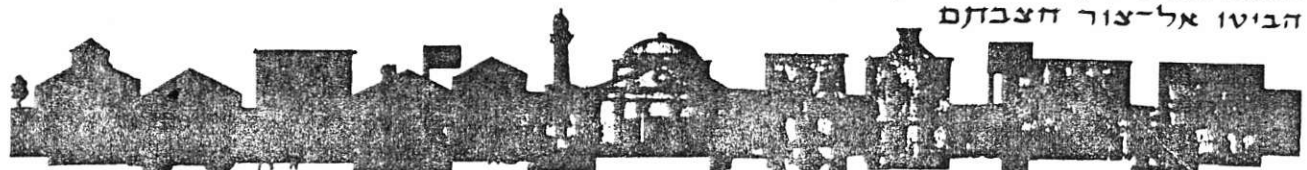


Look to the rock from which you were hewn  
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# chicago jewish historical society SOCIETY NEWS

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## SOCIETY STARRY-EYED OVER SEPTEMBER 24 PROGRAM

The stars in the sky will share the spotlight with some stars of Chicago Jewish history in the exciting September 24 program of the Chicago Jewish Historical Society. The subject of this season's first open meeting will be "The Adler & Rosenwald Families, Benefactors of Chicago." This dynamic forum will be appropriately showcased at the Adler Planetarium, named for Max Adler, its founder and one of Chicago's leading Jewish luminaries along with his brother-in-law, Julius Rosenwald. The program will also feature a Planetarium show.

The human stars on stage in the Planetarium's Universe Theatre who will present the program are ROBERT S. ADLER, RALPH F. COLTON and JOAN WEIL SALTZSTEIN. ADLER, the son of Max Adler and a Chicago businessman and civic leader, will speak on "Whence the Planetarium?" He will explain his father's role in founding the Planetarium and the Planetarium's subsequent development. COLTON, a Society founding member, is an insurance consultant. He has known the Adler family for many years and will tell us more about the fascinating man in a talk entitled, "Max Adler-Was the Sky the Limit?" Mrs. SALTZSTEIN, a writer and lecturer, is the daughter of Julius Weil, a first cousin and one-time business partner of Julius Rosenwald. As a child she lived next door to the Rosenwalds and is therefore well qualified to talk to us about "Growing up with the Rosenwalds."

After hearing from our human stars of Chicago Jewish history, we will be invited to turn our gazes skyward to view some heavenly stars in a Planetarium multi-media presentation.

History will certainly be made at this event in which the members and friends of the CJHS again probe another aspect of our community's fascinating history.

Surely you won't want to miss it!

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PROGRAM FACTS

- 3:30-Social Hour in the Crater Dining Area  
(Complimentary refreshments)
- 4:30-CJHS Program in Universe Theatre
- 6:00 (or 6:15)- Planetarium presentation
- 6:30-Adjournment

BUS SERVICE: Take the CTA #126 at Jackson & Michigan

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE IN LOTS ADJACENT TO PLANETARIUM

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORTS  
A BUSY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

by Moselle A. Mintz  
Co-Chairperson

--Throughout the summer, the members of the West Valley Section, National Council of Jewish Women, have continued to be highly enthusiastic in taping interviews of very interesting people. Among them are musicians, writers, rabbis and business people. Among those working on the many tapes turned in were JUDY KLOWDEN, FRAN FARKAS, NANCY COHEN, MARCIA ROSS, LIL COHEN and CAROL SCHINER. Under the superb professional guidance of Dr. EDWARD MAZUR, this vital group is also finding new interviewees, writing up excellent reports, and extending its interests into the "folk culture" as well. In addition, their generous gifts of recorders and a transcriber machine have been most helpful to the work of the Society's Oral History Committee.

--Other important interviews were recorded and work done by ELSIE ORLINSKY, ED MAZUR, MARK MANDLE, BETTY GERSON and SOL BRANDZEL.

--Official copies of the Chicago Sinai Congregation's tapes of 14 outstanding Chicago Jews are now a part of our oral history collection and are available for study. When you hear of other such tapes made among your organizations, please tell us so that we can investigate.

--Keeping up with the tape recording requires transcribers to move the interviews from "tape to type" so that the finished work can be available to scholars as soon as possible. Waiting to be typed are many valuable tapes. MARION CUTLER continues to transcribe beautifully at top speed. She needs your help, though, the help of many, to handle this most important work. Please phone us (663-5634) and volunteer some time.

CJHS RECEIVES BEGIN TAPES, GIFTS

A most exciting possession has just been acquired by the Society: the videotapes of the proceedings during the Meachem Begin visit to Chicago last May 3. Thanks to the efforts of RUTH BRANDZEL, Station WMAQ (NBC-TV) gladly turned them over to the Society, where they will now be preserved as a permanent record of this historic event, rather than discarded, as is the station's practice.

Two very generous gifts were also bestowed upon us over the summer through the good influence of our Vice-President NORMAN SCHWARTZ. From Mr. ED STEIN of Stebco Products Corp., we received three carrying cases for the equipment the Oral History Committee uses when going out to take oral histories. Our interviewers will now look very professional.

From Mr. LLOYD STEIN of S. Stein & Co., we received a file cabinet to store our oral history tapes in our office.

To both of these gentlemen and to WMAQ, a public thank you on behalf of all members of the Society.

OOPS! WE GOOFED!  
CORRECTION ON DUES RENEWAL FORMS

If you have recently received a statement requesting payment of your 1978 dues, it is possible that there was a mistake in the indication of the amount billed.

Please note that the \$5.00 dues category applies only to senior citizens and students. If you are neither of these and were a contributing member (\$10.00) in 1977, your dues should be a minimum of \$10.00.

If you have not yet renewed your membership by paying your 1978 dues, or, if you have sent us the wrong amount, please remit the correct amount or the difference as soon as possible. Send dues or inquiries to our treasurer, Charles B. Bernstein, 5447 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago 60615, telephone, 324-5089.

(Members who joined the Society after June 30, 1977 may disregard the above information.)

## \* \* \* \* \* COMING ATTRACTIONS \* \* \* \* \*

The Society will take a look at the arts in Chicago Jewish history in the next few months in two programs you won't want to miss. So, mark your calendars now for these two programs:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19: SAM LESNER

Mr. Lesner, who was entertainment critic of the Chicago Daily News, will reminisce about the Yiddish Theatre in Chicago.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28: CANTOR ABRAHAM LUBIN

Cantor Lubin of Congregation Rodfei Zedek will discuss the history of the Chazanut in Chicago.

Both program meetings will be held in the afternoon at a convenient location. Details of time and place will be forthcoming, but SAVE THE DATES NOW.

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ELSIE ORLINSKY ATTENDS  
SUMMER ARCHIVES SEMINAR

The CJHS now has a lay member expertly trained in archives research. ELSIE ORLINSKY attended a seminar this summer at the Chicago Historical Society entitled "Going to the Sources: An Introduction to Research in Archives." The lecture-workshop, held in June, was co-sponsored by the National Archives and Records Service. This was the first time such a course has been available in the Chicago area. It was limited to 25 participants.

Archivists and manuscript curators discussed the holdings of local institutions, including the Chicago Historical Society, Newberry Library, Univ. of Ill. at Circle Campus, the National Archives regional center in Chicago and others.

Elsie told us that she was "interested in the kinds of materials available and particularly in how to 'acession' material for the archives." She will now assume the chairmanship of our Archives Committee, with RICHARD MARCUS, head of the Chicago Jewish Archives, as consultant. Volunteers are invited to assist.

DR. EDWARD MAZUR CONTRIBUTES TO NEW BOOK  
"THE ETHNIC FRONTIER"

CJHS Board Member, Dr. EDWARD MAZUR, Chicago City Junior Colleges professor, has contributed a chapter on "Jewish Chicago: From Diversity to Community" in the recently published The Ethnic Frontier, edited by Melvin G. HOFFI & Peter d'A. Jones. The book, which treats the subject of group survival in Chicago and the Midwest, presents ethnic history for its own sake, portraying in rich detail the tensions and complexities within each group discussed.

The book can be ordered from the Chicago Historical Society, Clark & North Ave., Chicago 60614. Cost is \$7.95 for paperbound and \$11.95 for hardbound. Add \$.50 per volume for postage and handling.

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
CELEBRATES SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the American Jewish Historical Society, which celebrated the 10th anniversary of its beautiful headquarters in Waltham, Mass. May 6-8 in conjunction with its annual meeting. Congratulations, also, to CJHS member JUNE SOCHEN, who has been elected to the AJHS Academic Council. CJHS Board Member RACHEL HEIMOVICS attended as a representative.

The American Jewish Historical Society, founded in 1892, is the oldest ethnic historical society in the nation. The AJHS has encouraged, advised and supported the CJHS since our inception a year and a half ago.

The AJHS has launched a wide membership campaign in hopes of maintaining a financially secure position. Associate memberships are \$20 and regular memberships are \$35 yearly and include a fine quarterly publication.

The CJHS will be happy to forward your membership check to Waltham. Send your membership to CJHS office, 618 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60605, and specify that the payment is for the AJHS.

For further information about the AJHS, call RACHEL HEIMOVICS, 831-2548. Rachel is a member of the AJHS Executive Council and is the liaison between the CJHS and the AJHS.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BUS TOUR SEASON

For the second summer, the CJHS sponsored a series of successful, exciting bus tours through Chicago's old Jewish neighborhoods. The three tours offered this year were all sell-outs and left the participants clamoring for more.

The first was a repeat of a popular tour run last year. On Sunday, June 25, Dr. IRVING CUTLER offered "Chicago Jewish Roots--from Maxwell Street Westward & Northward," a tour which he offered twice last year. Our second summer offering, on Sunday, July 23, was Dr. EDWARD MAZUR's "Meet You at the Terminal, a Journey through Historic Albany Park."

A new concept was inaugurated this summer in our third tour, "Highlights of Chicago Jewish History," led by LEAH AXELROD on Sunday, August 27. This tour was geared to family groups and young people. Junior high school and high school age students were encouraged to attend and did not need to be accompanied by an adult. Children and youth were offered seats at a special discount rate.

This family tour included a variety of stops at historic Jewish sites as well as the original Hull House and a drive through the Maxwell St. market.

In evaluating the impact of the Society's 1978 summer tour package, RACHEL HEIMOVICS, Director of Tours, noted "They were a great success and have shown by the response that (a) many people are interested in tours, (b) many become interested in the Society through the tours, and (c) the tours generate much general publicity and response in the general community."

Thanks to Rachel and our talented tour leaders, Irv Cutler, Ed Mazur and Leah Axelrod for enabling the Society to perform this service to the Chicago Jewish community.

Our tours committee will be planning next season's tours over the winter. Call our office with requests or suggestions.

## PRODUCTIVE RESULTS OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CJHS ARCHIVES COMMITTEE AND CHICAGO JEWISH ARCHIVES

The Archives Committee of the CJHS, now chaired by ELSIE ORLINSKY, is embarking on a new project this fall. Working with RICHARD MARCUS, consultant to the committee and head of the Chicago Jewish Archives at Spertus College of Judaica, they will survey Jewish archival material in the Chicago area. Interested archivists are invited to call our office to become involved in this committee. The Archives Committee gathers material and deposits them in the Chicago Jewish Archives at Spertus College.

Recent acquisitions that the Archives have obtained through the efforts of the CJHS include the Col. Marcus M. Spiegel Family Collections, a collection of photographs of the Adler-Rosenwald Family, early minute books of the Johanna Lodge (today known as the Johanna Bureau for the Blind), early minute books of Congregation Rodfei Zedek, many certificates, books and other records from many sources.

The Chicago Jewish Archives, located on the 3rd floor of Spertus College, 618 S. Michigan Ave., is open to researchers Monday - Thursday, 9-5, Friday, 9-3. It is advisable to call for an appointment at 922-9012, ext. 65.

## SPEAKERS BUREAU ACTIVE

RUTH BRANDZEL, who has organized and runs a Speakers Bureau for us, has announced that our phone keeps jangling away with requests for speakers on some aspect of Chicago Jewish history from a wide variety of societies and organizations.

Any CJHS member interested in being listed with our bureau or obtaining a speaker for another organizations should contact Ruth at our office at 663-5634. (She is usually there on Wednesdays. When she is not, or on other days, you can leave a message for her with the operator.)

## MEET THE 1978-79 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The By-Laws of the Chicago Jewish Historical Society provide for a Board of Directors consisting of 27 members: 9 members appointed for 1 year terms, 9 members for 2 year terms, and 9 members for 3 year terms. All officers were elected for 2 year terms and the appointments for the board of directors were determined by lot at our April, 1977 board meeting. Our 2nd fiscal year began on July 1, 1978.

The following board members completed the year for which they were elected. We acknowledge their contributions to the founding of our Society and to its very vigorous first year by listing their names at this time: BERNARD EPSTEIN, LINDA GOLDMAN (resigned in October, 1977 and moved to Israel), MARCIA ROSS, and PAYAH PROCHOVNICK (resigned in 1977 due to other commitments). We look forward to their continued participation in the activities of the CJHS.

## OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT \* Muriel Robin  
 VICE PRESIDENTS \* Ruth Brandzel  
 \* Norman Schwartz  
 TREASURER \* Charles B. Bernstein  
 RECORD. SEC'Y \* Allene (Eenie) Frost  
 CORRESPONDING SEC'Y \* Roberta Bernstein  
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 EXHIBIT \* Kenneth Cohen  
 ORAL HISTORY \* Moselle Mintz  
 \* Mark Mandle  
 SOCIETY NEWS \* Roberta Bernstein  
 HISTORIAN \* Doris Minsky  
 PUBLICITY & TOURS \* Rachel Heimovics

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 \* Sol Brandzel \* Irving Cutler \* Barbara Marcus  
 \* Roseann Chasman \* Jack Frost \* Edward Maxur  
 \* Nancy Cohen \* Sally Goldsmith \* Burt Robin  
 \* Sidney Sorokin

MOSELLE MINTZ VISITS THE  
 AMSTERDAM JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Moselle Mintz, co-chairperson of our Oral History committee, visited the Jewish Historical Society of Amsterdam this August while participating in the World Congress on Literacy. She represented the USA with the International Reading Association in Hamburg, Germany.

At the Amsterdam Jewish Historical Society she met Mr. Bas Noordegraff who conducts tours of the Society and who expressed a strong interest in our activities in Chicago. Correspondence and pictures are now being exchanged. Moselle reports that he is a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic person. Their museum is rich in exhibits tracing Jewish migration to Amsterdam from Turkey, Spain, Greece and Portugal and in the development of an important Jewish population in Holland which contributed generously to Holland's culture and progress. She recommends a visit to any members planning a trip to Holland.

## EXHIBIT STILL ON VIEW AT SPERTUS

Have you seen our exhibit, "Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow," at Spertus College yet? If not, we hope that you will do so soon and take children, neighbors, friends, and out-of-towners.

The exhibit, which opened last February 12 on the second floor of Spertus College, 618 S. Michigan Ave., is a collection of artifacts belonging to Chicago's early Jewish settlers. The small but exquisite exhibit was collected and mounted by volunteer members of the Society, including KEN COHEN (chairman), ROSEANN CHASMAN (designer), MARYLOU SEIDENFELD (recorder), MIRIAM BRILL, SYLVIA KLEIN, DORIS MINSKY, MOSELLE MINTZ, ELSIE ORLINSKY, MARCIA ROSS, BURT ROBIN and NORMAN SCHWARTZ.

Featured among the beautiful and unusual items are memorabilia of Michael Reese hospital, as well as an antique sewing machine, a wedding dress and ke-tubot--all belonging to early Chicago Jewish families.

IN OUR MAILBAG

Muriel Robin, President  
Chicago Jewish Historical Society

Dear Muriel:

I was pleased to receive the review written by Chuck Bernstein of the first year's activities of the CJHS.

You and your associates have truly done a remarkable job. I am particularly pleased with the relationship which has been established between CJHS and Spertus College. I believe that our association reflects the effort and input of both partners and that it has benefited both.

My best wishes for many years of future development for the CJHS.

Best regards,  
Philip Spertus

(Mr. Spertus is Chairman of the Board of Spertus College of Judaica. --Ed.)

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Hello Chas!

Enclosed herewith is dues.

Looking forward to my complete recovery when Walter and I can continue to enjoy the Board relationship and noble purpose of our organization. The plant you all so graciously sent me is blooming and serves as a sweet remembrance of our dedicated Pres., officers and Board....Walter joins me in warmest best wishes.

Fondly,  
Sally

Mr. Charles B. Bernstein

Dear Friend:

The Adler-Rosenwald program is most appropriate. We would like to attend but will be in Mexico on September 24. Many thanks for including us.

There are men and families in Chicago now who have accumulated far more money than the Rosenwald family and have kept it to themselves. Any program which emphasizes the wise social use of the Rosenwald money is a valuable contribution to our society. Holding the program at Chicago's planetarium is a happy dramatization of what they did.

Sincerely yours,  
Leon M. Despres

(Mr. Despres is the former Alderman of the 5th Ward and is a Loop attorney. --Ed.)

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Dear Mr. Bernstein:

I am a member--but I enclose a small extra contribution in appreciation of the excellent tours I've enjoyed thanks to the Society.

Etha B. Fox

(Sally Goldsmith, a dynamic member of our Board, is recovering from eye surgery. A complete and speedy recovery, Sally, from all your CJHS friends.)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE CHICAGO JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP, MARCH 13, 1977

To collect, preserve and exhibit memorabilia and materials of every kind pertaining to the settlement, history and life of Jews and the Jewish community of metropolitan Chicago, Illinois; and to conduct education programs, encourage study and research, and disseminate information pertaining to the settlement, history and life of Jews and the Jewish community of metropolitan Chicago, Illinois.

## SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

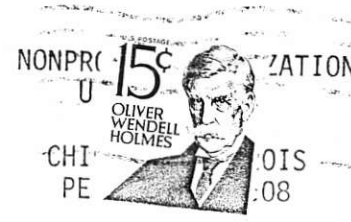
The following persons have become members of the CJHS since our last list was printed in the January issue of Society News. We welcome you all heartily and hope that you will enjoy being a part of our interesting organization.

Adams, Mona B.  
 Alexander, Barbara Shapiro  
 Adelman, William J.  
 Amdur, Dr/M Mark A.  
 Andes, M/M Maury  
 Arenberg, M/M Arne  
 Arkin, M/M Norman  
 Arnold, M/M Joseph E.  
 Avis, Bertha  
 Balter, Dr/M Eugene L.  
 Benn, M/M Howard  
 Berggard, M/M Melvin  
 Bloom, Dr/M Benjamin S.  
 Brenner, Sylvia  
 Brill, Esther  
 Burin, Charles S.  
 Cardon, Deborah  
 Cohen, M/M Lawrence I.  
 Cohen, M/M Martin  
 Cohen, Oscar  
 Cong. Solel Library  
 DeRobles, Richard, Sr.  
 Ecanow, M/M Bernard  
 Ehrenpreis, M/M Seymour  
 Eichner, M/M Norman  
 Ellis, Miriam J.  
 Epstein, Raymond  
 Faermark, M/M Jay  
 Flanders, Mrs. M.M.  
 Funk, M/M Irving  
 Goldberg, M/M Morton R.  
 Goldschmidt, Hanna  
 Hamblen, Leah L.  
 Harris, Gaye  
 Hauptman, Mrs. Herbert  
 Heller, Dr/M David H.  
 Hess, Peter A.  
 Hirsch, Anne  
 Jaffe, Lois  
 Jeskins, Sarah  
 Kaen, Frances S.  
 Kaplan, M/M Louis G.  
 Katz, M/M Marvin D.  
 Kay, Cheryl  
 Kirshenbaum, M/M Marvin

Klein, Henry R.  
 Klein, Gen. Julius  
 Klein, Lillian  
 Kliger, Paul I.  
 Klowden, Dr/M Arthur J.  
 Koplun, Sylvia  
 Korol, Nathan  
 Levin, Sidney  
 Levinstein Foundation  
 (M/M Jules)  
 Lieberman, Jean  
 Meilach, Nettie  
 Meister, Ted. B.  
 Mell, M/M Robert  
 Meltzer, Rita  
 Neiman, M/M Harold T.  
 Newberger, Fridelle  
 Newberger, M/M Shel  
 Newman, Stanley M.  
 Orloff, Rose  
 Orwin, M/M Franklin  
 Packtor, M/M James  
 Picheny, Elias  
 Posner, Frances A.  
 Pressman, M/M Charles  
 Reich, Anna  
 Reich, M/M Jerome  
 Ridker, M/M Leonard  
 Rosenberg, M/M Howard A.  
 Russcoi, M/M Jack M.  
 Scheckman, M/M Meyer D.  
 Schoenburg, Bertie  
 Schrayner, Max Robert  
 Schwartz, M/M Rudolph  
 Schwartzberg, Hugh J.  
 Shapiro, M/M Harold A.  
 Sherman, M/M Lawrence A.  
 Shifrin, Eugene M.  
 Shulman, Dr/M Milton D.  
 Shuster, Mildred  
 Siegel, Doris  
 Siegel, Stephen B. & Laura  
 Silverstein, M/M Saul  
 Simon, Mrs. Abraham  
 Singer, Kenneth

Singer, Pauline  
 Smith, Ruth Kaplan  
 Soseqitz, M/M Ben Z.  
 Steinitz, Lucy Y.  
 Strickler, M/M Bernard  
 Stuart, Arline R.  
 Swiller, Dr. Doris  
 Tatel, M/M Fredric  
 Traunfeld, Eugene N.  
 Wander, M/M Herbert  
 Weinstein, Dr/M Leonard  
 Werch, Mae S.  
 Yusim, M/M Arnold

*This list includes  
 all members who joined  
 the SOCIETY since Jan. 21,  
 1978. The names are  
 listed as they appeared  
 on the membership applica-  
 tions. We hope that we  
 have not omitted any name  
 that belongs on this page,  
 and apologize for any omis-  
 sions or errors. Please  
 notify our office to  
 request any corrections.*



Mr. Herman D. Schwartz  
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#### MEMBERSHIP GROWS RAPIDLY

As of September 4, 1978, the Society had 370 members, an increase of 108 since January 1, 1978. These new members include 5 sponsors, 8 patrons, and 34 sustaining members. Fourteen members have voluntarily increased their contributions for 1978 over those given in 1977.

Another interesting membership note: every speaker the Society has ever had at a program either was a member or subsequently joined, with the exception of one speaker who does not reside in the Chicago area.

Those who have not paid their 1978 dues are urgently requested to do so in order that the CJHS may continue to explore the frontiers of Chicago Jewish history. Since "staff" is composed entirely of volunteers, activities such as billing take up the limited spare time of members who could devote the same time to programming and other activities which would benefit the entire membership.

--Chas. B. Bernstein, Treas.

#### 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 CJHS Treasurer, Charles B. Bernstein, 5457 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago 60615.

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