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SALUTE TO THE 100th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CITY OF HOBOKEN

AND

A TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF HOBOKEN

*For Their Contribution to the Welfare
 and Progress of Their Community*



Hoboken Centennial Schedule

March 26 - 27 (Saturday - Sunday)

Services in synagogues and churches of all religious faiths.
 2 P.M. Parade along Washington St., with Gov. Meyner on reviewing stand.

March 28 (Monday)

11 A.M. Special Session of City Council at City Hall.
 1 P.M. Open House throughout city, schools, libraries, factories, etc., open for inspection.
 8:30 P.M. Fraternal Night. Joint meeting of fraternal groups at Hoboken Lodge of Elks, at 1005 Washington St., movie "Hoboken the Miracle Mile" — to be shown.

March 29 (Tuesday)

8:30 — Musical Pageant at Brandt School, 9th and Garden Sts., sponsored by Joint PTA's, Allied Women's Clubs, and Waldheim Stevens Forum.

March 30 (Wednesday)

12:15 — Service Club Day — Joint luncheon of service clubs at Union Club. Movie, "Hoboken, the Miracle Mile," will be shown.

8:30 — Finals of Miss Centennial Beauty Contest at Union Club.

March 30 (Thursday)

8:30 Veterans Night. Joint meeting of veterans groups at Hoboken Post No. 107, Legion Hall, 13th and Willow Sts.

April 1 (Friday)

To Be Announced

April 2 (Saturday)

9 A.M. Hoboken Lions Club Centennial Kiddies Party at Fabian Theatre.

3 P.M. Dedication of Marconi Statue at Church Square Park.

President Eisenhower Felicitates Hoboken On Its Centennial Year

President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent greetings to the residents of Hoboken on the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the city.

In the letter received by Mayor John J. Grogan, the president wrote:

"My greetings and good wishes go to all citizens of Hoboken as your city observes the 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

"The Hoboken area — to which Dutch settlers came in the first half of the Seventeenth Century — is rich in historical associations. And the city itself has had a busy and eventful history as a great American port.

"I trust the coming years will see its citizens continue their ceaseless contribution to the commercial, educational and industrial life of our country."



1855

100th Anniversary Of Hoboken

1955

Highlights Of Hoboken History

Hoboken, a bustling community of 50,000 in Hudson County, will observe the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a city on March 28. To mark the observance, Mayor John J. Grogan has announced a week-long program of events and a parade on March 27 which will demonstrate the might of Hoboken industry.

The city has a proud history dating back to the 1600's.

Soon after the discovery of the Hudson River in 1609 by Captain Henry Hudson, the merchants of Holland were allowed by the Dutch government to take possession of its shores under conditions stipulating that those who planted colonies of 50 adults would be entitled to 16 miles of riverfront, provided the Indians were paid for the land taken.

PAUW OBTAINS TITLE

In 1630, Michael Pauw obtained the right and title to the land which now comprises Hoboken. The lands in the deed are marked Hobocan, Hackingh.

Hackingh signified landmark and Hobocan was the Indian word for tobacco-pipe. The natives were accustomed to procuring a stone from these lands out of which they carved pipes. Through the years the name of the mile-square tract of land on the Hudson's west banks gradually changed to Hoboken.

Pauw's ownership became unpopular and in 1635 the title was vested in the West Indian Trading Company. The firm paid Pauw 26,000 florins, or \$1,040.

INDIAN WAR

War with the Indians broke out two years later and was terminated in 1645 when a treaty was signed. A year later another war broke out, however, and the Indians once more took possession of the land.

In 1658 the land now comprising Hoboken, together with other territory located between the Hackensack and Hudson Rivers, was deeded by the Indians to Peter Stuyvesant for 80 fathoms or double kettle and one barrel of strong beer.

The famous Stevens family, whose history is synonymous with that of Hoboken, first appeared on the scene on March 16, 1784. It was then

that the land comprising Hoboken was sold to John Stevens by Nicholas Bayard for about \$90,000.

COLLEGE FOUNDED

It was the Stevens family that founded the now famed Stevens Institute of Technology, one of the nation's finest engineering colleges makes its home in Hoboken.

On the site of the campus, Col. John Stevens designed and constructed America's first steam railway in 1826. He designed and constructed a steam-powered boat on the shores of the Hudson near the city before Fulton first operated his "Claremont."

From the day that Cornelius V. Clickener took office as first mayor in 1855, following its incorporation on March 28, until Mayor Grogan assumed office in July, 1953, Hoboken's history has been coupled with progress.

RICH IN HISTORY

It was in Hoboken that the fabulous Astor family maintained a summer residence; one of the Napoleons lived while in exile and Gen. Lafayette was entertained at the Stevens estate on the Hudson.

Here, too, is the only building left standing in which William Collins Foster made his home and wrote some of his famous ballads.

Many veterans recall Hoboken as the port from which they sailed during World War I when hundreds of thousands of soldiers came ashore from piers in the city.

CHOICE WATERFRONT

Hoboken's waterfront, in the choicest section of the city, played a major part in its history and development. Coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation will be the dedication of a new marine terminal in Hoboken by the Port of New York Authority. The terminal will be opened in February.

The pier, one of the world's greatest, is a reminder said Mayor Grogan, that "Hoboken can look confidently at the 100 years just ahead."

Kupper Bier, Jewish Pioneer Of Hoboken, Lived To Age Of 110

As Hoboken Jewry joins in the celebration of the city's centennial, its thoughts flash back to a colorful figure in their community who died in 1926 at the age of 110.

He was Kupper Bier who came to this country from Austria in 1892 and settled in Hoboken three years later. He became one of the leaders of Moses Montefiore Synagogue and gained nationwide recognition as one of the nation's oldest men when he celebrated his 110th birthday.

The greatest event in his life came when he was extended an invitation to the White House by President Calvin Coolidge.



WHITE HOUSE VISIT—Kupper Bier, onetime leader of Moses Montefiore Synagogue, Hoboken, was about 108 years old when he posed with President Calvin Coolidge in 1924. The centenarian was invited to tea by the president and was generally regarded as one of the oldest men in the United States. He was 110 when he died.

His was the philosophy of ease.

"Take things as they come," he would say, "Don't worry and you, too, can live to be as old as I am. Worry isn't necessary, because it's all imagination. If you work, you're kept busy."

"People who are busy haven't time to worry. Keep working, keep busy and don't worry — that's how to be happy and grow old."

But the infirmities of age and the shock that resulted from his flowing beard going afire when he tried to light a cigar, hastened the death of the kindly old gentleman. He left 13 children, 40 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



JEWISH PIONEERS of Hoboken shown above are some of the early Jewish settlers of the city.

shown above are some of the early Jewish settlers of the city. They were the officers and

members of the Board of Trustees of the Star of Israel Synagogue which later merged with the United Synagogue now located at 115 Park Ave.

Recall Jewish Life In Early Days Of Hoboken

History Of Growth Of Jewish Community

By Moe Aronsberg

On this auspicious occasion of the 100th anniversary of the City of Hoboken, it should be appropriately noted that the Jews have played an important part in the history of this city.

It should also be pointed out that some of the early Jewish settlers were active, in 1855, when the City of Hoboken was incorporated and that their descendants have maintained active interest in civic affairs down through the years.

The first Jews that came to Hoboken could very well have migrated across the Hudson River from the crowded tenements of New York's famous East Side section. Although they were pioneers in a strange location, the first Jews of Hoboken were able to keep in close contact with their brethren in New York via the short ride of the Hoboken ferry.

First Orthodox Services

I well remember many stories that were told to me by my late father, Michael Aronsberg, about the early settlers. When he came to Hoboken about 1886 there was a very small community of Jews and he told me many times that there were but seven orthodox Jews residing in the lower part of Hoboken, which was commonly known as the Fourth Ward. They were small shopkeepers.



MOE ARONSBURG

Son of one of the pioneer Jewish families of Hoboken who contributed this article for this anniversary.

ish American War and became members of the late and beloved Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

The Jewish community had been steadily growing and then another congregation was founded and the religious services of that congregation were held in 79 Grand St. at the Jewish Community Center. Headquarters were then set up at 111 Grand St. The building was owned by the late Michael J. Lolly who used the lower floor as the saloon and hangout for the politicians of that day.

Fire Destroys Synagogue

They held services there for a couple of years and then this group was banded together and named the congregation, the Star of Israel Congregation of Hoboken. During the time that they held services at Grand St., a fire broke out and a considerable amount of destruction was caused to the building but, all of the Torahs were saved by the fire department and a number of non-Jewish neighbors who assisted in putting out this fire.

The building had a \$500 insurance policy on the furnishings which at that time was placed by my father, thanks to this little "nest egg" this little group decided that the time was right to build a modern house of worship.

Ambitious Pioneers

In 1913 the group of pioneers purchased a lot at 115-117 Park Ave. where it decided to erect the synagogue. Many social activities such as theater parties, were held to raise sufficient funds to help erect this edifice. A note was also drawn up in the sum of \$15,000. The money was borrowed from The First National Bank of Hoboken.

It is needless to say that the enthusiasm of the members was running much higher than the debts that confronted them. They then secured a \$20,000 mortgage on the building and with the \$15,000 previously borrowed and 2 cemeteries having been purchased, the debts of the Star of Israel Congregation had mounted to over \$40,000. Quite a large sum of debt for a small group of pioneers.

The sisterhood was subsequently formed. With their hard and able work this staggering debt was wittled down and the mort-

gage and all of the debts were subsequently wiped out.

Morris Eichler First Pres.

The records of the Star of Israel synagogue, show that it was organized on October 10, 1905 and the first president was the late Morris Eichler who conducted a retail dry goods store at First and Grand St. George M. Eichler, attorney, is his son. Construction began in 1914. The building was dedicated on May 20, 1915. The silver anniversary of this congregation and appropriate ceremonies were held in 1930, culminating 25 years of progress.

Another great event occurred when on January 30, 1938, the mortgage was burned at ceremonies that was attended by many of the dignitaries of this city and county as well as by many outstanding Rabbis.

Charter Members

The charter members of this congregation are as follows:

M. Jacobs, D. Gross, A. Shlein, M. Eichler, M. Moore, K. Kristal, A. Laurie, J. K. Stein, B. Rigler, M. Aronsberg, I. Radner, M. Jacobson, P. Gottlieb, M. Taub, D. Greenberg.

J. Bier, L. Novitch, M. Gross-



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Civic, welfare and philanthropic leader.

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Only A Few Alive Today

It is sad to relate that most of these original founders and workers for this congregation died. The only original charter members that are alive today are L. Bittman and K. Pokaminsky who live out of town, and S. Zorn who still is in business at 413 First St.

Going back for a moment, the chairman of the building committee at the time this synagogue was (Continued on Page 12)

A Salute to Hoboken Jewry on the City's 100th Anniversary

"It seems significant that as Hoboken marks the 100th anniversary as a city, members of the Jewish faith are commemorating the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Jewish pioneers in America.

"We in Hoboken can well be proud of our past 100 years. During the past century our city grew from a hamlet on the Hudson River's west banks to a mighty industrial community with a worldwide shipping reputation.

"Hoboken residents of the Jewish faith have played a major role over the past century in helping their city attain the high place it now enjoys in the state and nation.

"They now have a double cause for celebrating. As they mark the date of the arrival of the first Jewish immigrants 300 years ago, the city they have helped to build has attained the century mark.

"We salute them on this historical milestone in our lives."

John J. Grogan, Mayor

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Fifth Ward

Joseph Bartletta
Sixth Ward



MICHAEL ARONSBURG

Pioneer Patriarch of Hoboken Orthodox Jewry and one of the founders of the Moses Montifiore and Star of Israel Synagogue.

The first orthodox services were held in the rear of my father's shoe store and at that time it was located on First St., near Grand St.

In order to hold these services, he had to recruit from lower Jersey City, a few of the Jewish residents every morning and every evening. This was done daily until a few more orthodox Jews finally moved into Hoboken. A short time later they decided to build a house of worship at 80 Grand St. which is now known as Moses Montifiore Synagogue. It was opened about 1899.

Built Institute in 1902

It prospered for awhile since it was the only orthodox synagogue in Hoboken. During the years that intervened, a younger group became active and founded a young Men's Hebrew Association, which subsequently built the Hebrew Institute at 79 Grand St. in 1902.

Many of the young men of that day became very active in the community. Several of them volunteered for service in the Span-

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built was my father, the late Michael Aronsberg, who was in the insurance business. And although he was not very prosperous at the time, he gave almost a year of his time away from his business to supervise the construction of the synagogue.

Merged With Center

The synagogue is still in existence and is very commodious. A few years ago it was merged with the Hoboken Jewish Center which was holding religious services at 830 Hudson St. At the time of the merger it was decided that the congregation transform from an orthodox to a conservative congregation and be known as the United Synagogue.

The first president of the United Synagogue was Benjamin Rothbard who had been president of the Star of Israel at the time of the merger. Religious services are still held daily at that building.

Temple Adas Emuno

Of course, there was another Jewish congregation in Hoboken between 6th and 7th St. on Garden St., which was known as the Temple Adas Emuno and was founded by a group of German Jewish settlers in 1871, 84 years ago. It had been remodeled several time down through the years and is still very active as a reform congregation.

Some of the members of this original group were: Louis L. Ettinger who conducted a dry goods store on 3rd and Wash. St.; Leon Hart who conducted a dry goods store around 3rd and Wash. St.; Max Driesen who had a dry goods store around 3rd and Wash. St.; A family by the name of Simon who had a dry goods store; Herman Geismar a haberdashery mer-



NATHAN MARCUS
President of United Synagogue,
leading merchant and civic
leader.

chant; A family by the name of Kahn who had a liquor store on Wash. St.; David Mayer who had a pawnbroker business, and George Pinner who was a glazier in his day.

List Early Settlers

Among the very early settlers of downtown Hoboken was a family by the name of Casper who



LOUIS TAMARIN
Past president of United Syna-
gogue of Hoboken.

was a glazier around 1st and Adams St. Mr. Unger who had a cafe around 1st St. and Jefferson St. The Beck family likewise had a cafe. The Buckbinder family was in the millinery business at 1st St.

M. Greenberg had a store on Newark and Adams St. He was the father of Assemblyman Joseph Greenberg well known attorney formerly of Hoboken and now of Los Angeles. Mr. Levinson had a shoe store on First and Madison
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HERMAN GEISMAR
Pioneer merchant and civic
leader.



STILL IN BUSINESS — Geismar's, at 222 Washington St., founded in 1588 as a men's haberdashery, is one of Hoboken's well known stores.

Rabbi Hirschensohn Won Wide Acclaim As Writer, Scholar

**DIED IN 1935 AT
80 YEARS OF AGE**

The community of Hoboken, in 1935, joined Jewry the world over in mourning the death of Rabbi Chaim Hirschensohn, its venerable rabbi, scholar, and author whose work among the Jews had won wide acclaim.

Rabbi Hirschensohn lived in Hudson County for more than 30 years, spending most of his time in Hoboken. He served as a rabbi in congregations in Hoboken and No. Hudson; the Moses Montefiore, Mt. Zion, Beth Jacob, and Mishkah Israel being among those with which he was connected.

Honored On 80th Birthday

On April 7, 1935, a huge throng of communal leaders, associate rabbis and friends payed tribute to the profound scholar and writer on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Rabbi Hirschensohn was a recognized author, having published numerous Hebraic treatises, Talmudic works and compiled a great deal of material on Palestine.

Largest Jewish Funeral

Word of the death of Rabbi Hirschensohn, on September 15, 1935, spread rapidly and occasioned a solemn atmosphere in Jewish circles, resulting in one of the largest Jewish funerals ever witnessed in this area.

In a front-page "In Memoriam," THE JEWISH STANDARD, on September 20, 1935 expressed the sentiment of Hudson Jewry when it wrote: "Aside from the fact that he was a profound scholar and writer; that his was the possession of glorious ancestry and descent; he lived the extremely beautiful and genuinely spiritual life.

"His gentility of soul made all those who came in contact with him feel their own sordidness. The warmth of his heart made all those whose honor it was to even



RABBI CHAIM HIRSCHENSOHN know him, feel the prickings of conscience in their own little niches of darkness. And the divinity that radiated from his face made men who came within its beams see the reflections of selfishness on their own countenance."

Rabbi Hirschensohn left his footprints on the sand of time.

Hoboken Jewry To Aid Drive For Catholic School

That Jewish people believe in contributing to charities of all faiths was proved once again with the announcement that a committee in Hoboken will be formed to raise funds to finance construction of a parochial school by St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

Lewis D. Wallace deputy director of Hoboken's Health and Welfare Dep't, as well as co-chairman of the 1955 UJA campaign in Hoboken, said the committee is now being formed to support the St. Ann's fund drive aimed at a goal of \$125,000.

Jews in the past have contributed to many similar causes throughout Hudson County as part of their contribution to their community and also for the co-
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"GREETINGS"

SAMUEL SPINGARN

President of Congregation Adas Emuno
HOBOKEN, N.J.

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ORGANIZED IN 1871:

Adas Emuno Was First Synagogue In Hoboken

The history of Congregation Adas Emuno almost parallels the history of the City of Hoboken, now celebrating its 100th anniversary.

It is known there were a few Jewish families settled in Hoboken in the early days of our Republic, but it wasn't until the Civil War period that any effort to establish some sort of organized Jewish worship was made.

Organized in 1871

For some 10 years, starting in the early 1860's, the Jews of Hoboken worshiped in residences, but on Oct. 22, 1871, a small group met at Odd Fellows Hall, then on Washington and Second Streets, to organize the first permanent Jewish Congregation of Hudson County. They also adopted the name of Adas Emuno and established themselves at Capp's Hall, near the corner of Hudson and Second Sts.

Shortly after its incorporation in 1872, the congregation moved to a building at the corner of Bloomfield and Fifth Streets, where the first religious school was established. The congregation was immediately recognized as an important link in the religious life of the community and on Dec. 20, 1872, it received a section of Flower Hill Cemetery as a gift from the Hoboken Cemetery Company, which is still maintained by the congregation.

In 1873 a great depression hit the community and an aid society, now known as the Hebrew Ladies Aid Society of Congreg. Adas Emuno, was organized to help the many needy members.

Received Land Grant

In the early 1880's, the famed Stevens family, which founded Stevens Tech, gave the congregation a land grant in perpetuity for the erection of a temple at 637 Garden St. Building funds were raised and even children aided by selling "bricks" to the people of Hoboken.

Finally, the building was built and on April 15, 1883, the dedication of the edifice, which still stands, took place. The Hebrew Ladies Aid Society donated the first organ and in October 1896, the silver anniversary of the congregation was celebrated.

In 1904, it became apparent that



SAMUEL SPINGARN
President of
Congreg. Adas Emuno

the functions of the Hebrew Ladies Aid Society were too numerous and a new auxiliary was formed to take over the activities in support of the temple. Thus, the Herman Heyman Auxiliary was organized in memory of a former president.

Cemetery in No. Arlington

The congregation also took possession of land in North Arlington, transforming it into a cemetery in 1907, with a beautiful park, spacious lawns and attractive shrub-



RABBI J. MAX WEIS
Spiritual leader of
Congreg. Adas Emuno

ery. Ground was also made available to non-Jews. Today the cemetery is used by Jews throughout northern New Jersey.

The Congregation sent many of its members to fight in World War

I, including the incumbent rabbi, who became a chaplain in the army.

50th Anniversary in 1921

In 1921, as the congregation continued to grow and prosper, it celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala banquet at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. One of the features of the affair was the burning of the mortgage on the temple building.

In 1921, the 60th anniversary was celebrated with a dinner-dance at Waldheim Stevens Forum of Hoboken. A year later, the Temple edifice and the vestry were renovated. Ten years later, the Temple was completely renovated.

Waldheim Endowment

In 1937, the congregation re-



BERNARD E. MARX
Hon. president and
past president of Congreg.
Adas Emuno

ceived an endowment from Phillip Waldheim, a former member. Included in the endowment was the old Waldheim residence together with a sizeable maintenance and construction fund.

The Congregation exchanged this building with the house at 639 Garden St., adjacent to the Temple. The latter was completely renovated in 1945 and is now known as the Philip Waldheim Memorial Community House of Congregation Adas Emuno. The building contains meeting rooms, school rooms, recreation rooms, rabbi's study and caretaker's home, making the building an important factor in the social and educational program of the community.

In 1944, the men's club was reorganized to the present Brotherhood and established itself as a vitalizing link in the Temple family. In 1945, the Sisterhood celebrated its 25th anniversary with a dinner-dance at the Hotel New Yorker.

Many of the members answered the call for World War II and a few gave their lives. They served in all branches of the service, and in all ranks.

75th Anniversary in 1946

In 1946, the group celebrated its 75th anniversary with a dinner at the Hotel Pennsylvania. And in 1951, the 80th anniversary celebration was held in the Hotel New Yorker.

With 80-odd years behind it, the congregation looks back on its achievements and looks with pride to the future. Many members of the congregations reside outside Hoboken, coming from cities in Bergen County, New York and Long Island. Many descendants



Building of Congreg. Adas Emuno located at 637 Garden Street, Hoboken.

of the first families are still members. They are attracted back to their Congregation by the services of worship, as well as by various holiday celebrations, and social affairs.

Sponsors Many Activities

In addition to these many activities for the adults, there is a well-rounded program for the youngsters of the community. The youth activities program draws its membership from the Jewish community at large, regardless of religious trends.

There is a Sunday school which teaches not only every important subject of the Jewish curriculum, but takes the children on trips to community institutions and museums. Hebrew is taught as a means of understanding the prayers.

The rabbi and lay leaders, as well as the auxiliary organizations, are represented in the broader charitable, educational, civic and cultural endeavors of the city and the county. Members of the congregation serve the Hebrew Home for Orphans and Aged of Hudson and Bergen Counties. They take part in numerous other charitable drives, including the United Jew-

ish Appeal, as well as the Red Cross.

Reform Worship

Affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the congregation conducts its services in the reform type of Jewish worship.

So as Cong. Adas Emuno looks ahead, it looks to years and years of the same type of advancement and achievement as it has enjoyed over the past 80-odd years.

Serving as president of the congregation at the present time is Samuel Spingarn, well known attorney. Mrs. Arthur Siegal is president of the Sisterhood. Aaron Sissman is president of the Brotherhood, Bernard E. Marx is honorary president. Mrs. Rose Lehman and Mrs. Irving Friedman are honorary presidents of the Sisterhood.

FORMER PRESIDENTS
CONGREG. ADAS EMUNO

Rino Berel	1871-1874
Louis Ettinger	1874-1890
Gustav Hirschberg	1890-1893
Herman Heyman	1893-1904
Solomon Moos	1904-1909
Albert Schiller	1909-1917
Samuel Neuburger	1917-1919
Charles Heller	1919-1932
Bernard E. Marx	1932-1947
Milton N. Neuman	1947-1949
Bernard Marx	1949-1951
Samuel Spingarn	1951

FAITH

When you take each new day
As a gift from above,
To enjoy ev'ry way
To make fullest use of,
And let go of the past
Its mistakes and its grief,
To the present hold fast:
You'll affirm your belief
In the future—the way
Of God's plan and His love—
When you take each new day
As a gift, from above.
—Carl C. Helm

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