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### **Biographical /Background:**

### **Scope and Content:**

### **Inventory:**

- Box 6 f1      Finding Aid
- Box 6 f2      Beth Abraham Synagogue Fiftieth Anniversary Commemorative Journal
- Box 6 f3      Old Town & Orono mailing list for Bangor Community Center, dated July  
24, 1947.
- Box 6 f4      Various photographs including, two unidentified portraits and a  
photograph of the 1956 Minsky Seder with participants: Philip Gotlib,  
Ruth Gotlib, Louis Lieberman, Myer Minsky, Harold (Harry) Epstein,  
Eleanor Epstein (now Israel), Ruth Epstein, Gail Epstein, Ann Lieberman,  
Anna Kaminsky, and Dora Gotlib.

- Box 6 f5 Various copies of photographic portraits including those of Rabbi Louis Plotkin (1906-1909), Morris Stern, Edwin Epstein, Solomon Harris, David Snyder, Abraham Stern, Harold R. Epstein (1941-1947, 1948-), Myer Minsky ( Vice-President First Gabbai), Dr. Joseph Ornstein (treasurer), Norman Minsky, Henry Lait (killed in action), Rabbi Raphael Lasker, Dr. Chaim Potak; a photograph signed "To Mrs. Minsky and the Jews of Bangor, in appreciation," from ?; a correspondence from Myer Minsky, President, and Adolph B. Friedman, Treasurer, of the Hebrew Free Loan Association to Mr. Julius Gass, President of Bangor's Jewish Community Council, recommending the establishment of an Educational Loan Fund, dated Oct. 7, 1964; a correspondence from Myer Minsky, President, to Adolph B. Friedman, Tresurer of the Hebrew Free Loan Association asking him to draw a check payable to the Jewish Community Council.
- Box 6 f6 Testimonial, "Nahlat Bangor Project" Maine, USA, Head Office, Jewish National Fund.
- Box 6 f7 Various copies of photographic portraits including those of Wolf Lipsky (1915-1917), Simon Kominsky (1917-1921), Max Cohen (1897-1899, 1909-1910), Adolph B. Friedman, Morris L. Rosen (1906-1907, 1913-1915), Harry Cohen (1899-1905), Abraham J. Benson (1912-1913), Elias H. Rosen (1907-1909), Louis Berger (1905-1906), Rabbi Louis Plotkin (1906-1909), Joseph Bernstein, Israel Goldman, Lemke Allen, Solomon Hank?, Morris N. Golden, Jacob David Leavitt (1868-1948), Joseph Byer (1910-1912), Abram Brown (1924-1926), Edward Stern (1939-1941), Rabbi Eliezer Levine (1925-1930), Rabbi Moishe Shohet (1912-1920), Pinchos Striar, Philip Hillsen, Mark S. Goldman (First Gabbai 1888-1897), Louis Rapaport (1930-1933), Teddy Adams, Nathan Ginsberg, Simon Kominsky, J. Epstein, Louis Shapiro, James Gimpel Striar, Abraham Stern, Barnett (Dov) Kamenkovitz, Goodman Gaffen (1938-1939), Henry Lait (killed in action), Rabbi Louis Seltzer (1903-1906), Hyman Hillson (killed in action), Rabbi Moishe Zucker.
- Box 6 f8 Bangor Hebrew School Fortieth Anniversary 1907-1947, Bangor Hebrew Community Center, Oct. 2, 1947.
- Box 6 f9 Portrait of Myer Minsky ( "Napoleon Bonoparte Minsky III" jokingly penned by his son) in his Knights of Pythias uniform.
- Box 6 f10 Various photographs, unidentified.
- Box 6 f11 "Americanization Means You" booklet published by the Furbush Printing Company in Bangor, Maine.
- Box 6 f12 Correspondence from Mrs. L. Hareli to Norman Minsky regarding Jewish

Colonial Trust shares, dated September 18, 1967, a correspondence from Mrs. L. Hareli, of Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M., to shareholders concerning Jewish Colonial Trust stock transfer, an article entitled, "The Jewish Colonial Trust Limited (Juedische Colonial Bank)," published in the Jerusalem Post International Edition on March 30-April 5, 1980.

- Box 6 f13 Jewish Colonial Trust stock #80818 duplicate.
- Box 6 f14 Jewish Colonial Trust stock #83046.
- Box 6 f15 Jewish Colonial Trust stock #75102.
- Box 6 f16 Jewish Colonial Trust stock #65705.
- Box 6 f17 Jewish Colonial Trust stock #80818.
- Box 6 f18 Correspondence from Dr. S. Bernstein, Director of the Palestine Bureau of the Palestine Foundation Fund to Max S. Kominsky concerning the Jewish Colonial Trust Company shares, dated March 2, 1948.
- Box 6 f19 Article about the Sons and Daughters of Zion organized in the early 1900's by Myer Minsky.
- Box 6 f20 Ancient Order of United Workman Bangor, Maine Anchor Lodge, No. 4 examination of account/report balance, Congregation Beth Israel Cemetery receipt for payment of lots, Merrill Trust Company receipt listing names, Maine Woolen Company auditor's report on books of members of Zion Camp 8929.
- Box 6 f21 Correspondence from Anshel Strauss to Mr. Minsky with attached packet of articles.
- Box 6 f22 Various photographs including State Zion Convention-Portland, Maine on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1944.
- Box 6 f23 Various photographs including directors in 1913 Pine Tree Lodge, Centennial Logo of Congregation Beth Israel 1888-1988, Violinist David Rubinoff's Marriage at Congregation Beth Israel in 1942, and a Bangor Daily News article entitled, "Israeli Jets Bomb Canal," published on October 9, 1973.
- Box 7 f1 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue assorted correspondence and receipts, dated 1963-1967.
- Box 7 f2 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—Bangor Hydro-Electric Company service statements, dated Oct. 30, 1964—Sept. 27,

1967.

- Box 7 f3 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—Bangor Water District service statements, dated Sept. 14, 1964-Oct. 2, 1967.
- Box 7 f4 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—City Oil Company service statements and receipts, dated Dec. 5, 1960-Oct. 16, 1967.
- Box 7 f5 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—cleaning and laundry invoices, dated 1967.
- Box 7 f6 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—bank deposits, dated Dec. 5, 1966-Oct. 23, 1967.
- Box 7 f7 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—various financial documents.
- Box 7 f8 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—funeral and cemetery service statements, dated 1964-1967.
- Box 7 f9 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—Insurance statements, dated Aug. 2, 1965-Sept. 6, 1967.
- Box 7 f10 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—Israel Book Shop invoices, dated Dec. 23, 1965-Sept. 28, 1967.
- Box 7 f11 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—maintenance service statements, dated 1965-1967.
- Box 7 f12 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—printing service statements, dated 1964-1967.
- Box 7 f13 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—snowplowing service statements, dated Feb. 28, 1966-Mar. 31, 1967.
- Box 7 f14 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—stationary invoices, dated Jan. 22, 1966-Mar. 29, 1967.
- Box 7 f15 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—supply invoices, dated Dec. 16, 1964-Oct. 30, 1967.
- Box 7 f16 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—telephone service statements, Nov. 9, 1964-Sept. 27, 1967.
- Box 7 f17 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue business records—Income Tax documents, dated 1964.

- Box 7 f18 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue financial documents—meeting minutes (1971), bequest (1972), and annual letter (1974).
- Box 7 f19 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue financial statements, dated Oct. 31, 1972 and Oct. 31, 1973.
- Box 7 f20 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Columbia Investment Company, dated Oct. 29, 1965.
- Box 7 f21 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Old Colony Trust Company, dated Jan. 16, 1963-Nov. 30, 1966.
- Box 7 f22 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Columbia Investment Company, dated Oct. 11, 1962-Aug. 5, 1965.
- Box 7 f23 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Townsend, Dabney & Tyson, dated Sept. 17, 1958-Nov. 15, 1960.
- Box 7 f24 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Bangor Savings Bank, dated Jan. 31, 1961-July 29, 1961.
- Box 7 f25 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Columbia Investment Company, dated Dec. 1961.
- Box 7 f26 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Cemetery Fund, dated Nov. 1, 1963-Oct. 31, 1964.
- Box 7 f27 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—The Merrill Trust Company, dated Mar. 31, 1965-Apr. 23, 1965.
- Box 7 f28 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Columbia Investment Company, dated Oct. 16, 1963-Dec. 5, 1963.
- Box 7 f29 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Columbia Investment Company, dated Oct. 14, 1964.
- Box 7 f30 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue investments—Columbia Investment Company, dated July 29, 1965.
- Box 7 f31 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue contribution thank-you cards.
- Box 7 f32 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue Rededication Ceremony invitation, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, dated May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1988 (four copies).
- Box 7 f33 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue Rededication Ceremony invitation

card packet.

- Box 7 f34 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue Centennial Celebration program, dated May 15, 1988.
- Box 7 f35 Boston Globe article photocopy announcing the death of David Rubinoff, dated Oct. 9, 1986.
- Box 7 f36 Congregation Beth Israel Celebration program honoring Israel's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Jewish Community Council's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, dated June 5, 1988.
- Box 7 f37 Congregation Beth Israel program for "an evening of comedy with Robert Klein," dated Nov. 5, 1988 (two copies, one autographed by performer).
- Box 7 f38 Congregation Beth Israel program for its seventy-fifth anniversary, dated Oct. 20, 1963.
- Box 7 f39 Congregation Beth Israel Invitation to its Fall Convocation, dated Oct. 16, 1988 (three copies).
- Box 7 f40 Bangor Daily News article about the Congregation Beth Israel sisterhood, dated Sept. 25, 1963, p. 6.
- Box 7 f41 Congregation Beth Israel endowment fund appeal (eight copies).
- Box 7 f42 Congregation Beth Israel ledger/day book of charges, dated from Aug. 19, 1955-Dec. 24, 1962.
- Box 7 f43 120 Years Congregation Beth Israel.
- Box 7 f44 Congregation Beth Israel Ledger/Day book of Charges.

#### Box 8 Publications

- Box 8 f1 Pinsker and his brochure by Asher Ginzberg, Federation of American Zionists (1911).
- Box 8 f2 Palestine between two wars by Carl Alpert, Zionist Organization of America (1944).
- Box 8 f3 The National Jewish monthly magazine, published by B'nai B'rith on July-August 1952.
- Box 8 f4 Prayer books: a. Jewish Holy Scriptures, Government Printing

- Office (1942), prepared for use of Jewish personnel of the army of the United States.
- b. Prayer Book: abridged for Jews in the Armed Forces of the United States, revised edition (1945), National Jewish Welfare Board.
- c. A book of Jewish thoughts, selected and arranged by Joseph Herman Hertz (1943), Jewish Welfare Board.
- d. Abridged prayer book for Jews in the Army and Navy of the United States (1917), the Jewish Publication Society of America.
- Box 8 f5 Little Studies in Judaism (1920), Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, The Jewish Publication Society of America.
- Box 8 f6 Self-fulfillment through Zionism: a study in Jewish adjustment, ed. by Shlomo Bardin PhD. (1943), American Zionist Youth Commission.
- Box 8 f7 Service for Purim with English translation by Dr. I. Leesser, Star Hebrew Book Company.
- Box 8 f8 a. B'nai B'rith Manual, ed. by Samuel S. Cohon (1926).  
b. New Testament, Pocket Testament League.
- Box 8 f9 The Jewish Advocate—1927 Silver Jubilee.
- Box 8 f10 The Jewish Advocate—1929 Easter-Passover.
- Box 8 f11 Bangor Hebrew School 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1907-1947, Bangor Hebrew Community Center, Oct. 2, 1947.
- Box 8 f12 Sanctuary Congregation Beth Israel Rededication Program, 24 Oct. 1998.
- Box 8 f13 Congregation Beth Israel: (informational brochure) a vibrant community observing Judaism in the Conservative tradition.
- Box 8 f14 Photograph of Norman Minsky's mother, Bess, donated 15 May 2002.
- Box 8 f15 Jacob Braveman's Mother from Lithuania, Bayla Rashe Braveman, dated circa 1900.
- Box 8 f16 Jacob and Lena (Goldberg) Braveman's engagement photograph, dated 1901.
- Box 8 f17 Hanah and Moses Goldberg, parents of Lena (Goldberg) Braveman, circa 1890-1910.
- Box 8 f18 Jacob and Lena Braveman (1952), 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Golden Years."

- Box 8 f19 Goldberg daughters, circa 1890-1900. Left to right: Lena Braveman, Fannie Sawyer, Eva Goldsmith-Old Town, Annie Berger.
- Box 8 f20 Lena Goldberg (1901).
- Box 8 f21 a. "Jake Braveman lives up to a little boy's trust," Elderberry Times, September 2, 1974, p. 3 (from Bangor Daily News, December 1956).  
b. "Lena and Jacob exchanged vows 72 years ago, December 2, 1902," Elderberry Times, September 2, 1974, p. 2.
- Box 8 f22 a. Original photograph of Sons and Daughters of Zion, Bangor, Maine event dated June 9, 1920. Partially complete identification key included.  
b. Original photograph of the Viner Brothers at their factory on Hancock Street, Left to right: James, Ben, Sam and William.  
c. Photograph photocopy of the Berg Family circa 1915. Back row: Arthur, Clarence, Abraham, Sarah. Front row: Rose, Dora, Chaim, and Rebecca.
- Box 8 f23 Miller Family photographs featuring Bernard William ("Billy") Miller.
- Box 8 f24 A History of the Jews in Bangor, Maine by Diane Cutler.
- Box 8 f25 a. Photograph of Sons and Daughters of Zion, Bangor, Maine event dated June 9, 1920 with Nahlaot Bangor invoice.  
b. Nahlaot in Israel  
c. Library of Congress record.  
d. Nahlaot Bangor description.
- Box 9 f1 Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Scroll from All Soul's Congregational Church.
- Box 9 f2 100<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature 1961 pin.
- Box 9 f3 Maine Maritime Academy 1941 Silver Anniversary (25<sup>th</sup>) Medal.
- Box 9 f4 Official Maine Sesquicentennial Medal 1820-1920, with insert sculpted by Granville W. Carter.
- Box 9 f5 Two volume signed copy of the book, entitled The Women of Israel By Grace Aguilar (1871), presented to Nellie S. Humphrey by Mother Humphry on December 25, 1872.
- Box 9 f6 The Palestine Yearbook Review of events July 1944 to July 1945, vol. I, ed. Sophie A. Udin (1945) Zionist Organization of America publication.



- Box 9 f7 Minute Book Congregation Beth Israel, Abraham J. Stern, Secretary (entries dated from Dec. 8, 1947 to Nov. 19, 1972).
- Box 9 f8 Photograph of Abraham Jacob Stern.
- Box 10 f1 Bangor Public Library catalog card for Crossing Lines: a record of the 1992-93 exhibit by Judith S. Goldstein.
- Box 10 f2 Congregation Beth Israel 1888-1988 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rededication service announcements, 15 May, 1988.
- Box 10 f3 Bangor City Directory (1901) p. 3, "All Coons Look Alike," M. Lynch & Co. advertisement.
- Box 10 f4 "What has become of Abraham Jacobs?" from Around Bangor, Bangor Daily News, June 14, 2000, p. 9.
- Box 10 f5 "Has taught hundreds of Bangor's little foreigners," Bangor Daily Commercial, May 29, 1920 (1907).
- Box 10 f6 "A story of the gallery stairs," source unknown.
- Box 10 f7 "Rabbi (Freedman) denounces Nazism, " source unknown.
- Box 10 f8 "Crossing lines," by Judith S. Goldstein photograph.
- Box 10 f9 "Massacre of the whites at Maplewood Monday afternoon."
- Box 10 f10 Correspondence from Judith Goldstein to Barbara (McDade), Executive Director of the Bangor Public Library concerning "Crossing Lines" exhibit.
- Box 10 f11 Design for new city of Bangor seal "motto: full garbage pail...empty frozen coal-hod" by George Savory Wasson.
- Box 10 f12 Crossing Lines: a record of the 1992-93 exhibit conceived by Judith S. Goldstein and organized by the University of Maine Museum of Art—exhibit catalog, Crossing Lines : Histories of Jews and Gentiles in Bangor, Mount Desert Island and Calais , Maine Aug. 1-30, 1992, Thorndike Library Foyer College of the Atlantic—exhibit poster.
- Box 10 f13 Castles and Carriage Roads: Bar Harbor and Newport from the 1880's to the 1990's by Judith S. Goldstein, a talk given at the Claremont Hotel, July 14, 1994.

- Box 10 f14 Crossing Lines: histories of Jews and Gentiles in Bangor, Mt. Desert Island, and Calais, Maine program.
- Box 10 f15 Sketch of Beth Israel Synagogue, circa 1897.
- Box 10 f16 Congregation Beth Israel Directors in 1913.
- Box 10 f17 Introduction to Crossing Lines exhibit.
- Box 10 f18 "Rate in which Jewish householders moved out of designated area of city (Bangor, Maine).
- Box 10 f19 Eastern Maine General Hospital , photograph of.
- Box 10 f20 Remains of city after the 1911 Bangor Fire, photograph of.
- Box 10 f21 Eastern Steamship Company building, photograph of.
- Box 10 f22 University of Maine Board of Trustees including Larena Culter, and Bangor State Street circa 1920's, photographs of.
- Box 10 f23 Mayor William Engel, photograph of.
- Box 10 f24 Maplewood Park, first grandstand built in 1883, photograph of.
- Box 10 f25 1911 Bangor Fire ruins on French and Penobscot Streets, and City view of ruins, photographs of.
- Box 10 f26 1911 Bangor Fire scene of firefighters extinguishing flames, photograph of.
- Box 10 f27 WWI Parade down Broadway in Bangor, Maine, circa 1918/19, photograph of.
- Box 10 f28 Sons and Daughters of Zion, June 9, 1920 in Bangor, Maine, photograph of.
- Box 10 f29 Union Station in Bangor, Maine, photograph of.
- Box 10 f30 Abraham Rudman Family (circa 1900), photograph of.
- Box 10 f31 The Cohen Brothers (Simon, Max, and Louis), photograph of.
- Box 10 f32 Bangor Merchants, photograph of.

- Box 10 f33 Bangor Symphony Orchestra at the Maine Music Festival????, photograph of.
- Box 10 f34 KKK marching in Brewer, Maine, photograph of.
- Box 10 f35 Bangor Broadway's stately elm trees, photograph of.
- Box 10 f36 Bangor skyline from the Penobscot River (post 1855), photograph of.
- Box 10 f37 Bangor City Hall, Logging on the river, photographs of.
- Box 10 f38 Bangor Auditorium and Annex (built in 1897), photographs of.
- Box 10 f39 Presentation of Torah (bourne beneath a canopy) in October 1938, at Congregation Beth Israel, photograph of.
- Box 10 f40 Downtown Bangor, photograph of.
- Box 10 f41 Group of men and women standing in front of Bangor High School on Harlow Street (circa 1918), photograph of.
- Box 10 f42 Judge Abraham Rudman, photograph of.
- Box 10 f43 Synagogue, photograph of.
- Box 10 f44 Ice-skating in Bangor, on the Penobscot River (circa 1915), photograph of.
- Box 10 f45 Bangor Flood of 1902, photograph of.
- Box 10 f46 Jewish Cemetery at Mt. Hope, photograph of.
- Box 10 f47 Congregation Beth Israel, and All Soul's Congregational Church, photographs of.
- Box 10 f48 First year of development of Fairmount under management of Louis Kirstein & Sons, commemorative photograph of.
- Box 10 f49 Pearl Street Trolley, photograph of.
- Box 10 f50 Ceremony to receive the Torah on October 1938 (note children in processional shawls), photograph of.
- Box 10 f51 Simon Cohen in his store, photograph of.
- Box 10 f52 Jewish Community Center on Broadway, photograph of.

- Box 10 f53 First Bangor City Hall (circa 1892), photograph of.
- Box 10 f54 Dedication of City Hall on July 4, 1894, photograph of.
- Box 10 f55 Nathan and Rose Cohen of Bangor, Maine (circa 1895), photograph of.
- Box 11 f1 Congregation Beth Israel 1888-1963 Diamond Jubilee.
- Box 11 f2 Congregation Beth Israel's Centennial History 1888-1988.
- Box 11 f3 The Living Talmud, the wisdom of the fathers and its classical commentaries selected and translated with an essay by Judah Golden with drawings by Ben-Zion. Printed at the Spiral Press, New York for the members of the Limited Editions Club, New York, 1960 (296.A1541).