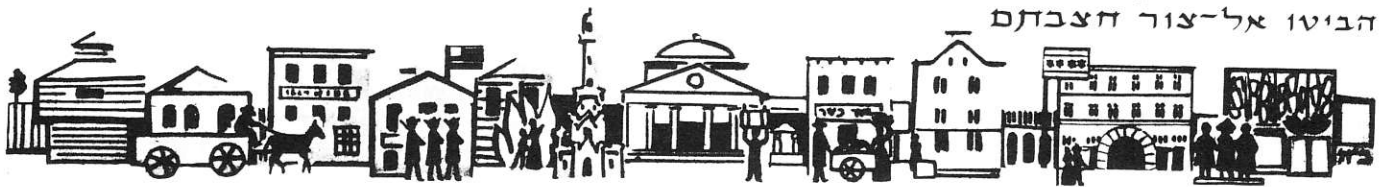


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GOOD LUCK,

ADELE

THANK YOU,

MURIEL

At our May 4 meeting, MURIEL ROBIN (right), our president since the birth of our organization in her home in January, 1977, turned over her gavel to ADELE HAST (left), a board member these past three years. Amid tears and smiles, the leadership of our organization was passed from one hard-working, dedicated, dynamic leader to another as a capacity audience of our members and guests watched with gratitude towards one and good wishes to the other. Rather than trying to do journalistic justice to these two grand ladies of our Society, we turn over this space to them to express their own thoughts at this emotional turning point in the Society's history.

ADELE:

I had been in the Society office many times before, but this day, my first as president, was different. Now the clutter on the desk was my responsibility: a meeting announcement of the Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia; the first issue of Local Jewish Historical Society News, a publication of the American Jewish Historical Society, in which the listing was led by our Chicago group; the press release for the May meeting on our own authors; a list of memorabilia donated to the Society for the Chicago Jewish Archives; and many other items--all evidence of a thriving, busy, active Society. As I leafed through the sheaf of papers, I thought of how much our organization had grown since its beginnings three years ago. Public meetings on Chicago Jewish history, taped interviews, documents

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MURIEL:



This past year I found that the growing demands of my business made it impossible for me to continue as your president. This message is taken in part from a tape of our May 4th meeting.

"It is a very special afternoon. . . . After 3 1/2 years I am turning over my gavel to a person who I know will be a marvelous president, Adele Hast. First I want to give you a few minutes of nostalgia. . . . It is hard to believe that it's over 3 years since some of us got together and decided that in Chicago we could use a Chicago Jewish Historical Society. Many things have happened since then, and I think that we have made an impact on Chicago. It is obvious just from the number of you who have come today on such a beautiful day because Chicago Jewish history is important to you. We hope to continue to at-

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The membership of the CHICAGO JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hereby notified that the annual meeting of the members shall be held on October 12, 1980, at 2:00 p.m. at Bederman Hall, Spertus College of Judaica, 618 S. Michigan Avenue at Chicago, Illinois 60605.

At said meeting, the directors of the Society shall be elected. The nominating committee of the Board of Directors has named the following persons to be elected for the terms set forth above their names:

For three year terms:

Roberta L. Bernstein	Curtis C. Melnick
Sol Brandzel	Doris Minsky
Sally Goldsmith	Burt Robin
Sara Jacobson	Moselle Schwartz
Emma Kramer	

Continuing Board Members and their unexpired terms:

For two year terms:

Charles B. Bernstein	Adele Hast
Ruth Brandzel	Rachel Heimovics
Shaina Pearl Cohn	Richard Marcus
Eenie Frost	Muriel Robin
Judah Graubart	Norman Schwartz

For one year terms:

Leah Axelrod	Edward Mazur
Irving Cutler	Elsie Orlinsky
Jack Frost	Sidney Sorkin
Mark Mandle	Jerry Temaner

The nominating committee also recommends that the following members of the board shall be elected as officers of the Society:

Officers recommended by the nominating committee for terms of two years:

PRESIDENT	Adele Hast
VICE PRESIDENTS	Charles B. Bernstein
	Ruth Brandzel
	Norman Schwartz
TREASURER	Doris Minsky
RECORDING SECRETARY	Emma Kramer
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Muriel Robin
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY & NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Roberta Bernstein
AJHS LIAISON and PUBLICITY CHAIR	Rachel Heimovics
SPERTUS LIAISON	Richard Marcus

MEMBERSHIP CARDS, SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT IN MAIL SOON

Membership renewals have been coming in in a deluge in the last few weeks. We thank you and will acknowledge our receipt of your payment as fast as our volunteer hands can get to it. New membership cards have been ordered from our printer and should be in the mail to you by July 1st.

The Special Supplement to the Society News of the texts of the papers delivered last November at our historic symposium on German-Jewish immigration to Chicago in the 1930's is still being prepared and should be in the mail during the summer. All paid up members will receive a copy.

Again, thank you for your patience with our slowness at doing things. Remember, we do not have a paid staff. Our all-volunteer staff would welcome any additional help our four hundred or so members would be able to offer.

TOURS FOR TEACHING

The CJHS is working with the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago in developing programming that uses "Chicago as a classroom" through tours. Special emphasis is on family participation.

The Society is also cooperating with Spertus College in planning tours for groups visiting the college over weekends.

Private tours for any special group can be arranged through our tours director, LEAH AXELROD, 2100 Linden, Highland Park, IL 60035, Tel.: 432-7003.

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REUNIONS OF NOTE

By reading other publications, the Society News has become aware of class reunions of interest to the Chicago Jewish community. As a service to our readers and in keeping with our dedication to preserving Chicago Jewish history, we will list from now on all such reunions that we become aware of. Please send us information of this nature that you would like us to include.

Ad from The Reader, 11-9-79: Sullivan High School Graduation Classmates of June, 1943 sought. Please contact Herb Scheun, Room 804, 323 S. Franklin, Chicago 60606 or phone 922-790 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Notice from the Highland Park Lerner Life newspaper, 11-1-79: The John Marshall High School (Chicago) graduating classes of Feb. 1930 and June, 1930 plan a 50th anniversary reunion on June 14, 1980 at the Ambassador West Hotel in Chicago. We are anxious for these graduates to contact Bea Gutensky Sheldon of Winnetka, 446-3725, or Frieda Zahn of Chicago, 280-2233, so that we can get their current whereabouts and suggestions of how to reach other members of the classes noted above.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Program Chairman CHARLES B. BERNSTEIN has already lined up an exciting roster of programs for our 1980-81 season.

Save the date of SUNDAY, OCT. 12 now for our annual meeting and election of new board members. At that meeting the program will be a talk on the political history of Chicago by DR. EDWARD MAZUR. A charming, witty speaker with a relaxed style, Dr. Mazur delighted our members May 4 with a discussion of his chapter in The Ethnic Frontier, Vol. 1, entitled "Jewish Chicago." His presentation was part of a three-member "Meet Our Authors" panel. A hard-working board member of the Society, Dr. Mazur is a professor of political science in the City Colleges of Chicago.

Also coming up next season:

- SIDNEY SORKIN on the landsmannschaften vereins in Chicago.
- DR. CURTIS & JANE MELNICK on the Jewish community of Englewood.
- The Jewish participants in the 1980 Metro History Fair.

BOOK OF LISTS FOR CHICAGO JEWRY IN PREPARATION

RACHEL HEIMOVICS is at work on a unique book: a directory of Jewish resources, including resource people in the Chicago metropolitan area. The book will be published by Follett Publishers in early 1981.

The author is now collecting the names of people with skills or expertise in an area of Jewish content, or servicing the Jewish community in a particular way. This could be anything from doing Jewish calligraphy to speaking on a special topic to setting up a special kind of program in a Jewish school, etc.

Our membership is invited to submit any information they feel is pertinent to this work in progress to: Mrs. Rachel Heimovics, P.O. Box 524, Highland Park, IL 60035.

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MEET SARA JACOBSON

The sweet petite lady who greets our members and guests as they come in to our meetings and runs our office is SARA JACOBSON. She is pictured here welcoming everyone, answering questions, passing out literature, etc., at our March 9 meeting.



Sara is no stranger to Jewish community work. Until last fall when she retired after 40 years of dedicated service, she was the supervisor of the immigration department of HIAS. Used to working for and in the Jewish community, she informed the Society, upon return from the luncheon at which HIAS honored her on Sept. 12, that she was ready, willing and able to offer her services to the Society.

"If you ever need anything, call on Sara Jacobson," wrote Anita Libman Lebeson in her book about Jewish women in American history, Recall to Life. Sara called us first, and has been a valuable asset to our staff ever since. She now also joins our Board, so we will be able to avail ourselves of her services even further.

START ARCHIVAL COLLECTION DESK

Starting at our October meeting, we will henceforth have a desk at our meeting sites where members and friends can deposit archival material they wish to have the Society turn over to the Chicago Jewish Archives. The collection desk will be manned by our trained archivists who will be able to answer all questions concerning the use, storage, and ownership of your materials.

We are interested in obtaining any kind of personal or institutional documents, photos, and artifacts that were used in or by Chicagoland Jews.

TODAY'S HISTORY MAKERS

NOTABLE DOINGS OF SOCIETY MEMBERS

Everyone in Chicago now knows the face and name of newly-appointed Chicago Board of Education member SOL

BRANDZEL. Did you also know that he has been one of our dedicated board members, along with his wife RUTH, since the birth of the CJHS in January, 1977. In fact, they were the very first to pay dues to



the CJHS, thus making the suggestion to found the Society a reality. We are proud of our Sol and happy to share his many talents and commitment to perfection in all his endeavors with the City of Chicago. . . . Speaking of the Chicago Board of Education, one of our newly-appointed Board members is DR. CURTIS MELNICK, retired Area A Assoc. Supt. of Schools of Chicago and currently a professor at Roosevelt University. With two such distinguished authorities on the Chicago school system on our Board, perhaps the Society can and should get into the education business. . . . RACHEL HEIMOVICS and DR. JUNE SOCHEN attended the annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society, May 2-4, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Rachel was asked to become chairman of the public relations committee of the AJHS, and June was re-elected to the academic council of the AJHS for a new term. Rachel reports that the highlight of the conference was the talk given at Sunday lunch by Rabbi Solomon Freehof, Rabbi Emeritus of Cong. Rodef Shalom of Pittsburgh (a registered national landmark), and former rabbi of K.A.M. in Chicago.

When you move or clean, DO NOT THROW OUT old memorabilia that you no longer know where to put. Bring it to us. We will give it the historian-archivist's special tender loving care that it deserves.

CJHS 1980 SUMMER BUS TOURS

The Society is pleased to announce three exciting Sunday afternoon bus tours of historical Jewish sites in Chicago for the summer of 1980. Tours are on air-conditioned coaches. Departure time is 12:30 p.m. from the Horwich J.C.C. at 3003 W. Touhy Avenue. The tours will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

1. June 29, 1980 - "CHICAGO JEWISH ROOTS" - Dr. Irving Cutler

A sentimental journey to Maxwell Street, Lawndale, Humboldt Park, Logan Square, Albany Park, and West Rogers Park, with a number of stops at places of Jewish historical significance. A repeat of a popular sell-out last year. (No pick-up at Cultural Center.)

2. July 27, 1980 - "SYNAGOGUE ARCHITECTURE" - Marsha Goldstein, Leah Axelrod and Maxine Cohen

A look at some of the most impressive and intriguing examples of synagogue architecture in Chicago, including old and new structures, traditional and contemporary styles, this brand new addition to our tour repertoire will dazzle and fascinate you.

3. August 24, 1980 - "CEMETERY TOUR-II" - Irwin Lapping

As a sequel to last year's well-received tour of Mount Mayriv and Rosehill Cemeteries, a tour of Jewish Waldheim will be led by the executive officer of Barnett Joseph & Sons and Schwartzbach Cemetery Co., caretakers in Jewish Waldheim. "We are in the process of establishing and preserving Jewish Waldheim as one of the Jewish landmarks of Chicago," noted Lapping.

ALL TOURS BEGIN AT 12:30 p.m. AT THE HORWICH J.C.C., 3003 WEST TOUHY AVENUE

Or: Pick-up at 1:00 p.m. at CPL Cultural Center--Washington Street entrance, for tours 2 and 3

CHARGES:	CJHS Members - adults	\$ 6.00	Non-members - adults	\$ 9.00
	- children	\$ 3.00	- children	\$ 4.00

Check must accompany each reservation.

Please send your check to:

For information phone:

Mrs. Leah Axelrod

CJHS office 663-5634

2100 Linden

Leah Axelrod 432-7003

Highland Park, IL 60035

All reservations will be acknowledged.

TOUR RESERVATION FORM

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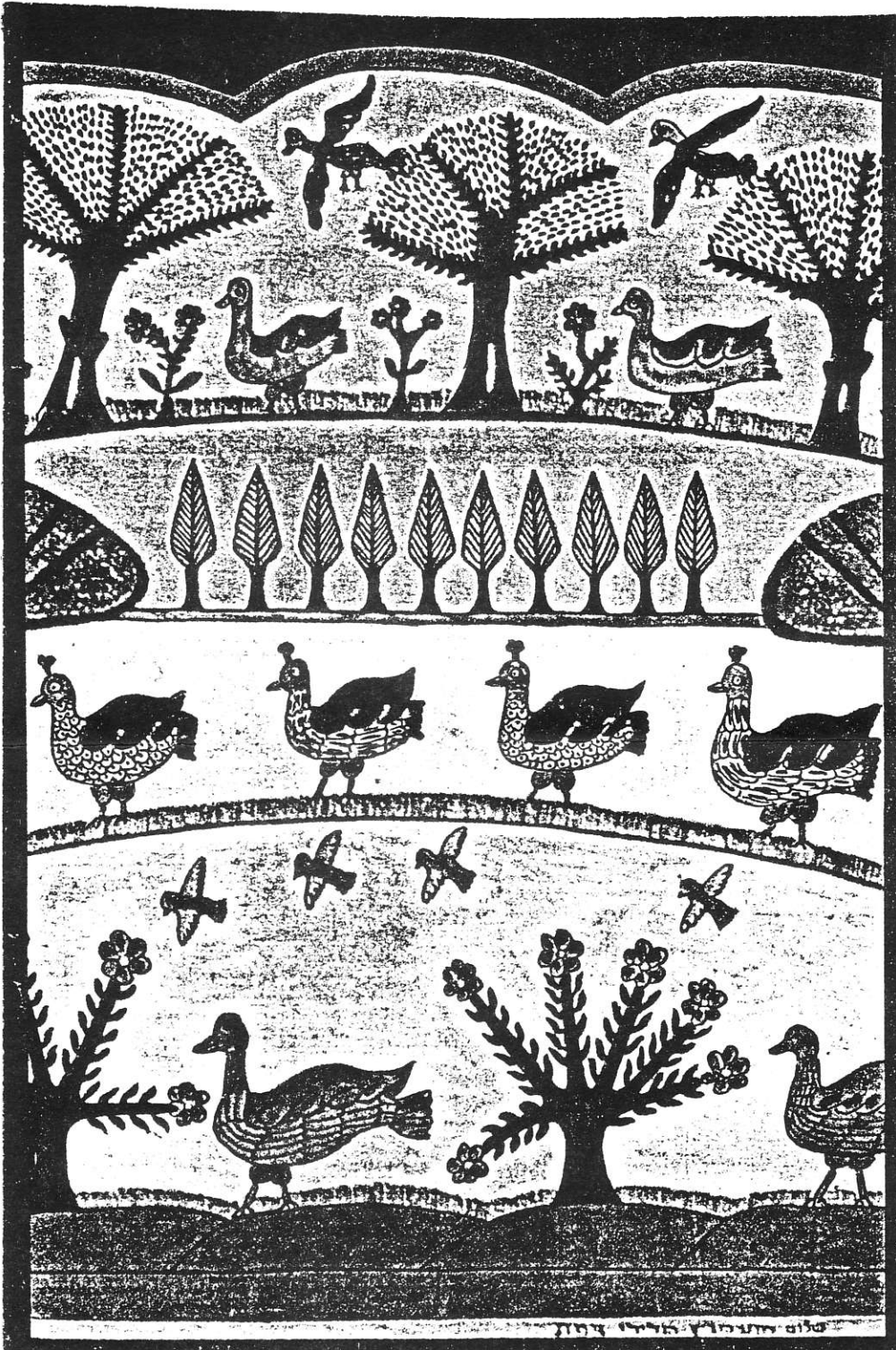
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

*Dues included in tour check

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Reservations for	_____ adults	June 29 tour	*Non-members joining at this time may enjoy members' rates for these tours.
	_____ children	" " "	
	_____ adults	July 27 tour	See membership schedule in SOCIETY NEWS.
	_____ children	" " "	
	_____ adults	Aug. 24 tour	Total amount enclosed \$ _____
	_____ children	" " "	

Boarding bus at: JCC 12:30 _____
Cultural Center, _____
1:00 _____ (tours 2 and 3 only)



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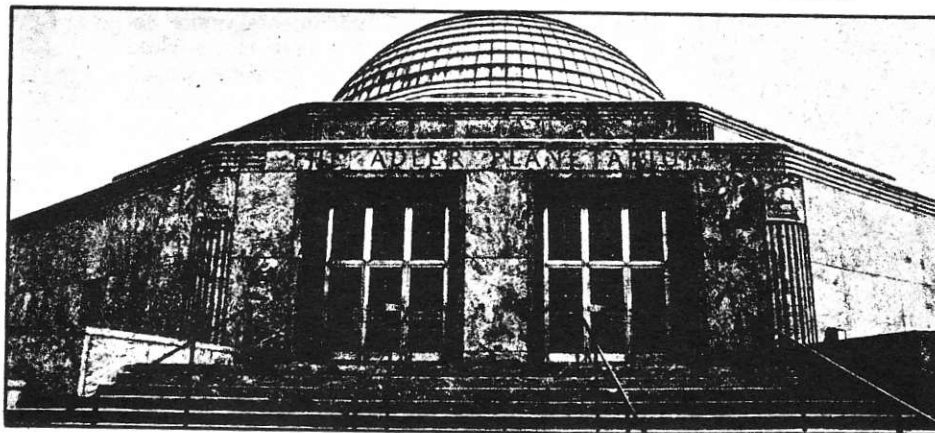
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The Shalom of Safed showing will consist of fifty paintings and lithographs assembled from Chicago area private collections and will be the first major exhibit since the artist's death in January, 1980.

ADLER PLANETARIUM MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



It has been fifty years since Max Adler celebrated his May 12th birthday by giving a present to Chicago, the Adler Planetarium, the first such structure in the western hemisphere.

Max Adler, a senior officer and early stockholder in Sears, Roebuck and Co., wanted to use part of his fortune for the creation of a very special public facility. In 1923 he heard about something quite intriguing: an artificial sky being demonstrated by Dr. Walter Buersfeld, scientific director of the Carl Zeiss optical firm in Jena, Germany. Adler went to see the device and decided that this impressive scientific wonder was the perfect gift for present and future generations of Chicagoans to enjoy. He arranged to have a similar structure built, and on May 12, 1930, it opened, housing the Zeiss optical projection device which created the illusion of a night sky, and a collection of historical artifacts in astronomy, navigation, time-keeping and engineering.

Today, the Adler Planetarium ranks as one of the top three in the world, along with those in Oxford, England, and Florence, Italy. The museum now offers a daily sky show, a museum, an optical show, an extensive education program, a library, the Hall of Space Exploration, the 74-gram moon rock collected on the Apollo 15 mission, the audio-visual mini theater, a snack bar and dining area, the Hall of Telescopes, exhibits portraying the history of astronomers' search for the secrets of the universe, an antique instrument collection, a solar telescope and a comet wall. Always expanding and improving, the museum replaced the original Zeiss projector with the Mark VI unit in 1970; opened a \$4 million addition in 1973; and opened the Doanne Observatory in 1977. Adler himself insisted that this high level of excellence always be maintained by requiring that the planetarium always live up to the standards of the University of Chicago.

Max Adler was that kind of man--a perfectionist as well as a philanthropist. A brother-in-law of Julius Rosenwald, the head of Sears, Roebuck and Co., he made his sizeable living as a Sears officer; but his real love and talents lay in the world of music.

As a lad in Elgin, Illinois, he early revealed a remarkable talent for the violin. Outgrowing the instructors in Elgin, he went to Chicago and then to Berlin to pursue his violin studies under the great masters. In 1888 he returned to America and joined the Mendelssohn Quintet in Boston as violinist and manager. During this stage of his life he also became a connoisseur of rare instruments and a collector of Stradivarius pieces.

In 1898 he joined Sears, in charge of its musical department, and proved himself a successful merchant and extraordinary industrial organizer, as well as an artist inclined to imaginative reverie.

While engaged in business and its many responsibilities, he never lost his passion for music. For many years he would assemble musicians in his palatial home on Greenwood Avenue in Kenwood once a week for quartets and chamber music.

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SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

MAYER KAPLAN J.C.C. FEATURES 3 SOCIETY HISTORIANS

As part of their adult education programming for the summer, the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center, 5050 Church Street, Skokie, will present a lecture forum entitled "Chicago Jewry: The Legacy" featuring a panel of CJHS lecturer-historians, DR. IRVING CUTLER, SIDNEY SORKIN and CHARLES B. BERNSTEIN.

Cutler, a college professor, Sorkin, a high school history teacher and administrator, and Bernstein, an attorney and genealogist, are all active Board members of the Society. All have written about and lectured in the Chicago Jewish community.

The following programs will be presented at the Mayer Kaplan J.C.C. on three consecutive Monday nights, July 7, 14, and 21:

Chicago Jewry: The Legacy

- July 7 "FROM MAXWELL STREET TO HIGHLAND PARK:
Slide/lecture presentation of history of Jews of Chicago
by Dr. IRVING CUTLER.

- July 14 "THE VEREIN: FROM BIALYSTOK TO CHICAGO"
The story of the Landsmanschaft in Chicago. Using one
of the existing societies, SIDNEY SORKIN will trace the
circumstances under which they came into existence,
clarify the functions they served, and present an analysis
of why they have not survived.

- July 21 "THE WHYS AND HOWS OF JEWISH GENEALOGY"
Are you a member of Jewry's Royal Family? Are you among
the few who can trace their ancestry prior to Adam?
CHARLES B. BERNSTEIN, Chicago Jewish Genealogist will
enlighten us on the Whys and Hows of Jewish Genealogy.

<u>Fees per Session</u>		<u>Fees per Series</u>	
MKJCC Members:	\$ 3.00	MKJCC Members:	\$ 7.50
Non-members:	\$ 4.00	Non-members:	\$10.50
Affiliates,		Affiliates,	
Students & Sr. Adults:	\$3.50	Students & Sr. Adults:	\$9.00

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Stellar businessman and accomplished artist, he was also a philanthropist who distinguished himself in this endeavor by the manner in which he practiced it. His was a silent form of generosity whose noble deeds and accomplishments were known only to the recipients. Fortunately for the City of Chicago, he chose to make at least one of his great charitable contributions a public one: one of its finest educational institutions wherein are disclosed the wonders of heaven. Philip P. Bregstone described Max Adler most aptly in his 1933 work Chicago and Its Jews: "Mr. Adler has been a liberal contributor to all Jewish causes and is identified with all Jewish movements but the soul of the artist in him embraces all humanity, regardless of creed, color or race."

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collection, exhibits, historic tours, speakers bureau, assistance in Jewish history projects in the community--all of these activities are the domain of the Chicago Jewish Historical Society.

With the summer upon us, general membership meetings cease until October. Behind the scenes, other activities will continue and expand. We are preparing an exhibit at Spertus College for fall opening. The Oral History Committee has completed training classes for a new group of interviewers, who even now are gathering the information that is part of the fabric of Chicago Jewish history. Our workers in archives are about to embark on a campaign to acquire and save the precious personal and organizational records of our heritage before they are lost or discarded. (You will hear more about this campaign as the year progresses.)

I take office with pride, thankfulness, and anticipation: pride in the goals and activities of our Society; thankfulness for the firm foundation set by our outstanding pioneer president, Muriel Robin; for the accomplishments of our hard-working board of directors, and for the interest and participation of our members; and anticipation of events and projects yet to come. Chicago Jewish history will flourish as we work to preserve its past and record its present for future historians.

Membership Information

Membership in the CJHS is open to all. The dues categories are the following:

\$ 5.00	Students & Senior Citizens
10.00	Contributing Membership
25.00	Sustaining Membership
50.00	Patron Membership
100.00 & up	-- Sponsoring Membership
25.00	Minimum contribution for synagogue and organization membership

To become a member, or to increase your membership contribution, send your check to the Treasurer, Chicago Jewish Historical Society, 618 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605.

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tract you for many years with the programs and activities which so many of us think are important for the Chicago Jewish community. I am very proud to have been one of the founders of this organization. I've enjoyed it because of what we have done and because of the people I have been working with--the board members--who have been the major workers of the Society and the over 400 members who have joined us during these years."

It has truly been a privilege to conduct meetings where our officers and board members vied with one another to plan and to participate in innovative programs, such as our regularly scheduled bus tours of Jewish Chicago, and to preside at our open meetings where our members enthusiastically received the programs planned by our board and, for the past two years, by Program Vice-President Chuck Bernstein.

I also spoke of our continued concern for organizational and synagogue activities, and requested all of our members to assist in the preserving of the materials of their own organizations. I then handed my gavel to Adele Hast with my very best wishes, and pledged my continuing support to her and to the Society.

Adele, a very vital member of our board, spoke of the accomplishments of the past 3 1/2 years and plans for our future, and then called on Vice-President Norman Schwartz.

Norman, who has always had beautiful words which were just right, spoke of my contributions to the Society in a very complimentary manner. His words about our duty to tell the story of our people, as described in the V'ahavta prayer, were very touching, and he reminded us that this duty is the primary function of our Society. He then presented me with a most beautiful gold filigree mezuzah, which, of course contains the V'ahavta.

I wanted to share the words of that lovely afternoon with you and to add in this, my last presidential message to the Society, my special thanks to all of you for the privilege of having served as your founding president and for the pleasure of having been involved in a special organization that is reminding us to save the present and the past for the future and to heed the words of the V'ahavta and tell the story of our people.

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May 12, 1980, was the official golden anniversary of the Adler Planetarium, but the anniversary will continue to be observed the rest of the year. "The Golden Years of Astronomy" sky show, which highlights achievements that have revolutionized astronomy in the past 50 years, will run year-round. A host of famous astronomers, including Dr. Robert S. Harrington of the U.S. Naval Observatory and Dr. Eugene Parker, an astrophysicist who is an authority on the sun and its effect on the earth's climate, will be guest speakers at lectures planned through Dec. 5; the Mini-Theater will run "The Golden Years," a continuous audio-visual show tracing the history of Adler Planetarium; and this year the Planetarium has added a fascinating laser fireworks show.

To commemorate the anniversaries of the Planetarium and Max Adler's birth, CJHS member ROBERT S. ADLER, son of Max and Sophie R. Adler, hosted a party for members of the Adler family at the Planetarium on May 11. Most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Max and Sophie R. Adler came from all over the country to attend.

In September, 1978, the CJHS took note of the great contributions of Max Adler and his brother-in-law, Julius Rosenwald, to the cultural life of Chicago by holding one of its most outstanding meetings at the Planetarium with a program entitled, "The Adler & Rosenwald Families--Benefactors of Chicago." Today, we again pay our congratulatory respects to the institution and its benefactor.

Sources: Sharon Barrett, "When You Wish Upon a Planetarium," Chicago Sun-Times/Chicago Style, May 25, 1980, p. 13.

Philip P. Bregstone. Chicago and Its Jews. 1933. Private Publication, pp. 377-380.

Ralph F. Colton: Eve Levin (secretary to Robert S. Adler).



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