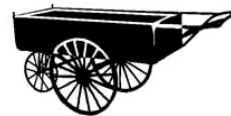


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*The Legacy Project of the Columbus Jewish Historical Society  
Devoted to 170 Years of Jewish Life in Columbus*



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## **Columbus Jewish Historical Society to Present Jewish Legacy Project in Spring 2010**

The Columbus Jewish Historical Society (CJHS) will present a seven-week exhibition from April 12 through June 4, 2010 entitled "170 Years of Jewish Life in Central Ohio, 1840-2010," which will include highlights of the lives of those who were early settlers of the region.

The exhibit will be accompanied by a traveling display, "From the Mountains to the Prairies: 350 years of Kosher and Jewish Life in America," which focuses on the story of Jewish migration across the United States and how Jewish dietary laws were followed from the earliest arrivals of Jews in the mid-17th century into the last century.

The traveling exhibit was developed by Rabbi Yaakov Y. Horowitz, founder of American Jewish Legacy, a non-



Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz

## **Rabbi Horowitz to Speak at Exhibit's Opening on April 12**

Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz, developer of the exhibit, "From the Mountains to the Prairies: 350 Years of Kosher and Jewish Life in America," will be the keynote speaker at the Opening Night festivities of the Columbus Jewish Historical Society's Jewish Legacy exhibit on April 12, 2010.

In 1998, Rabbi Horowitz founded the American Jewish Legacy (AJL), a national effort to preserve and document the unique, rich history of traditional Jewish congregations, individuals, rabbis, and communities in the United States – from Colonial times to the present. "From the Mountains" is the AJL's current exhibit and has received academic and popular acclaim. The Columbus ex-



Fundraising Chair Skip Yassenoff and Project Chair Toby Brief, display a mock-up of one of the exhibit's panels.

profit historical organization, and supervising rabbi of the B. Manischewitz Company.

Both exhibits will open at the JCC on April 12, 2010. "Throughout the exhibition, we're planning to have lectures, films, art, theatrical productions, contests, and musical activities," said Toby Brief, CJHS project chair.

Both exhibits are being supported in part by a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council.

hibition is the next stop on its national tour.

Rabbi Horowitz is one of North America's foremost experts on the intricate art of kosher food production and chief supervising rabbi of the Manischewitz group of companies on behalf of the Orthodox Union. Rabbi Horowitz is a fourth generation American Chasidic rabbi, a scion of the Bostoner Chasidic Dynasty and the founder of the American Jewish Legacy (a nonprofit organization), a research organization that promotes Jewish heritage in the United States. Rabbi Horowitz also is an educator, pulpit rabbi and lecturer on the American Jewish experience, as well as a noted expert in Jewish law as regards the Kosher Code, especially the production of Matzo for Passover.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

The Legacy Project of the Columbus Jewish Historical Society (CJHS) will be presented at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater Columbus from April 12 through June 4, 2010. The JCC is located at 1125 College Ave., Columbus.

## **CJHS Requesting Donations for Exhibit**

The Columbus Jewish Historical Society is requesting loans or donations of items that best represent the period between 1840 and 1910.

"We are looking for anything from photos and paper materials to bushel baskets, kitchen utensils, and old grocery store items," said Project Chair Toby Brief. "We're also looking for items that were brought to the U.S. from the 'Old Country,' such as mortars and pestles or trunks."

Brief noted that CJHS will arrange to pick up and return loans, as well as copy old photographs.

In addition, those with information and/or the desire to research Columbus' early German and Russian/Eastern European immigrants are invited to help with the exhibition.

For more information, contact Brief at (614) 238-0374 or via e-mail at [tbrief@hotmail.com](mailto:tbrief@hotmail.com).

## **'Legacy Project' to Include Several Family Fun Events**

While the two exhibits being planned for next spring by the Columbus Jewish Historical Society (CJHS) will be the highlights of the "Jewish Legacy" project, they will be accompanied by several family fun events.

"Plans currently are underway for a musical program, children's programming, and a little bit of theater thrown in," said Project Chair Toby Brief.

Cantor Jack Chomsky of Congregation Tifereth Israel and Linda Kalette Schottenstein are planning an event for May 5, entitled, "Food, Glorious Food," an evening of music and fine deli foods.

In addition, the Legacy Project will be co-sponsoring the Gallery Players' presentation of "The Immigrant," by Mark Harelik.

"The Immigrant" is a heartfelt, funny, lovable play which brings

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## The Jewish Legacy Project

### Did You Know?

According to researchers working on the Columbus Jewish Historical Society's (CJHS) Legacy Project, there are several Columbusites who – despite not being well known – contributed to the settlement of the United States, bringing Judaism as far as the “Wild West.”

Cindy McLaughlin and Toby Brief of CJHS cite the following bits of history:

#### First Jewish Settlers in Columbus

Samuel Nusbaum, James Nusbaum, Simon Mack, and Joseph, Samuel and Nathan Gundersheimer were the first Jewish settlers in Columbus. In fact, Samuel Nusbaum's son, Otto, was a year old when he arrived in the city, thereby becoming the first Jewish child in Columbus. His brother, Isadore, born in 1843, was the first Jewish child born in the city.

#### Two Waves of Immigrants

Columbus actually experienced two waves of immigrants to the city, the first being from 1840 through 1880, with some eight million immigrants coming from Germany. Some arrived seeking religious or political freedom, others for economic opportunities greater than those in Europe, and others simply for the chance to start fresh in the New World. The second wave of immigration, which began in 1880, was made up of those predominantly from Russia and Eastern Europe. They came to the United States to escape the pogroms, anti-Jewish uprisings in Russia.



Max Hirschberg

#### Five Civil War Vets Settle in Ohio

Upon being discharged from the army at the end of the Civil War, veterans William Hart and Moses Adler of Columbus, Moritz Schwartz (originally from New York), Henry Auerbach of Chillicothe, and David Urbansky of Piqua, settled in Central Ohio. Urbansky was a Medal of Honor recipient for his heroic actions during the war. The men were among the estimated 7,000 Jews who fought on behalf of the Union.

#### Columbusite Rides Bike to Alaska

One of those who helped settle the “Wild West” was Max Hirschberg of Columbus, whose father, Rudolph, was president of B'nai Israel (now Temple Israel) from 1878 to 1881. (Hirschberg's uncle, Levi, was the owner of Great Western Clothing Stores in Newark with branches in Central and Northwestern Ohio, while his other uncle, Bernard, was a founding partner of the Strouss Hirschberg Department Stores in Youngstown.) Hirschberg's adventurous, entrepreneurial spirit carried him from owning a small business in New York to traveling to Nome, Alaska on a bicycle to become a mine owner and purveyor of the Arctic Mining and Trading Company. It took him roughly 10 weeks to travel the 1,200 miles from Dawson to Nome, during which he suffered through snow storms, dangerous ice melts, broken bicycle pedals, a near-drowning, snow blindness and a broken bicycle chain, before literally "sailing" into Nome on May 19, 1900.

These stories and more will be highlighted as part of the Columbus Jewish Historical Society (CJHS) seven-week exhibition entitled "170 Years of Jewish Life in Central Ohio, 1840-2010," at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater Columbus from April 12 through June 4, 2010.

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a fresh slant on the age-old story of immigration and assimilation,” said JCC Cultural Arts Director Jared Saltman.

“It is a charming biographical tale of the author's grandfather, a Russian Jew, who arrived in the port of Galveston, Texas, at the turn of the century. The play spans 30 years of the family's growth and contributions to the town of Hamilton, Texas,” he said.

“We are proud to produce this play in conjunction with the CJHS exhibit, which will be taking place at the same time,” he said. “We hope that you will come to see the exhibit and then stay for one of the performances.”

For more information on the Gallery Players' production of “The Immigrant,” visit their website at [www.jccgalleryplayers.org](http://www.jccgalleryplayers.org).

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