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Good Health be Yours in the
New Year and Always.
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JEWISH GENEALOGY AT AJHS

The AJHS is pleased to announce our first program in the Jewish Legacy Series this fall!



Amy Wachs Fellner will present a very special talk on "Finding My Jewish Roots: Going Back to the Pale" at the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center, Sunday October 30th 2:00pm. Ms. Fellner has been involved in Jewish genealogy for over 20 years.

She has traced branches of her ancestors back to the early 18th century, visited her ancestral villages in Lithuania, Belarus and Poland, and conducted genealogy research in archives in Lithuania and Poland. She will discuss her interest in Jewish genealogy as well as her experiences working in East European archives. Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn more about researching your family history back to the Old Country! Exhibit and tour of the facilities included.

This event is free to the public.

For more information, contact 602-241-7870 or email us at azjhs@aol.com

The Jewish Heritage Center is located at 122 E. Culver Street. It can be accessed by taking 2nd Street south from McDowell.



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*Join us in preserving the
legacy of Phoenix's
first synagogue building.*

AJHS SPECIAL EVENT

**CARNEGIE HALL WEST:
AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND ART**



HONORING RISA MALLIN

*Featuring special musical
performances by
Rabbi Albert Plotkin, Superintendent
of Public Education Tom Horne,
Debbi Lavinsky, Judy Mallin, and
Thelma Feller.*

With art exhibitions by local Jewish artists
All artwork will be available for purchase. Come to
buy or just to browse!

Former Congressman Sam Coppersmith will be
the Emcee for the event.

**Sunday, December 18th at Beth El Congregation
1118 W. Glendale Avenue**

*Art Exhibit begins at 1:30pm
Musical Performances at 2:00pm*

Includes afternoon tea and gourmet dessert

General Admission: \$50 • Concert Goer Level: \$100
Conductor Level: \$250 • Maestro Level: \$500

Call 602-241-7870 for Reservations

Don't Miss This Unforgettable Afternoon!



Performers (L to R) Rabbi Albert Plotkin, Debbi Lavinsky, Tom Horne and Thelma Feller during a recent rehearsal.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for Super Sundays at the AJHS!

Sunday, October 30th

Jewish Legacy Series

Amy Fellner, "Finding My Jewish Roots" 2:00 pm at the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center 122 E. Culver Street.

Free to the public

Exhibit & Tour of Facility Included
602-241-7870 for more information

Sunday, November 13th

Mitzvah Day!

Community wide volunteer day at the Jewish Heritage Center.

For information or to volunteer, contact the AJHS at 602-241-7870 Or the Jewish Community Relations Council at 480-634-4900

Sunday, November 20th

Jewish Legacy Series

"The Rescuers: Saving Jewish Lives During World War Two"

Maita Floyd and Judyth Lessee 2:00 pm at the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center 122 E. Culver Street

Free to the Public

602-241-7870 for more information

Sunday, December 18th

The AJHS Proudly Presents Carnegie Hall West: An Afternoon of Music and Art In Honor of Risa Mallin

Featuring Special Musical Performances by Rabbi Albert Plotkin, Superintendent of Public Education, Tom Horne, Judy Mallin, Debbi Lavinsky, and Thelma Feller. Includes Art Exhibitions from local Jewish Artists
602-241-7870 for reservations

Sunday, January 15, 2006

Jewish Legacy Series

"Jewish Mysticism: All You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask"

Dr. Hava Samuelson, Professor of Jewish History, ASU
2:00 pm at the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center

Sunday February 19, 2006

Jewish Legacy Series

Dr. Leonard Dinnerstein, Professor Emeritus of Jewish History, U of A.

"Is There a New Anti-Semitism?"

Preserve the Legacy of Arizona's Jewish Community



WHY JEWISH HISTORY MATTERS

By Lawrence D. Bell, Ph.D.

Executive Director

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will declare unto thee, thine elders, and they will tell thee." (Deuteronomy 32:7)

The injunction to remember the past occurs throughout the Torah and Rabbinic literature. Through our holidays and our religious traditions, we remember the Creation, the exodus from Egypt, and the lineage of our ancient kings and prophets. Yet, while these experiences played a critical role in the shaping of our identity as a people, so too will our experiences today inform the identity of future generations. It is only quite recently in our past that we Jews have begun to preserve the memory of our more recent heritage for those who come after us. This is the task of Jewish history. As the new Director of the Arizona Jewish Historical Society, I hope to continue our work of preserving the history of this vast and growing community in which we live, work, and worship today.

These are exciting times for the AJHS. As we embark upon our plans to restore the first Jewish synagogue in Phoenix, we possess a unique opportunity to create a living monument to our Jewish heritage right here in Arizona. Imagine the possibilities of such a site not only for Jews, but also the general public, as it becomes one of the major cultural attractions here in the valley. Our new facilities will include a museum of Jewish history, a learning center, a vastly expanded archive, and the offices of the AJHS.

We also intend to compliment our fabulous oral history project with a new genealogy program. This program will include guest speakers as well as regular meetings for those interested in Jewish genealogy or their own family history. It is important to remember that each and every one of us is an integral part of the larger web of the Jewish people.

With over 82,000 Jewish residents, the Greater Phoenix area today ranks as the nation's thirteenth largest Jewish community. It also serves a model for future growth among American Jewry. Our experiences matter, our organizations matter, and our history matters. I hope you will join us in our enthusiastic undertakings.

Jewish Legacy Series proudly presents:

Maita Floyd and Judyth Lessee

"The Rescuers: Saving Jewish Lives During World War Two"

Sunday, November 20th at 2:00pm at the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center • 122 E. Culver St.

This interesting afternoon will feature **Maita Floyd**, who will speak about her experiences as a courier for an underground organization that smuggled Jewish refugees and allied airmen across the border from Nazi-occupied France into neutral Spain. She is the author of *Stolen Years, In My Little Corner of the World*, and has lectured for groups such as the Jewish War Veterans, Beth Emett Sisterhood, and Hadassah.

In addition, **Judyth Lessee** will speak about the history of Chune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania who disobeyed orders from his superiors and saved as many as 6,000 Jews during the Holocaust. Ms. Lessee was so taken with his story that she traveled to Sugihara's home village in Japan to conduct research on him.

Free to the Public.
For information call AJHS at 602-241-7870



Meet Our Newest Volunteer:

JEFFREY KINGSLEY

A recent graduate from ASU in Religious Studies and a parishioner at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Jeffrey has a strong interest in Jewish history and has been working on the AJHS family history project. "The best thing about volunteering with

AJHS Partners with the History Channel to Save Our History!

The AJHS is pleased to announce that the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center recently hosted an informational seminar for the **Save Our History** program sponsored by the **History Channel**. Each year, the Save Our History program donates \$250,000 nationally in grants to local history organization engaged in educational and preservation programs. This year, Phoenix has been selected as a target city for this project. The event was held on September 14th and included representatives from the History Channel and various local-area organizations, including AZ State Preservation Officer **Jim Garrison**.

the AJHS", says Jeffrey, "has been the learning experience it has provided me with." He joins another volunteer, **John Russo**, who is also working with our archival collections.

The AJHS offers great opportunities for volunteers to become involved in community service and historic preservation work.

Call 602-241-7870 to get involved!

FAMOUS FIGURES IN JEWISH HISTORY



President's Message...

Jerry Lewkowitz

We at the Arizona Jewish Historical Society hope the High Holy Days were all that you expected: a time for reflection, reaffirmation, inspiration, introspection and family experience. Each year we attend services (and on Shabbat, too!) essentially rededicating ourselves to our faith, ourselves, our family and friends. We make history with each new year, and with each new day. I invite you to share this history with the Society. If you are not a member, the time to join is now.

Your Historical Society begins this year with a new Executive Director, Dr. Larry Bell. Larry brings to us a brilliant educational background and persona. Already, Larry's impact on the Society is noticeable. With his direction and encouragement, our Cutler Plotkin Heritage Center is developing a new and more functional vision for its future. The impact of this project to our community will be real and tangible. A Jewish museum, archive, and education center are just a few of the benefits. We are dedicated to this mission and look forward to renewed progress in attaining our goal.

With our warmest regards, the Board, Larry and Jack join me in wishing you a healthy, happy and historical year.



Louis Dembitz Brandeis (1856-1941)

With all of the current debate over Supreme Court nominees, we dedicate this sketch to the very first Jewish justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Louis D. Brandeis. The son of Jewish immigrants from Prague, Louis Brandeis was born in Louisville, Kentucky, the youngest of four children. As a child he was known for his exceptional intelligence and dedicated work ethic. He graduated from high school at the age of 15, and received his law degree from Harvard at the age of 21.

As an attorney, Brandeis became famous for his brief to the Supreme Court in the 1908 case, *Mueller v. Oregon*, in which he presented empirical data on the detrimental impact of working long hours on women and children. In addition, he was active as a Progressive in defending the rights of consumers, taxpayers, and investors from abusive corporate practices.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson nominated Brandeis to the U.S. Supreme Court. After a bitter contest over his Jewish origins and reformist politics, he was confirmed four months later. As a Supreme Court Justice, Brandeis was

especially noted for upholding the right to privacy, as well as his support for government regulation of business.

In addition to his judicial career, Brandeis was also major American Zionist leader. "My approach to Zionism is through Americanism," he once said. "To be good Americans, we must be better Jews, and to be better Jews we must become Zionists." During the First World War, Brandeis served as Chairman of the Provisional Committee for General Zionist Affairs and he played an important role in securing Woodrow Wilson's support for the Balfour Declaration at the peace conference which followed. In 1920, he split with Chaim Weizman over the leadership of the World Zionist Organization and subsequently resigned his position in the movement. However, he remained active in Zionist causes throughout his life, and later founded the Palestine Economic Corporation to promote economic investment in mandatory Palestine.

Although he was a supporter of the New Deal, Brandeis resisted Franklin Roosevelt's effort to add a new Justice to the court for each existing Justice over 70. He retired from the Supreme Court in 1939, and was replaced by William O. Douglas.



Following Brandeis, there have been six other Jewish Justices to the Supreme Court. Can you name them?

The first took place from 1932-1939 when Benjamin Cardozo served together with Brandeis and seven Breyer both serve together currently. This is only second time in which this has occurred. Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur Goldberg, Abe Fortas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Ruth Bader Ginsburg



FROM OUR ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION:

The following is excerpt from the oral history of Royal Marks. It describes his father's

(Barnett Marks) participation in a landmark Supreme Court case involving Native American rights.

Interviewer: As an attorney, what kind of practice did your father have?

MARKS: He had a general civil practice...

But dad did a lot of corporate work and he was a participant in one of the early famous water cases here

Interviewer: Was it one of the landmark cases?

MARKS: Yes. Then when he was in the U.S.

District Attorney's office he started what was the famous Walapai/Santa Fe case. That's how we got into representing Indian tribes because

of dad's participation. In 1928, he started that case which went up to the Supreme Court twice and involved the aboriginal rights of the Indians to their land. It was the forerunner of the Indian Plains Commission...

I was in the service and came back in 1945. In 1946 one of the old Walapai Indians came to the office, Fred Mahone, and said that he had been sent to the office by the superintendent who said if you ever need a friend go see Barney Marks. So they came to the office and asked us to come up and talk to the tribal counsel to see if we could help them settle this Walapai/Sante Fe case...

As a result we were employed by the Walapai tribe as counsel to do something with that case, which we did as a result of settlement talks with the Fennemore firm who were the attorneys for the Santa Fe Railroad.

We settled that case which was probably the largest quiet title case in the country... As a result of that settlement, the reservation comprising of

990,000 acres was solidified and became the Walapai Reservation. Up to that time, this was 1949 I believe it was or '50 when they settled, every odd section of course belonged to Santa Fe. In the early days when the railroads came through they were given every odd section of land as they crossed the country. That's why Sante Fe still had a lot of that title. So, as a result of this case, title was quieted and became a part and parcel trust for the Walapai tribe by the United States Government, as all the reservations are in Arizona, except for the Navajo tribe. That's how we started representing and I started representing Indian tribes."



Do you have a personal story to relate?

Contact the AJHS offices at 602-241-7870 or email our Oral History Chair, Mark Sendrow at wmsendrow@hotmail.com

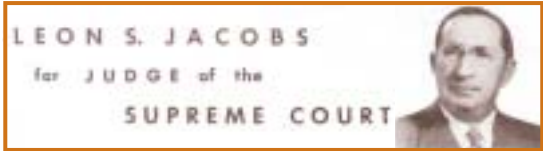
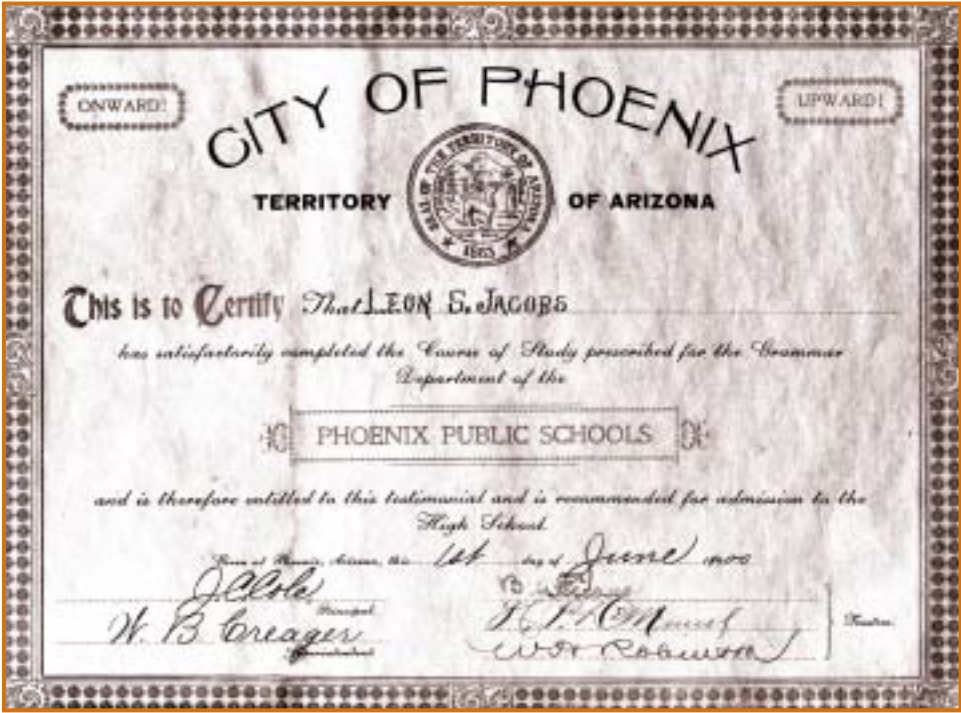
LEON JACOBS

was born in Arizona on June 27, 1886. His father came to the state by wagon in 1876. Jacobs was a member of the very first state legislature, elected in 1912. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1914 and helped draft the state's first penal code. In 1948, he ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Arizona Supreme Court. He passed away in February 1982 at the age of 95, the last surviving member of the original Arizona legislature.

Included here is a copy Jacobs' diploma from Grammar School. The date on the paper is June 1, 1900.

The second photo is taken from Jacobs' Supreme Court campaign in 1948.

These items were donated by Kenneth and Norma Sadick.



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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Our fiscal year begins with the Jewish New Year.
We hope those who haven't paid their dues yet will
write a check now for 2006.

*Together we will preserve the past
for the next generation!*

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2006

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