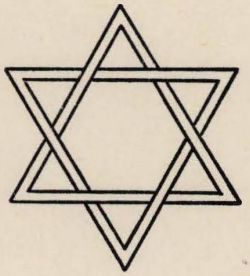
HISTORY OF THE LOS ALAMOS JEWISH CENTER

Los Alamos, New Mexico

(1944 to 1957)

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CHAPTER I

The Earliest Beginnings

On a certain Friday evening, in September of the year 1944, a small group of American soldiers, and one member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC), held Sabbath services, in the Hebrew language, in an army theatre at a camp which, at that time, was virtually unknown, even to those persons living in the immediate vicinity. It was listed solely as a Post Office Box number in nearby Santa Fe, New Mexico (thirty-six miles southeast), and it was, and is, of course, Los Alamos, the atomic bomb and nuclear research center. [On Monday, February 18, 1957, after thirteen years of top secrecy and of admission only through passes controlled by armed guards, the city of Los Alamos was declared by the United States Government and by the Atomic Energy Commission (A.E.C.) to be an "open city," and the guards and the gates leading to the city proper, but not to the special areas, were removed.]

The persons who were originally responsible for the above-mentioned first Jewish religious services in Los Alamos were Lionel Shapiro, a member of the Special Engineer Detachment (S.E.D.), who acted as the cantor or reader; Florence Pachter, a member of the Women's Army Corps; and Philip Rothstein and Maurice Gold, both members of the Provisional Engineer Detachment (P.E.D.) at this camp.

A few weeks after these religious services were initiated, three civilian scientists, Leon [J.] Brown, Sigmund Harris, and Morton Comac, who had come to work on the project, took an enthusiastic interest in building up these services, and, together with several other persons, including Major Matthew Imrie, the Post Chaplain; Saul Brourman and Kenneth Goldman, S.E.D.'s; Captain Jack Brooks, the Medical Officer; and two civilian scientists and their wives, J. [ames M.] Taub and Sally Taub and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Friedlander, they formed the Hebrew Services Committee. Its purpose was to plan Hebrew religious services each Friday night, and also to arrange holiday celebrations, such as for Purim, Passover, Chanukah, and Rosh Hashanah (New Year), and the like. A Friday night service as held at Los Alamos then consisted of Conservative religious services, followed by a cultural program consisting of either a talk given by some guest speaker, or of a group discussion, or of both.

In the period from November, 1944, to May, 1945, the "congregation" at Los Alamos had a Chanukah party, a Purim party, and a mammoth Passover Seder. The Seder was under the chairmanship and supervision of Mrs. James M. (Sally) Taub. Attendance at these celebra-

tions exceeded that at the Friday night services, the maximum attendance, 110 persons, being attained at the Seder. Colonel Tyler, who was the Post Commander at that time, and Major Matthew Imrie, the Post Chaplain, delivered addresses at this affair. The [National] Jewish Welfare Board, which was represented in Santa Fe by Marcel Pic[k], [who later, in the 1950's, served for several years as the president of the Santa Fe Jewish Congregation (Temple), and was still serving in that position in June, 1957, besides being District Grand Lodge representative for New Mexico of the International Order of B'nai B'rith], gave the invisible congregation invaluable help in the form of donations of money, Matzoth, wine, and other materials, including Jewish Welfare Board Bibles and prayer books. Because of military security, all these arrangements were made through official channels by Chaplain Imrie.

After November, 1944, religious services were held in Fuller Lodge. [Fuller Lodge is now known as The Lodge, and is today, in 1957, a greatly enlarged hotel, with two modern wings of concrete and steel added to the original log-cabin-style and wooden structure, and now conducted by the Zia Company, the maintenance company at Los Alamos. Previously, the site of the Los Alamos project and The Lodge was the site of the Los Alamos Ranch School, which was taken over for the atomic energy research project.]

Each week [until mid-1946], individual notices were sent out by mail to all persons of the Los Alamos installation and Jewish community who, it was thought, might be interested in attending religious services once a week, or less frequently. The committee met one night each week for the purpose of planning programs of the type briefly described above, and for a number of months provided the Los Alamos "congregation" with speakers from its own group for the Friday night services. The Hebrew congregation at Los Alamos, New Mexico, is a perfect example of what a little bit of cooperation between G.I.'s and civilians can accomplish.

[The Hebrew Congregation at Los Alamos, New Mexico, continued in existence until the late midsummer of 1946, when it was disbanded, due to the fact that World War II had, in the interim, come to an end, and also by reason of the fact that many civilians and soldiers and members of the Medical Corps were transferred away from "The Hill" (as Los Alamos is often called), or left the camp because of the end of the War, and returned to civilian life. So far as it can now be ascertained, there was weekly religious activity in Los Alamos, with services being conducted at the Big House for and by the remaining Jewish scientists and civilians, until the middle of the year 1948, when, in the late summer of that year, the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah was organized, and, even before that, on July 30, 1948, the Los Alamos Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, No. 1771, was called into existence. From that time to the present (1948 to 1957), organized Jewish religious, communal, cultural, social, fraternal, educational, and philanthropic life and activities have existed uninterruptedly in Los Alamos.]

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In the following alphabetical list of the Jewish residents of, and members of the Hebrew Congregation of, Los Alamos, from September, 1944, to the middle of the year 1946, the following abbreviations are used:

Civ. —Civilian
MP —Military Police
PED —Provisional Engineer Detachment
SED —Special Engineer Detachment
Tech. —Technical
USN —United States Navy
WAC—Women's Army Corps

[The secretary of the Hebrew Congregation of Los Alamos, who kept the notebook and the minutes, as well as the list of names, on which this chapter of the present article and work on the History of the Los Alamos Jewish Center is based, was J. H. (Jack H.) Wernick. The notebook is now (1957) in the possession of Irving Goldfarb, at Los Alamos. J. H. Wernick's notebook, from which these data have been culled and collated, with additions and notes by Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling, Irving Goldfarb, Albert Goodman, Joseph Schaffer, and James M. Taub and Sally Taub, who were members of the Los Alamos Jewish Center in 1956-1957, was entitled "Hebrew Service Committee Notes," by J. H. Wernick.]

[It is of interest, also, that, so far as it is known, the only rabbi who ever visited the Los Alamos Hebrew Congregation in the period from September, 1944, to July, 1946, was Rabbi Solomon E. Starrels, of Temple Albert (Reform), in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is located 100 miles to the southeast of Los Alamos. Rabbi Starrels made perhaps monthly visits to the Los Alamos Hebrew Congregation, under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board, of New York City. Rabbi Starrels left Albuquerque in August, 1948, to become the rabbi of Congregation Mickve Israel, in Savannah, Georgia. After 1946, too, he paid occasional visits to the Los Alamos Jewish community, before the local branches of the Hadassah and of the B'nai B'rith were formed (1948); as did also Rabbi Eugene Gruenberger, who served for one year as the rabbi of Congregation B'Nai Israel (Conservative), in Albuquerque. On December 16, [1944?], according to a fragmentary reference or pencilled note in Secretary Jack H. Wernick's Note Book, Rabbi Starrels participated in a debate at Los Alamos held on the subject: "Resolved: That the policy advocated by Dr. [Abba Hillel] Silver of non-co-operation with the Anglo-American [Commission on] Inquiry in Palestine is best for a reconstituted Zion," in which debate Maurice Shapiro, Florence Pachter, and Ted Hall, and also three unidentified and perhaps unidentifiable Jewish men noted down merely as Sheldon (pro), Milt (con), and Sig (chairman), appear to have participated. It is possible that the "Sig" listed above as serving as the chairman of the debate was Sigmund Harris, who worked with the

[National] Jewish Welfare Board at Los Alamos. The "Milt," who is listed as taking the negative side of the question under debate (con), may have been Milton Bornstein. The identity of the "Sheldon" who is listed as pro (i.e., as taking the affirmative side in the debate) is at the present time totally irrecoverable. In addition, Rabbi Solomon E. Starrels and the Hebrew Congregation at Los Alamos took part, at intervals, in Interfaith Meetings, perhaps in February of the years 1945 and 1946.]

The following list includes the names of 111 Jewish men and women who lived and worked at Los Alamos in 1944 to 1946: [A dash indicates that the first name is now unknown.]

Saul Aaronson MP
Irwin J. Apple PED
Captain [Harold?] Barnett
Captain Howard Belgorod
Dentist
---- Berenson PED
Captain Jerry Bigelson Dentist
[Milton Bornstein] SED
Captain Jack Brooks
Saul Brourman SED
Blanche Brown Civ.
Leon [J.] Brown Civ.
[Leon J. Brown was still resident and working on "The Hill' in June, 1957.]
Sam Cohen Civ.
Morton Comac Civ.
Sergeant ---- Cooper SED
Ralph Edelman SED
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fishbine
[Harold and Bonnie Fishbein] Civ.
[Harold Fishbein was still living and working on "The Hill" in June, 1957, but he was not identified with the Jewish community.]
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fisher Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleischer Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Frankel Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Friedlander Civ.
---- Galler SED
---- Gerson SED
Maurice Gold PED
William S. Gold PED
Robert [Bob] Goldberg SED
Irving and Esther Goldfarb
C Shop
[Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goldfarb were still resident on "The Hill" in June, 1957; Irving Goldfarb was a former president of the Los Alamos Jewish Center, from October, 1955, to October, 1956, and in June, 1957, he was serving as a member of its Board of Directors; Esther B. Goldfarb was a former president (1948-1950 and 1954-1955) of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah.]
Kenneth Goldman SED
Stan.[ley] Goldsmith Civ.
Ernest Gray SED
Lieutenant and Mrs. ---- Gross
Tech.
William Gusinow MP
Ensign ---- Hailpern USN
Ted Hall SED
[Ted (Theodore) Hall was in charge of the *Newsletter*. Later he was transferred to Oak Ridge, Tennessee.]
Herb.[ert] Haraway Civ.
Sigmund Harris Civ.
[Sigmund Harris worked with the National Jewish Welfare Board.]

Earl Hellerstein Civ.
Harold Hirsch Civ.
J. Hirschfield SED
Robert E. Holman PED
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Horwitz Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hurwitz Civ.
Robert Jedeckin Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kallis Civ.
James L. Kapplin PED
[Abraham Karp]
Seymour Katcoff Civ.
Frank Keller
Victor Kerwin SED
I. Kintish SED
Don Klein Civ.
Al Kline Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kolodney Civ.
Myron Kratzen Civ.
Jesse Kupferberg [these two men were brothers]
[Kenneth Kupferberg]
June Labovitz Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Rolf [K.] Landshoff
[Rolf K. and Miriam Landshoff]
[Rolf K. and Miriam Landshoff remained on "The Hill" until mid-September, 1956, when Rolf K. Landshoff and his family left to go to California, where he accepted private employment in his scientific field.]
Peter Lax Civ.
Leon Leventhal Civ.
Martin Levine Civ.
Leonard Levinson Civ.
[Leonard Levinson was still resident and working on "The Hill" in June, 1957, but was not affiliated with the Jewish Center.]
Irving Lieberman
Mr. and Mrs. David Lipkin Civ.
_____ Litwak SED
Jerry Metz MP
Herb.[ert I.] Miller Civ.
Dr. E. Nast Civ.
Florence Pachter WAC
Captain [Nathan] Peretzman Dentist
Theodore Perlman Civ.
Murray Peshkin
Eugene Petchefsky
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raich Civ.
Robert [Bob] Rapaport SED
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Reines
[Frederick and Sylvia Reines]
[Frederick and Sylvia Reines were still resident on "The Hill" in June, 1957; they were, at that time, not affiliated with the Los Alamos Jewish Center. In May, 1957, Frederick Reines was awarded a Leon Guggenheim Fellowship.]
Mr. and Mrs. _____ Riedoff Civ.
Philip Rothstein PED
David P. Rudolph PED
Robert and Patricia Schaffer G. I. SED
[Robert Schaffer, a brother of Joseph Schaffer, served as a G.I. in the United States Army Corps at Los Alamos from 1943 to 1945. He then worked in the SED at Los Alamos from 1945 to 1946. He left Los Alamos in 1947, to study, teach, and secure his Ph. D. degree at Washington University, in St. Louis, Mo. In 1957, he was working in Washington, D.C., with the United States Bureau of Standards, and living in Silver Springs, Md. His brother, Joseph Schaffer, who came to Los Alamos in 1947, was still resident on "The Hill" and working as a chemist, in June, 1957. In October, 1957, Joseph Schaffer was elected

president of the Los Alamos Jewish Center.]
Berthold Schnap Civ.
[Berthold F. Schnap and his wife, Eleanor Schnap, were still resident and working on "The Hill" in June, 1957.]
Lionel Shapiro SED
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Shapiro Civ.
Captain Morris Shapiro
Haskell Sheinberg Civ.
[Haskell Sheinberg and his wife, Beatrice F. Sheinberg, were still resident, and he was still working, on "The Hill" in June, 1957.]
Maxwell B. Sherman PED
Major ..... Smith
Gilbert Spillert Civ.
..... Steinberg SED
Mr. and Mrs. James [M.] Taub Civ.
[James M. Taub and Sally Taub were still resident, and he was still working, on "The Hill" in June, 1957.]
Abe Thaler Civ.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Turovlin Civ.
J. [Jacob J.] Wechsler Civ.
[Jacob J. Wechsler and his wife, Carol Wechsler, were still resident, and he was still working, on "The Hill" in June, 1957.]
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weiss Civ.
Jack [J. H.] Wernick Civ.
Albert Zuckerbraun SED

CHAPTER II

The City of Los Alamos (General)

The word "Los Alamos" in Spanish means "the poplar-trees." The city of Los Alamos, New Mexico, is situated on a mesa, or high, flat table-land, in and extending down from the Jemez Mountains, at an altitude of 7,400 feet above sea level, in Los Alamos County, in northern New Mexico, about thirty-six miles northwest of Santa Fe, the capital of the state, and about 100 miles north northwest of Albuquerque. It is now in Los Alamos County, but was formerly a part of Sandoval County. The city is located on the west side of the Rio Grande Valley.

Los Alamos, in 1957, a modern city of some 13,000 inhabitants, consisted, as late as the year 1942, solely of a log house and a few outbuildings. In the following year, it was taken over by the Federal Government as the center of the nuclear research of the United States. In 1950 the population of the city of Los Alamos was about 7,000, but in June, 1957, it had a total estimated population of about 13,000 persons, including some sixty Jewish families or unmarried Jewish men and women. (In June, 1957, eight of the Jewish young men of Los Alamos were unmarried, and there were one or two unmarried Jewish girls living and working on "The Hill.") Some 3,000 persons of the Los Alamos general population are employed in the Atomic Energy projects and nuclear research work. Most of the Jewish residents on "The Hill," as the city and site of Los Alamos are popularly and affectionately called by its inhabitants, are connected with the research and atomic energy projects being carried on there, as physicists, mathematicians, chemists, engineers, machinists, skilled research workers, and the like; one was (until early fall, 1957) assistant to the chief of police and also juvenile protective officer; one is a bacteriologist in the Los Alamos Hospital (Medical Center); two or three are or were teachers in the local schools; two or three of them are merchants; and several are skilled office workers. Several of the wives of the Los Alamos Jewish men work full-time or part-time in the city.

In 1942, Los Alamos was chosen as the site of the atomic-bomb and nuclear research laboratory as part of the Manhattan District, being maintained under the direction of the Army Corps of Engineers and the University of California. Here U 235 and plutonium were assembled into atomic bombs. The first atomic bomb made in Los Alamos was tested on the Alamogordo, New Mexico, air base on July 17, 1945.

Originally the site of a boys' school, the city of Los Alamos was, from 1946 on, when the Atomic Energy Commission was created, rebuilt into a modern city with public schools, a junior and senior high school, a city library, a United States post office building, a motion picture

theatre, a Y.M.C.A., an auditorium, a football and recreation field, a large recreation building, a large business section known as the community shopping district or center, and also a large number of congregations and churches, numbering seventeen, and including (in June, 1957) the temporary building of the Los Alamos Jewish Center, at Nineteenth and Nectar Streets. [In September, 1957, this building had to be given up by the Jewish Center, at which time it accepted as its temporary headquarters the Log Cabin situated on Central Avenue, opposite The Lodge.

The Zia Company is the maintenance and operations contractor to the United States Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos. The Zia Company maintains the public utilities, the streets, and the houses, and performs all services needed for the comfort and convenience of the residents. The houses in which the workers and residents of Los Alamos live are owned by the United States Government, and are leased or rented out to the residents and workers of all categories. Plans were being initiated, in 1957, for the setting aside of a piece of land which could be acquired by residents of the city for the erection of private dwellings.

CHAPTER III

The Los Alamos Jewish Center

The Los Alamos Jewish Center is an outgrowth of Los Alamos Lodge No. 1771 of the B'nai B'rith, which was the first official Jewish organization on "The Hill." A building a block away from the edge of the community shopping center, at the corner of Nineteenth and Nectar Streets, was leased by the Church of Christ, and half of it was taken over by the Los Alamos Jewish Center in 1955, when the Grace Lutheran Church, which had previously occupied this half of the building, was able to erect its own church structure elsewhere on "The Hill," and its space was made available to the Los Alamos Jewish Center. This Center included a large room for religious services and organizational meetings (fitted out also with curtains as a sanctuary), which was used also at times for social gatherings, dinners, and parties; five large classrooms; a recreation room; and a medium-sized kitchen. The Los Alamos Jewish Center obtained part of the building, rent free, but with the Jewish Center paying for its share of the utilities. This building was maintained by the two religious groups at no expense to the government.

For several years before that (from 1948 to 1955), the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 1771 had used space for religious services, meetings, and social affairs and other functions in other buildings in Los Alamos. During the years 1946 to 1948 the so-called "Jewish Group" met occasionally for Oneg Shabbath parties and socials, with the help of the National Jewish Welfare Board; and Passover services and Seder supper services were held on various other premises in the city. This "Jewish Group" was the forerunner of the Los Alamos Jewish Center and, before that, of Los Alamos Lodge No. 1771 of the B'nai B'rith. Previously, as recorded in Chapter I, a number of Jewish soldiers and civilian workers had been stationed on "The Hill" (from 1944 to 1946), and the National Jewish Welfare Board provided them with prayer books, Bibles, and other Jewish literature, and aid for religious services, under the direction of Rabbi David Max Eichhorn, of New York, the director of field operations of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Occasional visits to "The Hill" were made by one or two of the Albuquerque rabbis (including Rabbi Solomon E. Starrels, of Temple Albert, and Rabbi Eugene Gruenberger, of Congregation B'Nai Israel), also under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

In the fall of the year 1949, Robert A. McClain, of Albuquerque, who had previously served as a cantor, officiated at the High Holy Day services in Los Alamos, sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Lodge. [Robert A. McClain was, apparently, no longer residing in Albuquerque at the end of 1957.]

On Sunday, August 22, 1954, the organizational meeting of the Los Alamos Jewish Center was held at Los Alamos, with Bennett Kivel serving as chairman of the committee on organization. About fifty persons, including men and women, were present at this meeting. It was at this time that the Jewish Center was granted the free use of one-half of the building then leased by the Grace Lutheran Church, and later by the Church of Christ. The purpose for the organization of the Jewish Center was stated to be that "of bringing Jewish religion, education, and cultural activities to the Jewish residents of Los Alamos." Leonard H. Treiman was elected the temporary treasurer of the organization, and Eleanor B. (Mrs. Jerome D.) Shaykin was appointed its temporary secretary.

It was the prime duty of this Committee to look into the matter of founding a Jewish center and to secure a building for the use of the B'nai B'rith Lodge. Bennett Kivel formed this Committee of both men and women, realizing the indispensable value and services of the women of the Jewish community. Thus the Committee on Organization consisted of members of the local lodge of the B'nai B'rith as well as of members of the local chapter of Hadassah, which had been founded in the late summer of the year 1948. This Committee met and, after an exchange of opinion, it was decided to make the Jewish Center a separate, autonomous organization, with its own officers and its own functions, instead of just a committee of the B'nai B'rith Lodge.

A Committee on Constitution was appointed. On October 10, 1954, with twenty-five persons present, this Committee on Constitution reported. A number of changes in the proposed constitution of the Jewish Center were made at this meeting. On November 4, 1954, a third and final organizational meeting was held, also with twenty-five persons present. Roy Reider served as the temporary chairman of this meeting. The Constitution, as revised, was adopted at this meeting of November 4, 1954. The first annual election of officers followed. The first officers of the newly founded Los Alamos Jewish Center, elected at this meeting to serve until October, 1955, were as follows:

PRESIDENT: Roy Reider
VICE PRESIDENT: Bennett Kivel
SECRETARY: Eleanor B. (Mrs. Jerome D.) Shaykin
TREASURER: Ivan Bergstein

Also, a Board of Directors, consisting of the following three members, was elected: [The Board of Directors includes also the four officers of the congregation.]

Sherman B. Sweet
Harris L. Mayer
Rosalind (Mrs. Donald A.) Bradford

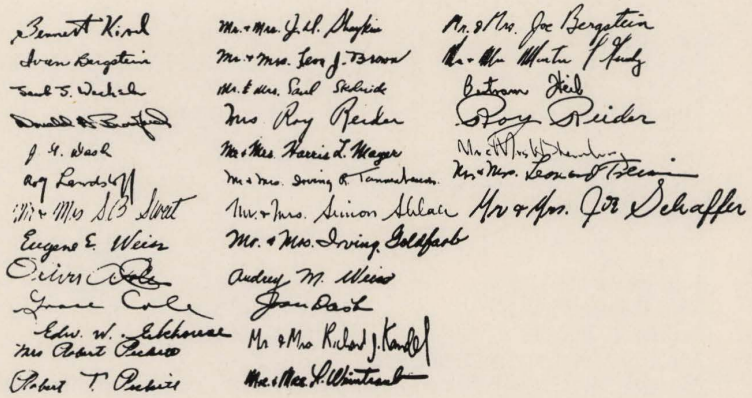
The annual dues of members of the Center were set at $36 per family unit, and at $18 for single persons.

CHARTER

LOS ALAMOS JEWISH CENTER

MARCH 20, 1955

We, residents of the community of Los Alamos, in order to further the religious, cultural, and educational aspects of American Judaism, do establish a Los Alamos Jewish Center.



CHARTER OF THE LOS ALAMOS JEWISH CENTER

The first committees of the new Jewish Center were appointed on December 2, 1954. The chairmen of these original committees of the Center were as follows:

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE: Bennett Kivel
INFORMATION AND CENTER BULLETIN: Jerome D. and Eleanor B. Shaykin
HOUSE CHAIRMAN: Irving and Esther B. Goldfarb
SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Leon J. Brown

The text of the Charter of the Los Alamos Jewish Center reads as follows:

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Bennett Kivel
Ivan Bergstein
Jacob J. Wechsler
Donald A. Bradford
Jay Gregory Dash
Rolf Landshoff
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman B. Sweet
Eugene E. Weiss
Oliver A. Cole
Grace Cole
Edward W. Eckhouse
Mrs. Robert Pickett
Robert T. Pickett
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome D. Shaykin
Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Saul Skolnick
Mrs. Roy Reider
Mr. and Mrs. Harris L. Mayer
Mr. and Mrs. Irving R. Tannenbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Shlaer
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goldfarb
Audrey M. Weiss
Joan Dash
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Kandel
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weintraub
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bergstein
Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Gursky
Bertram Heil
Roy Reider
Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Sheinberg

Other charter members, whose names, for some reason or other, were not signed to the actual charter plaque, were:

Mrs. Donald A. (Rosalind) Bradford
Clara R. (Mrs. Edward W.) Eckhouse
Harry Foreman
Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Frank
Harvey Israel
Mrs. Miriam (Mrs. Rolf K.) Landshoff
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick (Sylvia) Reines
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Hellen) Schaffer



LOS ALAMOS JEWISH CENTER (1955-1957)
FRONT ENTRANCE VIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart (Doreen) Schlesinger
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel (Esther) Schuster
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. (Marilyn) Treiman

Roy Reider served as the first president of the Los Alamos Jewish Center, from October, 1954, to October, 1955. The second president of the Center was Irving Goldfarb, who served from October, 1955, to October, 1956. Joe Bergstein was then elected president, in October, 1956, to serve until October, 1957. [Joseph Schaffer was elected in October, 1957, to serve as president until October, 1958.]

Bennett Kivel served for a short time as the first vice president of the Center, but was then replaced by Sherman B. Sweet, who was re-elected twice to the vice presidency, and was still serving in this post in June, 1957. [In October, 1957, Robert H. Sherman was elected vice president of the Jewish Center, to serve until October, 1958.]

Mrs. Eleanor B. (Jerome D.) Shaykin served as the first secretary of the Center, from October, 1954, to October, 1955, and was re-elected at that time to serve until October, 1956. In the latter year and month, Mrs. Jewell (Robert T.) Pickett was elected to serve as the secretary of the Center, until October, 1957. [In October, 1957, Mrs. Albert (Aileen) Goodman was elected secretary of the Jewish Center, to serve until October, 1958.]

The first treasurer of the Center was Ivan Bergstein, the brother of Joe Bergstein. Ivan Bergstein served in this post for one year (from October, 1954, to October, 1955). In 1955-1956, Eugene E. Weiss was the treasurer of the organization for a period of six months, but he resigned from this office in March, 1956, and the Board of Directors appointed Joe Bergstein to succeed him. Joe Bergstein served as the treasurer from March, 1956, to October, 1956, and he was succeeded in the office of treasurer by Lawrence Wilets, who served from October, 1956, until September, 1957. [In October, 1957, Mrs. Alice (Roy) Reider was elected the Center treasurer, to serve until October, 1958.]

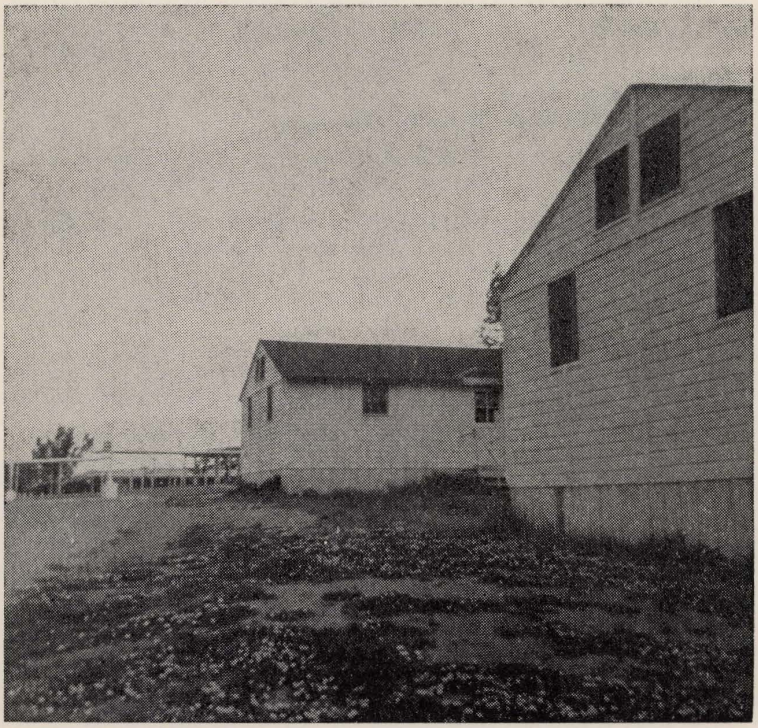
The first Board of Trustees-at-Large of the Jewish Center, for the year 1954 to 1955, were:

Rosalind Bradford
Harris L. Mayer
Leon J. Brown

In the year extending from 1955 to 1956 the three members of the Board of Trustees consisted of the following:

Leon J. Brown
Roy Reider
Mrs. Lee (Simon) Shlaer

In October, 1956, the following officers were elected by the congregation at Los Alamos, to serve until October, 1957:



LOS ALAMOS JEWISH CENTER (1955-1957)
SIDE VIEW

PRESIDENT: Joe Bergstein
VICE PRESIDENT: Sherman B. Sweet
SECRETARY: Jewell G. (Mrs. Robert T.) Pickett
TREASURER: Lawrence Wilets

The members of the Board of Trustees-at-Large for the year extending from October, 1956, to October, 1957, were:

Irving Goldfarb
Roy Reider
Mrs. Paula (Manuel) Rotenberg

The following chairmen of committees were appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve for the year October, 1956, to October, 1957:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Albert Goodman
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:
Robert H. Sherman
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
(Superintendent): Harvey Israel
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMEN:
Mrs. Lee Shlaer and Mrs. Joan Dash
HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Roy Reider

Ernest Cohen served as the Religious Services Chairman for the year 1955 to 1956.

In October, 1957, at a congregational meeting, the dues for the year 1957-1958 were set at $100 per family, and at $50 for single persons, with the stipulation that 60% of the dues collected be put into a Building Fund.

The officers of the Jewish Center elected for the year 1957-1958 at the congregational meeting held in October, 1957, were:

PRESIDENT: Joseph Schaffer
VICE PRESIDENT: Robert H. Sherman
TREASURER: Mrs. Alice (Roy) Reider
SECRETARY: Mrs. Aileen (Albert) Goodman
BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE:
Jerome D. Shaykin
Mrs. Esther B. (Irving) Goldfarb
Haskell Sheinberg

Two new Committees of the Center were formed for the year 1957-1958:

The Building Site Committee, with Roy Reider as its chairman.

The Budget and Allocations Committee, with Ivan Bergstein as its chairman.

Chairmen of Committees of the Jewish Center (1957-1958)

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairmen):
Jacob J. Wechsler
Leon J. Brown
Robert H. Sherman
SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Aileen (Albert) Goodman
CULTURAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Albert Goodman
BUILDING SITE COMMITTEE: Roy Reider
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Jewell G. (Robert T.) Pickett
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mrs. Audrey (Eugene E.) Weiss
BUDGET AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE: Ivan Bergstein

The official, formal dedication of the Los Alamos Jewish Center took place on Sunday, May 20, 1955. An article in the Santa Fe daily press (the *Santa Fe New Mexican*) at that time, showing a picture of Irving Goldfarb affixing a plaque to the wall of the Nectar Street side of the building, with Bennett Kivel watching the alignment of the plaque, read as follows:

"Proclaiming the home of the newly founded Los Alamos Jewish Center, Irving Goldfarb nails the plaque to the outside wall of the building located at Nineteenth and Nectar [Streets], across from the Recreation Hall. Checking the alignment is Bennett Kivel. Formal dedication of the new religious building was held Sunday morning [May 20, 1955]."

The plaque legend is as follows: "Los Alamos Jewish Center. Religious—Cultural—Educational—Social." There is, in the center of the plaque, a replica of the Ten Commandments, with Roman numerals symbolizing each of the Ten Commandments; and this Ten Commandments tablet is surmounted by a small, six-pointed Jewish Star (the Magen David, or Shield of David). [The founding plaque was transferred, in September, 1957, to the site of the new Jewish Center, the temporary Log Cabin across from The Lodge.]

Thirty families were originally members of the Los Alamos Jewish Center. On this basis, in November, 1954, the annual budget and the annual income and expenditures of the new Center were set at $1,200. It was also voted to have the new Jewish Center incorporated by the State of New Mexico. [Up to early 1958, such incorporation by the State had not as yet been effected.]

It was decided by the membership that those persons or families who joined the Los Alamos Jewish Center by March 2, 1955, were to be registered in the records and on the charter as charter members. The charter was signed by the above-listed thirty persons on March 20, 1955; and on the same day a large Mezuzah (doorpost ritual object) was affixed to the outside door of the Jewish Center, on the Nectar Street side. Leon J. Brown, Irving Goldfarb, and Bennett Kivel participated in the consecration services.

In addition to the thirty persons who signed the charter in actuality, both men and women, and whose names are to be found inscribed on the charter plaque which hangs in the main hall of the Center, sixteen other persons (whose names are listed above) were charter members, but failed to sign the actual charter; this makes a total of forty-six men and women who became charter members of the Los Alamos Jewish Center on March 20, 1955, to May 20, 1955.

In November, 1954, the sum of $100 was set aside by the Jewish Center for house furnishings for the building. A great portion of the house furnishings was donated by members of the Center. The amount of $150 was set aside for kitchen equipment later, and $100 for the purchase of kitchen stoves. Simon and Lee Shlaer donated $25 for the purchase of two extra kitchen cabinets, which were needed. The Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge contributed $25 at that time for the maintenance of the Religious School, which was formed. Rolf K. and Miriam Landshoff, in March, 1955, donated an Israeli ceremonial Kiddush cup to the Center. In July, 1955, Joseph and Hellen Schaffer donated a radio and phonograph to the Center. Before Harris L. and Rosalie Mayer departed from "The Hill" for California in March, 1956, they presented the Center with a gift of $100 for the purchase of two 48-cup coffee makers and of additional folding chairs. An Edward W. Eckhouse Memorial Fund for the purchase of prayer books was set up shortly after the death of Edward W. Eckhouse, in October, 1955, and various contributions to this Fund were used for the purchase of prayer books for the Center. On July 5, 1956, Harris L. and Rosalie Mayer gave an additional gift of $100 to the Center in celebration of the birth and adoption of their son, David Lawrence Mayer. Esther B. and Irving Goldfarb contributed $25 for the purchase of slipcovers and pillows.

In early 1955, Robert T. Pickett, Oliver A. Cole, and Edward W. Eckhouse built an Ark for the Center. A Sefer Torah, or Scroll of the Law, also was acquired. It was one which had been left in Los Alamos by the Jewish soldiers of the United States Army who had been stationed there in previous years, and who had been aided religiously and culturally by the National Jewish Welfare Board, of New York City. The Jewish Welfare Board also rendered assistance to the Jewish Center in the early months of its formation and existence. Mrs. Jewell Pickett embroidered a new mantle for this Sefer Torah. In April, 1957, in memory of his mother, Gertrude (Gittel Beenah) Goodman, who had passed away in the previous month, Albert Goodman donated a new High Holy Day Torah mantle as well as a silver Yad, or pointer, for use in the reading of the Torah.

Curtains for the windows of the sanctuary and social room of the Center were made by Rosalie Mayer, Lee Shlaer, and Esther B. Goldfarb. Irving Goldfarb made a valance on swivels from which a red velvet curtain hangs, to separate the Ark from the remainder of the combination sanctuary and social room when activities other than religious ones are held.

In June, 1955, Roy Reider donated part of the cost of an "In Memoriam" (Yahrzeit) plaque, which was later constructed by Irving Goldfarb and affixed to the side wall of the Temple or sanctuary and social hall of the Center.

In the same month, June, 1955, Haskell and Beatrice Sheinberg donated the sum of $100 for the purchase of dinner service dishes for the kitchen, in memory of Mrs. Mary Freeman, the mother of Mrs. Beatrice Sheinberg. Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Frank donated a set of the *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*, in ten volumes, to the Center Library, in memory of Leon Sherman, a Jewish worker and resident of "The Hill," who was killed in an automobile accident on the road from Los Alamos to Albuquerque on March 2, 1957; each volume was inscribed in gold leaf on the front cover with the legend: "The Los Alamos Jewish Center in memory of Leon Sherman." In September, 1956, Mrs. Clara R. Eckhouse and her two children, Sherrill J. and Morton Eckhouse, donated a pair of seven-branched electric Menorahs (candelabra) to the Center, in memory of their late respective husband and father, Edward W. Eckhouse.

In March, 1956, a refrigerator for the kitchen and sixty-four metal folding chairs for the combination sanctuary and social hall were purchased. A used piano was donated to the Center by the Unitarian Fellowship of Los Alamos, in October, 1955.

The sum of $250 for the purchase of additional chairs for the Jewish Center was allocated from dues by the Board of Directors in March, 1956. An electric water cooler was bought in May, 1956. In November, 1955, a record player was donated to the Center by Harris L. and Rosalie Mayer and by Simon and Lee Shlaer. In September, 1956, on their arrival in California, Rolf K. and Miriam Landshoff sent a gift of $100 to the Center, suggesting that the Center purchase an amplifier for the Center for this sum. In the fall of 1957, Mrs. Martin L. (Judy) Gursky contributed new drapes for the new home of the Jewish Center, in the Log Cabin on Central Ave. All this equipment and furniture, etc., was transferred to the new temporary home of the Jewish Center, the Log Cabin, on Central Avenue opposite The Lodge, when the move there was made in early September, 1957, with the expectation that a permanent Jewish Center building and house of worship would be erected, within the next three or four years (1957-1961) out of the newly established Building Fund mentioned above.

In the year ending March 1, 1956, the annual budget of the Center was $1,400. In September, 1955, there were 27 family members of the Center, and 5 single members. Allocations (disbursements) for the year extending from March 1, 1955, to February 29, 1956, were as follows:

Utilities: $250
Telephone: $75
Sunday School (Religious School): $200
Publications (*The Menorah*), etc.: $100
House Furnishings: $450
Social and Religious: $150
Insurance: $25

Not allocated, but kept in reserve: $150 Total Budget: $1,400

The annual budget of the Jewish Center, from September 1, 1956, to September 1, 1957, was increased from the previous $1,400 to the sum of $3,600, including the salary and expenses of the new part-time rabbi, Abraham I. Shinedling, and including also the sum of $1,000 for the Center maintenance, programs, repairs, utilities, supplies, and the Religious School. Many of the members of the Jewish Center at that time increased their annual dues from $36 per family to $100 per family, and the annual dues for single persons were raised from $18 to $50 per person, in order to meet the higher annual budget necessitated by the engagement of Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling, of Albuquerque, in October, 1956, as the part-time rabbi of the Los Alamos Jewish Center, to serve until the end of June, 1957, making two-day weekend visits to the community and to the Jewish Center every other week beginning in early October, 1956, and extending through June 21-23, 1957.

There were many changes and shifts in the personnel of the directors (trustees) and officers of the Jewish Center since its organization in October, 1954. On June 15, 1955, Sherman B. Sweet was appointed by the Board of Directors to the office of vice president, to succeed Bennett Kivel, who was leaving "The Hill' at that time. Haskell Sheinberg and Irving Goldfarb were appointed members of the Board of Directors in that same month (June, 1955), to replace Bennett Kivel and Harris L. Mayer. The latter left "The Hill" (together with his wife, Rosalie Mayer) on February 18, 1956, to work for a private concern in California. In March, 1956, Irving R. and Judy Tannenbaum left Los Alamos, to take up their residence and work in California.

On October 9, 1955, at the second annual meeting of the congregation, and at the second annual election of officers, the following were elected officers of the Center:

PRESIDENT: Irving Goldfarb
VICE PRESIDENT: Sherman B. Sweet
SECRETARY: Eleanor B. Shaykin (Mrs. Jerome D. Shaykin)
TREASURER: Eugene E. Weiss
BOARD MEMBERS:
Roy Reider
Leon J. Brown
Lee Shlaer (Mrs. Simon Shlaer)

The Committee Chairmen for the year extending from October, 1955, to October, 1956, included the following:

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS: Ernest Cohen
PUBLICITY AND BULLETIN (*The Menorah*):
Jerome D. Shaykin

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Oliver A. Cole
(He was succeeded, in August, 1956, by Irving Goldfarb.)
WAYS AND MEANS (Entertainment and Programs): Joseph Schaffer
(He served until January, 1956.)
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Leon J. Brown
BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE: Roy Reider
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Harris L. Mayer
(He was succeeded, in March, 1956, by Mrs. Lee Shlaer.)
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Sherman B. Sweet and Marylyn Sweet, co-chairmen

In March, 1956, Eugene E. Weiss resigned his office of treasurer, and Joe Bergstein was appointed to that position by Irving Goldfarb, the president of the congregation, and by the Board of Directors. Robert H. Sherman was appointed chairman of the Religious Committee in August, 1956, and Albert Goodman was appointed chairman of the Membership Committee; they were both reappointed in October, 1956, and served until October, 1957, in these positions.

High Holy Day services were held at the Jewish Center in September, 1954, and on September 16, 17, and 18, 1955 (Rosh Hashanah), and on September 25 and 26, 1955 (Yom Kippur). Members of the Center conducted all these services. Before that, and originally, religious services were held at the Center on Tishah Beab (the Ninth of Ab) and on Rosh Chodesh (New Moon), in July and August, 1955. This type of service was not repeated at any time thereafter (except on the evening of July 20, 1956, again in observance of Tishah Beab), and attendance at this religious function was limited. No sermons at any time were delivered or read in the Jewish Center up to September, 1956, except that Max Goldstein, who occasionally read the religious services, gave several talks, one of them on the subject of the "Jewish Holidays and the Jewish Calendar." On one occasion, in July, 1955, Sherman B. Sweet gave a lecture on "The World Calendar and the Sabbath."

Beginning with Sunday, February 6, 1955, and extending through the month of June, 1955, an adult Sunday School class in comparative religion was held on Sunday mornings, co-sponsored by the Los Alamos Jewish Center and the Los Alamos Unitarian Fellowship. Members of the Los Alamos Jewish Center have participated also in the religious and cultural life of the general community. In February, 1955, Bennett Kivel addressed the Young Adult Group of the United Church on the subject of the religion of Judaism and its codes. Roy Reider spoke before the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on the subject, "What the Jew Believes," his lecture including a discussion of Judaism and of its laws, customs, and traditions. On December 18, 1955, Leon J. Brown gave an address on the subject of "The Festival of Chanukah" at a meeting of the Unitarian

Fellowship. On March 25, 1956, Leon J. Brown also participated in, and spoke at, a meeting of the Unitarian Fellowship congregation on the subject of "The History of Passover."

The first Jewish boy to become Bar Mitzvah in the Los Alamos Jewish Center was Lawrence Landshoff, the son of Rolf K. and Miriam Landshoff, who moved away from Los Alamos to California in mid-September, 1956. This Bar Mitzvah ceremony took place on Saturday morning, March 5, 1955. Lawrence Landshoff had also served as the Shofar blower (*baal tokea*) at the High Holy Day services of 1955 and 1956. Subsequently, two other Jewish boys were Bar Mitzvahed at the Center: Robert Shlaer, the son of Simon and Lee Shlaer, on April 2, 1955; and David Cole, the son of Oliver A. and Grace Cole, on May 6, 1955.

The first Bas Mitzvah held in Los Alamos was that of Nancy Ruth Shaykin, daughter of Jerome D. and Eleanor B. Shaykin. It was held at the Recreation Center on Saturday morning, February 8, 1958. Her instructors were Leon J. Brown and Jacob J. Wechsler, who prepared her for the ceremony. This Bas Mitzvah ceremony, unique in and for Los Alamos, included: the reading of the Sabbath morning services by Leon J. Brown and Jacob J. Wechsler; the reading of an English transliteration of Hebrew verses from the book of *Isaiah*, prepared by Albert Goodman; and a ten-minute address by the Bas Mitzvah girl on the life and times of the prophet Isaiah, as applied to the world of today, an address prepared by the Bas Mitzvah girl herself, with some adult help. About 100 persons of the Los Alamos Jewish Center and community, including children, attended the unusual exercises, which were followed by a reception and luncheon at the Recreation Hall, given by Jerome D. and Eleanor B. Shaykin.

On Friday night, August 19, 1955, at a special, one-time religious service conducted by the young people at the Center, in celebration of Rosh Chodesh (New Moon), David Cohen, Susan Cohen, Robert Shlaer, and David Cole read the prayer service, and spoke on the meaning of the Jewish beliefs; they also read selections from the English translation of the Torah, under the supervision of Leon J. Brown.

On July 29, 1955, in a service held in observance of Tishah Beab, the Ninth of Ab, Rosalind Bradford, the late Anna (Mrs. Saul) Skolnick, and Lois Lynn Goldfarb prepared and gave a program, and Jacob J. Wechsler conducted the religious service.

Beginning with September, 1955, the Jewish Center and the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Los Alamos joined the "Thought for the Day" program heard over the Los Alamos Radio Station KRSN, under the auspices of the Los Alamos Ministerial Fellowship. Max Goldstein, Bennett Kivel, Irving R. Tannenbaum, and Roy Reider, at various times, prepared tape recordings for broadcast on this program five mornings in succession in 1955 (five-minute radio talks). In April, 1956, Ernest Cohen recorded for Radio Station KRSN a five-day presentation series on the rituals of the Passover on this "Thought for the Day" program. In December, 1956, and again in late April, 1957, Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling re-

corded two series of such tape-recorded five-minute talks, for use in January-February and May-June, 1957, on Station KRSN.

Only three Jewish residents of "The Hill" had passed away there through the year 1957. These were Edward W. Eckhouse, late husband of Clara R. Eckhouse; Leon Sherman; and Mrs. Anna (Saul) Skolnick. Edward W. Eckhouse (born in Austria, in 1898; died at Los Alamos, on October 30, 1955) was employed in Los Alamos as a machinist by the University of California. A charter member of the Jewish Center, he played a role also in the founding of the B'nai B'rith Lodge at Los Alamos previously. Edward W. Eckhouse was a member of the Interfaith Council at Los Alamos, and served as the liaison officer with the Hillel Foundation at the University of New Mexico, in Albuquerque. Having served in the United States Army as a soldier in the cavalry for a number of years, he was buried in the National Cemetery, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His son, Morton Eckhouse, was, in June, 1957, a lieutenant in the Regular United States Navy; and his daughter, Sherrill J. Eckhouse, was graduated from the University of New Mexico on June 5, 1957, with the B. S. degree in business education and in the teaching of business subjects in junior and senior high schools. In September, 1957, she moved to Washington, D. C., where she was employed as a secretary. (Sherrill J. Eckhouse also taught Hebrew in the Hebrew School of B'Nai Israel Congregation, Albuquerque, from 1956 to 1957, and also was a teacher in the congregation's Sunday School during that period; in 1956-1957, also, she served as the president of the Hillel group at the University of New Mexico.) The unveiling of the tombstone erected in memory of Edward W. Eckhouse by his widow, Clara Eckhouse, in the National Cemetery, at Santa Fe, was held on Decoration Day, May 30, 1957, with Rabbi Arthur S. Hollander, of B'Nai Israel Congregation, of Albuquerque, officiating.

Mrs. Anna (Saul) Skolnick passed away at Los Alamos in July, 1957, and was buried in her home in New York City, whence she and Saul Skolnick had come to Los Alamos.

In addition, Leon Sherman, a resident and worker on "The Hill," died in an automobile accident in early March, 1957, on the road from Los Alamos to Albuquerque (near Bernalillo), and was buried in Los Angeles. Memorial services were held at The Center in March, 1957, conducted by his former Jewish friends and associates at Los Alamos. He and his mother, who lost her life in the same accident, had come from Los Angeles, Calif.

Beginning in November, 1955, under the chairmanship of Ernest Cohen, religious services were held every Friday night at the Jewish Center, with various persons delivering brief talks. Most of these religious services were conducted by Ernest Cohen, who left "The Hill" in August, 1956. There was an Oneg Shabbath social reception at the Center, after the religious services, once a month, at which time a speaker addressed those present on some subject of Jewish interest. Max Goldstein and Louis Goldstein (these men are not related) also occasion-

ally conducted religious services, or officiated at special Minyan (Yahrzeit or Kaddish Yathom) services at the Center. Open forums, discussions, and more frequent Oneg Shabbath parties accompanied the religious services. In the summer of the year 1956, religious services were held at the Center on one Friday evening a month. These services were of the Conservative Minhag type, with the Adler prayer book being used. The Oneg Shabbath social gatherings were under the auspices of the Entertainment Committee, with tea and cake being provided for the congregants by the ladies of the Jewish community. Harris L. Mayer, who at all times was active in the work of the Center, served as the chairman of the Entertainment Committee for some time, until he left "The Hill" in mid-February, 1956, to move to California. (Harris L. Mayer returned to The Hill in late 1957, for a short stay, working on a special task.) The programs and entertainment provided during this period included a Chanukah benefit and dinner party and a New Year's Eve party, as well as a post-Yom Kippur dinner and social.

The Jewish Center suffered the loss of several prominent and active workers in the departure from "The Hill," in 1955 to 1956, of such persons as Ernest Cohen (who, together with his wife, Ruth, moved away from Los Alamos in August, 1956, accompanied by their three children, David, Susan, and Jeremy Cohen); Rolf K. and Miriam Landshoff (and their four children: Lawrence, Ruth, Deborah, and Harriet); Harris L. and Rosalie Mayer; Irving R. and Judy Tannenbaum (and their son, William Zvi); and Stuart and Doreen Schlesinger (and their son, Mark). In October, 1957, Clara R. Eckhouse moved to Washington, D. C.

For the Rosh Hashanah services of September 5 and 6, 1956, Jacob J. Wechsler and Max Goldstein officiated. When the Los Alamos Jewish Center learned, shortly before that time, that Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling, formerly of Bluefield, West Virginia (1947-1950), and of Beckley, West Virginia (1950-1956), had retired from the active rabbinate, and had come, as a member of the staff of the American Jewish Archives, of Cincinnati (affiliated with the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion of Cincinnati and New York), to Albuquerque to live and to work, in the middle of August, 1956, Irving Goldfarb, its president; Mrs. Eleanor B. Shaykin, its secretary, and the Board of Directors invited him to come to Los Alamos to officiate at the religious services and to preach at the Center for Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), on September 15-16, 1956. The three Yom Kippur sermons which he delivered at that time were the first sermons ever preached in Los Alamos. Thereafter, beginning with October 15, 1956, arrangements were made with Rabbi Shinedling for him to be the part-time, every-other-weekend "commuting rabbi" of the Los Alamos Jewish Center. From that time, until the end of June, 1957, Rabbi Shinedling, accompanied by his wife, Helen L. Shinedling, came to Los Alamos from Albuquerque every other Friday afternoon, and remained in the city until Sunday afternoon, when he returned to Albuquerque. Rabbi Shinedling served as the part-time rabbi of the Los Alamos Jewish Center until the end of

June, 1957, when he gave up his part-time position for several reasons, chief among them the mounting pressure of his literary and editorial work in Albuquerque, and of his research and study on his own historical writings which he was preparing.

Under the auspices of the Religious Committee, religious services, without sermons, were held every Friday night at the Jewish Center, beginning in October, 1957. The members of the Committee, the co-chairmen Jacob J. Wechsler, Leon J. Brown, and Robert H. Sherman, as well as other members of the community, alternated in the conducting of these services.

In December, 1955, a Chanukah program and party were held jointly by the new congregation and by the B'nai B'rith Lodge. Services at the Center were occasionally conducted during this period by Max Goldstein, Leon J. Brown, and Jacob J. Wechsler.

On June 3, 1956, at the dedication ceremony of the new synagogue building of the Santa Fe Jewish Temple, on Barcelona Road, Irving Goldfarb, as president, represented the Los Alamos Jewish Center. Berthold F. Schnap represented the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge, as its president, at the Santa Fe ceremony.

There was one confirmation class confirmed at the Center, on Sunday, May 20, 1956, in the afternoon, with Ernest Cohen serving as the instructor of the confirmands and as the officiant at the ceremony. This was a class of four boys and two girls, as follows:

David Cohen	Lawrence Landshoff
David Cole	Bonnie Reider
Lynn Frank	Robert Shlaer

The ceremony was followed by a buffet supper provided by the parents of the confirmands.

Beginning with February, 1955, a monthly mimeographed newsletter, called *The Menorah*, was issued by the Los Alamos Jewish Center, with Jerome D. Shaykin as its editor, and it was distributed by mail to all members of the Center and of the Jewish community at large. It contained regular monthly news of the Center, of the Religious School, of the Hadassah chapter, of the B'nai B'rith Lodge, and of the Youth Group, as well as social notes, notes on the arrival and departure of new and old residents, which occurred and still occur periodically, as well as general news of the Jewish community of Los Alamos. This was issued regularly, each month, until October, 1956, and then, after a lapse of several months, it was resumed in March, 1957, under the editorial supervision of Esther B. Goldfarb, assisted by Joe and Judy Bergstein, and was issued monthly thereafter. In 1957-1958, Mrs. Aileen Goodman served on the editorial staff of the monthly *The Menorah*, as did Jerome D. Shaykin.

Rabbi Shinedling's every-other-weekly schedule, from mid-October, 1956, through the end of June, 1957, included the following program:

(which was regarded as minimum standards for congregation, pupils, and Religious School.)

Friday nights: Religious services, with a sermon; an Oneg Shabbath sociable, provided by the ladies of the Center, occasionally with a forum discussion or a "question and answer" ("Ask the Rabbi") period.

Saturday mornings: A Sabbath morning service, with a Bible sermonette, by Rabbi Shinedling and the reading of a portion of the translation of the Weekly Torah portion; as well as two one-hour beginning Hebrew classes conducted by the rabbi, and one one-hour Hebrew class, for the younger children, conducted by Mrs. Shinedling.

Saturday afternoons: Pastoral, sick, and hospital visits, with the rabbi frequently accompanied on these visits by either Albert Goodman, chairman of the Membership Committee, or by Robert H. Sherman, chairman of the Religious Committee. The rabbi also gave a two-hour lesson almost every other Saturday afternoon to two women of the Jewish Center who were taking instruction in Judaism for the purpose of accepting the Jewish faith, a ceremony which took place at the Center on Sunday morning, June 23, 1957.

Saturday evenings: A one-hour Adult Hebrew Class, followed by a one-hour Adult Bible Study Class, the latter followed by a question and answer period.

Sunday mornings: Religious School, with Rabbi Shinedling conducting the regular morning assembly, including the reading of Scripture, and teaching a post-Confirmation or post-Bar Mitzvah class of seven children, the highest class in the Religious School, ranging in age from 12 to 15. Their two subjects consisted of the History of the Jewish Religion, and Modern Jewish Problems. At the same time, Mrs. Helen L. Shinedling played the piano and directed the music at the morning Assembly programs, and served as a substitute teacher throughout the religious year.

In September, 1956, B'nai Israel Congregation, of East Liverpool, Ohio, donated about fifty copies of the Revised Union Prayer Book, Volumes I and II, to the Los Alamos Jewish Center. These Union Prayer Books are often used, as well as the Conservative prayer books donated to the Center by the Jewish Welfare Board (while G.I.'s were stationed in Los Alamos), for the Friday evening religious services. The East Liverpool Temple also donated a large supply of materials for religious instruction. The Friday evening (Erev Shabbath) service at the Center alternates between the Reform and the Conservative rituals; at the Saturday morning service the Union Prayer Book is used exclusively. For the Assembly programs of the Religious School, on Sunday mornings, the Union Hymnal is used, as well as the Jewish Publication Society of America Bible translation, the Board of Directors, in October, 1956, having authorized the purchase of a large supply of both these volumes for use in the religious services.

The first wedding ever to be solemnized in Los Alamos in the Jewish community was that of Lois Lynn Goldfarb, the daughter of Irving and Esther B. Goldfarb, to Arthur Elihu Rosenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. (Dora) Rosenbaum, of Albuquerque. It was performed on April 1, 1956, by Cantor Israel Krasnoff, of Albuquerque. The second marriage to take place in Los Alamos, and the first to be solemnized by an ordained rabbi, was that of Leroy N. Blumberg to Sydel Barkin, both workers on "The Hill" in the scientific field, on Saturday night, March 2, 1957 (30th of Adar I, 5717). It was performed by Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling at the home of Manuel and Paula Rotenberg, with the former and Lawrence Wilets serving as the two witnesses required by the Jewish marriage law.

The 1957 Passover Seder sponsored by the Jewish Center was held in the Recreation Hall on Monday evening, April 15, 1957, at 6:30 P.M., the first eve of the Passover. Mrs. Paula Rotenberg and Mrs. Judy Gursky were co-chairmen of this event, which was the first Seder ever held in Los Alamos which was conducted by a rabbi, in this case Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling. More than 120 persons, including children of all ages, attended this Seder supper and service. Another first in this connection is the fact that, for the first time in Los Alamos, Passover eve and morning services, the latter with the reading of the Torah, were held at the Center, conducted by Rabbi Shinedling, on Monday evening, April 15, 1957, at 5:45 P.M., before the Seder supper, and on Tuesday morning, April 16, 1957, at 10:30 A.M. The attendance included some ten adults and eight children at each of these two religious services.

In the course of his "religious year" in Los Alamos, from September, 1956, to June, 1957, Rabbi and Mrs. Shinedling were often invited as guests for the Sabbath evening meal to the homes of various congregational members of the Jewish Center, in which he often made Kiddush and recited "Grace before the Meals" (Motzi). Also, they were invited as weekend house guests to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reider, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goldfarb, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome D. Shaykin, in the course of this religious year.

The Los Alamos Jewish Center was faced by a problem in its affairs at the end of April and at the beginning of May, 1957, when it received word from the Atomic Energy Commission that within a few months it would have to vacate its present premises, since the present Center building was to be torn down to furnish place for a parking area or for an enlargement of the commercial area. At this time the Center was faced with the alternatives of erecting its own building on a piece of ground to be acquired on lease from the A. E. C.; or of moving the present Center building, or the half which it occupies, to another site; or of renting smaller quarters near The Lodge for temporary use until a new permanent building could be built or rented. It was decided by the Board of Directors and by the membership of the congregation, after several meetings held late in April and in May, 1957, to occupy a Log Cabin temporarily, on the other side of Central Avenue, opposite The

Lodge; and, in the interim, to form a Building Fund with which to begin the erection of the Center's own building in the course of the next three or four years. The move into the Log Cabin was made in early September, 1957, just before the High Holy Days.

High Holy Day services for the year 5718 A.M. (Anno Mundi) were conducted in late September and early October, 1957, at the new, smaller, quarters in the Log Cabin, with Jacob J. Wechsler, Robert H. Sherman, and Leon J. Brown, and others, participating in the conducting of the services, which were, as usual, Conservative in ritual. Members of the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge assisted in the transfer of all the paraphernalia, equipment, and possessions of the Jewish Center from the old synagogue building at 19th and Nectar Sts. to the new temporary abode of the congregation in the Log Cabin on Central Avenue.

The first ceremonies of conversion to Judaism ever to be held in Los Alamos were those of Judy (Mrs. Joe) Bergstein and Hellen R. (Mrs. Joseph) Schaffer, on Sunday morning, June 23, 1957 (Sivan 24, 5717 A.M.), with Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling as the officiant. The latter conversion ceremony was followed by the remarriage, according to the Jewish marriage ritual, of Joseph and Hellen R. Schaffer by Rabbi Shinedling; they had previously been married, some years before, at Los Alamos by a justice of the peace. The two conversion ceremonies were the result of nine months of instruction of these two members of the Los Alamos Jewish community by Rabbi Shinedling on alternate Saturday afternoons, at the Jewish Center, in Bible, Jewish history, and Jewish ceremonials and institutions, during the year 1956-1957. The witnesses to the conversion ceremonies, whose names were signed to the official certificates, or *teudoth*, were Ivan Bergstein, a brother of Joe Bergstein; Robert H. Sherman; and Albert Goodman.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1957, Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling officiated at Los Alamos at the circumcision ceremony of Howard William Pickett (born at Los Alamos, on August 23, 1957), the second son of Robert T. and Jewell G. Pickett; and at the ceremony of the naming of Gail Renee Goodman (born at Los Alamos, on July 12, 1957), the third daughter of Albert and Aileen Goodman.

Very few Jewish families in Los Alamos, perhaps two or three at the most, observe the Jewish dietary laws (*Kashruth*) strictly or fully, or keep a strictly kosher home. These several families secure their kosher meat from Denver, Colorado, by express parcel post. Despite some Conservative tendencies on the part of a large number of the Jewish families of Los Alamos, the religious practice of the great majority of the Jewish families of the community leans more towards the progressive and modern, and away from the traditional, with the exception that these families generally prefer a more Conservative religious service in the synagogue.

The Cultural Program Committee

A Cultural Program Committee, with Albert Goodman as its chairman, was appointed in October, 1957, for the purpose of continuing the Adult Study Group which was conducted with good success by Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling in the year 1956-1957, with an attendance of between 15 and 20 adults at the every-other-weekly Saturday evening study group class on Bible, Jewish history, and comparative religion. Beginning in February, 1958, sessions were held at the Center on alternate Friday nights, after the Temple services, with discussions being held on various topics of Jewish interest, prepared in advance by several persons appointed for each session, and participated in by the rest of the attendants at the Adult Study Group sessions. In 1958, the textbook used as the basis for study and discussion was *American Judaism: The Next Century.*

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The Constitution of the Los Alamos Jewish Center

(As adopted, as revised, on November 4, 1954, and with two amendments adopted on April 28, 1957)

Preamble

We, Residents of the Community of Los Alamos, in order to further the religious, cultural, and educational aspects of American Judaism, do establish a Los Alamos Jewish Center. The function of this organization is to supplement the services to the community performed by the local chapters of the B'nai B'rith and Hadassah.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I—Name

Section 1. The name of this association shall be the Jewish Center of Los Alamos.

Article II—Object

Section 1. The objectives of this not-for-profit Association shall be the following:

a. Promote and further Jewish religious, cultural, educational, and social activities.

b. Provide a meeting place for all individuals and groups concerned with Jewish community life.

c. Cooperate with other civic organizations in advancing the democratic way of life.

ARTICLE III—Membership and Dues

Section 1. The membership in this Association shall consist of men and women, boys and girls of all ages subscribing to the above objectives.

Section 2. The voting membership shall consist of members over 18 years of age, and in good standing.

Section 3. Dues shall be established at the October meeting by the voting members for the coming year.

Section 4. Dues may be waived by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV—Officers

Section 1. This organization shall be administered by a Board of Directors which shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and three additional members. They shall be elected at the October meeting to serve until the next October meeting.

Section 2. No president or vice president shall be eligible for the same office for more than two consecutive one-year terms.

Section 3. No financial commitments shall be made by or for the Association in excess of unobligated funds in the treasury.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

a. President. To preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and the membership at large. To co-sign, on behalf of the Jewish Center, checks, notices, contracts, and all other official documents. To be an ex-officio member of all committees.

b. Vice President. To act in the place of the President during his absence. To correlate committee activities.

c. Secretary. To provide minutes of all Board and general meetings; handle correspondence for the Center; maintain a file of membership. To notify all members of meetings. To co-sign checks on behalf of the Center in the absence of the President and Vice President.

d. Treasurer. To co-sign on behalf of the Center all checks, notices, and other official documents relating to the expenditure of any Center funds. To keep an accurate record of income and expenditures; to provide financial statements for the October and May meetings. In his absence, the Treasurer may delegate his authority to sign checks to any other co-signees.

e. Board members. To attend all meetings of the Board and vote upon all questions. To carry out such duties as may from time to time be delegated to them by majority vote of the Board.

Article V—Meetings

Section 1. The meetings of the Association shall take place at least semi-annually in October and May.

Section 2. Notices of special meetings shall be sent at least four days in advance, stating the purposes of the meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at such time and place as they determine.

Section 4. Ten members, or 33% of the voting membership, whichever is greater, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association, and four Board members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Article VI—Elections

Section 1. The election of Directors [the 4 officers and the 3 trustees or directors at large] shall take place at the October meeting of the Association.

Section 2. At least 90 days before the October meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five members. The names of the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the membership at least fifteen days before the annual meeting.

Section 3. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Section 4. All vacancies in elected posts shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Anyone so appointed shall not serve beyond the next election meeting.

Section 5. Election of the Directors shall be by a majority of those voting. The vote shall be by closed ballot, and balloting shall be limited to one office at a time.

Section 6. One signed proxy per attending voter will be acceptable for the election of officers.

Article VII—Amendments

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws of the organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any legally constituted meeting, provided that advance notice of at least two weeks is given and a copy of the proposed amendment is included in the notice.

Section 2. Proposed amendments may be submitted by the Board of Directors or by a petition of seven members.

ARTICLE VIII—Committees

Section 1. Standing and special committees shall be created by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The chairman of each Committee shall be appointed by the President on a pro tem.[pore] basis. Confirmation of appointees must be voted on at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The chairman of each committee shall be privileged to choose his respective associates.

Section 3. Each committee shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. No committee shall incur any liabilities without the authority of the Board.

ARTICLE IX—Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. All deliberations at meetings of the Association and Board of Directors shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE X—Dissolution

Section 1. The organization shall be dissolved by the Board of Directors if there is no duly constituted meeting for one year.

Section 2. In the event of dissolution, all debts and obligations will be paid, and all unobligated funds will be distributed for such charitable activities as [are] designated by the Board of Directors.

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Below are the texts of two amendments to the Constitution which were adopted at the April 28, 1957, meeting of the Los Alamos Jewish Center:

ARTICLE V—Meetings

Section 5. Special meetings of the General Membership shall be called by the Board of Directors at their discretion, or upon request of 8 members (of the Center).

ARTICLE VIII—Standing Committees

Section 5. The following standing committees shall be established: Religious [Affairs], Membership, Program, Sunday School, and House Committees.

**Members of the Los Alamos Jewish Center*
(as of June 1, 1957)**

Leonard (and Louise) Baron
Ivan Bergstein
Joe (and Judy) Bergstein
Donald A. (and Rosalind) Bradford
Leon J. (and Dorothy) Brown
Oliver A. (and Grace) Cole
Jay Gregory (and Joan) Dash
Harry (and Roberta) Dreicer
Mrs. Clara [Edward] Eckhouse
[She moved to Washington, D.C., in October, 1957.]
Robert (and Evelyn) Frank
Irving (and Esther B.) Goldfarb
Albert (and Aileen) Goodman
Martin L. (and Judy) Gursky
Bertram (and Pauline L.) Heil
Harvey (and Lillian) Israel
Augusta Kalmus
Richard J. (and Jean) Kandel
Jerome J. (and Roslyn) Kravitz
Roger (and Peggy) Lazarus
Robert T. (and Jewell G.) Pickett
Roy (and Alice) Reider
Martin (and Sherry) Reisfeld
Norman Rosen
Manuel (and Paula) Rotenberg
Joseph (and Hellen Risley) Schaffer
Burton Schuster
Samuel (and Esther) Schuster
Jerome D. (and Eleanor B.) Shaykin
Haskell (and Beatrice F.) Sheinberg
Robert H. Sherman
Simon (and Lee) Shlaer
Saul (and Anna) Skolnick
[Anna Skolnick died at Los Alamos in July, 1957, and was buried in New York City.]
Adolph E. (and Doris) Sturm
Sherman B. (and Marylyn) Sweet
James M. (and Sally) Taub
Leonard H. (and Marilyn) Treiman
Jacob J. (and Carol) Wechsler
Herbert (and Judith C.) Weinstein
Larry (and Annette) Weintraub
Eugene E. (and Audrey M.) Weiss
Lawrence (and Dulce) Wilets
Cornell (and Sylvia) Wohlberg

The following three new residents were living and working in Los Alamos in early 1958, and were at that time members of the Jewish Center:

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob (Hilda) Enoch (of Milwaukee, Wis.).
Mr. and Mrs. Alex (Freddie) Green.
William Goldstein (of Denver, Colo.).

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*(In all the following lists, the first name of the wife, when known, is given in parentheses.)

William Goldstein came to Los Alamos in December, 1957, to become an announcer at the Los Alamos Radio Station. Jacob Enoch and Alex Green were working on the scientific projects. They arrived in the city in October, 1957.

In December, 1957, also, Eugene E. Weiss and his family left Los Alamos to move to California, where he entered private business.

Beginning with September, 1958, Dr. Lawrence Wilets, who spent a year of advanced research and study in the field of physics in the Institute of Advanced Study, at Princeton, N.J. (1957-1958), was scheduled to enter upon an academic career as a professor of physics at Princeton University.

Non-Members of the Los Alamos Jewish Community and Center (as of June 1, 1957)

The following twenty Jewish families or individuals were resident in Los Alamos on June 1, 1957, but were not members of, or affiliated with, the Los Alamos Jewish Center, even though some of the individual men were members of the Los Alamos Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, and some of the wives were members of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah; or else some of these families and individuals contributed to the annual campaign of the United Jewish Appeal in Los Alamos:

Leroy N. (and Sydel B.) Blumberg
Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer Bromberg
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooper
Lawrence (and Charlotte) Cranberg
Alan (and Felice) Feldstein
Dr. Harry Foreman
Maxwell Goldblatt
Murray Goldman
Louis (and Lucy) Goldstein
Max (and Mary) Goldstein
Leon (and Rosalie) Heller
Mr. and Mrs. William Keller
Alfred (and Kay) Koelle
Jules Levin
David Lieberman
Frederick (and Sylvia) Reines
Louis Rosen
Berthold F. (and Eleanor) Schnap
Arnold (and Annette) Tepper
Roy (and Ruth) Thaler

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In addition, there were four or five other families, originally or nominally Jews, and thitherto identifiable as Jews, who (perhaps because of intermarriage) had ceased all Jewish affiliations on "The Hill," or who did not desire to be known as Jews at all, or who had affiliated with some other religious group on "The Hill," and who were having their child or children reared in another religious faith on "The Hill." Of the families listed in the two groups above, in the two above-cited groups of names, a total of ten families represented intermarriages (out of a total number of Jewish families on "The Hill" of sixty-two as of June 1, 1957), but two of the non-Jewish wives included in the above figures accepted Judaism through formal conversion on June 23, 1957, and several others, both men and women, of the non-Jewish marital partners,

were conducting their homes in a Jewish manner, rearing their children as Jews, and were members of, or participants in the work of, the Los Alamos Jewish Center, or of the Hadassah, or of the B'nai B'rith, or of all three of these Jewish organizations.

(Of the ten intermarriages mentioned above, three were of Jewish women and Gentile men; and seven were of Jewish men and Gentile [non-Jewish] women.)

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Jewish Families and Individuals Formerly Resident in Los Alamos (Before September 15, 1956)

Irwin Apple
Dr. Harold B. (and Miriam) Barrie
Samuel Bankman
Dr. Howard (and Madeline) Belgorod
Milton Bornstein
Ernest (and Ruth) Cohen
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Corney
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dorfman
Edward W. Eckhouse (1898-1955; deceased at Los Alamos on October 20, 1955)
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gottlieb
Bernard Gottlieb
Paul (and Coralyn) Greenbaum
Stanley Greenberg
Hans (and Barbara) Gusdorf
Herbert Haraway
Donald Harris
William (and Ruth) Henoch
Henry (and Phyllis) Heyman
Abe Karp
Seymour Katcoff
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Katz
---------- Kauffman (first name unknown)
Edwin W. (and Sue) Kaufman
Bennett Kivel
Herman L. (and Dovian) Krieger
Rolf K. (and Miriam) Landshoff
Irving (and Sarah) Lebow
Rosalie Lemmons
Murry (and Roslyn Disend) Lieboff
Harris L. (and Rosalie) Mayer
Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayer
Jack Meyer
Samuel (and Rose) Mozer
Herman (and Jean) Newhouse
Dr. Nathan Peretzman
Bernard D. (and Dorothy) Pollock
Jack (and Rose) Rappaport
J. Rosen
Stewart (and Doreen) Schlesinger
Dr. and Mrs. John Schulman
Leon Sherman (deceased on March 2, 1957, in an automobile accident on the highway between Santa Fe and Albuquerque)
Maurice (and Dorothy) Shurman
Michael Shurman
Elihu Silver
Joseph (and Belva) Singer
Tracy (and Sally) Snelling
Paul (and Marie) Sperling
Irving R. (and Judy) Tannenbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Trigger
Leo (and Sylvia) Zifkin

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Berthold F. Schnap
Eleanor B. Shaykin
Jerome D. Shaykin
Robert H. Sherman
James M. Taub
Sally Taub
Leonard H. Treiman

CHAPTER IV

The Sunday School (Religious School) of the Los Alamos Jewish Center

Jerome D. Shaykin started the first Sunday School, or Religious School, in Los Alamos, in the year 1949, in the month of September. Prior to this, several of the Jewish children of Los Alamos were taken to Santa Fe by their parents on Sunday mornings to the Jewish religious school there. This Los Alamos Religious School of Jerome D. Shaykin met in the Mesa School Kindergarten. There were two or three teachers in this school: Deborah Shurman, who taught in the year 1950; Lois Lynn Goldfarb and Jerome D. Shaykin, who taught in the years 1950 and 1951 (Lois Lynn Goldfarb was the daughter of Irving and Esther Goldfarb); and Mrs. Anna [Saul] Skolnick. In 1953 to 1954 Joe Bergstein, Jerome D. Shaykin, and Louis Goldstein were the Hebrew teachers, as well as the teachers and alternate teachers, of the Religious School. (All the above were still resident in Los Alamos in June, 1957, except Deborah Shurman, and except Lois Lynn Goldfarb, who, on April 1, 1956, was married to Arthur E. Rosenbaum, of Albuquerque, after which she went to live in Denver; and also except Mrs. Anna Skolnick, who died at Los Alamos in July, 1957.)

In late 1954, after the Los Alamos Jewish Center had been formed, Leon J. Brown became the director (superintendent) of the Sunday School; he served in this post until 1955. Ernest Cohen then became the director, or superintendent, of the Religious School, and chairman of the Religious Committee of the Center, serving from October, 1955, to August, 1956. In August, 1956, Robert H. Sherman became the chairman of the Religious Committee of the Center, and in the following month Harvey Israel was appointed superintendent of the Religious School. Louise (Mrs. Leonard) Baron was, at the same time, appointed assistant superintendent and substitute teacher, and she served in these posts until early May, 1957, when she resigned.

A tradition was established, in 1951, that the closing exercises of the Sunday School, on the last Sunday in May or early in June, of each year, are followed by a picnic, generally under the auspices of the local lodge of the B'nai B'rith. In August of each year, also, the Jewish Center, beginning with 1955, has held a picnic in the North Mesa picnic area.

When the Sunday School began operations as an official group and organization in September, 1949, it was under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Los Alamos, which conducted it and paid part of the expense involved. At that time, there were twelve children in the school. Its teachers, during the religious school year extending from September, 1954, to June, 1955, were as follows:

Judy (Mrs. Irving R.) Tannenbaum
Joe Bergstein
Rosalind (Mrs. Donald A.) Bradford
Miriam (Mrs. Rolf K.) Landshoff
Bennett Kivel
Michael Shurman

In that year the number of children in the Sunday School was twenty-six.

For the year extending from September, 1955, to June, 1956, the teaching staff of the Sunday School consisted of the following:

Ernest Cohen
Judy Tannenbaum
(She left Los Alamos in March, 1956, and her place as a teacher was taken by Leon J. Brown.)
Miriam Landshoff
Rosalind Bradford
Jerome D. Shaykin

In March, 1956, Beatrice F. (Mrs. Haskell) Sheinberg also became a member of the teaching staff of the Sunday School, which at that time had five classes and more than thirty children. Classes were arranged in four (or five) age groups, with instruction being given in Hebrew, Jewish history, customs and ceremonials, and the Jewish holidays. The time of instruction was each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. The Sunday School fees, to pay for the cost of the textbooks and workbooks, were set at $5.00 per child for Center members. Desk chairs were purchased for the four classrooms in the summer of 1955. In September, 1956, this enrollment fee of $5.00 for Center members' children was renewed, and an enrollment fee of $10.00 per annum for the children of non-members of the Center was initiated. [Apparently, in 1956-1957, there were no children of non-members enrolled in the Religious School.]

The teaching staff for the year extending from September, 1956, to June 9, 1957, was as follows:

Harvey Israel, superintendent and teacher (beginning as the latter in early May, 1957)
Louise Baron, assistant superintendent and substitute teacher (until early May, 1957)
Mrs. Aileen (Albert) Goodman (until her resignation in March, 1957, due to illness)
Mrs. Pauline L. (Bertram) Heil (who resigned in February, 1957, because of illness)
Mrs. Beatrice F. Sheinberg (not on the teaching staff for the year 1957-1958)
Leonard Baron (until his resignation in early May, 1957)
Mrs. Martin (Sherry) Reisfeld (replacing Mrs. Pauline L. Heil in February, 1957)
Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling (beginning in mid-October, 1956)
Mrs. Helen L. Shinedling (substitute teacher, and also pianist at

the Sunday morning assemblies on alternate Sundays) (1956-1957)
Mrs. Judy (Joe) Bergstein (substitute teacher)
Albert Goodman (to replace Mrs. Goodman, in March, 1957, and before that a substitute teacher and music director in the Religious School assemblies on Sunday morning)

For the year 1957-1958, Mrs. Aileen (Albert) Goodman was appointed superintendent of the Sunday School. Hilda (Mrs. Jacob) Enoch, a new arrival on "The Hill" from Milwaukee, Wis., at that time accepted the position as teacher in the highest class. At the end of 1957, the enrollment of children in the Sunday School was reported to be almost 40, with 5 teachers teaching 5 classes. Other teachers for the year 1957-1958 included Albert Goodman and Mrs. Oliver A. (Grace) Cole.

In September, 1956, there were thirty-six children registered in the Sunday School, divided into five classes. In October, 1955, the number of pupils in the school had been thirty-one. Four or five of the children of Jewish parents who were members of the Center failed to attend the sessions of the Religious School during the year 1956-1957. Not a single child of Jewish families resident in Los Alamos but not members of the Jewish Center attended the sessions of the Religious School during the academic year 1956-1957.

The thirty-six children who were pupils in the Religious School during the religious school season of 1956 to 1957 were as follows:
(their age is given in parentheses)

David Bergstein (9)
Jody Lee Bergstein (6)
Roxane Bergstein (11)
Gary Brown (7)
Averil Cole (11)
Sandra Cole (7)
Lynn Frank (14)
Richard Frank (6)
Doreen Goodman (8)
Maura D. Goodman (6)
Michele Kravitz (9)
David Lazarus (5)
John Lazarus (8)
Jack Pickett (14)
Rochelle Pickett (11)
Bonnie Reider (14)
Robin Reider (10)
Susan Reider (6)
David Schaffer (5)
Gail Schuster (5)
Lani Schuster (7)
Lawrence Schuster (10)
David Shaykin (7)
Nancy Ruth Shaykin (12)
Michael Sheinberg (5)
Robert Shlaer (15)
Julian Skolnick (7)
Judy Lynn Sturm (9)
Janet Taub (7)
Richard Weintraub (8)
Rochelle Weiss (6)
Ileen Wilets (6)
Margaret Wohlberg (9)
Roslyn Wohlberg (14)

The Pupils of the Sunday School (by Classes) (1956-1957)

Kindergarten Class (Teacher, Mrs. Sherry Reisfeld, replacing Mrs. Pauline L. Heil)

Richard Frank
David Lazarus
David Schaffer
Gail Schuster
Michael Sheinberg

First Grade (Teacher, Mrs. Beatrice F. Sheinberg)

Gary Brown
Jody Lee Bergstein
Sandra Cole
Maura D. Goodman
Susan Reider
Lani Schuster
David Shaykin
Julian Skolnick
Janet Taub
Rochelle Weiss
Ileen Wilets

Second Grade (Teacher, Albert Goodman, replacing Mrs. Aileen Goodman)

David Bergstein
Doreen Goodman
Michele Kravitz
John Lazarus
Judy Lynn Sturm
Richard Weintraub
Margaret Wohlberg

Third Grade (Teacher, Harvey Israel, replacing Leonard Baron; substitute teachers in April and May, 1957, on alternate Sundays, Mrs. Sylvia Wohlberg and Mrs. Helen L. Shinedling)

Roxane Bergstein
Averil Cole
Rochelle Pickett
Robin Reider
Lawrence Schuster
Nancy Ruth Shaykin

Fifth Grade (Teacher, Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling; this was the High School or Post-Graduate Class)

Lynn Frank
Jack Pickett
Bonnie Reider
Robert Shlaer
Roslyn Wohlberg

(Two pupils of this class, who began the term in October, 1956, but failed to complete the work of the class, had dropped out by the end of March, 1957; these were David Cole and Matthew Wohlberg.)

There were two post-Religious School Jewish residents of Los Alamos in 1956-1957. These were:

Sherrill J. Eckhouse, daughter of Mrs. Clara Eckhouse, a senior student, during the year, at the University of New Mexico, in Albuquerque, who was graduated from the University on June 5, 1957, with the B.S. degree, from its School of Education.

William Shlaer, eldest son of Simon and Lee Shlaer, a high school senior during the year 1956-1957.

Pre-Religious School Jewish Children at Los Alamos (1956-1957)

(or Jewish Children not attending the Sunday School during that Year) (54 in number)
(Those marked with an asterisk * were of Religious School age)

Donna Bradford
Philip David Bradford
Michael Bromberg
Daniel Bromberg
Arlene Brown
Stuart D. Brown
Wendy E. Brown
*David Cole
Alexis Cranberg
Nicole Cranberg
Anthony Z. Dash
*Michael Dash
Elizabeth Dash
Victor Dreicer
Emily Dreicer
Mark Avrom Feldstein
*John Goldstein
Gail Renee Goodman
Kathryn Gursky
Philip Gursky
Michael Gursky
Peter Heller
Anthony Heller
David Kandell
Laura Kandell
Susan Linda Kandell
Elizabeth Lazarus
Kathy Lazarus
Virginia Lazarus
Howard William Pickett
*Elise Reines
*Robert Reines
Joel Rotenberg
Victor Rotenberg
Karen Schuster
Arthur Sheinberg
*Alan Shlaer
Russell Skolnick
Budd Sturm, Jr.
Douglas Sweet
Jeffrey Sweet
Judy Taub
Robert J. Tepper
Bradley Tepper
Sherrie Tepper
Alan Treiman
Evelyn Treiman
Jay Treiman
Deborah Wechsler
Perry Joseph Wechsler
Douglas Weintraub
Howard Weintraub
Corrillyn Weiss
Edward Elliott Wilets
*Matthew Wohlberg
Norma Wohlberg

New Jewish children in the Los Alamos Jewish community at the end of 1957 were:

Bruce Green (age 9)
Deborah (Debby) Green (age 7)
Marcy Green (age 5)
Linda Green (age 2)

(These four children were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green, new residents on The Hill at the end of 1957.)

Aviva Enoch (age 7 months)
(Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Enoch, also new residents on The Hill at the end of the year 1957.)

During the year 1956-1957, Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling officiated

as rabbi at the following four circumcision ceremonies of Jewish boys, held at the Los Alamos Medical Center:

Mark Avrom Feldstein
Howard William Pickett
Perry Joseph Wechsler
Edward Elliott Wilets

He officiated also at three child-naming ceremonies held in private homes on The Hill, in the course of the year (September, 1956, to August 31, 1957):

Donna Bradford
Philip David Bradford
Gail Renee Goodman

Formation of The Sisterhood in Los Alamos

On November 14, 1957, a new organization was formed by the Jewish community of Los Alamos. This was The Sisterhood of the Los Alamos Jewish Center, with its primary purpose that of helping the Center through service.

Officers of The Sisterhood were elected as follows for the year 1957-1958:

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Grace (Oliver A.) Cole
SECRETARY-TREASURER: Mrs. Roslyn (Jerome J.) Kravitz
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Sylvia (Cornell) Wohlberg

CHAPTER V

The Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah*

The idea of forming a chapter of Hadassah (the Women's Zionist Organization of America) on "The Hill" (Los Alamos) was first broached in February, 1948, at the time when Mrs. Sadie Kulakovsky, of Omaha, Nebraska, a National Board member of Hadassah, was visiting in Albuquerque at the home of Mrs. Marian (Ralph) Goldberg. A blizzard prevented the former from coming to Los Alamos at that time, to discuss the matter with the Jewish women of "The Hill." It was learned that the forming of a chapter of Hadassah on "The Hill" entailed and required a minimum number of eighteen women. The father of Rosalie (Mrs. Harris L.) Mayer, in New York City, donated a bolt of flannel to the Los Alamos group interested in Hadassah (fourteen Jewish women at the time), and the latter proceeded to cut, sew, and embroider baby garments, which were given to the Albuquerque Chapter of Hadassah for distribution, the Los Alamos chapter not having been formed as yet.

In the late summer of 1948, the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah came into actual being. Mrs. Betty Gelt, of Denver, the regional president of Hadassah, paid a visit to Los Alamos at that time, and after it had been voted that a chapter of Hadassah was desirable for the life of the Jewish community of Los Alamos, the organizational meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Esther B. (Irving) Goldfarb. Those ladies present (or those who joined shortly afterwards, making more than the required eighteen in number) included the following:

Mrs. Albert (Aileen) Goodman
Mrs. Esther B. (Irving) Goldfarb
Mrs. Harris L. (Rosalie) Mayer
Mrs. Adolph E. (Doris) Sturm
Mrs. James M. (Sally) Taub
Mrs. Barbara (Hans) Gusdorf
Mrs. Simon (Lee) Shlaer
Mrs. John Schulman
Mrs. Larry (Annette) Weintraub
Mrs. Paul (Marie) Sperling
Mrs. Rolf K. (Miriam) Landshoff
Mrs. Frederick (Sylvia) Reines
Mrs. Lucy (Louis) Goldstein
Mrs. Anna (Saul) Skolnick
Mrs. Dorothy (Bernard) Pollock
Mrs. Sally (Tracy) Snelling
Mrs. Henry (Phyllis) Heyman
Mrs. Rose (Samuel) Mozer
Mrs. Eleanor (Berthold F.) Schnap

The officers who were elected at that time to serve as the first officers of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah, for the year 1948 to 1949, were:

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*Most of the material and data contained in this chapter was furnished to the author by Mrs. Esther B. Goldfarb and Mrs. Clara R. Eckhouse, as well as Mrs. Eleanor B. Shaykin, to whom he expresses his deep gratitude.

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Esther B. Goldfarb
VICE PRESIDENT: Mrs. Rosalie Mayer
TREASURER: Mrs. Doris Sturm
SECRETARY: Mrs. Aileen Goodman

The first Board Members of the new chapter of Hadassah (for the year 1948 to 1949) were as follows:

Rose Mozer	Sylvia Reines
Rosalie Mayer	Barbara Gusdorf
Sally Snelling	Mrs. John Schulman
Marie Sperling	Aileen Goodman

Since the summer of 1948, the membership of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah has grown considerably. In 1956-1957 the chapter had a total of thirty-seven members, several of whom no longer were living in Los Alamos. Money-raising projects have always been carried out on a group basis, with no individual quotas being set or raised. Meetings were held for several years in individual homes, and later, after its formation, some meetings were held in the Los Alamos Jewish Center.

Fund-raising projects have included bake sales, several times a year; annual rummage sales; and large and small bridge parties. In 1956 the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah published a general cook book, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sylvia (Frederick) Reines, containing recipes contributed by a large number of the members of the chapter. At one time the Los Alamos Chapter sold books written by authors who gave lectures in the Los Alamos community forum series; the arrangement was a happy one, since the general public liked the idea of securing autographed copies of books, the authors were pleased, and the Hadassah chapter was enabled to raise considerable sums of money. Some of the notables who thus lectured at Los Alamos were the physicist Dr. George Gamow (now professor of theoretical physics at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C.), Emily Kimbrough, and Ogden Nash. The most successful financial venture engaged in by the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah was the sponsoring of a film series of old motion pictures which the chapter rented from the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. During the summers of the three years 1952, 1953, and 1954, eight films were thus shown, one during each successive week, and a charge of $3 was made for the series. In 1952, the first year of this unusual project, the Hadassah chapter raised a total of $1,000 in net proceeds. Although the same project was handled also in the summers of 1953 and 1954, television in these latter two years reduced the interest and the profits. It is of interest that the Museum of Modern Art, in New York, benefited from this film project equally with the Hadassah chapter.

The Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah sponsored also the annual Hadassah Jewish community Passover Seder supper and service from 1949 through 1955, as a service to the general Jewish community

of Los Alamos. These Seder suppers and services were held in the servicemen's lounge at Los Alamos and in various other places in the city, including the schools of Los Alamos and the Los Alamos Recreational Hall. In 1956, the Passover Seder supper and service were held at the Jewish Center, and they were taken over by the Center. At these Seder suppers and services, Leon J. Brown, Max Goldstein, and Harris L. Mayer served several times as the officiants. On March 26, 1956, Rolf K. Landshoff conducted the Seder at the Jewish Center, attended by 120 persons. At each such communal Seder, 100 or more persons of the general community, including both members and non-members of the Center, were in attendance. It is of interest that before the Los Alamos Jewish Center had its own fully equipped kitchen, dishes and other facilities were borrowed from various groups and churches in the city, including the United Church and the Episcopalian Church.

Once a year the National Hadassah sends speakers of prominence to the city. Such speakers in the past have included: Miss Sylvia Neulander, of Israel; Mrs. Alexander Simson, of New York City; Mrs. Julius Meers, of Denver, regional president of Hadassah; Mrs. Hazel Greenwald, of New York; and Mrs. Rose Matzkin, of Norwich, Conn.

Hadassah has also satisfied the needs of the Jewish-minded women on "The Hill" for social contacts, and for working together in and as a group. The local Hadassah programs each year cover a wide range of topics from current events to general and Jewish history, the conditions in Israel, and in other countries, including England, and English literature. At the opening meeting of the 1956-1957 season, held at the Jewish Center in September, 1956, Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling, of Albuquerque, was the guest speaker, addressing the meeting on the subject of "Great Women in Jewish History." On June 5, 1957, Herman Zieph, father of Mrs. Jean (Richard J.) Kandel, a member of the New York City high school teaching faculty, was guest speaker at the Hadassah meeting, speaking on the contents and value of the history of the Jews.

The officers of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah for the year 1956 to 1957 were:

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Eleanor B. (Jerome D.) Shaykin
VICE PRESIDENT: Mrs. Paula (Manuel) Rotenberg
(to replace the previously elected co-vice presidents, Mrs. Ruth [Ernest] Cohen and Mrs. Charlotte [Lawrence] Cranberg)
SECRETARY: Mrs. Esther (Samuel) Schuster
TREASURER: Mrs. Clara R. Eckhouse

The officers elected in April, 1957, to serve for the year 1957 to 1958 were as follows:

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Eleanor B. Shaykin (re-elected)
VICE PRESIDENT: Mrs. Evelyn (Robert) Frank
SECRETARY: Mrs. Esther Schuster (re-elected)
TREASURER: Mrs. Clara R. Eckhouse (re-elected)

The Hadassah Chapter Board for 1957-1958 included:

Mrs. Marylyn Sweet, American Affairs
Mrs. Judy (Martin L.) Gursky, Youth Aliyah
Mrs. Sylvia (Cornell) Wohlberg, Jewish National Fund
Mrs. Bobby (Harry) Dreicer, Membership
Mrs. Esther B. Goldfarb, Program and Education
Mrs. Evelyn Frank, Hadassah Medical Organization

Past Officers of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah were:

PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Esther B. (Irving) Goldfarb (1948-1950 and 1954-1955)
Mrs. Eleanor B. (Jerome D.) Shaykin (1950-1951, 1956-1957, and 1957-1958)
Mrs. Miriam (Rolf K.) Landshoff (1951-1953)
Mrs. Rosalie (Harris L.) Mayer (1953-1954)
Mrs. Jewell G. (Robert T.) Pickett (1955-1956)

VICE PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Rosalie (Harris L.) Mayer (1948-1949)
Mrs. Phyllis (Henry) Heyman (1949-1950)
Mrs. Esther B. (Irving) Goldfarb (1950-1951)
Mrs. Joan (Jay Gregory) Dash (1951-1953)
Mrs. Marylyn (Sherman B.) Sweet (1953-1954)
Mrs. Charlotte (Lawrence) Cranberg (1955-1956)
Mrs. Paula (Manuel) Rotenberg (1956-1957)

SECRETARIES

Mrs. Aileen (Albert) Goodman (1948-1949)
Mrs. Eleanor B. (Jerome D.) Shaykin (1949-1950, 1954-1955)
Mrs. Sally (Tracy) Snelling
Mrs. Debbie (Maurice) Shurman (1950-1951)
Mrs. Marie (Paul) Sperling (1951-1952)
Mrs. Doreen (Stuart) Schlessinger (1952-1953)
Mrs. Judy (Joe) Bergstein (1953-1954)
Mrs. Grace (Oliver A.) Cole (1955-1956)
Mrs. Esther (Samuel) Schuster (1956-1958)

TREASURERS

Mrs. Doris (Adolph E.) Sturm (1948-1951)
Mrs. Rosalie (Harris L.) Mayer (1951-1953)
Mrs. Judy (Irving R.) Tannenbaum (1953-1954)
Mrs. Lee (Simon) Shlaer (1954-1955)
Mrs. Jean (Richard J.) Kandel (1955-1956)
Mrs. Clara R. Eckhouse (1956-1958)
(In October, 1957, Mrs. Clara R. Eckhouse left The Hill, and moved to Washington, D. C.)

Mrs. Esther B. Goldfarb and Mrs. Miriam Landshoff were elected members of the Regional Board of Hadassah, and served for two years. Delegates at various regional Hadassah conventions were Mrs. Esther B. Goldfarb, Mrs. Eleanor B. Shaykin, Mrs. Miriam Landshoff, and Mrs. Clara Eckhouse. A national convention of Hadassah held at New York City was attended by Mrs. Rosalie Mayer.

Charter Members of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah in 1948 (27 charter members)

Mrs. Harold Barrie
Miss Roslyn Disend (later Mrs. Murry Lieboff)
Mrs. Irving (Esther B.) Goldfarb
Mrs. Louis (Lucy) Goldstein
Mrs. Albert (Aileen) Goodman
Mrs. Albert Gottlieb
Mrs. Hans (Barbara) Gusdorf
Mrs. Henry (Phyllis) Heyman
Mrs. Herman Krieger
Mrs. Rolf K. (Miriam) Landshoff
Mrs. Irving Lebow
Mrs. Harris L. (Rosalie) Mayer
Mrs. Samuel (Rose) Mozer
Mrs. Bernard D. (Dorothy) Pollock
Mrs. Roy (Alice) Reider
Mrs. Frederick (Sylvia) Reines
Mrs. Berthold F. (Eleanor) Schnap
Mrs. John Schulman
Mrs. Jerome D. (Eleanor B.) Shaykin
Mrs. Simon (Lee) Shlaer
Mrs. Maurice (Debbie) Shurman
Mrs. Saul (Anna) Skolnick
Mrs. Tracy (Sally) Snelling
Mrs. Paul (Marie) Sperling
Mrs. Adolph E. (Doris) Sturm
Mrs. James M. (Sally) Taub
Mrs. Larry (Annette) Weintraub

(The Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah secured a charter at the time of its organization, in 1948, but in 1957 this charter certificate had either been lost or had been misplaced.)

Membership of the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah in 1956-1957

(41 members. Some of these members have left "The Hill," and moved to other cities, as of 1956-1957, but they still retain their membership in, and their affiliation with, the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah. These "absentee" members are indicated by an asterisk preceding their names.)

Mrs. Leonard (Louise) Baron
*Mrs. Leah Bell (Santa Fe)
Mrs. Joe (Judy) Bergstein
Mrs. Donald A. (Rosalind) Bradford
Mrs. Leon J. (Dorothy) Brown
*Mrs. Ernest (Ruth) Cohen
Mrs. Oliver A. (Grace) Cole
Mrs. Lawrence (Charlotte) Cranberg
Mrs. Jay Gregory (Joan) Dash
Mrs. Harry (Bobby) Dreicer
Mrs. Clara Eckhouse
Mrs. Robert (Evelyn) Frank
Mrs. Irving (Esther B.) Goldfarb
Mrs. Louis (Lucy) Goldstein

Mrs. Albert (Aileen) Goodman
Mrs. Martin L. (Judy) Gursky
Mrs. Bertram (Pauline L.) Heil
*Mrs. Henry (Phyllis) Heyman
Mrs. Ernest (Augusta) Kalmus
Mrs. Jerome J. (Roslyn) Kravitz
Mrs. Richard J. (Jean) Kandel
*Mrs. Rolf K. (Miriam) Landshoff
*Mrs. Harris L. (Rosalie) Mayer
Mrs. Robert T. (Jewell G.) Pickett
Mrs. Roy (Alice) Reider
Mrs. Frederick (Sylvia) Reines
Mrs. Manuel (Paula) Rotenberg
Mrs. Joseph (Hellen R.) Schaffer
Mrs. Berthold F. (Eleanor) Schnap
Mrs. Samuel (Esther) Schuster
Mrs. Jerome D. (Eleanor B.) Shaykin
Mrs. Simon (Lee) Shlaer
Mrs. Adolph E. (Doris) Sturm
Mrs. Sherman B. (Marylyn) Sweet
*Mrs. Irving R. (Judy) Tannenbaum
Mrs. James M. (Sally) Taub
Mrs. Arnold (Annette) Tepper
Mrs. Larry (Annette) Weintraub
Mrs. Eugene E. (Audrey M.) Weiss
Mrs. Lawrence (Dulce) Wilets
Mrs. Cornell (Sylvia) Wohlberg

In the year 1955-1956 the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah contributed funds to the following Hadassah projects or groups:

Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO)
Youth Aliyah
Child Welfare
Hadassah Medical School
Jewish National Fund
Youth Activities
Wall of Healing
Hebrew University-Rothschild-Hadassah Hospital (in Israel)

In 1951-1952, in 1952-1953, in 1953-1954, in 1954-1955, and in 1955-1956 the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah oversubscribed its annual quota. In 1952-1953 it oversubscribed its quota by more than $350. In 1956-1957 it subscribed its full quota of $970.

There follows a brief record of the funds submitted by the Los Alamos Chapter of Hadassah to the National Hadassah from 1949 to 1957:

1949-1950 — $272.90
1950-1951 — $145
1951-1952 — $700
1952-1953—$771.94
1953-1954 — $1,075.76
1954-1955 — $681.55
1955-1956 — $1,181
1956-1957 — $970

CHAPTER VI

The Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge, No. 1771*

Text of the Charter and List of the Charter Members

Benevolence, Brotherly Love, and Harmony

To all whom it may concern:

Know ye that District Grand Lodge No. Two, located at the city of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, at a regular meeting held on the 30th day of July, 1948 (5708), upon the application of Brothers

Leon J. Brown	Seymour Katcoff	Simon Shlaer
Maxwell Goldblatt	Rolf K. Landshoff	Saul Skolnick
Irving Goldfarb	Harris Mayer	Paul Sperling
Louis Goldstein	Bernard D. Pollock	Murry Lieboff
Max Goldstein	Louis Rosen	A. E. Sturm
Albert Goodman	Joseph Schaffer	Leonard H. Treiman
Bernard Gottlieb	Bert F. Schnap	Leo Zifkin

has granted a charter for a Lodge, to be known by the name, style, and title of Los Alamos Lodge, No. 1771, to hold its sessions in the city of Los Alamos, New Mexico:

Accordingly, we, the undersigned Officers of District Grand Lodge No. Two, do hereby AUTHORIZE and EMPOWER the above-named well-beloved brethren and their successors, duly and legally elected, to constitute said LODGE under the name above stated, and confer upon them all the RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES granted to a Lodge by the CONSTITUTION of the ORDER.

PROVIDED always, that the said above-named brethren and their successors, as in duty bound, pay due respect and perform the MANDATES of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. Two under penalty of forfeiting this CHARTER.

Given under our hands and the seal of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. Two this 11th day of August, 1948 (5708).

B'nai B'rith District Grand Lodge No. 2	Benjamin Schwartz, President
	Samuel J. Frazin, 1st Vice President
SEAL	Daniel C. Brenner, 2nd Vice President
Cincinnati, Ohio	Leonard O. Freiberg, Secretary

*Much of the data of Chapter VI was supplied by Joseph Schaffer, the historian of the Los Alamos Lodge, from the minutes of the Lodge meetings.

Supreme Lodge

SEAL

B'nai B'rith

Countersigned

Frank Goldman
President of the B'nai B'rith
Supreme Grand Lodge

Maurice Bisgyer
Secretary of the Executive Committee
of the Supreme Grand Lodge

History of the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 1771

The beginnings of the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge, No. 1771, and of the Jewish Center in Los Alamos go back to the year 1945-1946, when the forerunner of the present Lodge and Jewish Community was founded. At this time, G.I.'s (privates and non-commissioned men of the United States Armed Forces in World War II) and civilians joined together, and organized what came to be known as the Los Alamos Jewish Group. (This group, and the names of its members, are described in Chapter I of this history.) They held Friday night religious services in Fuller Lodge, a public hotel in Los Alamos, and during the week, besides, they held meetings in dormitories and in private homes, where they discussed Jewish problems and questions of Jewish and general interest relevant to the local, national, and international scene and situation. In addition, this early Jewish group celebrated the Jewish holidays, and held parties and socials, as well as cultural group discussions. Jewish and general newspapers were read and discussed at these meetings, also. The aim of this Jewish group was stated to be "the preservation of the traditions and customs of Judaism."

Because of the prevailing conditions during the World War II years, the number of Jewish soldiers, Jewish scientists, and Jewish civilians in the Jewish Group is not known at the present time.

Los Alamos, in the year 1945 to 1946, was an isolated community of some 5,000 to 6,000 persons who had come to the place from all parts of the United States. There were approximately 750 G.I.'s stationed there; these had left the city by the latter part of 1946. At that time, the civilians and the G.I.'s lived in prefabricated houses and dormitories. The roads were poor, so that travel to Santa Fe and Albuquerque was difficult. There were few private automobiles in Los Alamos at the time. The community was unstable; the residents there felt insecure, believing that it had no future. There was just one school, the Central School, housed in a wooden building. Water and food had to be trucked up "The Hill" from distant points.

B'NAI B'RITH

BENEVOLENCE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND HARMONY

To all whom it may concern:

Know ye that DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. [illegible] located in the City of CINCINNATI State of OHIO at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of JULY 19[illegible] (5[illegible]) upon the application of Brethren

ROLF E. LANDSHOFF	MURRAY LIEBOFF	
LEON J. BROWN	HARRIS MAYER	A. E. STURM
MAXWELL GOODSTATT	BERNARD D. POLLOCK	LEONARD B. TEXIDOR
IRVING GOLDFARB	LOUIS ROSEN	LEO ZIPKIN
LOUIS GOLDSTEIN	JOSEPH SCHAFFN	
MAX GOLDSTEIN	HERT F. SCHNAP	
ALBERT GOODMAN	SIMON SKLARE	
BERNARD GOTTLIEB	PAUL SKOLNIK	
SEYMOUR KATOFF	PAUL SPERLING	

has granted a Charter for a Lodge, to be known by the name, style and title of LOS ALAMOS LODGE LODGE, No. 1771, to hold its sessions in the city of LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO;

ACCORDINGLY, we the undersigned Officers of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. [illegible] do hereby AUTHORIZE and EMPOWER the above named well beloved brethren and their successors, duly and legally elected, to constitute said LODGE under the name above stated and confer upon them all the RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES guaranteed to a Lodge by the CONSTITUTION of the ORDER.

Provided always, that the said above named brethren and their successors, as in duty bound, pay due respect and perform the MANDATES of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. [illegible] under penalty of forfeiting this CHARTER.

Given under our hands and the seal of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. [illegible] this 11th day of AUGUST 19 42 (5 702).

Benjamin Kaminsky, President

[illegible], 1st Vice Pres.

Daniel E. Brenner, 2nd Vice Pres.

Edward M. Greenberg, Secretary

Countersigned

Frank Eldinger, President B'nai B'rith

Maurice Bisgyer, Secretary

of the Executive Committee of Supreme Lodge

CHARTER OF LOS ALAMOS B'NAI B'RITH LODGE, NO. 1771

The influence of Marcel Pick, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the forming of the Lodge and of the Jewish Group was considerable. He brought about a friendly relationship between the B'nai B'rith lodges of Los Alamos and Santa Fe. As a result of Pick's urging that the Los Alamos Jewish Group join the Santa Fe B'nai B'rith Lodge, several members of the Los Alamos Jewish Group affiliated with the Santa Fe Lodge in 1946. Later (in 1948), Paul Sperling, Albert Goodman, Irving Goldfarb, and other members of the Santa Fe Lodge of the B'nai B'rith who helped organize the Los Alamos Lodge circulated a petition which had been presented to them by a Mr. Sanders, of Trinidad, Colorado, who at that time was the district deputy of the Mountain States Region of District Grand Lodge No. Two, of the B'nai B'rith; and on the basis of this petition the Los Alamos Lodge was formed in 1948 with twenty-four members. (The text of the charter and the list of the charter members of the Lodge presented on page 49 of this history give the names of only twenty-one of these twenty-four charter members of the Los Alamos Lodge; the names of three of these twenty-four members were omitted through inadvertence.) Several members of the Los Alamos Jewish community who were affiliated with the Santa Fe Lodge later aided in the formation of the Los Alamos Lodge. Marcel Pick was also associated with the National Jewish Welfare Board, for a number of years, and he was instrumental in securing the aid of the National Jewish Welfare Board for the Los Alamos Jewish Community. In 1957 he was still president of the Santa Fe Jewish Temple, located on Barcelona Road, in Santa Fe.

In the year 1947 to 1948, the situation in Los Alamos had changed, having been considerably improved. At that time the population of the city was approximately 7,000 to 8,000 persons. Many new Jewish families had arrived in the city. Permanent homes were being built, and roads and communications were being improved. New automobiles were now available. New stores and new schools were constructed. The former feeling of instability and insecurity was changing for the better. The feeling was growing, among many of the residents of the city, that they would like to make Los Alamos their home. There was a considerable growth in the number of social clubs, religious groups, and general activities. A house of worship for the use of all religious denominations (called The Chapel) was built, and the increase in the number of religious denominations in the city was considerable. This Chapel was used thereafter by the Jewish group of Los Alamos for religious services, and the B'nai B'rith lodge held its first meetings there.

All this had an effect upon the Jewish people in Los Alamos. They began to feel the need for a Jewish organization of their own; many Jewish families felt the need for such an organization. They began to feel that there was a great need in Los Alamos for Jewish culture and education, and for Jewish tradition, especially for the education of their children. The Jewish families were increasing in size. It was thus that, at this time, as a result of the previously mentioned negotiations, and

the acquisition of twenty-four charter members as aforementioned, by the three members from Los Alamos, in August, 1948, District Grand Lodge No. 2 president Benjamin Schwartz presented the original charter to the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge at the La Fonda Hotel, in Santa Fe, at a dinner meeting attended by many of the Los Alamos charter members and their wives, and by a number of members of the Santa Fe Lodge and their wives. The new officers for both lodges were installed at that time.

New members who joined the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Los Alamos, subsequently to the granting of the charter in August, 1948, were as follows:

New Members	*Date of Entrance*	*Date of Leaving*
Bertram Heil	December, 1948	
Edward W. Eckhouse	January, 1949	died in 1955
Jerome D. Shaykin	January, 1949	
Roy Reider	March 10, 1949	
Harold Barrie	March 10, 1949	March, 1951
Hans Gusdorf	April, 1949	February, 1954
Herbert Haraway	April, 1949	June, 1950
Jack Rappaport	April, 1949	June, 1951
Albert Gottlieb	April, 1949	July, 1952
Sam Bankman	June, 1949	June, 1950
Nathan Peretzman	June, 1949	March, 1951
Howard Belgorod	June, 1949	March, 1951
Herman Krieger	November, 1949	July, 1952
Samuel Schuster	November, 1949	July, 1956 (lives in Los Alamos, but left the Lodge)
David Lieberman	December, 1949	February, 1956 (lives in Los Alamos, but left the Lodge)
Maurice Shurman	December, 1949	July, 1952
Jacob J. Wechsler	December, 1949	
Frederick Reines	November, 1950	
Joseph Singer	December, 1950	May, 1953
Bennett Kivel	March, 1951	July, 1956
Jay Gregory Dash	March, 1951	
Sherman B. Sweet	March, 1951	
Irving Tannenbaum	May, 1952	March, 1956
Michael Shurman	October, 1952	July, 1954
Norman Rosen	October, 1952	
Martin Corney	May, 1953	March, 1954
Stuart Schlesinger	May, 1953	(no longer resident in Los Alamos)
Joseph [Joe] Bergstein	July, 1953	

New Members	*Date of Entrance*	*Date of Leaving*
Ivan Bergstein	November, 1953	
Paul Greenbaum	November, 1953	May, 1955
Oliver A. Cole	December, 1953	
William Henoch	February, 1954	January, 1955
Robert H. Sherman	April, 1955	

The officers of the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge for the year 1956-1957 were:

PRESIDENT: Berthold F. Schnap
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Sherman B. Sweet
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Haskell Sheinberg
RECORDING SECRETARY: Leonard H. Treiman
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jerome J. Kravitz
TREASURER: Richard J. Kandell

For the year 1957-1958, the officers, elected in May, 1957, were as follows:

PRESIDENT: Jerome D. Shaykin
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Sherman B. Sweet
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Leonard H. Treiman
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Eugene E. Weiss
RECORDING SECRETARY: Albert Goodman
TREASURER: Richard J. Kandell

Past officers were as follows, for the years from 1948 to 1956:

PRESIDENTS
1948-49: Louis Goldstein
1949-50: Irving Goldfarb
1950-51: Paul Sperling
1951-52: Roy Reider
1952-53: Max Goldstein
1953-54: Leon J. Brown
1954-55: Jay Gregory Dash
1955-56: Rolf K. Landshoff
1956-57: Berthold F. Schnap

1ST VICE PRESIDENTS
1948-49: Irving Goldfarb
1949-50: Paul Sperling
1950-51: Roy Reider
1951-52: Harris L. Mayer
1952-53: Leon J. Brown
1953-54: Jay Gregory Dash
1954-55: Rolf K. Landshoff
1955-56: Jerome D. Shaykin
1956-57: Sherman B. Sweet

2ND VICE PRESIDENTS
1948-49: Simon Shlaer
1949-50: Roy Reider
1950-51: Harris L. Mayer
1951-52: Max Goldstein
1952-53: Jay Gregory Dash
1953-54: Rolf K. Landshoff
1954-55: Berthold F. Schnap
1955-56: Sherman B. Sweet
1956-57: Haskell Sheinberg

RECORDING SECRETARIES
1948-49: Harris L. Mayer
1949-50: Leo Zifkin and Maurice Shurman
1950-51: Harold Barrie and Saul Skolnick

1951-52: Edwin W. Kaufman
1952-53: Jerome D. Shaykin
1953-54: Jerome D. Shaykin
1954-55: Joe Bergstein
1955-56: Joseph Schaffer
1956-57: Leonard H. Treiman

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES
1948-49: Paul Sperling
1949-50: Maurice Shurman
1950-51: Leon J. Brown
1951-52: Joseph Singer
1952-53: Harris L. Mayer
1953-54: Irving R. Tannenbaum
1954-55: Irving R. Tannenbaum
1955-56: Stuart Schlesinger
1956-57: Jerome J. Kravitz

TREASURERS
1948-49: Bernard Pollock
1949-50: Jerome D. Shaykin
1950-51: Max Goldstein
1951-52: Bennett Kivel
1952-53: Sherman B. Sweet
1953-54: Sherman B. Sweet
1954-55: Sherman B. Sweet
1955-56: Richard J. Kandell
1956-57: Richard J. Kandell

CHAPLAINS
1948-49: Murry Lieboff
1949-50: Louis Goldstein
1952-53: Roy Reider
1953-54: Max Goldstein

Los Alamos Lodge No. 1771, B'nai B'rith, Membership List in 1951 and in 1952

(40 members)

(Those marked with an asterisk * are no longer resident in Los Alamos; ‡ deceased)

*Samuel Bankman
*Captain Harold B. Barrie
Leon J. Brown
Jay Gregory Dash
‡Edward W. Eckhouse
Maxwell Goldblatt
Irving Goldfarb
Louis Goldstein
Max Goldstein
*Hans Gusdorf
*Herbert Haraway
Bertram Heil
*Edwin W. Kaufman
*Bennett Kivel
*Herman L. Krieger
*Rolf K. Landshoff
*Irving Lebow
*Murry Lieboff
*Harris L. Mayer
*Jack Rappaport
Roy Reider
Frederick Reines
Louis Rosen
Berthold F. Schnap
Joseph Schaffer
Jerome D. Shaykin
Haskell Sheinberg
Samuel Schuster
Simon Shlaer
*Maurice Shurman
*Joseph Singer
Saul Skolnick
*Paul Sperling
Adolph E. Sturm
Sherman B. Sweet
*Irving R. Tannenbaum
Leonard H. Treiman
Jacob J. Wechsler
Larry Weintraub

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Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge Members in 1955 to 1957
(40 members)

(Those marked with an asterisk * are no longer resident in Los Alamos; ‡ deceased)

Leonard Baron
Ivan Bergstein
Joe Bergstein
Leroy N. Blumberg
Leon J. Brown
*Ernest Cohen (left "The Hill" in 1956)
Oliver A. Cole
Jay Gregory Dash
‡Edward W. Eckhouse (died at Los Alamos in 1955)
M. Alan Feldstein
Robert Frank
Maxwell Goldblatt
Irving Goldfarb
Louis Goldstein
Max Goldstein
Albert Goodman
Richard J. Kandel
*Bennett Kivel (left Los Alamos in 1955)
Jerome K. Kravitz
*Rolf K. Landshoff (left "The Hill" in September, 1956)
David Lieberman
*Harris L. Mayer (left Los Alamos in 1956)
Roy Reider
Frederick Reines
Norman Rosen
Berthold F. Schnap
Joseph Schaffer
*Stuart Schlesinger (left Los Alamos in 1956)
Jerome D. Shaykin
Haskell Sheinberg
Robert H. Sherman
Simon Shlaer
Adolph E. Sturm
Sherman B. Sweet
*Irving R. Tannenbaum (left "The Hill" in 1956)
Leonard H. Treiman
Jacob J. Wechsler
Larry Weintraub
Eugene E. Weiss
Lawrence Wilets

Activities of the Los Alamos B'nai B'rith Lodge
1949 to 1956

(Excerpted from the Minutes of the Lodge by Joseph Schaffer, Historian)

1949

$2,025 was raised in pledges starting with the annual United Jewish Appeal dinner meeting, in July, with 26 persons present. In April the Lodge gave a gift of $25 to the Los Alamos Welfare Board, and $50 to the Denver Jewish Hospital. In October a gift of $25 was sent to the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In October, the Lodge sponsored the High Holy Day services held at Los Alamos on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These services were conducted by members of the Los Alamos Jewish community. The Lodge paid the expenses and fee of Robert A. McClain, of Albuquerque,

who also participated in the religious services, and acted as cantor (Chazan). By November, the United Jewish Appeal (U.J.A.) had received the sum of $2,442.50 as the contribution of the Los Alamos Jewish community to the fund for the year 1949.

1950

The U.J.A. total pledged for the year 1950 amounted to the sum of $3,400 by October 1, 1952. In February, 1950, after initial research, the B'nai B'rith Lodge started a Sunday School in the Mesa School, the Lodge paying the room rent of $2.00. Leonard H. Treiman was chairman, during the year, of the U.J.A. drive. By October the Sunday School had a total of 8 children, and a school fee of $2.00 was set. In September, Jack Rappaport conducted High Holy Day services in The Chapel.

1951

In this year the Joint Defense Appeal received $162 from the Lodge. In January, the Los Alamos Lodge joined the Los Alamos Council of Community Agencies. By July, the total of pledges to the U.J.A. campaign reached $2,660.

1952

In May, 1952, with Berthold F. Schnap as chairman, the U.J.A. drive reached a total of $3,500 in pledges. In October of the same year the total amount pledged was $3,878.50. In June, under the auspices of the Lodge, Rabbi Eugene Gruenberger, of Albuquerque, visited Los Alamos and, under the aegis of the National Jewish Welfare Board, addressed an audience of thirty persons on the subject of "Jewish Law and the Talmud." He also spoke to the children of the community on the festival of Shabuoth. He visited the city again in July, 1952, and spoke on the subject, "The Dawn of the Christian Era." In August, the Lodge contributed a sum of money for the Youth Center of Los Alamos. In September, High Holy Day services were held in the city, sponsored by the Lodge, with Max Goldstein as the chairman. A charge of $4.00 per family was made for attendance at these services.

1955

In 1955, for the U.J.A. campaign for 1955-1956, the Lodge raised the sum of $2,260. The average amount pledged annually for the U.J.A. by the Lodge, and raised, for the past several years, was $2,000. In 1955-1956 the Lodge collected and sent to Israel a large number of scientific books, donated by the membership.

On May 28 and 29, 1955, the Los Alamos and Santa Fe B'nai B'rith Lodges were co-hosts to the Mountain States Convention of District Grand Lodge No. 2. The Mountain States Association includes ten

lodges from the three states of New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. Meetings of this convention were held in both Los Alamos and Santa Fe. Leon J. Brown, of the Los Alamos Lodge, served (1954-1955) as vice president of the Mountain States Association of the B'nai B'rith. On May 29, 1955, he was elected president of the Mountain States Association, for the year 1955 to 1956, and Roy Reider was elected its secretary-treasurer.

Bennett Kivel served as the chairman of the U.J.A. Committee of the Lodge from April, 1955, until his departure from Los Alamos in June of that year. Robert H. Sherman was then appointed chairman of this committee in his place, serving for the balance of the year. On May 14, 1955, a Saturday night, at the opening U.J.A. dinner meeting held in Los Alamos, an Israeli army major, Ralph Kaplan, was the speaker.

1956

The following excerpts were taken from the "Annual Activities Report for the Year 1956-57, B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 1771, Los Alamos, New Mexico," prepared and presented by Berthold F. Schnap, president of the Lodge in 1956-57, and dated May, 1957:

"The ninth consecutive United Jewish Appeal drive resulted in a contribution of $2,815.00. Avraham Biran, Israeli Consul General to the Western United States, and formerly military governor of Israel, spoke at Los Alamos on behalf of the Campaign. His subject was 'Israel's Relationship to the Arab World (The Middle East at the Crossroads),' and it was presented in late April, 1956. On the following day, before the general public, Consul General Biran gave a lecture on the subject of 'Biblical Archaeology and the Dead Sea Scrolls.' Thirty-three certificates were purchased for the Martyrs' Forest in Israel, and trees were bought in Israel for each new-born child of the Jewish community. A contribution of $25 was made to the Israel Veterans' Committee. A number of technical books and journals were sent as gifts to Israel.

"On June 2, 1956, Sol Rabkin, of the New York office of the Anti-Defamation League, visited the Los Alamos Lodge. Haskell Lazere and Sidney Baskin, of the Denver office of the ADL, visited the Lodge on February 4, 1957. Free copies of the books *Cross-Currents* and *The Troublemakers* were presented by the Lodge to the public library in Los Alamos. $100 was contributed by the Lodge to the A.D.L.

"The Los Alamos Lodge paid its annual quota of $105 for the B'nai B'rith Service Fund. Individual contributions, as well as a contribution of $45 for the purchase of nine bricks in the name of the president and in the names of all the past presidents of the Lodge, were made to the Henry Monsky Memorial Foundation Fund.

"$10 was contributed to the VA Hospital in Albuquerque by the Lodge, and a total of $100 was donated to the National Jewish Welfare Board in 1957. The sale of pound cans of peanut brittle, a project of the Lodge for five or six years past, was carried on again locally, and

the result was a net profit of $232 for the Lodge. Lodge members were active in communal life, cooperating in the Polio Drive, the Blood Bank, and Civil Defense. Lodge members, upon invitation, spoke before various organizations, on Judaism and on other subjects. The Lodge cooperated with the other [church] organizations in recording for the radio series 'A Thought for the Day.'

"In May, 1957, the membership of the Los Alamos Lodge stood at 35."

In 1956, Lawrence Wilets was chairman of the U.J.A. campaign.

1957

Co-chairmen of the U.J.A. campaign in 1957 were Leonard Baron and Jerome D. Shaykin. The annual U.J.A. dinner meeting was held at the Los Alamos Jewish Center on Saturday night, May 11, 1957, with about fifty men and women present, and with the main speaker Raanan Sivan, the Israeli consul at Los Angeles. He spoke on the subject of "The Problems of Israel" and on "Relations Between Israel and the Surrounding Arab States." His addresses were followed by a long and animated discussion in the form of questions and answers. At this dinner, Leonard Baron served as toastmaster, and Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling, then the part-time rabbi of the Los Alamos Jewish Center, pronounced the grace before and the grace after the meal.

Functions of the Los Alamos Lodge

The Los Alamos Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, since its creation in late July of the year 1948, has been and is active in both the Jewish and the general community of Los Alamos. It took a prominent part in the Inter-Faith Council in Los Alamos. (This organization was no longer in existence in 1957.) It maintained the Religious School of the Jews of Los Alamos for several years before the Los Alamos Jewish Center was organized in May, 1955, and thereafter it still contributed to the support of the Religious School. For the closing exercises and the annual Religious School picnic, held on Sunday, June 9, 1957, the local Lodge contributed a sum of money, and aided in the holding of the picnic. It also holds an annual picnic of its own on July the Fourth at the local picnic grounds.

In 1957 and in previous years the Los Alamos Lodge contributed sums of money for the Henry Monsky Foundation (the new B'nai B'rith headquarters building, being erected in 1956 and 1957, and dedicated in November, 1957, in memory of Henry Monsky, of Omaha, Nebraska, formerly president of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the B'nai B'rith), in Washington, D.C., and it has also annually supported the Anti-Defamation League ever since the Lodge was founded in 1948. It assisted the People of Israel Committee, and also the National Jewish Welfare Board, financially, and rendered and still renders financial

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assistance also to Bellefair, to the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, to the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and to the Hillel Foundations at the University of New Mexico, in Albuquerque, and at the University of Colorado, in Boulder, Colorado. The Lodge also gave, and gives, annual contributions to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albuquerque. It seeks to perform works of benevolence, brotherly love, and harmony, and also cultural, philanthropic, civic, and humane works.

CHAPTER VII

The Youth Group of the Los Alamos Jewish Center

In the early 1950's, the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Los Alamos sponsored, and assisted financially, the first Los Alamos [Jewish] Youth Association. This first group had the following eleven members in 1951-1952, at a time when its members were from 8 to 10 years of age:

John Goldstein
Ruth Landshoff
Rochelle Pickett
Jack Pickett
Bonnie Reider
Robin Reider
Lisa Reines
Robert Reines
Lawrence Schuster
Nancy Shaykin
Janice Sperling

In September, 1956, Leonard and Louise Baron assisted in the organizing of the second Los Alamos Jewish Center Youth Group, for children and young people ten years of age and older. (The membership extended from 10 to 16 years of age.) Meetings were held at the Jewish Center once a month. Classes were set up in cooking and in photography, and a Jewish gift shop was established at the Center in connection with this Youth Group. On Sunday, March 17, 1957, at the Center, a Purim entertainment and carnival was given by members of the Youth Group. Those who joined this second Jewish Youth Group in September, 1956, were as follows:

Averil Cole
Roxane Bergstein
Lynn Frank
Michele Kravitz
Jack Pickett
Rochelle Pickett
Bonnie Reider
Robin Reider
Lawrence Schuster
Alan Shlaer
Robert Shlaer
Nancy R. Shaykin
Matthew Wohlberg
Roslyn Wohlberg

Bonnie Reider served as the president of the new Los Alamos Youth Group from September, 1956, to February, 1957. At that time she was replaced by Roxane Bergstein in that office. Other initial officers of the second Youth Group, elected in September, 1956, were:

VICE PRESIDENT: Robin Reider
SECRETARY: Nancy R. Shaykin
TREASURER: Lynn Frank

In March, 1957, its officers were:

PRESIDENT: Rochelle Pickett

VICE PRESIDENT: Robin Reider
SECRETARY: Nancy R. Shaykin
TREASURER: Michele Kravitz

Several of the officers and members of the Youth Group dropped out of the organization, for various reasons, in the months between October, 1956, and April, 1957. As a result, the following new officers were elected in May, 1957, to serve for one year:

PRESIDENT: Jack Pickett
VICE PRESIDENT: Lawrence Schuster
SECRETARY: Roslyn Wohlberg
TREASURER: Rochelle Pickett

In April, 1957, Leonard and Louise Baron resigned as sponsors and advisers to the Youth Group, and Albert Goodman was elected to serve as the adult adviser. At that time the dates of the meetings were changed to every other Saturday afternoon, at the Center; and the Gift Shop for Israeli and Jewish articles was continued.

At the end of the 1956-1957 Religious School year, in early June, 1957, the membership of the Youth Group included the nine following Jewish boys and girls of the community:

Roxane Bergstein
Averil Cole
Michele Kravitz
Jack Pickett
Rochelle Pickett
Robin Reider
Lawrence Schuster
Nancy R. Shaykin
Roslyn Wohlberg

CHAPTER VIII

The Junior Congregation and Library

(a) The Junior Congregation

On November 11, 1956, a Junior Congregation was sponsored at the Religious School by Rabbi Abraham I. Shinedling, Albert Goodman, and Leonard Baron. This Junior Congregation, consisting of all the children of the Religious School, assists (especially the older pupils) in the conducting of the religious services in the Assembly on Sunday mornings, and also collects and distributes funds for charitable purposes and for the building up of the Religious School and Jewish Center Library. The officers elected for 1956-1957 on November 11, 1956, were:

PRESIDENT: Roxane Bergstein
VICE PRESIDENT: Rochelle Pickett
SECRETARY: Roslyn Wohlberg
TREASURER: Jack Pickett

Leonard Baron served as auditor-treasurer until his resignation in late April, 1957, and he was succeeded by Albert Goodman. During the year, solely from the Sunday morning Assembly contributions of the children of the Religious School, the sum of more than $21 was realized. Part of this was spent, in June, 1957, for the purchase of three story books and two song books; the rest was distributed to various organizations and charities, including the Jewish Guild for the Blind, the Denver Jewish Hospital, the local Hadassah, and the United Jewish Appeal.

(b) The Library

In 1948, a Library was founded by the Jewish Group of Los Alamos, with Albert Goodman as its librarian. Those who contributed volumes to this Library at that time included Leon J. Brown, Harold Dorfman, and Albert Goodman. This Library was still in existence in 1957, housed in the Center building, and various donations of books were made to it from time to time, including Bibles, prayer books, and hymn books, or these were purchased by the Board of Directors from Center funds.

In April, 1957, Robert and Evelyn Frank donated to the Library a ten-volume set of the *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*, in memory of Leon Sherman. The books purchased in June, 1957, by the Junior Congregation of the Religious School, comprising two song books and three juvenile story books published by the Jewish Publication Society of America, in Philadelphia, were added to the Center Library.

CHAPTER IX*

Jews in the General Community of Los Alamos
Awards—Honors—Positions Held—Civic Service—
Achievements—Scholarships and Fellowships

Many of the Jews in the Los Alamos community have taken, and still take, an active part in many of the phases of general communal life and activities of the city. Many of these positions, offices, and achievements may, individually, be small, and of no great consequence, but they amount to a considerable body of achievement in the aggregate, and they indicate that a great many of the Jews of Los Alamos give of themselves and of their time and effort to civic improvement, mutual endeavors, and contributions made to the general community.

There follows herewith a list of thirty-one Jewish persons, arranged in alphabetical order, consisting of those members of the Jewish Center and of the general community of Los Alamos, who have served, and in some cases are still serving, in various capacities throughout the general community; or who have attained awards, scholarships, or fellowships, of various kinds; or who have attained public recognition.

JUDY BERGSTEIN. Judy (Mrs. Joe) Bergstein served as a Girl Scout leader for several years, and was still serving in this capacity in June, 1957.

JAY GREGORY DASH. Jay Gregory Dash was awarded a Leon Guggenheim Fellowship by the Guggenheim Foundation in 1957, for scientific research and study, and was scheduled to take a one-year leave of absence (1957-1958) from his position at Los Alamos.

CLARA R. ECKHOUSE. Mrs. Clara R. Eckhouse was awarded the Atomic Energy Commission Award for 1957, and a prize of $250 for her outstanding work as policewoman and recorder and secretary for police investigations, as a member of the police force in Los Alamos. This was the first such award ever given in Los Alamos by the Atomic Energy Commission.

[In October, 1957, Clara R. Eckhouse moved to Washington, D.C., to assume a civil service position.]

MORTON ECKHOUSE. Morton Eckhouse, the son of Clara R. Eckhouse, was, in May, 1957, appointed to the rank of full lieutenant in the Regular United States Navy. He is stationed at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station, in Pennsylvania.

SHERRILL J. ECKHOUSE. Sherrill J. Eckhouse, the daughter of Clara R. Eckhouse, in the year 1956-1957, her senior year at the University of

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New Mexico, served as the president of the Hillel Association at the University. During the same year she served as a Hebrew teacher and as a Sunday School teacher at B'Nai Israel Congregation, in Albuquerque.

[In September, 1957, Sherrill J. Eckhouse moved to Washington, D.C., where she accepted a secretarial position.]

ROBERT FRANK. Robert Frank, in 1957, was elected vice president of the Mental Health Association in Los Alamos.

ESTHER B. GOLDFARB. Esther B. (Mrs. Irving) Goldfarb served as a Girl Scout leader (1947-1949), and as a member of the Girl Scout Board of Directors (1956). She served also (1955-1956) as a member of the Parent Teachers Association Coordinating Committee, as a member of the High School Parent Teachers Association Board (1951-1952), and, in addition, she was a member of the Board of Awards at the Los Alamos High School (1956-1957). She was secretary of the Parent Teachers Association Coordinating Council in 1953.

IRVING GOLDFARB. Irving Goldfarb served as a member of the Los Alamos Ministerial Alliance (1947-1949), representing the Jewish community; and from 1952 to 1954 he was the treasurer of the Los Alamos Town Forum.

LOIS LYNN GOLDFARB. Lois Lynn Goldfarb, the daughter of Irving and Esther B. Goldfarb, during her three years in the Los Alamos High School (1953-1956), was prominent in dramatics and elocution, and took part in a number of productions and representations of the dramatic art.

MAX GOLDSTEIN. Max Goldstein, in May, 1957, was invited to spend a year (1957-1958) in research and study at New York University, in New York City.

AILEEN GOODMAN. Aileen (Mrs. Albert) Goodman served for several years as a Girl Scout leader.

ALBERT GOODMAN. Albert Goodman served as chairman of the membership committee of the Association of Los Alamos Scientists, also as the secretary-treasurer and as a member of the Executive Committee of this Association. He was also a member of the Organization Committee and of the Executive Board of the Los Alamos Film Society.

WILLIAM B. HENOCH. William B. Henoch served as the first president of the Los Alamos Junior Chamber of Commerce (1954-1955).

ROLF K. LANDSHOFF. Rolf K. Landshoff served as the president of the Los Alamos Film Society from 1955 to 1956.

ROY REIDER. Roy Reider, in 1957, was serving as the chairman of the Volunteer Services Committee of the Los Alamos Chapter of the New Mexico Health Association. From 1954 to 1955 he was the president of the Civic Club. In 1957 he was serving also as the assistant director of civilian defense in Los Alamos. A gifted speaker, he delivered addresses in Albuquerque and other cities on

subjects connected with atomic research and weapons.

FREDERICK REINES. Dr. Frederick Reines was awarded a Leon Guggenheim Fellowship by the Guggenheim Foundation in 1957, for scientific research and study during the year 1957-1958.

MANUEL ROTENBERG. Dr. Manuel Rotenberg was invited, in 1957, by Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, director of the Institute of Advanced Study, at Princeton, N.J., to spend a year (1957-1958) at the Institute in theoretical research and study.

JOSEPH SCHAFFER. Joseph Schaffer has been a member (the pianist) of the Keynote Band in Los Alamos since the year 1952-1953. In 1950 he was a member of the selective staff of the Los Alamos Concert Association. He served as the president of the Los Alamos Athletic Association (1948-1952), and in 1951 as a member of the Mesa Library Board.

BERTHOLD F. SCHNAP. Berthold F. Schnap, a member of the Los Alamos Chess Team, was the winner of the Intercity (Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque) Chess Tournament. He was one of the founders of the Los Alamos Film Society.

ELEANOR B. SHAYKIN. Eleanor B. (Mrs. Jerome D.) Shaykin served as a Girl Scout leader for three years. She served also as the secretary of the Pueblo Junior High School Parent Teachers Association, in 1956-1957.

JEROME D. SHAYKIN. Jerome D. Shaykin served as a member of the Los Alamos Ministerial Alliance, representing the Jewish Center. In 1954, he served also as a member of the Board of Directors of the Golf Association, and in that same year he acted as the tournament chairman. In 1953 he was publicity chairman of the Golf Association.

ROBERT H. SHERMAN. Dr. Robert H. Sherman served, in 1956 to 1957, as a member of the Los Alamos Ministerial Association, representing the Jewish Center. He served also as the business manager and treasurer of the Los Alamos Film Society in 1956 and 1957.

WILLIAM SHLAER. William Shlaer, the son of Simon and Lee Shlaer, and a 1957 graduate of the Los Alamos High School, was awarded a National Merit Scholarship in April, 1957.

SHERMAN B. SWEET. Sherman B. Sweet was treasurer of the Los Alamos Civic Club in 1952, and treasurer of the Los Alamos Heart Association (1955). He served also as a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Alamos Civic Association (1956), and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Alamos Association for Mental Health.

IRVING R. TANNENBAUM. Irving R. Tannenbaum served as a member of the Los Alamos Democratic Central Committee in 1955.

SALLY TAUB. Sally (Mrs. James M.) Taub served as the president of the Women's Hospital Committee of the Los Alamos Medical Center (1954-1956). In 1955 and 1956 she served also as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Los Alamos Medical Center.

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LEONARD H. TREIMAN. Leonard H. Treiman was a member of the Los Alamos Democratic Central Committee (1955-1958). He served as chairman of the redistributing committee of Los Alamos County. In 1950 he was president of the Choral Society. He served, in addition, as president of the Los Alamos Film Society in 1956, and as its publicity manager in 1957. In 1957 he served also as the membership chairman of the Y.M.C.A.

JACOB J. WECHSLER. Jacob J. (Jay) Wechsler was president of the Golf Association in Los Alamos (1955-1956).

LARRY WEINTRAUB. Larry Weintraub served as attendance membership chairman of the Los Alamos Kiwanis Club, of which he was a member in 1956-1957.

EUGENE E. WEISS. Eugene E. Weiss is a member of the Los Alamos Mental Health Association, and a member of the Menorah Lodge, No. 623, of the A.F. and A.M. (Masons), of Los Angeles. [In late 1957, Eugene E. Weiss left Los Alamos and moved to California, where he entered private business.]

LAWRENCE WILETS. Dr. Lawrence Wilets was invited, in 1957, by Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, director of the Institute of Advanced Study, at Princeton, N.J., to spend a year (1957-1958) at the Institute, in theoretical research and study in the field of physics. [In early 1958, it was learned, at Los Alamos, that Dr. Lawrence Wilets was not to return to Los Alamos, but that, in September, 1958, after his year of advanced research and study was finished, he was to become a professor of physics at Princeton University.]

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