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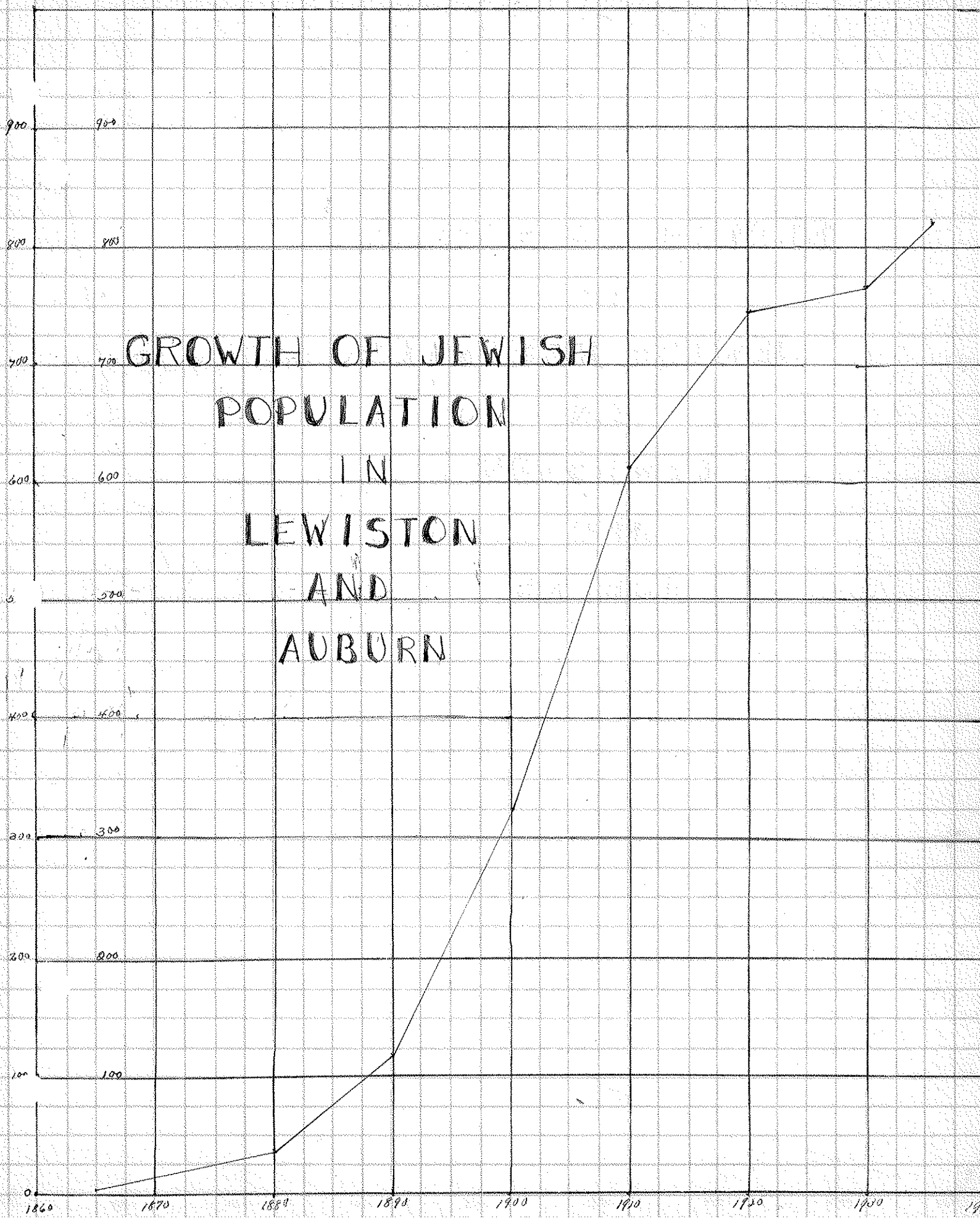
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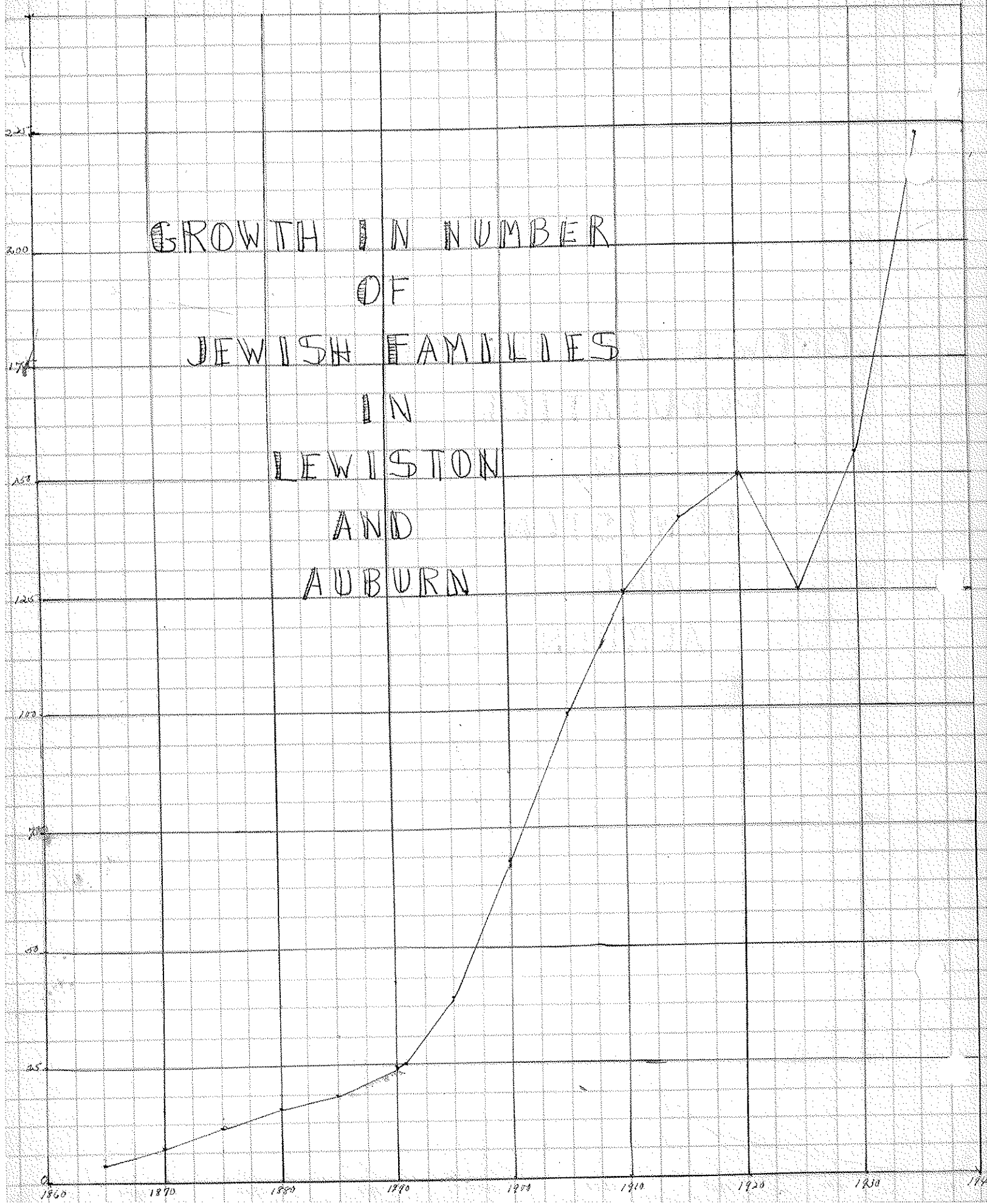
The material for this thesis has been drawn from personal observation and experience plus interviews and membership records of the various organizations and institutions existing in the Jewish group in Lewiston-Auburn. I have attempted to compile a census of the Jewish population group in Lewiston-Auburn as of January 1936, to bring up to date the section on "Institutions and Organizations" of THE STORY OF THE JEWIS IN LEWISTON-AUBURN (1930), and to discuss the problems of the second generation. I am particularly indebted to Mr. Israel Alpren, Mr. Oscar Goldman, Mr. I. A. Miller, and Mrs. Harry Rubinoﬀ for their cooperation.

PART I

GROWTH OF JEWISH
POPULATION
IN
LEWISTON
AND
AUBURN



GROWTH IN NUMBER
OF
JEWISH FAMILIES
IN
LEWISTON
AND
AUBURN



CENSUS OF JEWISH POPULATION IN LEWISTON-AUBURN AS OF JANUARY, 1930

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Abromson, Benjamin	29 Laurel Ave	Auburn	27	Manager
Natalie	"	"	27	At home
Abromson, John	37 Third St	"	26	Manager
Ada	"	"	26	At home
Abromson, Louis	322 Pine St	Lewiston		Merchant
Annie	"	"		At home
Hymen Henry	"	"	42	Clerk
Esther	"	"	30	Bookkeeper
Celia	"	"	33	Cashier
Mary	"	"	20	Student
Afes, Abraham (s)	222 Main St	"		Foreman
Alpert, Isaac (s)	358 Main St	Auburn	32	Merchant
Alpren, Morris Isaac	178 Cook St	"	58	Junk Peddler
Saide	"	"	50	At home
Myer	"	"	38	Junk Peddler
Louis Abraham	"	"	32	
Israel	"	"	30	Lawyer
Harry	"	"	28	Meat Cutter
Benjamin	"	"	22	Junk Peddler
Alpren, Sam	97 Oak St	Lewiston	34	Broker
Ida	"	"	30	At home
Backer, Harry	18 Laurel Ave	Auburn	37	Butcher
Baker, Henry I.	60 Elm St	"	47	Junk Dealer
Annie F.	"	"	42	At home
Arnold B.	"	"	18	Student
Baker, Joseph	51 Pulsifer St	"	55	Woolen Waste
Sadie	"	"	44	At home
Lena	"	"	22	Merchant
Dorothy	"	"	21	Student
Beatrice	"	"	19	Student
Ernest	"	"	17	Student
Baker, Mollie F. Mrs.	27 Laurel Ave	"	37	At home
Carl	"	"	14	Student
Ellenor	"	"	12	Student
Sherman	"	"	6	Student
Baker, Mollie M. Mrs.	74 Newbury St	"	40	Merchant
Cyrus Bernard	"	"	16	Student

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Barenberg, Aaron	276 Turner St	Auburn	65	Restaurant
Sarah	"	"	58	At home
Baron, Max	344 Main St	Lewiston	49	Furrier
Rose	"	"	49	At home
Dorothy	"	"	23	Teacher
Helen	"	"	16	Student
Florence	"	"	16	"
Barr, Arthur	88 Academy St	Auburn		Manufacture
Frieda	"	"		At home
Benjamin	"	"		
Richard	"	"		
Sumner	"	"		
Bean, Henry	16 Newbury St	Auburn	49	Clerk
Nettie	"	"	47	At home
William B.	"	"	26	Clerk
Pauline	"	"	24	At home
Allon	"	"	22	Clerk
Frances	"	"	19	At home
Louis S.	"	"	11	Student
Shirley	"	"	9	Student
Bell, David	134 Wood St	Lewiston	30	Gas Station
Gertrude	"	"	29	At home
Myron	"	"	5	"
Bell, Hyman I.	142 Webster St	"	44	Gas Station
Rose	"	"	43	At home
Daniel	"	"	18	Student
Irving	"	"	17	"
Leonard	"	"	8	"
Benson, Nathan	32 Bardwell St	"	44	Wholesaler
Ida	"	"	38	At home
Frances	"	"	12	Student
Silvia	"	"	8	"
Berman, Bella, Mrs.	18 Howard St	"		At home
Berman, Benjamin L.	11 Central Ave	"	44	Lawyer
Martin Cecil	"	"	5	At home
Berman, David V.	126 Whitney St	Auburn	26	Lawyer
Ruth	"	"	30	At home
Berman, Jack	206 Ash St	Lewiston	40	Dealer
Ida	"	"	33	At home
Jerome George	"	"	9	Student
# Berman, Joseph	179 Sabattus St	"	40	Dealer
Laura	"	"	35	At home
Janice	"	"	9	Student

Intermarriage

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
	Berman, Max	84 College St	Lewiston	65	Real Estate
	Martha	"	"	60	At home
	Frances	"	"	25	"
#	Berman, Myer	242 Oak St	"	45	Merchant
	Eva	"	"	34	At Home
	Barbara	"	"	9	Student
	Jack	"	"	7	
	June	"	"	5	
	Bloom, Morris	445 Hampshire St	Auburn	53	Fruit Vender
	Annie	"	"	52	At home
	Goldie	"	"	26	Piano Teacher
	Nathan	"	"	21	Student
#	Bornstein, Alan	Turner St	"	24	Shoe worker
	Isobel	"	"	20	Nurse
	Bornstein, Hymen	549 Main St	Lewiston	27	Merchant
	Sarah	"	"	26	At home
	Beverly Elaine	"	"	3	
	Bornstien, Lewis	365 Main St	Auburn	56	Bottler
	Martha	"	"	41	At home
	Myer	"	"	27	Salesmen
	Herman	"	"	22	Student
	Rose	"	"	21	"
	Rudolph	"	"	24	"
	Paul	"	"	16	"
	Shirley	"	"	13	"
	Bornstein, Rebecca, Mrs.	13 Pulsifer St	"	57	At home
	Stella	"	"	29	"
	Jennie	"	"	23	Bookkeeper
	Brody, Henry	77 Pulsifer St	"	30	Merchant
	Pearl	"	"	28	At home
	Morton Aaron	"	"	3	
	Adele Elaine	"	"		
	Brownstein, Rebecca, Mrs.	206 Ash St	Lewiston	58	At home
	Brownstone, Myer	21 Beacon St	"	50	Dentist
	Ida	"	"	42	At home
	Geraldine	"	"	5	
	Canter, Mrs. Annie	21 Shawmut St	"	55	At home
	Myer	"	"	32	Clerk
	Helene Sybil	"	"	22	Bookkeeper
	Canter, Samuel	238 Minot Ave	Auburn	68	Junk Dealer
	Bella	"	"	69	At home
	Frances	"	"	38	"
	Cohen, Henry I.	431 Main St	Lewiston	32	Shoe Mfg.
	Frances	"	"	33	At home
	Mark	"	"	3	

#	Cohen, Jack	422 East Ave	Lewiston	39	Showerker
#	Cohen, Mack L.	402 Court St	Auburn	45	Sign Painter
	Beatrice	"	"	40	At home
	Ruth	"	"	7	
	Maxine	"	"	5	
	Cohen, Samuel	67 Conant Ave	"	50	Shoe Mfg
	Gertrude	"	"	45	At home
	Sydney	"	"	22	Student
	Felix	"	"	15	"
	Cohen, Samuel F.	Pine Street	Lewiston	28	Glasier
	Ida	"	"		Bookkeeper
	Cortell, Edward S.	Libbey Ave	"	49	Merchant
	Marion M.	"	"	43	At home
	Marion	"	"	24	Dietician
	Ruth	"	"	22	Student
	Dorothy	"	"	18	"
	Janet	"	"	16	"
	Shepard N.	"	"	11	"
	Davidson, Hyman	321 Main St	Auburn	53	Fruit Vender
	Fanny	"	"	50	At home
	Facob	"	"	13	Student
	Davidson, Nathan	131 6th St	"	29	Fruit Vender
	Gertrude	"	"	24	At home
	Stanley Leo	"	"	3	
	Dvora Gilba	"	"	2	
	Day, Harry	238 Minot Ave	"	60	Gas Station
	Leah	"	"	61	At home
	Donald	"	"	25	Accountant
	Deletetsky, Myer	133 Third St	"	45	Fruit Vender
	Rachel	"	"	45	At home
	Lewis	"	"	21	Fruit Vender
	Abraham	"	"	20	"
	Lawrence	"	"	19	"
#	Deletetsky, Nathan	281 Main St	"	26	Junk Dealer
	Dennis, Hyman	High St	Lewiston	58	Pawnshop
	Dennis, Nathan	132 Oak St	"	50	Merchant
	Etta	"	"	48	At home
	Louis	"	"	20	Student
	Dion, Maurice H.	126 Pine St	"	42	Insurance
	Esther	"	"	38	At home
	Howard	"	"	10	Student
	Lewis Jean	"	"	7	"
	Jacob	"	"	6	
	Drobofsky, Benjamin	21 Shawmut St	"	45	Tailor
	Bertha	"	"	40	At home
	Morris	"	"	23	Student
	Natalie	"	"	15	"

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Epstien, Julius H.	12 Sylvan Ave	Lewiston	45	Merchant
Flora	"	"	25	At home
Epstein, Sam	"	"	65	Pawnshop
Ellis, Max R.	56 Howe St	"	43	Insurance
Lena R.	"	"	43	At home
Stanley	"	"	19	Student
Ellis	"	"	17	"
Howard	"	"	6	
Fine, Allen N.	158 College St	"	30	Shoe Mfg
Fannie	"	"	27	At home
Donald	"	"	8 mo	
Fine, Meyer	492 Main St	"	38	Shoe Mfg
Rose	"	"	32	At home
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Finestein, Jerry (s)	42 Elm St	Auburn	21	Shoe worker
Finestein, Molly (s)	"	"	22	Bookkeeper
Finkelstien, E. Mrs.	209 Ash St	Lewiston	40	At home
Sam	"	"	18	Clerk
Paul	"	"	13	Student
Flock, Phillip (s)	74 Newberry St	Auburn	25	Wholesaler
Fogel, Isadore	42 Davis Ave	"	43	Shoe Mfg
Mary	"	"	40	At home
Estelle	"	"	13	Student
Lauda	"	"	9	"
Robert	"	"	3	
Fogelman, Max	Elm St	Lewiston	25	Merchant
Lillian	"	"	23	At home
Lawrence Bruce	"	"	5 mo	
Fogelman, Meyer	17 Bradley	"	49	Merchant
Rebecca	"	"	43	At home
Frances	"	"	21	Student
Bernard	"	"	9	"
Fradkin, Samuel A.	384 Main St	"	35	Shoe Salesma
Alice	"	"	30	At home
Elinor Jane	"	"	2	
Friedenn, Reuben	75 Pulsifer St	Auburn	32	Manager
Anna	"	"	40	At home
Graham	"	"	7	
Geraldine	"	"	4	
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Friedler, Max H.	92 Shawmut St	Lewiston	42	Cleaner
Anna	"	"	38	At home
Gladys	"	"	10	Student
Betty	"	"	7	

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Friedman, Moses L.	3 Franklin St	Lewiston	49	Auto Parts
Evelyn	"	"	45	At home
Irving	"	"	18	Student
Joseph	"	"	14	"
Geller, Jack	193 College St	"	32	
Rose	"	"	29	
Glovsky, Miriam (s)	96 Wood St	"	28	Bookkeeper
Gold, Sam (s)	343 Main St	Auburn	25	
Goldberg, Louis	90 Birch St	Lewiston	46	Baker
Becky	"	"	42	At home
Isadore	"	"	23	Baker App.
Irving	"	"	21	"
Sarah	"	"	16	Student
Molly	"	"	9	
Marion	"	"	3	
Goldman, Morrise	481 Main St	"	33	Doctor
Deborah	"	"	26	At home
Richard	"	"	6	
Elaine Myrtle	"	"	3	
Goldman, Oscar	204 Ash St	"	40	Lawyer
Esther	"	"	36	At home
Goldman, Samuel	36 Fifth St	Auburn	54	Junk Dealer
Fannie	"	"	55	At home
Libby	"	"	28	Teacher
# Goldman, Saul			27	Truck Driver
Goldstein, William	174 Ash St	Lewiston	34	Shoe Merchant
Miriam	"	"	30	At home
Natalie-Ann	"	"		
Goodman, Joseph	386 Main St	"	30	Meat Market
Etta	"	"	28	At home
Robert	"	"	5	
Gordon, Benjamin	386 Main St	"	32	Restaurant
Sally	"	"	32	At home
Richard Lewis	"	"	2	
Gordon, Mitchell	226 Summer St	Auburn	38	Restaurant
Fannie	"	"	34	At home
Lester	"	"	13	
Zelda	"	"	9	
Gottesfeld, David	56 Howe St	Lewiston	52	Turrier
Fanny	"	"	43	Saleslady
Jeanette L,	"	"	27	Teacher
Gottlieb, Julius	49 Central Ave	"	40	Physician
Jennie	"	"	34	At home
Leonard	"	"	9	
Burton	"	"	6	
Paul	"	"	2	

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Graffman, Annie, Mrs	29 Laurel Ave	Auburn	59	At home
Benny	"	"	22	Clerk
Grant, Morris	173 Cook St	"	49	Fruit Vender
Bertha	"	"	40	At home
William	"	"	22	
Mathilda	"	"	17	
Paul	"	"	15	
Greene, Harold (s)	211 College St	Lewiston	31	Salesman
Grossman, Bertha Mrs.	128 Pine St	"	53	At home
Grossman, Nicholas	128 Pine St	"	34	Salesman
Selma	"	"	28	At home
Guerwitz, Lewis S.	369 Main St	Auburn	58	Merchant
Ida	"	"	56	At home
Eva	"	"	28	At home
Dorothy	"	"	27	Bookkeeper
Celia	"	"	26	Teacher
Halperin, Nathan	57 Eighth St	"	54	Sheet Metal
Minnie	"	"	50	At home
Myrin	"	"	29	Dentist
Dorothy	"	"	27	Teacher
Hershenson, Aaron	386 Main St	Lewiston	50	Shoe Mfg
Rebecca	"	"	45	At home
Evelyn Ethel	"	"	18	Student
Hirsch, Joseph	208 Ash St	"	38	Manager
Freda S.	"	"	32	At home
Herbert	"	"	11	Student
Bernard	"	"	7	
Hooke, Irving	22 Forest Ave	Auburn	28	Manager
Hilda	"	"	25	At home
James Frederick	"	"		
Hyman, Ernest	24 Sixth St	"	46	Junk Dealer
Sarash	"	"	39	At home
Melvin	"	"	15	Student
Shirley	"	"	12	
Clarice	"	"	8	
Hyman, Morris (s)	12 Green St	Lewiston	22	
Hyman, Samuel (s)	"	"	40	
Harris Meyer				
Isaacson, Harris Meyer	254 Sabattus St	"	37	Lawyer
Goldie R. Isaac	"	"	33	At home
Philip Marshal	"	"	10	
Marilyn Lois	"	"	6	
Isaacson, Harry	124 Pine St	"	70	Junk Dealer
Eva	"	"	65	At home

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Isaacson, Harry	177 Cook St	Auburn	65	Fruit vender
Mollie	"	"	60	At home
Fay	"	"	30	Teacher
Eli	"	"	26	Clerk
Goldie	"	"	23	Bookkeeper
Esta	"	"	21	Student
Peter	"	"	19	"
Isaacson, Peter A.	26 White St	Lewiston	41	Lawyer
Irving	"	"	19	Student
Frances	"	"	20	"
Shirley	"	"	10	"
Isaacson, Samuel	410 Main St	"	37	Mill wastes
Essie	"	"	36	At home
Natalie	"	"	11	Student
Earl Myron	"	"	7	
Kaitz, Samuel	317 Turner St	Auburn	38	Salesman
Sara	"	"	31	At home
Marvin J.	"	"	2	
Kaufman, Gertrude Mrs.	182 Center St	"	55	At home
Kominsky, Harry	90 College St	Lewiston	37	Candy Store
Dora	"	"	33	At home
Gerald	"	"	5	
Koms, Bertha	343 Main St	"	53	At home
Koss, Joseph	42 Elm St	Auburn	40	Shoe Mfg
Reba	"	"	37	At home
Selma	"	"	5	
Herbert	"	"	1	
Edward	"	"	1	
Kushner, Sarah	8 So. Main St	"	74	At home
Kuslansky, Sam	131 6th St	"	50	Fruit Vender
Annie	"	"	50	At home
Bernice	"	"	17	
Evelyn	"	"	15	
Muriel	"	"	10	
Lavin, Simone	215 Turner St	"	64	Dealer
Jessie	"	"	60	At home
Annie	"	"	19	Student
Lehner, Max R.	61 7th St	"	44	Heel Mfg
Sarah	"	"	39	At home
Erna	"	"	15	Student
Louise	"	"	10	
Doris	"	"	8	

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Lelansky, Joseph P	40 Newbury St	Auburn	43	Junk Dealer
Bella	"	"	39	At home
Edward M.	"	"	16	Student
Arnold G.	"	"	13	"
Lelansky, Morris	17 Pulsifer St	"	65	Junk Dealer
Gertrude	"	"	70	At home
Lelansky, Sam H.	94 Gill St	"	44	Auto parts
Flora	"	"	43	At home
Annette	"	"	22	Bookkeeper
Charles	"	"	20	Student
Esta	"	"	19	Bookkeeper
Lempert, Hyman M.	18 Laurel Ave	"	70	Retired
Sarah	"	"	70	At home
Lempert, Joseph H.	481 Main St	Lewiston	48	Jeweler
Esther	"	"	44	At home
Harold	"	"	22	Jeweler
Dorris	"	"	20	Bookkeeper
Frances	"	"	12	Student
Levenson, Julius B.	Middle St	"		
Levin, Charles	49 Shamut St	"	43	Realestate
Josephine	"	"	40	At home
Robert	"	"	13	
Levin, Israel	358 Main St	Auburn	60	Junk Vender
Shama	"	"	56	At home
Frances	"	"	28	Bookkeeper
Ida	"	"	20	"
# Levin, Wolf	358 Main St	"	31	Salesman
Levine, William	206 Ash St	Lewiston	31	Meat Merchant
Sophie	"	"	28	At home
Martin George	"	"	3	
Janice Charlotte	"	"	2	
Lewis, Nathan H.	35 Nichols St	"	55	Merchant
Dora	"	"	46	At home
Jason	"	"	21	Student
Ruth	"	"	19	"
Howard	"	"	12	"
Lifshitz, Ida Mrs.	7 Jefferson St	"	47	At home
Samuel	"	"	23	Clerk
Alec	"	"	21	Usher
Louis	"	"	15	Student
Lifshitz, Joseph	29 Tampa St	"	40	Salesman
Ethel	"	"	35	At home
Dorothy	"	"	14	Student
Sylvia	"	"	13	"
Harold	"	"	12	"
Shepard	"	"	8	"

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Lipson, Allen	26 Sixth St	Auburn	85	Retired
Lovette, David	61 Howard St	Lewiston	47	
Sadie	"	"	43	At home
Henrietta	"	"	13	
Lowit, Rudolf	Cushman Place	Auburn	45	Engineer
Charlotte	"	"	38	At home
Paul R.	"	"	6	
Alfred G.	"	"	5	
Lown, Philip W.	550 Main St	Lewiston	46	Shoe Mfg
Louise	"	"	36	At home
Dorothy	"	"	16	
Ann	"	"	13	
Lurie, Joseph M.	12 Libby Avenue	Lewiston	37	Chemist
Gertrude	"	"	36	At home
Barbara J.	"	"	11	
Robert M.	"	"	5	
Mackin, Florence (s)	11 Mill St	Auburn	31	Bookkeeper
Pauline R(s)	"	"	27	Stenographer
Mandelstam, Max	144 Walnut St	Lewiston	65	Jeweler
Etta	"	"	55	At home
Abe	"	"	25	Student
Margolin, Hyman	549 Main St	"	53	Merchant
Lena	"	"	47	Clerk
Joseph	"	"	27	Salesman
Margolin, Samuel	166 Seventh St	Auburn	51	Fruit Vender
Celia	"	"	50	At home
Maurice	"	"	27	Manager
Lawrence	"	"	22	Salesman
Phyllis	"	"	15	Student
Leonard	"	"	13	"
Irving	"	"	7	
Mascott, Manuel	69 Conant Ave	"	34	Shoe Mfg
Etta	"	"	34	At home
Richard Allan	"	"	9	
Barbara	"	"	6	
Carl Herbert	"	"	1	
Mascott, Walter	324 Pine St	Lewiston	45	Shoe Mfg
Mae	"	"	40	At home
Lawrence	"	"	14	Student
Marshall D.	"	"	7	"
Robert A.	"	"	5	"
Fredrick H.	"	"	5	"
May, Charles M.	9 Dexter Ave	Auburn	61	

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Meltzer, Isadore	31 Fifth St	Auburn	41	Junk Dealer
Ida	"	"	40	At home
Edward	"	"	20	
Pearl	"	"	16	Student
Estelle	"	"	4	
Harriet	"	"	1	
Meltzer, Mark	73 Pulsifer St	"	31	Shoe Dealer
Dorothy	"	"	30	At home
Robert	"	"	10	
Jack	"	"	9	
Beverly	"	"	7	
Doreen	"	"	6	
Berton	"	"	4	
Meltzer, Solomon	5 Laurel Ave	"	54	Shoe Dealer
Leah R.	"	"	50	At home
Louis G.	"	"	23	Salesman
Sara	"	"	21	Student
Leonard	"	"	19	Salesman
June Shirley	"	"	15	Student
Mendelsohn, Max	75 Howard St	Lewiston	65	Retired
Annie	"	"	58	At home
Merson, Annie Mrs.	374 Main St	"	59	At home
Lillian	"	"	28	Bookkeeper
Abraham	"	"	26	Clerk
Ethel	"	"	21	Nurse
Merson, Hyman	"	"	35	Merchant
Lena	"	"	33	At home
David Ward	"	"	2	
Miller, Ida Mrs.	82 Newbury St	Auburn	68	At home
Miller, Israel A.	"	"	36	Junk Dealer
Fannie	"	"	32	At home
Stanley John	"	"	9	
Maynard	"	"	7	
Judith Selma	"	"	2	
Joseph Milton	"	"	6 mo	
Miller, Isaac	292 Main St	"	55	Junk Dealer
Rebecca	"	"	49	At Home
Evelyn	"	"	27	Nurse
Harold Maurice	"	"	26	Auto parts
Lester	"	"	23	Bookkeeper
Miller, Isadore T.	10 Drummond St	"	50	Junk Dealer
Rose	"	"	45	At home
Estelle	"	"	19	Student
Marrilyn	"	"	17	"
Miller, James S.	87 Webster St	Lewiston	45	Tire Dealer
Ruth	"	"	28	At home
Alvin	"	"	6	

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Miller, Max	21 Third St	Auburn	56	Junk Dealer
Annie	"	"	48	At home
Herbert A.	"	"	19	Student
Phyllis	"	"	13	"
Miller, Morris M.	141 Hampshire St	"	52	Junk Dealer
Esther Sarah	"	"	50	At home
Alice E.	"	"	33	Bookkeeper
Annie	"	"	33	"
Gertrude	"	"	24	Physical Director
Miller, Rose Mrs.	8 Laurel Ave	"	73	At home
Louis	"	"	30	Broker
Miller, Samuel J.	144 Davis Ave	"	37	Insurance
Mildred G.	"	"	36	At home
Irma Sylvia	"	"	9	
Dorothy Lillian	"	"	4	
Minsky, Samuel	21 Howard St	Lewiston	50	Dealer
Kate	"	"	39	At home
Eugene	"	"	15	Student
Morril, Benjamin	17 Pulsifer St	Auburn	52	Junk dealer
Gertrude	"	"	50	At home
Morrill, Martin	12 Newberry St	"	26	Junk Dealer
Ida	"	"	26	At home
Sally	"	"	4	
Moskowitz, Joseph	Third St	"	50	Junk peddler
Ida	"	"	45	At home
Michael	"	"	21	
Abraham	"	"	15	
Nathanson, Morris	124 Goff St	"	51	Rabbi
Sarah	"	"	45	At home
Ethel	"	"	15	Student
John	"	"	7	
# Olum, George	21 Turner St	Auburn	30	Grocer
Ruth	"	"	25	At home
Olum, Pauline Mrs.	21 Turner St	"	50	At home
E Edith	"	"	27	Bookkeeper
Harold	"	"	21	
Ornstein, Harry	114 Bartlett St	Lewiston	41	Shoe worker
Leah P.	"	"	34	At home
Melvin	"	"	10	Student
Rosalyn	"	"	8	"
Jerome Wilfred	"	"	3	
Ostroff, Max	386 Main St	"	50	Shoe Mfg
Pauline	"	"	45	At home
Joseph	"	"	21	Student

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
#	Pearlstein, Harry	40 Ware St	Lewiston	50	Dealer
	Agnes	"	"	39	At home
	Robert	"	"	7	
	Perry, Samuel	39 Howard St	"	40	Merchant
	Celia	"	"	31	At home
	Bernice	"	"	7	
	William Allan	"	"	5	
	Persky, Harry	73 Sabattus St	"	42	Grocer
	Rebecca	"	"	42	Bookkeeper
	Avron	"	"	15	Student
	Platz, Henry I.	225 Gamage Ave	Auburn	52	Foot Spec.
	Mary	"	"	37	At home
	John	"	"	21	
	Frances	"	"	19	
	Plavin, Abraham H.	220 Sabattus St	Lewiston	42	Furniture Dealer
	Ethel	"	"	30	At home
	Manuel	"	"	8	
	Leonard Newell	"	"	7	
	Shirley Claire	"	"	3	
	Roggle, Abraham	358 Main St	Auburn	53	Fruit Vender
	Rose	"	"	58	At home
	Rosenbloom, Meyer	41 Howard St	Lewiston	60	Retired
	Leah	"	"	60	At home
	Philip	"	"	42	At home
	Jennie	"	"	30	Bookkeeper
	Rosenfield, Irene (s)	75 Pulsifer St	Auburn	9	
	Rosenthal, Harry	8 Nelke Place	Lewiston	45	Theatre Mgr
	Henrietta	"	"	40	At home
	Marty	"	"	26	Merchant
	Ross, Allen	127 Webster St	"	50	Retired
	Annie	"	"	50	At home
	Sara	"	"	35	
	Jerome	"	"	31	Manager
	Rubin, Charles	21 Laurel Ave	Auburn	36	Fruit Vender
	Annie	"	"	34	At home
	Jenny	"	"	6	
	Aleck Gersh	"	"	5	
	Rose	"	"	3	
	Jack	"	"	1	
	Rubinoff, Harry	143 High St	"	45	Insurance
	Lena M.	"	"	42	At home
	Sally	"	"	13	
	Marcia	"	"	12	

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
#	Ruttenberg, Morris	14 Linden St	Auburn		
	Rubie	"	"		At home
	Richard	"	"		
	Ruttenberg, Simon	40 Newberry St	"	68	Retired
	Samuel	"	"	32	
	Minnie	"	"	26	At home
	Salk, Harry	90 High St	"		Upholster
	Dorothy	"	"		At home
	Scolnik, Joseph	78 Howard St	Lewiston	47	Merchant
	Hannah	"	"	45	At home
	Maxim	"	"	20	Student
	Helen	"	"	16	"
	Scolnik, Julius	204 Ash St	"	58	Merchant
	Bessie	"	"	52	At home
	Morris	"	"	25	Clerk
	Rose	"	"	24	Teacher
	William Hyman	"	"	21	Student
	Ida	"	"	20	Clerk
	Louis	"	"	12	Student
	Scolnik, Kalman	210 Ash St	"	48	Merchant
	Mary	"	"	45	At home
	Sam	"	"	23	Student
	William	"	"	21	"
	Eddie	"	"	17	"
	Scolnik, Sam	181 Sabattus St	"	45	Clerk
	Sadie	"	"	42	At home
	Hilda	"	"	21	Bookkeeper
	Ruben	"	"	19	Student
	Rose	"	"	17	"
	Seamon, Harry	11 Central Ave	"	56	Insurance
	Eve	"	"	50	At home
	Theodore	"	"	22	Student
	Barbara S.	"	"	18	"
	Segal, Abraham	15 Second St	Auburn	64	Fruit Vender
	Bessie	"	"	60	At home
#	Segall, Benjamin	386 Main St	Lewiston	39	Shoe Mfg
	Gertrude	"	"	28	At home
	William	"	"	9	
	Semer, Benjamin (s)	26 Laurel Ave	Auburn	35	Raw Hides
	Semer, Max	24 Laurel Ave	"	46	Butcher
	Molly	"	"	44	At home
	Sylvia	"	"	17	Student
	Milton	"	"	16	"
	Ilege	"	"	11	"

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Shalett, Irving J.	124 Pine St	Lewiston	45	Osteopathic
Beatrice	"	"	38	At home
Eleanor	"	"	5	
Shapiro, Abraham	5 Central Ave	"	70	Retired
Shapiro, David	335 Main St	Auburn	59	Tailor
Dinah	"	"	57	At home
Harry	"	"	35	Salesman
Isadore	"	"		Teacher
Sam	"	"		Clerk
# Shapiro, Harry E.	8 Goff St	"	50	Painter
Louise	"	"		
# Shapiro, Hyman	Wood St	Lewiston	40	
Mabel	"	"		
Shapiro, Jacob J.	2 Laurel Ave	Auburn	66	Merchant
Goldie	"	"	58	At home
Ernest M.	"	"	34	Accountant
Helen	"	"	22	Teacher
Selma	"	"	19	Student
Sherman	"	"	17	"
Shapiro, Mark H.	31 Fifth St	"	50	Lumber
Sarah	"	"	41	At home
Shapiro, Moses	77 Fifth St	"	57	Merchant
Pauline	"	"	46	At home
Annette	"	"	25	Teacher
Marcella	"	" "	24	Social Worker
Shapiro, Myer	127 So. Main St	"	56	Junk Dealer
Ida	"	"	53	At home
Shapiro, Sam	9 Central Ave	Lewiston	42	Real estate
Frieda	"	"	32	At home
Gilbert L.	"	"	4	
Shiffer, Harry	37 Third St	Auburn	57	Shoe worker
Sara	"	"	52	At home
Sherman, Sam(s)	124 Pine St	Lewiston	24	Shoe worker
Sherr, Samuel	41 Second St	Auburn	39	Tailor
Hattie	"	"	29	At home
Shible, Louis	40 Bates St	Lewiston	41	Cobbler
Bessie	422 Main St	"	41	At home
Sally	"	"	20	Beautician
Rena	"	"	16	
Shiffer, Harry	27 Laurel Ave	Auburn	48	Grocer
Leah	"	"	45	At home
Morris	"	"	22	
Jacquelin	"	"	18	Student

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Shiffer, Morris	12 Green St	Lewiston	49	Tailor
Leah	"	"	38	At home
Ada	"	"	16	Student
Goldie	"	"	12	"
Shulman, Bertha Mrs.	5 Pulsifer St	Auburn	58	At home
Morris	"	"	21	
Sibolkin, Fred	29 Laurel Ave	"	28	Glass setter
Celia	"	"	26	Bookkeeper
Siegel, Jacob	12 Newberry St	"	46	Grocer
Bertha	"	"	38	At Home
Kaellie	"	"	15	
Molly	"	"	11	
Morris	"	"	13	
Siegel, Joseph	41 Fifth St	"	47	Fruit Vender
Esther	"	"	46	At home
Charles	"	"	28	Principal
Rose	"	"	25	Bookkeeper
Leah	"	"	21	
David	"	"	20	Fruit Vender
Sam	"	"	18	
Norris	"	"	12	
# Silverman, Benjamin	559 Main St	Lewiston	30	Salesman
Mary	"	"	28	At home
Aaron	"	"	1	
Silverman, Louis	45 Jeffereson St	"	48	Merchant
Dora	"	"	44	At home
Sidney	"	"	21	
David	"	"	18	Student
Silverman, Louis A.	15 Bradley St	"	35	Merchant
Frances	"	"	32	At home
Morris M.	"	"	2	
Silverman, Philip	24 Showard St	"	61	Merchant
Annie	"	"	62	At home
Ernest	"	"	26	Credit Mgr.
Singer, Abraham	7 Central Ave	"	70	Retired
Sam (s)	"	45	45	Real estate
Singer, David G.	161 Walnut St	"	41	Merchant
Sadye	"	"	29	At home
Richard	"	"	6	
Smolan, Ruth (s)	182 Center St	Auburn	21	
Sprince, Henry	133 College St	Lewiston	38	Physican
Norma	"	"	32	At home
Richard	"	"	10	

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Sprince, Joseph	25 Shawmut St	Lewiston	48	Merchant
Jennie	"	"	45	At home
Sam	"	"	27	
Martin	"	"	23	
Arnold	"	"	21	
Donald	"	"	17	
Sprince, Morris	36 Nichols St	"	66	Merchant
M.	"	"	62	At home
Herbert	"	"	24	Student
Stachowitz, Isaac	90 Shawmut St	"	61	Tailor
Ethel	"	"	61	At home
Isadore	"	"	26	Bookkeeper
Stadhowitz, Jack M.	94 Shawmut St	"	33	Cleaner
Ida	"	"	31	At home
Doris	"	"	8	
Steinman, Hinda Mrs.	238 Minot Ave	Auburn	75	At home
Supovitz, Benjamin	87 Elm St	Lewiston	50	Merchant
Frances	"	"	50	At home
Eleanor Sylvia	"	"	26	Teacher
Irving	"	"	19	Student
Warren Paul	"	"	11	"
Supovitz, Ethel Mrs.	40 Newberry St	Auburn	66	At home
Abraham	"	"	32	Merchant
Mildred	"	"	27	Bookkeeper
Supovitz, Harold	12 Newberry St	"	31	Produce
Mildred	"	"	31	At home
Stanley M.	"	"	10	
David B.	"	"	7	
Edwin E.	"	"	4	
Supovitz, Harry	76 Bradley St	Lewiston	44	Merchant
Sarah	"	"	38	At home
Stanley	"	"	13	
Barbara	"	"	9	
Arthur	"	"	4	
Supovitz, Max	68 Bradley St	"	64	Tailor
Goldie	"	"	54	At home
Bertha	"	"	29	Bookkeeper
Manuel	"	"	16	Student
Supovitz, Morris	36 Bradley St	"	37	Merchant
Edith	"	"	36	At home
Beverley	"	"	8	
Paul Allen	"	"	4	
Supovitz, Saul	15 Bradley St	"	36	Merchant
Fannie	"	"	33	At home
Beatrice	"	"	6	
Ruth	"	"	3	

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
* Tarr, Frank	Elm House	Auburn	28	
Tetman, Abe	340 Main St	Lewiston	32	
Mary	"	"	30	At home
Bertha	"	"	4	
Twersky, Samuel	39 Newberry St	Auburn	22	Teacher
Neomi	"	"	20	At home
Waldman, Benjamin	40 Davis Ave	"	48	Asst. Foreman
Julia	"	"	45	At home
Ruth	"	"	21	Bookkeeper
Nathan	"	"	19	Shoe worker
Ethel	"	"	17	At home
Ward, Israel M.	77 Horton St	Lewiston	37	Merchant
Annabelle	"	"	31	At home
Lawrence Jacob	"	"	10	
Ward, Mollie Mrs.	19 Newbury St	Auburn	60	At home
Mae	"	"	36	Bookkeeper
Nathan A.	"	"	31	Merchant
Milton J.	"	"	23	"
Webber, Etta R. Mrs.	206 Ash St	Lewiston	60	At home
Weine, Julius (s)	Main St	Lewiston	42	Dealer
Wesler, Philip	11 Newberry St	Auburn	65	Junk Dealer
Elizabeth	"	"	61	At home
Wheeler, Milton	133 College St	Lewiston	26	Lawyer
Millie	"	"	24	Secretary
Wheeler, Morris	"	"	59	Merchant
Irene	"	"	24	At home
White, Charles	36 Fifth St	Auburn	27	Shoe worker
Betty	"	"	24	At home
Gerald	"	"	2	
White, Samuel	124 Pine St	Lewiston	30	Shoe worker
Ida	"	"	26	At home
Dolores	"	"	2	
Widrowitz, Nathan	26 Sixth St	Auburn	51	Junk Dealer
Rose	"	"	49	At home
Julius	"	"	25	
Jennie	"	"	24	At home
Samuel	"	"	16	
Wiener, Charles (s)	145 Hampshire St	"	33	Salesman

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	AGE	OCCUPATION
Winnar, Isadore	25 South Main St	Auburn	47	Oil dealer
Lillian	"	"	44	At home
Milton	"	"	23	
Winner, Morris	33 So. Main St	"	55	Barrel Deale
Rebecca Ethel	"	"	50	At home
Israel	"	"	35	Public bus
Edward	"	"	27	Clerk
Joseph	"	"	21	Taxi driver
Winer, Lillian Mrs.	431 Main St	Lewiston	66	At home
Willner, Norbert	171 College St	"	40	
Bella	"	"	35	At home
Anna	"	"	10	
Dorothy	"	"	7	
Winthrop, Joseph	343 Main St	"	30	
Rose	"	"	26	
Saul Gerald	"	"	6	
Walter Bery	"	"	1	
Wise, Samuel	221 Pine St	Lewiston	42	Merchant
Sarah	"	"	39	At home
Frances	"	"	13	
Nettie	"	"	10	
Goldie	"	"	8	
Rose	"	"	6	
Juluis	"	"	5	
Zallen, Harry	8 So. Main St	Auburn	48	Bake r
Mary	"	"	45	At home
Florence	"	"	24	Bookkeeper
Ernest	"	"	21	
Richard	"	"	9	
Zallen, Louis	47 Central Ave	Lewiston	39	Salesman
Ida	"	"	38	At home
Roy Mason	"	"	10	
Phyllis Ruth	"	"	5	
# Zallen, Max	170 Walnut St	"	32	Salesman
Ethel	"	"		At home
* Zallen, Morris	8 So. Main St	Auburn	23	Baker
Zelch, Lillian Mrs.	18 Howard St	Lewiston	38	Teacher
Eugene	"	"	10	
Raymond	"	"	4	

PART II

Problems of the Second Generation

From the point of view of those who believe that the Jewish race should maintain its identity, the outstanding problem of the second generation of Jews in Lewiston-Auburn is the definite trend away from the religion of their forefathers. On every side one sees evidences of this drift, among adults and adolescents alike, particularly in the almost indifferent acceptance of the increased rate of intermarriage, and the decided indifference toward the synagogue in the broadest sense. This problem is not unique to the Jews of Lewiston-Auburn; neither is it unique to the Jews at all. But time and interest confine the scope of this discussion to the limits of the Jewish community in Lewiston-Auburn. How is this tendency to be accounted for? Can it be that the second generation Jews in Lewiston-Auburn are without a need for religion? Surely there must be a more fundamental and more satisfactory answer.

The second generation Jews in Lewiston-Auburn do not know the meaning of their religion. Most of the adults have lost their acquaintanceship with the Hebrew Language through disuse since their Hebrew and Sunday School training, if they are fortunate enough to have had any. What meaning then, to them or to those who were deprived of such training in their youth, of the synagogue service conducted entirely in Hebrew?

The former were virtually encouraged to cast aside religion when ^{they reached} the age of thirteen, the usual age for the completion of formal study of the Hebrew language, of the race history and religious

leaders, for no opportunity was provided them during adolescence, a period of tremendous mental turmoil in all fields, religion not excepted. They were encouraged to do so because their group failed them, and many of them followed this path of least resistance. Results are beginning to show already in the attitudes which are being developed in the third generation. In the case of those who did not have the benefit of formal training, a goodly number have not had the educational opportunities to equip them for their own personal religious adjustment, much less are they equipped to train their children.

Let us consider the second generation adolescent among the Jews of Lewiston-Auburn in this year of grace 1936. He has probably attended Hebrew and Sunday School, somewhat irregularly to be sure since the schools have not been functioning continuously in the last decade, but in most instances he has had the benefit of some formal religious training. At the age of thirteen, the age of confirmation, the boy invariably severs his connection with the school, for with the formal confirmation ceremony he is recognized as a full grown man. The girl, too, if she has been a student, usually drops out at this time when so many other interests have a stronger immediate appeal. But no satisfactory religious adjustment has yet been made. At the age the child was formally was formally trained in religion he could not make an adult adjustment to his religious world.

In childhood, life is comparatively simple, intelligence has not reached maturity of development, and a very simple explanation of the world and its problems suffices. But with advance into adolescence, the rapid approximation to maturity, the world of the individual expands and changes

greatly. The simple conceptions of life which once satisfied are no longer adequate. The progress of education brings ever new ideas and interpretations. The world for the youth is thus ever changing rapidly. He is trying to find himself socially and vocationally and also religiously. He may not call it religious, indeed he may not know what it is that is going on with him; but to the thoughtful and observant adult the groping for a working philosophy of life is readily perceptible. Studies of gangs, good and bad, guided and unguided, have revealed that among other contributions they give to their members a philosophy of life. Gangs would not be doing this, especially unguided gangs, unless there were a need and a seeking for some sort of philosophy, something which would make the ways of life meaningful and supply a principle to live by. ¹.

If gangs, and even unguided gangs are instrumental in imbuing adolescents with a philosophy of life, then Lewiston-Auburn might do well to have a trained leader to capitalize the grouping tendency plus this seeking for a philosophy of life in adolescence and direct it into socially acceptable channels. Now when religion can and should have significance in helping them adjust to the world about them and in shaping the course of their lives, they receive only the orthodox point of view which is presented to them in their homes. This they soon find they cannot accept without modification. No other path is visible, so they cast aside religion--why not, when it has no meaning for them? and they find themselves on the fence, neither Jew nor Gentile.

A trained leader could do much to help the adolescent find himself before this happens. By combining a certain amount of social activities along with the religious, interest could be sustained in a group of adolescents. Few if any opportunities for social intercourse between the sexes are provided except for

1. Conklin, E. S. :Principles of Adolescent Psychology p. 320

occasional informal parties which usually attract only a select few and do not reach out to those others who happened to be born under the wrong star. This latter group have qualities equally as worthy of recognition as the former, but simply have not had the opportunity to express themselves and to show their capabilities.

A group such as I propose under proper leadership would reach a large proportion of the young people of the community helping to break down the artificial barriers between the cliques of the two cities, making for a greater degree of group solidarity, and above all re-creating in them hope and faith in the future of their race. The opportunities for religious and social ~~social~~ development might eventually serve to resolve at least to some extent this fundamental problem which the Jew faces today. The drift away from his religion seems to be due not to the fact that it is basically unsound, but rather to the fact that it is in great need of interpretation. This interpretation can be presented in mixed groups, an added factor of advantage to a leader of adolescents. Furthermore this freer association of the sexes might serve to lessen the problem of intermarriage, which will be discussed in a later section.

Not only is there a great need for the organization of adolescents but, as was implied above, the same is needed for parents, perhaps in the form of a lecture and discussion group combined, where they might add to their meager fund of knowledge of their race, fit themselves for a more satisfactory adjustment to their universe and for a greater understanding

in dealing with the problems of their children. This sort of thing has been attempted and has proved successful in other denominational groups. Sure^{ly} it is worth trying.

Furthermore, it seems desirable to organize the post-adolescents, the unmarried adults. This group perhaps would offer the greatest obstacles, since for the most part one's philosophy of life by the time one reaches his twenties has quite definitely become a part of his thinking. His social attitudes are considerably colored by it. He is less plastic than the adolescent on the one hand, and can see no particular immediate advantage as would the married person on the other hand, who recognizes his responsibility to his children. This group would be a challenge to a worker--a challenge worthy of a trained leader with a keen mind.

Aside from the advantages of a purely religious nature from such organization as is proposed, the social value would not be negligible. Except among those more popular aggressive young people there is relatively little social intercourse. Boys and girls do not "mix" to a very large extent. Little opportunity is provided, unless a young man formally "dates" a girl, which is inevitably followed by gossip in such a small community. Those "rugged individualists" who are immune to such gossip are decidedly in the minority. The shy, more retiring ones, have relatively little contact with the opposite sex. Many boys soon find the answer to their problem. In a public dance hall they meet Gentile girls--frequently of questionable character. With these girls they can come and go as they please, for with^a little care the thing

can usually be kept from becoming common knowledge at least for a while.

The Jewish girl, however, leads a more sheltered life. Her freedom of choice in regard to companions as in other concerns is considerably restricted. What of her? Where is she to find the friendship and companionship she desires? Jewish boys court Gentile girls, but Jewish girls must not be courted by Gentile boys. The psychological problems involved in this situation are all too obvious. Frequently in order to avoid conflict in the family and in the community the girl will compensate or sublimate in some way, usually in a job of some sort. She earns her own living for a while, becomes independent and, as she grows older, more set in her ways and often more satisfied with her independence. The problem of finding a mate grows increasingly more difficult. The result is that bachelor maids, intermarriages (invariably it is a Jewish boy with a Gentile girl) and bachelor men are all too common. No statistics are available, but seemingly the marriage rate in the community is extremely low.

Concerning the problem of intermarriage in the community, the writer was unable to obtain very much accurate data. It is known, however, that there are at least nineteen of these, and that in each case it is a Jewish man with a non-Jewish girl. In eleven cases the men involved were born and brought up in the community, married and settle here and are more or less indifferently regarded by their families and the community as a whole. How the other seven couples happened to come here is not known--

whether for business reasons, or because they were not wholly accepted in their own communities, or a combination of both. The nationality of the women involved seems to be predominantly French; one is known to be Austrian, and concerning the others no information is available.

Of these nineteen intermarriages, three are wholly accepted by the Jewish community, while the others are marginal. How great a part their acceptance or non-acceptance by one group or the other plays in the success or failure of these marriages it is difficult to say. As a matter of fact, to judge these marriages at all is difficult, for a member of the Jewish community, as is the writer, cannot without imprudence investigate such cases. Judging from hearsay, however, they are not successful on the whole. The psychological problems of these marginal marriages are innumerable--shall they live as Jew or Gentile; if the former, shall the wife try to learn the dietary laws and attempt to observe them within the home; will they be accepted socially; how shall they bring up the children, and so on. It requires a high degree of integration to adjust satisfactorily to these and to the many other problems and conflicts which the partners of an intermarriage must face.

There are of course a few instances where the couples have reached what seems to be an almost complete state of happiness. Yet even among these, one husband and father is frequently quoted as having said that his wife has been a wonderful wife to him and mother to his children, that his marriage has been a very happy one--nevertheless, if he had his life to live over again, he would

not intermarry because of the doubtful status of the children.

No accurate statistics are available on this subject either, but it is quite generally agreed that the rate of intermarriage has not only increased but that it now surpasses the general marriage rate in this Jewish Community. Granting the fundamental assumption of this paper, then this is alarming.

To be sure neither the drift from the synagog nor intermarriage is a unique characteristic of this community or of this day. It seems, however, that in the organization of the community for religious and social purposes lies one method of approaching these problems. Intermarriage could not be entirely eradicated by this means, or by any other, but possibly a decrease in the rate might eventually be affected by arousing a greater degree of group consciousness and solidarity through a combined religious and social approach. To bring the community back to the synagog is not an easy task to be brought about in a year or even five years. With an adequately trained leader, however, to educate and organize the group, seemingly over a period of years much could be done in the community to further its best interests.

PART III

Supplement to "Institutions and Organizations" of
THE STORY OF THE JEWS IN LEWISTON AND AUBURN
by Israel Alpren and Hyman Bornstein

In relation to the institutions and organizations of the Jews of Lewiston and Auburn in 1936, the trend seems to be toward a greater degree of organization since the survey of 1930. With the increase in population of the Twin Cities has come a corresponding increase in membership in many of the already existing organizations, a renewed need for a men's club with the consequent revival of the B'nai Brith, and the creation of two new organizations for young women, the Junior Hadassah and a Girl Scout Troup. Rev. Gray of the Lewiston synagogue was succeeded by Rabbi Chapman whose resignation in July 1935 left the community without a religious leader. The Auburn synagogue of 1930 was demolished in the New Auburn Fire of May 15, 1933 and a new and larger one has been built on Laurel Avenue.

The B'nai Brith, the purpose of which is to promote "benevolence, brotherly love, and harmony" with the chief mission of "uniting all Israel" is recognized today as the outstanding men's group of the community. As compared with eighteen members in 1921 its membership has increased to one hundred and twenty since its revival in 1931 by Mr. Oscar Goldman, prominent attorney, who came from Boston to make his home here. The group contributes generously to charity, takes care of the infrequent cases of need of one sort or another when one of their faith (be he member or non-member of their organization) comes to the attention of the local Red Cross or similar social agency or becomes involved in the courts.¹

1. Interview with Mr. Oscar Goldman, April 1936.

Their social affairs, among the most outstanding of which are the annual New Year's Eve formal dinner-dance and the annual show at the Music Hall, are instrumental in achieving at least some degree of consciousness of and solidarity within the ethnic group. Attendance at these affairs is large and frequently representative of the surrounding towns of Waterville, Augusta, Gardiner, Bath, and Portland as well as of the Twin Cities.

Perhaps among the most laudable of the activities which the B'nai Brith sponsors are the Boy Scout and Cub groups, the latter of which was the first of its kind to be established in this district. Under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Oscar Goldman and Mr. Myer Cantor respectively, these two groups with a total membership of forty are accomplishing much in the way of character development, creating skill in the arts and crafts, and the arousal of group consciousness in the youths. It was a member of this Boy Scout group who during the recent New Auburn flood gave signals for fourteen consecutive hours when all other means of communication was severed. ¹.

During the winter of 1934 the need for an organization of the young women over and above the various informal cliques was met by the creation of a chapter of the National Junior Hadassah through the efforts of Mrs. Harry Seamon of the Senior Hadassah and Miss Sylvia Supovitz. Membership is open to all Jewish young women of sixteen or over. To-day a total of forty-one are enrolled in this group which meets semi-monthly at the Lewiston and Auburn synagogues alternately. In order that the activities may be well-rounded, a

1. Interview with Mr. Oscar Goldman, April 1936.

program committee attempts to plan the yearly calender to provide for cultural as well as social and philanthropic purposes. Book reviews, lectures, discussions, benefit bridge parties and the annual May formal comprise the major activities.

The sorority spoken of in the 1930 survey has today risen to a state of tremendous prestige in the opinion of the girls of high school age. Its purpose is purely social and as such gains its end. To belong to what is now the Sigma Phi Sigma Sorority is avowedly a mark of distinction which every adolescent girl with any degree of group consciousness, hopes to attain. The influx of population from Massachusetts has had considerable effect upon this group, in that these newly arrived "sophisticates" are attempting to dominate their small town friends with their so-called "city ways". The inevitable change in social attitudes and the clothes consciousness of the adolescent become increased problems in such a group. Like the B'Nai Brith and Junior Hadassah, the sorority is made up of residents of both cities.

In the Fall of 1931, Mrs. Harry Rubinoff organized a group of twelve girls into a Scout Troop. Today there are twenty members under the capable leadership of a local school teacher assisted by a college student. The scope of activities has widened considerable, thus making a greater appeal. Like the Boy Scouts it is an effective means of character development and serves to arouse a certain amount of group consciousness. ¹.

In January, 1934 Rabbi Morris Chapman succeeded Rev. Gray as the Lewiston Synagog. The twenty-seven yearold spiritual leader was full of enthusiasm and high hopes. He attempted to

1. Interview with Mrs. Harry Rubinoff, April 1936.

revive several old projects and to launch new ones without much delay.

The Sunday School was reorganized and effectively carried on with three teachers and about fifty students through the school year 1934-35. It has gone out of existence, however, since the Rabbi left the community.¹ He did much in the way of spreading goodwill by attempting to interpret the religion of his people in talks to other denominational groups in the community. In the opinion of the writer, one of his most commendable endeavors was to organize the young men and women of eighteen years of age and over into a Young People's League. Unfortunately it met with little success, a fact due to the failure on the part of the leaders to provide a sufficiently wide range of activities to interest more than a certain few. The group, during its period of existence, met regularly in the B'nai Brith hall. His attempt to institute regular Friday night services in the synagogue also met with little success among the members of the congregation.

Another attempt made by the Rabbi was to organize late in 1934 a Community Council, made up of two representatives from every Jewish organization in Lewiston and Auburn, the purpose of which was to administer to the intellectual, religious, and philanthropic needs of the two communities. At this time, April 1936, the Council is dormant because of lack of leadership, but it successfully sponsored a Purim Festival Play and also started to compile a census of the Jewish population of Lewiston and Auburn, the first of its kind. It was a worthwhile attempt, although the method was somewhat unsystematic and unscientific.

1. Interview with Miss Jeannette Gottesfeld., April 1936.

Rabbi Chapman left the community in July, 1935 to further his education. To date, he has had no successor, but a call has been extended to Rabbi Hershon of Asbury Park. Rabbi Hershon, who it is believed will take up his duties in the Lewiston Synagog on June 1, 1936, is a middle-aged man of considerable experience, well-equipped to serve the community. ¹.

In the absence of a trained Hebrew School teacher Mr. Sprince has taken over the duties. There are at this time about eight boys who attend regularly, as compared with eighteen during the time Rabbi Chapman was in the community. This considerable drop is accounted for by the fact of the untrained teacher. Some parents prefer their children not to attend Hebrew School at all under the circumstance.

In Auburn Rabbi Morris Nathanson of the orthodox school is still serving as spiritual leader but in a new synagog, the building which was in existence at the time of the last report having been entirely demolished in the New Auburn fire of May 15, 1933. With the insurance money plus a loan from the Federal government and private contributions a beautiful new building was erected on Laurel Avenue which is, as may be seen from the spot map, quite centrally located. Through the efforts of the various synagog organizations the mortgage is almost entirely paid off today.

Working with the Rabbi is Mr. Samuel Twersky who instructs the Hebrew School classes and who with his wife is in charge of the Sunday School. There are in Auburn fourteen Hebrew School students and thirty in the Sunday School.

1. Interview with Mr. Oscar Goldman, April 1936.

The group have no social work agency as such, but the needy are never required to apply to the city for aid. In such a relatively small group, families or individuals requiring financial assistance are usually known by neighbors and called to the attention of either the Auburn Ladies', Travellers' Aid Society or the B'nai Brith. If treasury funds are low, someone generally volunteers to go out and collect from those who are known to be able and willing to give. In the case of transients, food and lodging for the night and a ticket to the next town are provided. Frequently men said to be representing some charitable organization, usually in New York or westward, come to collect funds. No attempt is made to check up on the reliability of these or of the transients, plain and simple, but something, be it ever so small an amount, is contributed by most of the community. The social work then, if it may be so called, is still a more or less superficial sort of thing. It consists of financial assistance in a crisis, without any formal case work as such.¹

1. Interview with Mr. I. A. Miller, April 1936.

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