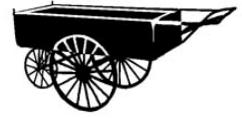


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*The Legacy Project of the Columbus Jewish Historical Society  
Devoted to 170 Years of Jewish Life in Columbus*

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## Keep Our History Alive...

### Tell Us Your Story

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.

Project Director Toby Brief is very pleased to announce that the message of Legacy events and programs has spread nationwide, as well as to Europe and Israel. "We have received information and inquiries from 8 other states as well as England and Israel," she said. "People are excited to hear about the project and are stepping forward to bring their families to our attention. In many cases, these families came to Central Ohio in the pre-Civil War days, and moved on prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> century."

Brief said she wants to make sure that every Jewish family who settled early in the area is included.

"The first wave of Jewish immigrants came to the U.S. from Germany during the 1830s to 1870s, while the next wave – from Russia and Eastern Europe – began in the 1880s," she said. "At this time we are working hard to identify the earliest immigrants from that second wave."

If your Russian or Western European ancestors arrive in Central Ohio before 1885, please contact Toby Brief at [tbrief@hotmail.com](mailto:tbrief@hotmail.com), or call Cindy McLaughlin at the CJHS offices at (614) 238-6977.

## 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." The researchers cite the following bits of history:

**The first Jew killed in the Boer War** of 1899-1902 was from Columbus. His name was Harry Spanier, and he died in 1899 at the start of the three-year-long conflict which ended with the conversion of the Boer republics into British colonies. These colonies later formed part of South Africa.

**The first Jews to die in Columbus were 3 brothers.** The Schrier brothers all died during the cholera epidemics from 1849-1852, in which hundreds of thousands died during the pandemic.



## 'Zamlers' – or Collectors – Wanted for Legacy 2010 Exhibit

**זאמלער**

(Zamler) is the Yiddish word for **compiler**. It means a person who gathers scattered things in order to form a collection. Usually, Zamlers make their collections pursuing a mission, passionately committed to their purpose. Therefore, to be a Zamler is considered an honor, according to Yiddish traditions.

In just a few short months, the long-anticipated Columbus Jewish Historical Society (CJHS) exhibit, *Legacy 2010: 170 Years of Jewish Life in Central Ohio*, will grace the lobby of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater Columbus. However, before the exhibit goes up, numerous pieces have to be in place and ready for their debut.

"All history buffs, antiques collectors, and Judaica aficionados can help in this process," said Project Director Toby Brief, "because right now, we are collecting – for loans or donations – various objects dating from the 1840s to about 1910."

Brief explained that the exhibit is in its beginning stages of construction, and in order to make it as authentic as possible, the curators are asking everyone in the area to search their attics and basements, and even scout out antique stores and flea markets for objects.

"What we're especially on the lookout for are items that your family brought with them when they came to the United States," she said. "These are the things that were the most important to them at the time – since they could not carry much – such as mortars and pestles, bowls, religious items, and photos.

Items also being requested for the exhibit include:

- Pre-1900 grocery store items, such as food packaging (tin, wood or glass), other home items that might have been sold in an old corner store, plus photos.
- Items representing the early Jewish garment industry and/or related to Jewish Central Ohio clothing, hats, shoes, dressmaker or tailoring items, plus photos.
- Items representing the early steel industry, including photos.
- Items related to the Civil War.
- Pre-1910 Jewish advertising items, including newspaper ads, trade cards, signage, and advertising give-aways, such as notepads, etc.
- Photos of your family, if they settled in Central Ohio pre-1910.

"We will be happy to arrange for pick up of your items," said Brief.

For more information, contact Brief at [tbrief@hotmail.com](mailto:tbrief@hotmail.com) or Project Archivist Cindy McLaughlin at [cmclaughlin@tcjf.org](mailto:cmclaughlin@tcjf.org), or call (614) 238-6977.

## Legacy Project Welcomes Newest Exhibit Sponsors

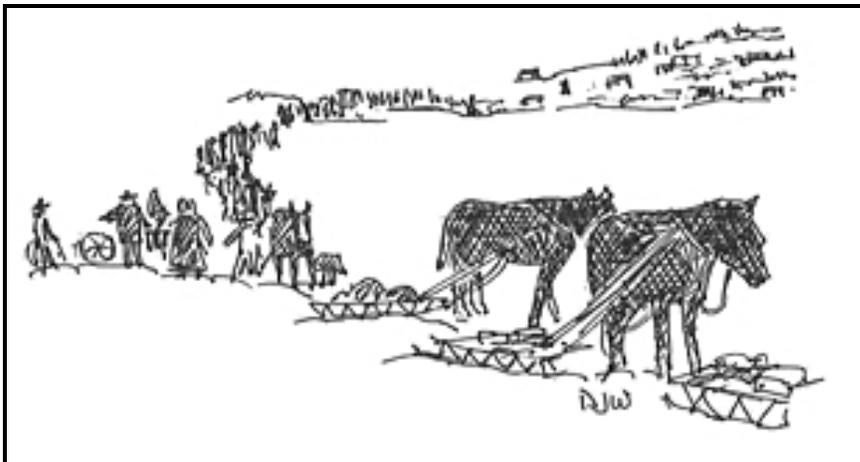
The Legacy Project is close to reaching its fundraising goal, but still needs at least \$8,000 more to provide a top-quality exhibit, say project coordinators.

At a recent Columbus Jewish Historical Society meeting, Project Director Toby Brief noted, "We want to present Legacy 2010 as a high quality exhibit that will show our subject and our Society in the very best light. As you may know, Legacy is self funded, and our goal is to raise approximately \$25,500."

Brief said that currently, roughly \$17,500 has been raised through sponsorships and grants. "We are thrilled to announce that we have received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Lenore Schottenstein Jewish Arts Endowment and the Melvyn Palius Endowment of the Columbus Jewish Foundation for the Legacy project," she said. "This will be added to our previous grant award from the Ohio Humanities Council, and individual sponsorships from the Yassenoff family, Bernie Yenkin family, Rodney and Donna Wasserstrom, Bob and Missy Weiler [in honor of Bette Young], Lee and Marilyn Skilken, Muriel and David Derrow, Jean Brief, the Lewin Family Fund, and Dana, Corey and Howard Schlezinger.

Brief noted the sponsorship of a panel is \$1,000, and a digital story is \$500. "Sponsorships can be personal, group efforts, honors or in memoriams, as well as corporate," she said. "However, any amount contributed would be most welcome!"

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## Hirschberg Story Inspires Local Artist

After a recent article appeared in *The Senior Times* of Columbus about Max Hirschberg – whose adventurous, entrepreneurial spirit carried him from owning a small business in New York to traveling to Nome, Alaska on a bicycle in 1910 – one local artist was inspired to create an etching based on a similar trek to the Yukon. Dave Weltner, a resident at the Thurber Retirement Community in Columbus wrote, "This interesting story prompted me to draw this sketch," and added he wanted to share it with the Legacy project coordinators. We're now happy to share it with you as well.

### Neuer Kleiderladen.

Der Unterzeichnete sagt hiermit seine deutschen Landsleute in Kenntniss, daß er, nachdem er mit seinem früheren Partner N. Gundesheimer abgetheilt, nun einen neuen Kleiderladen an der Hochstraße, zwei Thüren nördlich von der Richstraße, auf der westlichen Seite eröffnet hat. Er ladet seine Freunde besonders ein, bei ihm anzusprechen, indem er nun eine große Auswahl der schönsten und nach der neuesten Mode gemachten Herbst- und Winterkleider an Hand hat. Auch wird er seine Freunde und Bekannte, die ihn besuchen, gewiß, wie immer befriedigen, indem er seine Waaren zu den billigsten Preisen verkaufen kann. Ort eruch nicht im Plabe: Hochstraße, 2 Thüren nördlich von der Richstraße, auf der westlichen Seite.

Columbus, September 9. 1851. — 321.

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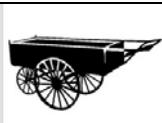
From *Der Westbote*, Sept 12, 1851, p.3  
Translated by E. Petuchowski for CJHS

### New Clothing Store

The undersigned hereby notifies his German compatriots that, after separating from his former partner, N. Gundesheimer, he has now opened a new clothing store on High Street, two doors north of Rich Street, on the west side of the street. He specially invites his friends to stop by because he now has on hand a large selection of the most beautiful Fall and Winter clothes in the latest fashion. Furthermore, he will, as before, satisfy all his friends and acquaintances who visit him because he can sell at the best prices. Do not mistake the location: High Street, two doors north of Rich Street, on the west side.

Columbus, Sept. 9, 1851

J. Nusbaum



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