and Dor.

## KAREN'S COLUMN

### IT'S OFFICIAL--MUSEUM HOUSE NOW ON NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES; MORE ABOUT KELLOGGS

What good news! On September 14th we received notification that the Kellogg-Warden House, our Museum on Main Street, has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places as

### WCHS HAS 36% OF POINTS FOR ACID FREE BOXES

Thanks to all of you who are saving Bill Knapp's Restaurant points, WCHS already has 36% (5,039) of its new goal of 13,860 points for acid free boxes and paper to store textiles in its collection.

Anyone who eats at Knapp's may request a yellow points slip from the cashier each time, with one point given for each dollar spent. Please keep collecting and give or send to Alice Ziegler, 537 Riverview Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

of July 22, 1994. We are happy for the recognition and grateful to all those who were involved in the nomination process.

David Oakley, a resident of Chatham, Massachusetts, about whom you read in the September *Impressions*, has sent us a beautiful photograph of the 11 Charles Kellogg children.

Dwight, Dor and Dan Kellogg, along with Abigail Ann's husband, Ethan Warden, were responsible for building our Museum house. Dor was a founder of the Pioneer Society, the organization which preceded the Washtenaw County Historical Society.

Karen O'Neal 665-2242

## SETTLEMENT OF SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP OCTOBER TOPIC

Ina Hanel will discuss her published research on the settlement history of Superior Township at the WCHS meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 16.

Appropriately, her talk will be given in Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect Road. Ms. Hanel has just completed a master's degree in Historic Preservation at Eastern Michigan University.

She has spent the last two years making an inventory of the structures on each section of Superior Township. She documented all residential and commercial properties by age and ethnicity of the builders.

The latter was done to compare developments in Superior Township, largely settled by Yankees, with developments in Freedom Township, largely settled by Germans.

From Ann Arbor take M-14 east, exit to Ford Road, go east to Prospect Road and right (south) on Prospect one mile to Cherry Hill Road. Parking lot left around corner on Cherry Hill.

## CAN YOU HELP PREPARE A TIME CAPSULE?

WCHS has been invited to prepare a time capsule to go in the cornerstone of a new building to be erected early in 1995 at the northwest corner of Main and William Streets by Brian Connelly and Partners.

President Patricia Austin invites suggestions of appropriate things to include and volunteers to help with the project.. Please call her at 662-9092 where she is taking WCHS calls.

The site, going backwards in time, has been occupied by Civic Theater, the Elks Club and the William Maynard home.

## ARTIFACTS TO DONATE? CALL COLLECTIONS CHAIR

Anyone wishing to donate an artifact or artifacts to WCHS should contact Nancy McKinney, collections chairman at 665-5171 or by mail, 1104 West Madison, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. The Society welcomes donations that fit into our museum's mission and storage space limitations.

# FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS WASHTENAW JEWISH COMMUNITY NOW SERVES ALL FACETS OF JUDAISM

"Records disclose that as far back as 1761, a Jewish trader, Ezekiel Solomon, lived in what is now called Mackinaw City," Fay Woronoff told the September WCHS audience.

Mrs. Woronoff sketched the history of the Jewish community in Washtenaw County in a talk held at the Jewish Community Center in Ann Arbor on a Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the High Holy Days of the Jewish New Year. The New Year is 5755 on the Jewish lunar calendar.

She herself has been an active part of local Jewish history since she came to Ann Arbor as a student in 1943.

From 1945-50 she was administrative secretary of {B'Nai B'Rith} Hillel Foundation, the Jewish Student Center, and again in the 1960s she worked there after her son went to school.

In addition, she was involved as a volunteer in several Jewish and secular community organizations.

She was on the board of Hadassah 45 years though not on the board of ORT 45 years as mistakenly stated in September *Impressions*.

She was chair person of Shalom Wagon three years, served on numerous committees of Beth Israel Congregation including a lengthy stint as representative to the Interfaith Council of Congregations and solicited many years for the United Jewish Appeal.

In addition, she was a volunteer with Head Start, volunteer at Mott Children's Hospital 25 years, member of Friends of University Hospital, on the board of the Michigan Arthritis Foundation and a member of the Faculty Wives scholarship committee.

Along the way, she was asked to write a history of the local Jewish community to be included in a little booklet listing all the Jewish organizations that were available.

"I drew on my memory for a good deal of it and what I could not I did research at Bentley Library."

"When the second wave of immigration brought an influx of German Jews to America several immigrants were attracted to this county because it was suitable for raising livestock and producing wool and hides, and also because there were people here who spoke the same language.

"Charles E. Bresler is recorded as living in Ypsilanti in the early 1840s. He was followed by his father and



Hillel Foundation Library, 2101 Hill Street, 1948-49. The young man at right is Israel Woronoff, later Fay's husband.

brothers. Five Weil brothers and later their parents were among the first to come to the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area.

"They, along with Judah Sittig, brother-in-law of the Weils, held the first *minyan* or prayer service ever held in Michigan in 1845 in Ypsilanti.

"A Mrs. Schultz and a Mr. Brody settled in Ypsilanti in the late 1890s. They opened Brody's Grocery.

"A member of Beth Israel today, Ann Rosenkrantz who was born in Ypsilanti, is a direct descendant of Mrs. Schultz. In later research, Fay found that Mr. Brody was a great uncle of Ann's that Ann hadn't known about.

"The 1845 Detroit City Directory listed only two Jewish names. By 1850 there were enough Jewish residents to formally organize Detroit's earliest congregation, Beth El (Reformed). It was followed in 1880 by Shaarey Zedek (Conservative) and in 1904 by an Orthodox synagogue.

"After the Detroit congregations were organized, Jews in Washtenaw County observed the High Holy Days in Detroit.

"A Jewish Cemetery was acquired in Ann Arbor in 1848 or '49, the first Jewish cemetery in the state.

It appears on a map dated 1854. The cemetery was at the east end of the present site of the Rackham Building.

"An historical marker was installed there in 1983. The marker says, 'Jewish Cemetery,' established 1848-49,' then says, 'Jacob Weil, Alderman, 1859-61.

' He's one of the men who came in the 1840s so he apparently was integrated into the life of the community here.

"This summer in the same corner of the Rackham Building grounds, a very moving sculpture was placed for a Holocaust Memorial. It's a huge brooding figure which, intentionally, you can't distinguish it as being a man or a woman.

"Most settlers stayed in the county only a few years and moved on to other locations. When they did, they either moved the graves of their loved ones to Detroit or to Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

"Beth Israel Memorial Gardens, the section of Arborcrest Cemetery where members of the Weil family and other early Ann Arbor Jewish inhabitants were re-interred, was dedicated by the Jewish community in June 1983.

"There is a gap in historical records from 1865-90.

"When Osias Zwerdling arrived in 1902 or 1903 and William Lansky at about the same time, they learned there had been a small synagogue established in the 1880s on Washington Street but it was no longer there and no one could tell them anything about it."

Lansky founded a long-time scrap metal business in Ann Arbor. Zwerdling, a furrier by occupation, "became the patriarch of the Jewish community. He was a very charitable, fine man and he was much involved in city affairs. He was a director of what is now Great Lakes Bancorp.

"Mr. Zwerdling used to say, 'Cast your bread upon the waters and it will come back sandwiches,'" she recalled.

"By 1907 services were held from time to time at the home of William Lansky but most Jews continued to go to Detroit for the holidays.

"By 1913, Osias Zwerdling and his wife, Hannah, held holiday services in

their home. (Zwerdling first came here, then went back to England to marry his wife and returned here.)

"Those services marked the beginning of what became Beth Israel Congregation. Formal organization took place in 1916. The founders were Zwerdling, Israel Friedman, William Bittker, Philip Lansky, David Friedman and David Mordsky.

"Mr. Zwerdling served as President, actively until 1958 and honorarily until his death in 1977.

"The years that followed 1916 found Jews worshipping at a succession of locations--the Zwerdling's home; several rented quarters--above the old Chamber of Commerce on the corner of Ann and Fourth Avenue, Schwaben Hall, at the Ladies Library Association meeting room on the present site of Michigan Bell Telephone Company; a small house on Main Street where the Greek Orthodox Church now stands, purchased in 1924; and a red brick house at 538 North Division, purchased in 1927 and occupied through 1946.

"When I came in 1943 I was very happy to learn it was possible to get Passover meals there. That's the time, of course, when you eat different food and no bread. These meals were served to students in that house.

"At that time there were only 12,000 to 14,000 University students all together. I don't know how many Jewish students there were but they were accommodated by two long tables.

"The meals were prepared and served by Sisterhood women. I remember it was a very warm experience. It was very noisy too.

"A full range of Jewish activity went on in that building--Sunday School, Hebrew School, Boy Scout and Sisterhood meetings.

"The 1925 Michigan yearbook has a very informative account of fund raising activities for a Jewish student center. It was particularly interesting to me that the largest contribution--\$2,000, which was a lot of money in those days--was made by a non-Jew, a Mr. Cornwell."

(Louisa Pieper, staff person of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission, noted that the house at 538 North Division was built in 1894 by Henry Cornwell, a lumber baron and owner of a paper mill near Ann Arbor and a lumber mill in Ypsilanti, with his brother, Harvey.)

(Henry's son, Frank, remained in the house after his father's death until after World War I. Harvey lived on Ingalls in

a house demolished for old St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Harvey's son, Wirt, lived at 1009 Cornwell Place, according to *Historic Buildings, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Second Edition*, which describes the homes of Henry and Wirt.)

"Hillel, the Jewish Student Center on the U-M campus, was founded in 1926, the third one in the United States. A second was at Wisconsin and I don't know where the other was.

"The first Hillel Center in Ann Arbor was located at 1102 Oakland at the corner of East University. It's a big white building that still stands there.

"When I came out to visit my friend who lived in the co-op next door they played Tchaikovsky's violin concerto all day. By the time I moved here, the center was located at the corner of Hill and Haven. Now Haven Street no longer exists. Hillel stood where the Business Administration parking structure is now. It was an ideal location and the building was very much used.

"It was during the war, of course, and there were a few rooms upstairs. Five girls--it was all right to call them girls in those days instead of young women--lived upstairs.

"A tragedy occurred during that time. One of the young women, Muriel Kleinwacks, was a dental school student--which was unusual for young women in those days.

"She was driving to the East for Christmas vacation when she was killed in an auto accident."

"Then the University wanted that spot and asked Hillel to sell it. That location had been just perfect as far as Hillel was concerned and it was a great problem to find a new location.

"They finally found a house at 2101 Hill at the corner of Onondaga. Students were not allowed to have cars in those days and that was a long hike so the building, though physically beautiful, was not used much at all.

"When Mr. Zwerdling and the others were looking for a suitable place for Hillel and they wanted this 2101 Hill place, one of the neighbors started a petition to keep the Jews from coming to that area. I know that for a fact.

"What I am about to tell you may be apocryphal, but this neighbor, a professor in one of the sciences, worked with snakes. The story is that he was bitten by a poison snake and died.

"Incidentally, I understand 2101 Hill is lived in now by Judith Fry who works for the University in some capacity and also tested recipes and used to write with Cathy Arcure who has the cooking

column in the *Ann Arbor News*.

"That house had a big lounge and a butler's pantry which was as large as most people's kitchens. The Beth Israel Sisterhood used that lounge and kitchen for their meetings and other functions. There also was a small chapel upstairs used both by Hillel and Beth Israel.

"The furnishings for Hillel were always just the best--the finest draperies and carpeting. Hillel here was always the favorite of the women's B'Nai B'Rith Lodge No. 6 in Detroit.

"It seemed as if I were living in a mansion with people to keep the house clean and somebody to do the gardening, but living in 2101 Hill was a temporary measure. We were only there two years when a lot was bought at 1429 Hill.

"That is about two doors west of the big rock at Hill and Washtenaw--that is still the location of Hillel. There was an old house there that was torn down and a modern building put up on that lot.

"But before I leave 2101 Hill I should tell you that when the World War II veterans were back, the rooms in the dormitory upstairs were occupied by young men. They were on duty in the evening to answer phones, set up chairs or whatever.

"My husband was one of them. He likes to say he married his boss.

"While the building at 1429 Hill was Hillel's building, Beth Israel used part of it for services, nursery school and meetings. It was a very happy arrangement but eventually Beth Israel wanted to have its own space and place of worship.

"In 1978 Beth Israel put up its own building at 2000 Washtenaw Avenue at Austin, across from Devonshire.

"For many years Beth Israel was the only formal congregation and the Jewish community was small. People frequently attended whatever function was held at Hillel.

"One of the regular attenders was Anya Finkel. Many of you may remember that she sold hats in Jacobson's hat department. In fact, she stayed working there after most people would have retired.

"As a matter of fact, the last time I was at the cemetery [Arborcrest], I walked past her grave, and in big letters it says 'Anya Finkel, the hat lady.' Her husband, Maurice Finkel, was the architect of Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater.

"Beth Israel Congregation had part-time rabbis for holidays and that kind of

thing but the rabbi who was director of Hillel was frequently called on for weddings, funerals, bar mitzvahs (for boys) and bat mitzvahs (for girls).

"It was wonderful during High Holiday time. All the Jewish people in the community came together for Beth Israel services. You saw your friends whom you hadn't seen much during the year and you saw their children growing up.

"But there came a time when some of the people were not too happy with the services because they had come from a Reform background and they wanted to have their own temple.

"Orthodox and Conservative Jews refer to their place of worship as a synagogue, Reform Jews as a temple.

"Professor Ronald Tikofsky spearheaded a drive in 1966 to start a Reform congregation. They met first at the Congregational Church, then they rented space at the Unitarian Church. Someone from Detroit gave them a Torah or scroll and they hired rabbis to come in for the High Holy Days.

"In 1971, the Beth Emeth congregation arranged to rent facilities at St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church at 2309 Packard Road, a development which was to have unusual and ecumenical ramifications for both groups.

"As the result of an invitation from the Reverend Douglas Evett of St. Clare's, in 1975 contracts were signed, culminating in a relationship unique in this country at that time, the joint owning and sharing of one facility by a Jewish and Christian congregation. The corporate name, Genesis of Ann Arbor, was chosen to encompass the two distinctly separate entities.

"The two groups, however, frequently have joint functions, particularly adult education classes, team taught for better understanding of one another's theology and viewpoint.

"On the lawn in front of the attractive modern building stand, side by side, a large Star of David and a large cross. The sanctuary also contains both of these symbols, with the inappropriate one folded out of sight for each denomination's use on its own Sabbath.

The Genesis congregations have grown so much that this summer a big addition was put on.

"Jewish holidays start at sundown the night before and they are over when you can see three stars in the sky the next day.

"This year the people at Beth Emeth first attended New Year services in their regular chapel and then they all went over to the new larger chapel..

"Beth Israel has also built an addition-they needed larger office space, a meeting room and a larger study for the rabbi. That has been added to the building on



Fay Woronoff, 1948, when she was administrative secretary of Hillel.

Washtenaw and it was so well done, that unless you knew it was an addition, you never would think so. It matches the rest.

"At Beth Israel, the sanctuary was planned so that there are two sections beyond the regular sanctuary where folding chairs can be set up for overflow crowds.

"At recent Beth Israel services for Rosh Hashanah it was jammed to the rafters. Who would ever have thought when the building was put up that we could possibly outgrow it?

"When Beth Emeth started a separate group there was considerable disappointment among the Jewish community, not because quarters were being shared with non-Jews, but some people thought there could have been a huge fund drive for one big building that had part for the Reform Jews and part for the Conservative Jews.

"Now so many Beth Israel Jews do not know Beth Emeth Jews. It was wonderful before when you saw everyone but I guess it's just a natural outgrowth of getting bigger.

"Beth Israel has 420 'membership units,' composed of some families and some singles. Beth Emeth has 410 units so they are about the same size. (Mrs. Woronoff told us she misspoke when she said 220 and 210 units in her talk.)

"About the same time Beth Emeth was being formed, there was a group that wanted to practice Judaism in a secular, cultural way. It was first called the Cultural School because it was primarily for children to learn the traditions and customs without any real religious content.

"Most of those people had intermarried. There are also some couples at Beth Israel and Beth Emeth who have intermarried.

"Eventually they called themselves the Jewish Cultural Society because it came to be for adults as much as for children. They met at various places until now they meet here at the Jewish Community Center. They have 90 membership units.

"The head of that group, Judy Seid, was ordained not too long ago so that she can perform marriages and conversions and officiate at funerals and bar mitzvahs.

"I want to back up a minute. When we were still at this wonderful building at the corner of Hill and Haven at Passover time the place was just so busy on this particular day. Cooks were busy working in the kitchen, tables were being set up, there were lots of students around.

"There was an old gentleman sitting in the lounge most of the day just observing what was going on. Later in the afternoon, he came over to my desk and asked if he could go to the seder that evening.

"Reservations had long been closed but I said that we'd make room for him. During the seder, which is the reading of the prayer book, there is a break for the meal, then you continue the seder after the meal.

"During the break, this man came and asked me if he could talk to the rabbi. We went upstairs to his study. When Rabbi [Herschel] Lyman came back down he was trying not to look too excited.

"The man had said he would give \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new building. His name was Ben Paul Brasley. He was an alumnus of the U-M Law School.

"I also should tell you there is Chabad House on Hill Street a couple doors east of State Street. It is intended to facilitate the practice of Judaism in any or all of its facets.

"The basis of Chabad House is contemporary Chasidism which has as its philosophy reaching out to all Jews whether Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or unaffiliated. The rabbi who is there is Orthodox.

"They have some rooms in the building where they let people who can't afford to pay stay. For a long time they provided kosher meals to people without charge. They have gone on campus to pass out Hanukkah menorahs and Sabbath candles to encourage people to practice Judaism.

"Probably most Jewish people don't know there is a mikveh in the building. It is like a small swimming pool and there are prescribed times when the Orthodox are supposed to go to the mikveh--before getting married, women after the end of the menstrual period.

"As the Jewish community grew it became obvious that some organizational structure was necessary to coordinate the functioning of the community and deal with common concerns. The Jewish Community Council/UJA was born.

"UJA, the United Jewish Appeal, collects money for worthy Jewish causes, similar to the United Way appeal.

"For a long time, Dinah Kahn (Mrs. Reuben) and Thomas Cook were the informal UJA. Mrs. Kahn was said to be a sweet little lady who walked around with a rolled up list of all the Jewish people in

BYLAWS *PROPOSED CHANGES*

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 5 PRESIDENT

The President shall:

- a. Preside at meetings of the Society and act as Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall be official spokesman for this Society.
- b. Guide and direct the activities of the Society; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall make a report at the Annual Meeting.
- c. Determine whether needed and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, appoint committee chairmen and/or assistants to the Secretaries or Treasurer.

~~d. Annually appoint a Special Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) or more members, to nominate candidates for each elective post.~~ **DELETE THIS ITEM**

e. d. Annually appoint a Special Auditing Committee, consisting of two (2) or more members to audit the financial accounts.

f. e. Annually appoint chairmen and work with committee chairmen in selection of committee members for the following standing committees: Advisory, Audit, Budget/Finance, Bylaws, Collections, Education, Fund Raising, Liaison with other Historical Societies and Boards, Membership, Museum Grounds & Garden, Museum Shop, Museum Operating, Museum Restoration/Maintenance, **Nominating**, Program, Publicity and Public Relations, Refreshments, Resolutions, and any special committees as may be considered necessary by the President or the Board of Directors. **INSERT** the word: **NOMINATING**

g. f. Because the Society maintains a safety deposit box at the Great Lakes Bancorp, One Great Lakes Plaza, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, the key shall be in the possession of the president. To access said box two members of the Society must be present.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 13 NOMINATING COMMITTEE **ADD THIS SECTION**

- a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members who will nominate candidates for each elective post.
- b. They shall present a slate of nominees to the Board of Directors at the meeting prior to the meeting preceding the Annual Meeting and in time to be published in the *Washtenaw Impressions*.

Section ~~13~~ 14 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee shall prepare programs and shall plan the Annual Tour as stated in Article VII, Section 6b.

Section ~~14~~ 15 PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publicity and Public Relations Committee shall:

- a. Provide notices of meetings and accounts of activities of this Society to local news publishing and broadcasting media, all local historical society publications, and any local, state and national publications.
- b. Study and recommend how to attract and hold public interest in our Society and historical projects.

Section ~~15~~ 16 REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE

The Refreshments Committee shall provide refreshments at all general meetings of the Society and at any other events as requested by the President.

Section ~~16~~ 17 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee shall write resolutions and present them as needed to the membership.

**REASON:** *The Nominating Committee will be a standing committee. To clarify the duties of the Nominating Committee.*

town in her purse. Whenever she ran into anybody on that list she would hit them for money for UJA.

"Thomas Cook came here and started a foundry with a partner who was Black. He got his training at an ORT trade school. There are two Jewish women's organizations, Hadassah and ORT. ORT members collect money for trade schools all over the world.

"Thomas Cook was a very modest, quiet man. He always gave one third of his income to charity. In 1955 he was written up in Life Magazine with a picture, as I recall.

"We lived in England in 1967 at the time of the Six-Day War in Israel but when we came back we kept hearing how amazing the response had been for giving funds to Israel.

"They said people who had never admitted to being Jewish contributed at that time. Then they thought they should have an organized UJA.

"Dean William Haber had had much experience with international fund raising and his wife, Fannie, became head of UJA for many years.

"Dean Haber would give a talk asking for funds and you ended up giving twice as much as you thought you would when you walked in.

"Fannie Haber kept a handful of slips with her address and directions to her house. After a UJA event she invited certain people to their home. Everyone hoped to be favored with one of those slips.

"That was the beginning of UJA. Now they collect a great deal of money. I don't know exactly how much, but I do know there are 2,700 names of Jews approached. By no means is everyone affiliated with a congregation.

"We now have *Washtenaw Jewish News*. It is completely self-supporting through advertisements. It is sent to everyone on the UJA list and it tells all the news of Jewish functions. It was founded in 1976 and run by volunteers for many years. Now it has an editor and staff.

"As we got bigger and bigger some people thought there should be a Jewish Community Center. A building was first purchased on Stadium where Society Bank is now near St. Francis Church.

"Then Clinton School became available. It has proved to be wonderful because there are classrooms and there is a nursery school, day care, Hebrew Day School, a myriad of events that take place here. You wonder how they ever could have gotten along without it."

Mrs. Woronoff estimates there are a total of 6,000 Jews in the county. Jewish people living elsewhere in the county are included in the Ann Arbor Jewish community.

## EARLY JEWISH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONALS LISTED

In a project related to the history of the Jewish community in Washtenaw County, Fay Woronoff compiled a four-page listing, "Businesses and Occupations of Early Jewish Residents of Washtenaw County."

"I made literally thousands of phone calls to get this information. I had two people at the University who were very kind to dig into their archives and give me some of the information I wanted.

"It is no secret that Jewish people were not hired at the University of Michigan for many years. I think it attests to a change in attitude that Harold Shapiro became president of U-M."

Earliest Jewish professors at U-M:  
1890-1923 Moritz Levi (French)  
1893-1936 Moses Gomberg (Chemistry)

1912-1953 I. Leo Sharfman (Economics) TV reporter Mike Wallace is his nephew, Fay said.

1920-1960 Hirsch Hootkins (Spanish, also had charge of language program for graduate students)

1935-1985 William Haber (Economics; Dean of L.S. & A., 1963-69)

Early Jewish Physicians at University Hospital:

1927-1941 Dr. Ralph Isaacs, (Assistant director of Simpson Memorial Research Institute)

1928-1968 Dr. Reuben Kahn (Developer of Kahn test for syphilis)

1930-1946 Dr. S. Milton Goldhammer (Hematologist)

1942-1947 Dr. Jonas Salk (Developer of Salk vaccine for polio while at School of Public Health)

Earliest Jewish faculty at EMU:  
1928-1969 Augusta (Gussie) Harris (Physical Education)

1928-1932 Frederick Juchoff (Sociology)

1932-1933 Joseph Singer (French horn and viola)

1946-1947 Harriet Green (Special education)

1947-48 Mary Moskowitz (Librarian)

1955-on Robert J. Fisher (Education)

1956-1963 Albert Shaffer (Sociology)

1956-on Israel Woronoff (Educational Psychology)

Earliest Businesses and Occupations: Ann Arbor:

1904 William Lansky (Scrap metal)  
In 1919, Philip Lansky, P. Lansky & Sons (Gilbert and George).

1904 Osias Zwerdling (Furrier)  
1910s I. (Israel) Friedman (Scrap Metal) later Morris Friedman .  
Yaffe Goffe (Scrap Metal)  
Sam Golden (Farmer)  
David Friedman (Real Estate)  
William Bittker (Men's Clothing)  
David Mordsky (Tailor)  
Rev. Pincus Gropstein (Hebrew teacher)

Ypsilanti:  
Late 1890s Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Brody (Grocery store). In 1900s it became Gordons, (Max and Miriam), then run by Harold Zald; in 1940s, run by Abe and Ann Zald Rosencrantz.

1910s Philip Lansky (Ypsilanti Iron and Metal) In 1916 owned by Izadore Hertzberg.

Blum Scrap Metal  
There were several additional Jewish owned businesses in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti in the 1910s but the owners did not live in the county.

After the periods given above, the lists lengthen and diversify into various businesses and professions in the '20s, '30s and '40s.

The only business she found outside Ann Arbor was the Lakeview Inn restaurant at Whitmore Lake in the 1920s, owned by Reuben and Luba Portnoff.

## HISTORY HAPPENINGS

**Milan Historical Society:** 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, at Hack House, 775 County Street. Show and tell program.

**Salem Society:** 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 27, Salem Township Hall. Collector Roman Philipp will talk about toy soldiers.

**Saline Society:** 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, at Senior Center, 7605 North Maple Road. A representative of the Potawatomi Land Trust will speak about preserving wetlands.

**Webster Society:** Lou Saalbach of Ann Arbor will do a monologue as Mark Twain about 8 p.m., Monday, October 10, following the business meeting. It will be in the restored one-room Podunk School by lantern light.

**Ypsilanti Society:** Annual dinner 5 p.m., Sunday, November 13, place to be announced. Mary McDonald of Dearborn will talk about "Temples of Convenience." Information: 482-4990 weekday mornings.

## ELIZABETH DUSSEAU BOOSTS CAPITAL FUND DRIVE WITH \$25,000 TOWARD FINISHING MUSEUM

WCHS's capital fund drive for \$200,000 to finish restoration and run the museum is off to a good start with major donation of \$25,000.

President Patricia Austin announced that a faithful and active member, Elizabeth Dusseau, has "purchased a room" for \$25,000.

The permanent exhibit room, the first room on the left, will bear Miss Dusseau's name.

While categories of gifts of \$100 and more have been designated as named societies with a thank you gift, any amount that readers can contribute is greatly appreciated and will be recorded in our memory book.

A donation of \$100 earns membership in the Main Street Society and a thank you gift of our notepaper.

Other "societies" are:

Pioneer, \$250, gift, museum T-shirt.

Amity, \$500, amity button.

Guardian of Local History, \$1,000, copy of *Historic Buildings, Ann Arbor, Michigan*. Huron, \$5,000, a dedicated picket in the fence.

Washtenaw, \$10,000, named brick/plaque beside front walk.

Kellogg-Warden, \$25,000, sponsor a room in the museum.

Work that needs to be done includes installing mechanical systems, repairing and restoring plastered walls and preparing the building to be opened. Operating expenses will include a director/curator and development of programs as well as utilities and upkeep.

Representatives will be glad to call on you to explain the Society's purposes and needs if you so desire. Call President Patricia Austin at 662-9092 if you wish a personal call or you wish to suggest others to contact.

## 'STUFF IT' PARTY-GOERS STUFF SELVES AT POTLUCK, THEN STUFF 5,000 BROCHURE MAILING IN A HURRY

How do you prepare a mailing of 5,000 brochures telling about coming WCHS events for 1994-95 in three hours or so? You have a "stuff it" party.

President Patricia Austin opened her home, Chef (husband) Bill Austin cooked hot dogs and everybody brought a dish to pass. They stuffed themselves before stuffing brochures.

Then in assembly-line style, the brochures were stuffed, taped, labeled in zip code order and counted, ready to go.

Pauline Walters, ace mailer, pulled it all together, supervised the assembly line and delivered them all to the post office.

Many thanks to all who helped. Helpers

were Gail and Norman Bauer, John Black, Rosemarion Blake, Judy Chrisman, Elizabeth Dusseau, Jean Gagalis, Ella Grenler, Bets Hansen, Sondra Herold, Deborah and Mark Hildebrandt, Virginia Hills and Shaw Livermore.

The list continues with Janet Maezes, Mary Malacos, Toni McCann, Cathleen Meyer, Karen O'Neal, Louisa Pieper, Peter and Kay Rocco, Maya Savarino, Dean and Carol Smith, Joyce and Bob Squires, Esther Warzynski, Susan Wineberg and Norma and Curtis Wonnacott.

If you'd like to get in on the fun next time there's a big mailing, call WCHS, 662-9092. Volunteers are always welcome.

## WINE, CHEESE PARTY, FASHION LUNCHEON PLANNED THIS FALL

Don't forget to mark your calendar and make reservations for one or both of WCHS's fall fun and fund raising events.

The "Thank Goodness It's Friday" wine and cheese party with music and door prizes will be from 6-8 p.m., Friday, October 21 at the Schwaben Hall, 217 South Ashley.

The "Take a Lunch Break," Friday, November 4, will again feature a gourmet luncheon and informal fashion modeling at the Moveable Feast Restaurant, 326 West Liberty, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fashions will include a "grandmother's collection of children's clothing for enjoyment and purchase" as well as adult fashions from Alexandra's of Kerrytown. There will be door prizes also.

Tickets to the wine and cheese party are \$10 per person. Luncheon tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets may be ordered by mail to WCHS, P.O. Box 3336, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3336. Contrary to previous announcement there will be tickets at the door of Schwaben Hall. Reservations are required for the luncheon. To reserve a place at the luncheon after October 28 call Keith at the restaurant, 663-3278.

Parking for the "lunch break" will be available in U-M Lot #75 on Krause at Third Street. A van will be stationed in that lot to shuttle guests to the restaurant.

## DR. DOLL HAS FULL STORY ON CORNWELL MILL DAM

In a note from Louis W. Doll of Bay City he writes, "I enjoyed Professor McLennan's article in the April 1994 *Washtenaw Impressions* but I thought that by the way he rather abruptly blew up the dam that he was unaware of the long legal action that preceded it."

"The full story is found in my article, 'The Cornwells' \$50,000 Blunder' on page 144 of the *Ann Arbor Observer*, March 1990."

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