CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY BY OPENING 1st EXHIBIT

The Society's birthday present to itself and to Chicago Jewry is the completion of the work on its first exhibit, "Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow"—a collection of artifacts belonging to Chicago's early Jewish settlers. The exhibit will open officially on February 12 to coincide with the Society's next open meeting. The exhibit will be housed at Spertus College of Judaica.

Though small in size, the exhibit is rich in content. Featured among the beautiful and unusual items will be memorabilia of Michael Reese Hospital dating back to mid-19th century. These include the dedication letter, a diary, newspapers, medical reports and pictures. The collection will also display an antique sewing machine, a wedding dress, and a ketuba—all belonging to early Chicago Jewish families.

The opening of this exhibit is a crowning achievement of the Society's first year, as it represents the volunteer work of non-professional members of the Society, motivated and guided by their love for Chicago Jewry's fascinating past.

Exhibit Committee members: 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.

SPECIAL 1ST ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 12 OPEN MEETING

RACHEL HEIMOVICS WILL GIVE A SLIDE TALK ENTITLED:

"Who Stole the Organ from Liebman Adler's Shul?"

The program will include slides of CJHS activities of its first year.

preceded by

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION & OPENING CEREMONIES OF OUR 1ST EXHIBIT

"Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow"

SPERTUS COLLEGE - BEDERMAN HALL
618 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE

1:30 P.M., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1978

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CJHS ON TV

On Sunday morning, February 26th, our president, Muriel Robin, and our treasurer, Charles B. Bernstein, will be interviewed on "Some of My Best Friends." We suggest that you watch Channel 5 at 9 am for some of our best friends.
**TODAY'S HISTORY MAKERS**

Notable doings of Society members:

SOL BRANDZEL was honored by Histadrut at a testimonial dinner on Sunday, Nov. 6 for his work for that organization and the Chicago Jewish community. Mayor Bilandic was present and Bayard Rustin spoke on the similarity of interests of blacks and Jews, concluding with the singing of "Let My People Go."

SHAINA PEARLE COHN's letter to the editor in the Nov. issue of the JUF News shed some light on early American Jewish governors.

DONALD KAHAN & BERT B. WEINSTEIN were awarded the honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters and Doctor of Hebrew Letters, respectively, from Spertus College of Judaica at a recent convocation.

**LECTURERS**

Many of our members have been busy on the lecture circuit. The BERNSTEINS (CHARLES & ROBERTA) have been giving their dramatized talk, "Some Vignettes of Chicago Jewish History," and Chuck has done his talk on "The Whys and Hows of Jewish Genealogy" on several occasions. IRVING CUTLER gave his slide lecture on "The Growth & Development of the Chicago Jewish Community" to Sunday morning breakfast groups at Congregations Rodfei Zedek (Nov. 13) and Shaare Tikkvah (Dec. 11). RACHEL HEIMOVICS delivered her talk entitled "The Pioneers in Our Closets" at Niles Township Jewish Congregation in the Fall, and her slide lecture on "History of Chicago Jewry" at Temple Jeremiah on Dec. 2. She has also been teaching a 23-week adult education course on Saturday afternoon at Temple Solel on "Chicago & the American Jewish Experience."

These talks and many others are available through our Speakers Referral Service, run by Ruth Brandzel.

**ORAL HISTORIANS BEING TRAINED**

The Oral History Committee, jointly chaired by MARK MANDLE and MOSELLE MINTZ, held its second training session for volunteers on Jan. 19 at the Horwich JCC. Professor EDWARD MAZUR taught the group the techniques of conducting an oral history interview. Mazur teaches at Chicago City College and is an authority on Jews in Chicago politics.

If you are interested in learning how to do this work but missed signing up for the initial training sessions, call Mark Mandle at our office, 663-5634. More sessions will be scheduled in the future.

**TYPISTS NEEDED**

The Oral History Committee still needs typists to transcribe recorded interviews. Call our office if you are able to help in this area.

**NATIONAL JEWISH ROOTS GROUP PLANTED**

Elizabeth, N.J. (Oct. 23, '77)--

The Jewish Genealogical Society was founded here today by eleven persons, including CJHS treasurer CHARLES B. BERNSTEIN, who was elected a director.

The organization was conceived by an Elizabeth physician, Dr. Neil Rosenstein, who invited several genealogists, both professional and amateur, to his home to start the organization. Rosenstein is the author of The Unbroken Chain (Shengold, 1976), the monumental study of the Katzenellenbogen family.

Also present among the founding members were Dan Rottenberg, who popularized Jewish genealogy with his recent book Finding Our Fathers (Random House, 1977), and Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, dean of American Jewish genealogists and author of Americans of Jewish Descent.

Anyone interested in this new organization can contact Charles Bernstein at our office, 663-5634.
SOCIETY NEWS

CJHS WELCOMES DR. JACOB R. MARCUS

We are proud to announce the recent membership of DR. JACOB RADER MARCUS of Cincinnati, the well-known American Jewish historian and founder and director of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati. The Society looks forward to his participation in its affairs and his wise counsel in years to come.

Dr. Marcus has been on the faculty of Hebrew Union College since 1920 and is past president of the American Jewish Historical Society. He received the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters, Honoris Causa, from the Spertus College of Judaica last June, along with fellow Society members, DR. DAVID GRAUBART and DR. BERT B. WEINSTEIN.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the CJHS is open to all. The dues categories are:
$ 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, Ill. 60615.

ARCHIVES MATERIAL

The Archives Committee welcomes your donations of personal and organizational materials. RICHARD MARCUS, chairman of the committee, will be happy to discuss your materials with you and arrange for their deposit in the Chicago Jewish Archives.

The Archives Committee also needs helpers to classify and file.
Call Marcus at our office 663-5634 to discuss donating materials or to volunteer your services.

BUS TOURS RESUME IN SPRING

CJHS-sponsored bus tours of historic Jewish Chicago will resume in the spring. Plans are now being made for a new series of interesting tours to a wide variety of historic sites. Watch the SOCIETY NEWS for further announcements.

Tours can be tailor-made to suit the needs of your group—children, teens, or adults. Call our office with your requests so that they may be considered in our plans.

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.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a very special privilege for me to write the President's Message for this issue of SOCIETY NEWS. It is a full year since the first seeds of our Society were sown, and the pages of this NEWS tell of many accomplishments and ongoing activities of the Society. The preceding pages indicate the wide range of activities in which we are engaged, and the following pages list the people and the organizations who support us. This message is placed between the activities and the "activitores" - a comfortable spot for a president!

The support of so many organizations and individuals indicates to us the importance of our Society in the Jewish community. Memberships (from $5.00 student and senior memberships to sponsoring memberships of $100 and up) are enabling us to provide the services that are being requested: bi-monthly open meetings, archival collecting for the Chicago Jewish Archives, historical exhibits, oral history interviews and transcription, a speaker referral service for Chicago area organizations and more...we invite your suggestions.

The exceptional contribution of the Spertus College of Judaica - the use of their facilities, including our beautiful Michigan Avenue office - deserves special mention. We are grateful to the Spertus Trustees and staff for making us welcome, and invite all of our members to enjoy the outstanding facilities available at 618 S. Michigan Avenue: the College, Library, Museum and Museum Store.

The officers, board members and committee members enable us to accomplish so much and to set and achieve many goals. Their dedication to Chicago Jewish History is making many things happen. We hope that you are participating; if not, may we invite you and your friends to join in the excitement of helping to preserve yesterday - and today - for tomorrow.

MURIEL ROBIN
HONOR ROLL OF OUR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE CHICAGO JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY DURING OUR FIRST YEAR, AND WHOSE SUPPORT AND EFFORTS HAVE MADE OUR GROWTH POSSIBLE.

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This list includes all members who joined the SOCIETY during its first year. The names are listed as they appeared on the membership applications.

We hope that we have not omitted any name that belongs on these pages, and sincerely apologize for any omissions or errors. Please notify our office to request corrections.

Our first fiscal year ends on June 30, 1978 and all memberships will be due for renewal at that time. We anticipate your continued support and your positive response to our membership letter.
IN MEMORIAM

Nat M. Kahn (1895-1977)

The Society records with sorrow the sudden passing Dec. 13, 1977, of member NAT M. KAHN, Esq., a distinguished and widely admired chronicler of Chicago Jewish history for over 35 years.

Nathan Maurice Kahn was born in Chicago on January 9, 1895, to Max and Anna (Rosenthal) Kahn, who came to Chicago from Lithuania in the 1880's and operated a delicatessen on Maxwell St. and at other locations on the "Vest Site", as Mr. Kahn fondly referred to it. A brilliant student, he passed the bar examination before graduating from Chicago Kent College of Law. He practiced law continuously for 61 years, achieving renown as one of the most respected members of the Chicago bar and one of the nation's leading probate lawyers. He was the author of more than 100 published articles on probate law.

A devotee of the theatre, he wrote plays on the theme of probate law that were enacted statewide, and for 39 years he had a part in the annual Chicago Bar Association "Christmas Spirits" show. Only a week before his death, he delighted patrons at the show with his portrayal, in a huge sombrero, of a sleepy worker at the Panama Canal.

His writing talents were also lovingly put to use in the field of Chicago Jewish history, and it was his fondness for the past that led Mr. Kahn to the CJHS. A raconteur par excellence, Mr. Kahn began to write periodic letters of news from home to his son when the latter went away to college in 1941. Gradually, this correspondence grew into a monthly newsletter of ten or more legal-sized, single-spaced typewritten pages. The "Blockbuster", as it was called, included nostalgic reminiscences of people and events, such as life on the "Vest Site", the careers of famous lawyers whom Mr. Kahn had known, and stories of other people, both prominent and not so prominent in Chicago, whose paths crossed Mr. Kahn's.

Gradually, friends asked to receive the "Blockbuster". At last count it had 127 subscribers, including the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati. Mr. Kahn added the Chicago Jewish Archives to his list when he joined the CJHS in July, 1977. The "Blockbusters" were replete with humorous quips. A standard one in every issue was that all subscribers had lifetime subscriptions—for the life of Mr. Kahn, not the subscriber.

The "Blockbusters" unfold the evolution of the Chicago Jewish community and its members, from the ghetto days when an Orthodox college student refused to eat the candy a free-thinking friend offered him during Passover, to the North Shore restaurant 60 years later when that same college student enjoyed a lobster dinner.

Mr. Kahn is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Goldie Newman; as well as a daughter, Carol Eisenschiml of Highland Park, Ill., whose husband Ralph is the son of the late noted Lincoln scholar, Otto Eisenschiml; a son, Morley David Kahn of Greenwich, Conn., who is married to the former Yvette Greifer of Providence, R.I.; and a daughter-in-law, the former Betty Ginsberg of Chicago, who is the widow of Mr. Kahn's elder son, the late Richard Gordon Kahn, also a distinguished probate lawyer.

Nat M. Kahn was a man in love with Chicago Jewish history and he translated that love into an enjoyable and informative record for the next generation. The Society will miss the "Blockbuster" and its enthusiastic author.