

The name of Ida Mae Dondis was synonymous with the world "Hadassah" for many decades in Rockland. Mrs. Dondis, wife of Joseph Dondis, was a dedicated Zionist who held the presidency of the local chapter for 50 years. She also had the honor of meeting David Ben Gurion while on a trip to Israel in 1960. A trained teacher, she started the religious school in Rockland and taught there for many years. Ida Dondis spent her life involved in Jewish and civic affairs, and died in June 1983 at the age of 90.

Today, the Rockland Chapter of Hadassah, has 40 members, some of whom are fourth generation members in this chapter. The most recent, an extremely successful project, has been the publication of a local cookbook containing 300 recipes titled "DOWN EAST JEWISH COOKIN". Each year the group holds a donor event, and the chapter continues to thrive. The ideals and goals of Zionism are still alive and well in Rockland, Maine.

## ROCKLAND CHAPTER OF HADASSAH - 1987



SEATED: Carol Miller, Janice Davis, Joan Rosenberg, Ruth Small. STANDING: Edith Dondis, Barbara Fishman, Sue Ellen Gerrish, Barbara Amundsen, Charlotte Gordon, Constance Grossman, Essie Dondis, Mona Shafter, Brenda Batty, Judy Grossman, Adele Faber, Marion Miller, Diana Brickel, Anna Gordoń, Susan Nochumson, Sarah Stein. MISSING: Barbara Swift, Dorothy Gordon, Sarah Mendelson, Doris Mendelson, Bobbie Cohen, Irene Kleeman, Mildred Lipman, Toby Shapiro, Roberta Gordon, Elinor Klivans, Sylvia Derbyshrie, Jean Chalmers, Sara Anderson, Lillian Berliawsky. OFFICERS: President, Barbara Amundsen; Treasurer, Brenda Batty; Secretary, Ruth Small; J.N.F. Chairman, Dorothy Gordon; Northern New England Region Vice-President, Barbara Fishman.

# B'NAI B'RITH

The B'nai B'rith Lodge #1391 of Rockland was organized on November 12, 1939 through the efforts of Sam Savitt and A. Alan Grossman. The original 26 members were:

Nathan Berliawsky	A. Alan Grossman
Harry Carr	Mitchell L. Levy
Sydney Carr	Lawrence Miller
James Dondis	Isidor Poust
Joseph Dondis	David Rubenstein
Meredith Dondis	Sam Savitt
Harry Gerrish	Benjamin Segal
David Goldberg	Sidney Segal
Sidney Goldberg	Boyer Shafter
Yale Goldberg	David Shafter
Edward Gordon	Samuel Shafter
Isidore Gordon	Samuel Small
Jack Green	Jacob Smalley

B'nai B'rith is an organization of Jewish men dedicated to helping the poor and the needy. Through the years, the men have supported nursing homes, given aid to refugees, supported Hillel clubs on college campuses, sold Israeli bonds, and helped Israel through their projects. The Anti-Defamation League is a part of B'nai B'rith. Its purpose is to fight discrimination in the media, politics, schools, and anywhere else it may exist in the world.

In March 1945, the local lodge presented a day room to the U.S. Auxiliary Air Facility at Ash Point, a few miles from Rockland. The following article from the Courier-Gazette dated March 23, 1945 tells of the effort of this small group of B'nai B'rith members.

Thirty odd members of the Rockland Jewish colony journeyed to Ash Point in last night's storm, and in company with officers of the airport and representatives of local organizations witnessed the culmination of a local war effort — the dedication of the beautifully appointed "day room" presented by the Rockland B'nai B'rith to the U.S. Auxiliary Air facility, more commonly known as the Naval Air Station.

Before returning to the mess hall where the dedicatory exercises were held, a picture of the historic event was made by photographer Jim Moore.

With Mr. Grossman acting as master of ceremonies, the evening's program opened with invocation by Dr. John Smith Lowe, pastor of the Universalist Church. Mayor Edward Veazie told of the cooperation which had been exhibited, and told how appreciative he was of the efforts made by Sam Savitt, to whom he had first suggested the advisability of furnishing the day room.

Sam Savitt, first president of B'nai B'rith, and Sidney Segal, the present president, were introduced amid applause. Mr. Savitt said that it was "just a small part of our efforts to make the boys feel at home."

This was the 1269th such room that B'nai B'rith organizations have established in the country since the war began. The local society was organized in 1939 through the efforts of Messrs. Grossman and Savitt. It has 22 members, three of whom are with the armed forces.

The principal speaker was Alfred G. Hempstead, pastor of the Methodist Church, who spoke on "Common Ground," from the vantage point of a man who had himself served in the first World War. The address beamed with good humor and was enlivened by anecdotes of an appropriate nature.

Representatives of other organizations present at the ceremonies were introduced at this point ---

Horatio C. Cowan, The Rotary Club

Nathan Berliawsky, the Lions Club

"Jed" Robinson, the Kiwanis Club

Charles H. McIntosh, Rockland Lodge B.P.O.E.

Commander Andrew E. Boynton, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander Ralph A. Smith, American Legion

Van E. Russell, chief of the Fire Department

Presentation of the plaque from B'nai B'rith was made by Mr. Grossman, the recipient being Lieut. Flood, commander of the station. "I hope," said Mr. Grossman, "that this gift will bring joy and a little bit of home to the men in the service."

The exercises concluded with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Fr. James A. Savage of St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Followed a social hour, with refreshments and a very successful occasion ended with movies.

After the untimely death of Sam Savitt in the early 1950's, the lodge was named the "Sam Savitt Lodge" after one of its founders and most dedicated members. In recent years E. Allen Gordon has served as president.

# "DAY ROOM" DEDICATION



FRONT ROW: Rev. John Smith Lowe, Universalist Church; Sam Savitt; Rev. Ernest Kenyon, Episcopal Church; Mayor Edward R. Veazie. BACK ROW: A. Alan Grossman; Lieut. Flood; Sidney Segal; Father James F. Savage, Catholic Church; Alfred G. Hempstead, Methodist Church; Frank Winslow, Editor of the Courier-Gazette; and unidentified service man.



He acts best who best understands the truth.  
True knowledge always leads to virtuous deeds.

Say little, and do much; and receive all men with a cheerful countenance. Shamnai.

Had there been no Israel there would be no Torah;  
Had there been no Torah there would be no Israel.

E. R.

# THE FIFTH GENERATION

Adas Yeshurun Synagogue, in celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, is proud to have nine people who are fifth generation worshippers in this synagogue. They are Joseph Faber, Ida Faber, Jeffrey Fishman, Mark Fishman, Diane Miller, Karen Miller, Erika Rosenberg, Hilary Rosenberg, and Whitney Rosenberg.

Joseph and Ida Faber trace their roots back to their great-great grandparents, Abraham and Bessie Bradbury (the Bubbe and Zadie) who had six children; their great grandparents, Benjamin and Mollie Bradbury Miller, who had two children; their grandparents A. Alan Grossman and Constance Miller Grossman (the Papa and Grammy), who had two children; and their parents Barry and Adele Grossman Faber.

Jeffrey and Mark Fishman trace their roots back to two sets of great-great grandparents, Maurice and Bertha Shiffran Pollock, and Herman and Ida Dondis. Pollock had six children and Dondis had seven children. A child from the Pollock family married a child from the Dondis family, i.e., James Dondis married Ida Francis Pollock (great grandparents of Jeffrey and Mark). From this union came nine children; one, Ruth, married Sam Small (great grandparents) and had three children; one, Barbara Small married Joel Fishman.

Diane and Karen Miller trace their roots back to their great-great grandparents, Abraham and Bessie Bradbury; their great grandparents, Benjamin and Mollie Miller; their grandparents, Lawrence and Marion Miller; and their parents, Edward and Carol Miller.

Erika, Hilary, and Whitney Rosenberg trace their roots back to their great-great grandparents, Abraham and Sadie Block who had five children; their great grandparents, Isador and Ethel Gordon who had two children; their grandparents, Edward and Charlotte Gordon who had five children; and their parents Robert and Joan Rosenberg.



front l. to r., Hilary, Whitney, and Erika Rosenberg. back l. to r., Jeffrey, and Mark Fishman, Karen, and Diane Miller, Ida and Joseph Faber.



City of Rockland, Maine 04841-0546

THE CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION

FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADAS YUSHURON SYNAGOGUE

WHEREAS, the Adas Yushuron Synagogue is seventy-five years old on October 29, 1987; and

WHEREAS, this represents a milestone of its presence in our City, and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the struggle for religious freedom undergone by the ancestors of the Adas Yushuron Synagogue and the relief provided by the guarantees of the Bill of Rights and the United States Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Warren T. Perry, Mayor of the City of Rockland, Maine, do hereby urge the citizens of this City to congratulate the Adas Yushuron Synagogue in honor of their 75th Anniversary.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rockland, Maine to be affixed this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred eighty-seven.

*Warren T. Perry*  
*Thomas J. Melby*  
*Patricia J. Moran*  
*[Signature]*  
*Robert Hagmon*  
City Council



APPLICATION FOR ORGANIZATION OF A PARISH.

To H. A. Johnson, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Knox and State of Maine:-

The undersigned, who are all of lawful age, being desirous of becoming an incorporated parish, at Rockland, in said County of Knox, under the name of ADAS YOSHRON, request you to issue your warrant to one of them directing him to notify the other applicants hereto to meet at some proper place and at such time as you may direct in said warrant as provided by Chapter 16, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine and all amendments thereto, for the purpose of organizing such parish by choosing a clerk and such other needful parish officers as they may determine upon.

Dated at Rockland this twenty-fifth day of October, 1912.

Joseph Cohen

William J. Whiteley

H. J. Apple

Harry B. Bradley

Stephen

William B. Brown

W. J. B. B. B.

B. M. B.

W. B. B.

A. B. B.

W. B. B.

Abraham Bradbury

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Notice to Applicants to Meet  
To Organize Parish

To M. A. Johnson, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Knox and State of Maine:-

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Dated at Rockland this twenty-fifth day of October, 1912.

Joseph Cohen	Adde Bloom	J. Green	A. Levy
Abram Koritsky	S. Briggs	L. Cohen	H. Davis
T. Shapiro	B. Miller	Abraham Bradbury	S. L. Alperin
Harry B. Bradbury	J. Smally	H. M. Krokyn	M. Ross
S. Cohen	A. Block	B. L. Segal	

STATE OF MAINE.

County of Knox SS.

To S. L. Alperin, of Rockland, in said County, GREETING.  
(L C)

Pursuant to the foregoing application, you are hereby directed in the name of the State of Maine to notify the persons whose names appear therein as applicants, to meet at the Jewish Religious Society rooms located in the Berry block, numbered on the street No. 406, and in the third story thereof, to wit, No. 406 Main Street, in the City of Rockland, County of Knox and State of Maine, on the sixth day of November, 1912, at seven-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in said application, which is made a part of this warrant, by posting a certified copy of this warrant on the outer door of the main room occupied by said Jewish Religious Society in the third story of said Berry block No. 406 Main Street, seven days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings thereon.  
Given under my hand and seal at Rockland, in said County, this twenty-eighth day of October, 1912.

M. A. Johnson,

Justice of the Peace.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certified copy of the warrant, and notice of said meeting is hereby given by me.

S. L. Alperin

STATE OF MAINE.

County of Knox SS.

October 28, 1912.

Personally appeared the above named S. L. Alperin and made oath to the above certificate by him signed.

Before me,

M. A. Johnson

Justice of the Peace.





# Know all Men by these Presents, That

The Advent Christian Church of Rockland in the County of Iron and State of Maine, a corporation duly organized by law

in consideration of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1800.00) paid by The Adath Yeshurun of said Rockland, a Corporation duly organized by law

the receipt whereof ~~it does~~ <sup>has</sup> so hereby acknowledge, & hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Adath Yeshurun, ~~its successors~~ <sup>and</sup> heirs and assigns forever

a certain lot or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon situated on said Rockland, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at stake and stones on the westerly side of Willow Street at the

northwesterly corner of lot of Charles Wood, now or formerly at the brook; thence westerly by the line of Willow Street, sixty (60) feet to stake and stones; thence southerly and parallel with

the eastern line of land owned by Mary Wood, ninety-eight (98) feet to stake and stones; thence easterly sixty (60) feet, more or less to the board fence of stake and stones thence northerly ninety-eight (98) feet to the Willow Street, the point of beginning.

See deed of Charles Wood to Charles A. Jamison, et al, dated October 21, 1892, and recorded in Iron Registry of Deeds, Book 96, Page 140.

Also recorded of Charles A. Jamison et al, to said Advent Christian Church, dated February 24, 1901, and recorded in the Iron Registry of Deeds, Book 117, Page 252.

Also hereby conveying the contents of said Church

To Have and to Hold the aforegranted and bargained premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said Adath Yeshurun, ~~its successors~~ <sup>and</sup> heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. And ~~it~~ <sup>do</sup> covenant with the said Grantee, ~~its successors~~ <sup>and</sup> heirs and assigns, that ~~it is~~ <sup>has</sup> lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that ~~it~~ <sup>has</sup> have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Grantee

to hold as aforesaid; and that ~~it~~ <sup>and its successors</sup> and ~~its successors~~ <sup>heirs</sup> shall and will warrant and defend the same to the said Grantee, ~~its successors~~ <sup>and</sup> heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, the said Advent Christian Church has caused ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> instrument to be sealed, with ~~the~~ <sup>of the said</sup> corporate seal, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> signed in its corporate name by C. A. Jamison and W. M. Brewster, ~~thereunto~~ <sup>thereunto</sup> duly authorized

have hereunto set ~~hand~~ <sup>hand</sup> and seal this twenty-third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> twelve.

~~Witness~~ <sup>Witness</sup> my hand and seal of the said Advent Christian Church ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> Rockland, Maine, this 23rd day of December, 1912.

~~Witness~~ <sup>Witness</sup> my hand and seal this 27th day of December, 1912, at ~~Rockland~~ <sup>Rockland</sup>, Maine, and recorded according to the original.

Received ~~Dec. 27~~ <sup>Dec. 27</sup> 1912, at ~~Rockland~~ <sup>Rockland</sup>, Maine, and recorded according to the original.

Attest: ~~Clarence E. Paul~~ <sup>Clarence E. Paul</sup> REGISTER.

State of Maine, Knox, ss. Rockland, December 23, 1912. Personally appeared the above named C. A. Jamison and W. M. Brewster.

and acknowledged the above instrument to be ~~their~~ <sup>their</sup> free act and deed in their ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> capacity of the ~~free~~ <sup>free</sup> and ~~sole~~ <sup>sole</sup> and ~~co.~~ <sup>co.</sup> partners

before me, ~~Gilford B. Butler~~ <sup>Gilford B. Butler</sup> JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Received ~~Dec. 27~~ <sup>Dec. 27</sup> 1912, at ~~Rockland~~ <sup>Rockland</sup>, Maine, and recorded according to the original.

Attest: ~~Clarence E. Paul~~ <sup>Clarence E. Paul</sup> REGISTER.

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Attest: ~~Clarence E. Paul~~ <sup>Clarence E. Paul</sup> REGISTER.

# Know all Men by these Presents, That

I J. S. Kallach of Rockland, County of Knox, State of Maine,

in consideration of One hundred & twenty five dollars paid by  
The Adath Yeshurun Congregation

the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said  
Adath Yeshurun Congregation their successors heirs and assigns forever  
a certain lot or parcel of land, situated in South Thomaston, Knox County  
State of Maine, described as follows: -

Beginning at the South Westerly corner of the 'Head of the Bay  
Burying Ground' as called on the Easterly side of the road lead-  
ing from Rockland to the 'Deag Village', thence Southerly by said  
road Eighty feet: thence Easterly and parallel with the Southerly  
boundary line of the above named 'Burying Ground' One hundred  
and twenty five feet: thence Northerly Eighty feet to the said  
'Burying Ground': thence by said 'Burying Ground' Westerly One  
hundred and twenty five feet to the place of beginning.

The grantee is to build and maintain a fence on the line between  
the above above described premises and land of the grantor.

To Have and to Hold the abovegranted and bargained premises, with all the privileges and appertences thereof, to  
the said Congregation their Successors  
heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said grantee, their  
Successors

heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that  
I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said grantee,  
to hold as aforesaid; and that I and my heirs, shall and will warrant and defend the same to the said  
grantee, their Successors heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, I the said J. S. Kallach and  
Almeda H. Kallach wife of the said J. S. Kallach  
joining in this deed as grantors, and relinquishing and conveying  
my rights by descent and all my other rights

have hereunto set my hand & seal: this tenth day of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF  
J. S. Kallach to both J. S. Kallach L.S.  
Almeda H. Kallach L.S.

State of Maine, Knox, ss. June 10 1907. Personally appeared  
the above named J. S. Kallach  
and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me, J. S. Kallach JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.  
Received June 10, 1907, at 2 o'clock 53 m. P. M., and recorded according to the original.  
Attest: Carroll S. Paul REGISTER.

# Know all Men by these Presents,

That I, Isaac Berliawsky, of Rockland, in the County of Knox, and State of  
Maine

(Book 329)

in consideration of one dollar and other valuable considerations paid by

Congregation Sharajehdek, a Maine corporation having its office at Rockland,  
Maine the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby GIVE, GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY, unto the said  
Congregation Sharajehdek, its successors ~~and assigns~~ and assigns forever, a certain lot or parcel of land

Berliawsky

triangular in shape, situated in said Rockland and bounded as follows, to  
wit; on the North by Park St., south by right of way of the Limerook Railroad;  
and East by the brook. Hereby conveying a part of a piece of land conveyed  
by Major J. A. Ulmer to Ralph R. Ulmer, April 26, 1883, recorded in Book 68,  
Page 330, of the Knox Registry of Deeds, and conveyed to this grantor by  
Annie C. Ulmer, widow of said Ralph R. Ulmer by warranty deed dated January 30,  
1931:

to

Congregation  
Sharajehdek

ROCKLAND

To Have and to Hold, the aforegranted and bargained premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof to  
the said Congregation Sharajehdek, its successors  
~~and assigns, to its~~ and their use and behoof forever.

And I do COVENANT with the said grantee ~~its successors~~ that I am lawfully seized in fee of the  
premises, that they are free of all incumbrances;

that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Grantee to hold as aforesaid; and that I and  
my heirs, shall and will WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the said Grantee ~~its successors~~ and assigns forever,  
against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Isaac Berliawsky and  
Annie S. Berliawsky wife ~~wid-~~ of said Isaac Berliawsky

joining in this deed as Grantor, and relinquishing and conveying my right by descent and all other rights in the  
above described premises have hereunto set our hand and seal this ninth  
June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty one.  
day of

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF  
E. F. Otis \_\_\_\_\_ Isaac Berliawsky L. S.  
Anita Goldfarb \_\_\_\_\_ Annie S. Berliawsky L. S.

State of Maine, Knox ss. June 9, 1931 Personally appeared  
the above named Isaac Berliawsky his free act and deed.  
and acknowledged the above instrument to be Before me, E. F. Otis Notary Public.

Received July 17, 1931 at 10h. 25m. A. M. and recorded according to the original.

Rockland Me Jan 17, 1921.

I, Rev. Hyman Shenberg accept to officiate as Rabbi of the Parish Adath Yeshurun for the term of three years. I shall serve as Cantor once a month, and every holliday. I shall receive from the Parish \$125 for the above service, the day before the day of attonement. I shall slaughter all chickens brought to me at 10 cts each, I shall teach the children the Hebrew language. and receive one dollar per week for each pupil. The school for children shall be at the Rabbin's home in winter. and at Synagogue in summer. Time of school shall be from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. rain or shine. every day except Friday and no other work shall the Rabbi do at school hours. I shall slaughter for them Kosher meat and I shall sell them the meat at 4 cts per lb. over double the cost of the meat at wholesale. The cheap meat, which consists of neck meat and stew meat shall be sold at 10 cts per lb. less than the good meat. For example if wholesale is 10 cts, I shall sell good meat at 24 cts and cheap meat at 14 cts. I shall read the Torah every Saturday. The Parish shall have the privilege to prohibit the Rabbi from slaughtering chickens & fowls to persons to whom, the parish object. when notified by the President of Parish. For all above income, including donations, weddings, Circumcisions Ceremonies, the Parish guarantee an average of \$38 dollars per week. If the parish does not fit to change any of the above prices. They have the privilege to do so in order to get sufficient revenue to pay the Rabbi, and the Rabbi has to obey all orders of the Parish. The Rabbi has the privilege to go away for a day or two in case of necessity.

Signed this day

Rev. Hyman Shenberg

Witnessed by

David Shostet

Rockland Me Feb. 23, 1922

This is an agreement between the Adas Yeshuron  
Parish of Rockland Me. and Reverend M. Gladstein  
for two years, on the following conditions:  
The Parish guarantees to Reverend Gladstein that  
he should get from meat and chickens twenty dollars  
per week. He should charge for killing chickens  
10 cents each, for ducks twenty cents each, for  
geese twenty-five cents each, for meat  
as long as the wholesale price is ten  
cents he should charge twenty-five cents per  
lb. The Reverend should show his bills  
from the wholesaler to the Parish at the  
monthly meeting to show how much profit  
he gets per week, and if he gets more than  
twenty dollars per week, or if less than that  
the Parish shall have the right to order  
him to change the price on meat, and  
chickens accordingly to the wholesale price and  
the Reverend will get twenty dollars per week  
The Parish will pay the Reverend each year  
the day before attachment One Hundred and twenty  
five dollars for his services as Cantor  
on all holidays, and one Saturday each month  
and Blow S. Paper, and reading the Bible  
when we have to.  
The Reverend Gladstein will teach the children  
Hebrew language in Synagogue Hall from  
9 P.M. to 10 P.M. twice a week, no matter  
how busy he is, and he shall receive One  
dollar per week for each child.  
The Reverend shall get twenty-five cents  
for chicken from persons, who take less than  
Five pounds of meat per week. The Reverend  
shall obey the following rules of the Parish  
but if any person gives a bill to Parish  
and refuses to pay it, and was voted at a  
Parish meeting to give the bill to Reverend for  
collection, H.S. should not kill them any chickens  
till the bill is paid. Mandel Gladstein

signed and delivered  
in Presence  
Witness Esther Shapiro





Nathan Koritzky Family  
 bris of Philip, May 16, 1897



1914  
 Ida Pollock Dondis with Joseph, Philip,  
 Herbert



James Dondis



Isaac and Minazeesel Berliawsky, Anita, Nathan, Lillian, and Louise



Abraham and Bessie Bradbury, Mollie, Etta, Dora, Sarah  
 1925



Simon Alperin family 1906



Benjamin Miller family



Harry Carr family 1924



Charles Crockett



Lena Shafter



Harry and Sadie Bradbury 1953



Benjamin Segal



David Shafter



Morris Gordon



Etta Briggs Gordon



William and Rose Small



Philip and Celia Crockett



Celia Shapiro (wife of T. Shapiro)



l. to r., Anne Povich, Anita Berliawsky, Dorothy Alperin.





Ada Green  
Evelyn Segal



Pearl, Debbie, & Mike Levinthal -  
1942



Al & Debbie Levinthal - 1942



Sam and Nettie Shapiro



Sam Savitt family - 1943



Marion and Lawrence Miller



Clockwise: Adele Grossman, Ann Savitt, Steven Midwoff, Michael Savitt (birthday), Jerry Goldberg, Bill Small, Beth Miller holding Judy Segal, Debbie Levinthal, Edward Miller.



Bertha and Harry Gerrish - 1982



A. Alan Grossman family - 1962



David Rubenstein



Nathan and Lillian Berliawsky and Ginger



Diana Shafter - 1961



Keith Goldsmith



Ralph and Dora Faber



l. to r., Marion Miller, Constance Grossman, Esther Goldberg, Francis Savitt, Florine Sulka, Ruth Goldsmith.



l. to r., Alan Grossman, Lawrence Miller, Sam Savitt, Francis Savitt, Constance Grossman, Marion Miller. 1946

l. to r., Annette Segal Goldberg, Sarah Rubenstein, Florence Segal, Constance Grossman, Marion Miller. 1945



# Rockland's Nevelson: work of art

This may be entirely the wrong thing to say about Louise Nevelson, the Rockland-born woman who today is acclaimed around the world as one of the greatest of living sculptors. But last week when Louise Nevelson stood on stage at Westbrook College beside one of her works of art, it was Nevelson the woman who stole the show. She, and not her art, was the masterpiece.

**Bill  
Caldwell**



**on Maine**

Deborah Morton award. She wanted the students to ask her questions. But it was sticky going there for a long while. The art students seemed overawed, loathe to ask the world-famous Nevelson about their quandaries. Then the ice broke, and the interchange was wonderful and warming to see and hear. Nevelson, who unbelievably is 82, became the lively friend and close confidante of students who were 20.

What was the link?

Not her success, but her struggle. The bond between the 82-year-old and the 20-year-olds was the hard pursuit of a dream — to create, whatever the price.

When college officials introduced Nevelson, they hailed her as a pre-eminent artist of the 20th century. But when Nevelson talked to the students, she revealed herself as the lonely searcher. The pain and long years of isolation came through as the dominant force of this now-world-renowned sculptor.

Nevelson herself is a more dramatic and handsome piece of sculpture than you'll find in any art museum. She knows this, and unabashedly admits that her weathered face, her strange clothes, her enormous fake black eyelashes, her painted-on black eyelids and the circles under her eyes are all part of her personal projection of her art.

Nevelson spoke to a room jam-packed with Westbrook students, celebrating the day Westbrook College gave her its highest honor, the

"Be careful about the path you choose for yourself now. For what we select in our youth is what we will be when we're older," she warned the art students. "But make the choice yourself. Don't drift into an avenue. Don't be pushed into an avenue by anybody except you. It doesn't matter what avenue you choose, so long as it is you who does the choosing. Doing that is your true heritage."

Louise Nevelson was born Louise Berliawsky in Kiev, Russia. She was 4 when her Yiddish-speaking parents emigrated to Rockland, foreigners in a small Maine Yankee town in the stiff-necked days of 1905. "Even if you were Jesus Christ Superstar, you were an outsider: I chose to be an outsider. In grade school, aged 7, I knew I was born to be an artist. Our art teacher came once a week from Camden. She wore a purple coat and a purple hat, and that made her a creature from another planet in Rockland in 1908. She piqued my imagination and gave me marks of 100 plus in art. At Rockland High, only a very few of us took art in 1912. We worked in a tiny, unheated room. But I was happy. And generated my own heat."

Louise Berliawsky was 16 when she met wealthy shipowner Charles Nevelson. Before their first dinner date in Rockland, Louise told her mother, "Mr. Nevelson is going to propose to me tonight and I'm accepting." They were married at the Copley Plaza in Boston two years later and settled in New York. As a condition of the marriage, Charles Nevelson had agreed to pay for Louise's art lessons with Estelle Lieblich, at \$50 an hour. Four years into marriage, Louise gave birth to her son Michael.

"I went into a depression down to my toes. Here I had a son and I felt lost. I didn't feel like living." In 1931 she left her son with her parents and went to study and work in Europe. "No more marriages for me. I recognized the bondage." Back in New York City by 1937, she went on relief, in order to work on art projects of the WPA. "Without the WPA, I question if New York would have become the art center of the world. De Kooning was young. Kline, Rothko, Pollack, Gorky — all took the WPA checks to work."

Nevelson was 40 before she sold her first work. She was 58 when she was shown at the Museum of Modern Art. She is 82 now, and working hard. "I got up at 3 a.m. to start work yesterday, so I could take time off to be in Maine today. I don't have a studio or wear a smock. I work everywhere, in the kitchen, the bathroom, in wood, in bronze, in aluminum."

Nevelson is giving to the Farnsworth Museum in her hometown of Rockland an enormous collection of all her personal papers. It will take a wing to house them.

I sat with her for an unforgettable hour at lunch in Westbrook College last week. At 82, she is not only a headliner, but one of the most fascinating and sexy women alive.



**Nevelson**



Essie and Meredith Dondis



Marion Carr



Sam Small family (1969)



Roberta, Saul, and Sam Zwecker



Dottie and Allen Gordon



Edward Miller family





Janice and Ross Davis



Susan, Joshua, Talia, Sam, and Saul Nochumson



A. Thurston family



Robert Stein family



Ruth and Sam Small



Robert Rosenberg family



Casyn, Anna, and Meyer Drapkin



Heather, John, and Brenda Batty.  
Walter and Irene Kleeman



**ROCKLAND'S FIRST WAVE IS FOURTH  
"SERVICE MAN" IN HER FAMILY  
PRESS HERALD - NOV. 23, 1942**



Edith Dondis, yeoman third class, U.S.N.R., first Rockland girl to become a member of the Waves is the fourth person in her family to become a "serviceman".

Twenty-two year old Edith, who is home on furlough from her training post in Stillwater, Okla. has three brothers, either in the service or training, and her youngest brother Ernest, 18, who is at school in Worcester, Ma. will return home next week to try to get in before 18 year olds are drafted. Her other brothers are: Philip, 32, in the Army Searchlight Section at Fort Hancock, N.J., Maurice, 24, who is somewhere in the high seas with the Navy, and Joseph, 20, who is in the U. of M.'s Reserve Officer's Unit.

To show that the rest of the family is defense-minded and patriotic, Edith's father, James Dondis, is air-raid warden in his sector and the youngest sister, Bertha, is a Girl Scout. Edith's mother, Mrs. Dondis, seems to be the only one in the family not in uniform, but someone has to keep track of the others.

Edith has been in training now for six weeks and was a graduate of Rockland High School in 1937 and attended the Ballard Business School here in 1938-39.



Ernest Dondis



Philip Dondis



Maurice Dondis



Joseph Dondis





Abraham Small



Bernard Cohen



E. Allen Gordon



Saul Cohen 1941



Edward Gordon



Karen Miller, September 22, 1984



Heather Batty, May 18, 1985



Jeffrey Fishman, May 25, 1985



Elissa Swift, August 23, 1986

# WEDDINGS

קל חתן      קל ששון  
קל בלה      וקל שמחה



*The pleasure of your company is requested  
at the marriage ceremony of  
Benjamin Miller  
to  
Mollie Bradbury,  
on Tuesday afternoon, November Fourth,  
Nineteen hundred and two,  
at five o'clock,  
at the Synagogue 406 Main Street,  
Rockland, Maine*

**Bride's Residence, 2 Masonic St., Rockland, Me.  
Please bring invitation with you.**



Wednesday evening, at Willoughby hall, was celebrated the wedding of Mr. James Dondis and Miss Ida Pollock in the regular Jewish form. The young couple had previously been married by a justice of the peace and Wednesday's ceremony was to sanction the union, under the rules of their own people. There were a large number of guests present, so many that the happy couple had little more than standing room while Rabbi Pearlstein performed the ceremony. Later invited guests partook of an elaborate chicken supper, after which a ball was held. The guests joined freely in the jollification and were unanimous in pronouncing the affair a complete success. Ingraham's quartette furnished music for the dancing.

(October 1908)



Barbara Small and Joel Fishman, June 15, 1969, second wedding held in Adas Yeshuron. (First wedding: Sophie Cohen and George Chesner, 1937)

### Thursday Night Sunday School Works

The First Universalist Church in Rockland, Me, was faced with a problem common to many small churches and found a solution that might well work in other communities.

The problem: How do you keep alive a religious education program

with only 10 pupils over a wide age range (two to 14)? The answer: Thursday night Sunday school.

Two Thursday nights a month there is a Church School Family Supper. No children are allowed to come without at least one parent and no adults can come without an interest in religious education.

The meal is planned closely for those who make advance reservations. It is kept simple and attractive, with some choices, so that small fry will enjoy it.

One mother prepares the basic dish. Each family brings a salad or dessert for all to share. The average charge is about 50 cents per person. Paper plates and cups reduce the clean-up process. The meal takes forty-five minutes.

Then they sing and have readings with the older youngsters leading from "We Sing and Speak of Life." Fifteen minutes are spent in joyous informal worship of a kind not known in the church school for many years. Sometimes the nursery group helps with a rhythm band. The study period lasts 30 minutes.

Topics like the following have been popular:

"Let Your Fingers Do The Walking Through The Bible."

"What's So Different About Our Church?"

"The UU Service Committee" (using slides).

"A High School Student in Holland."

"Nativity Stories in Christian and Buddhist Traditions," with a native Buddhist AFS student and a seasoned leader from our congregation.

"Ferry Beach" two sessions, one with slides and one with young campers talking and showing handwork.

"Religion As Expressed In Buildings" with an architect from the congregation illustrating his ideas.

"How Religion Expresses Itself in Music" with two retired professional musicians from the congregation.

"Judaism and Its Ceremonies" with the president of the local synagogue and his five-year old grandson as leaders.



Shown above is a scene from the Rockland (Me) First Universalist Church's Thursday night Sunday school. Judge Alan Grossman of the local synagogue and his grandson, Joseph Faber, 5, tell about Jewish religion and practices as part of a series exploring ways others worship.

February 1977

Barry Faber, Sam Small, and Joseph Faber explain Judaism to fifth graders at First Congregational Church in Camden.



April 1977

Father Goodreau welcomes Barry and Joseph Faber and Sam Small to present model Seder in the Catholic Church in Rockland.

## Holiday season tests Jewish family

By JEAN FREEDMAN  
Coastal Bureau

ROCKLAND — It's the holiday season and the Leslie Swift family is busy celebrating.

One of several dozen Jewish families in the midcoast region, the Swifts have been lighting their Hannukah candles each night during the eight-day festival of lights.

Following the nightly ritual, the children, 9-year-old Elissa and 7½-year-old Sarah receive one present each, as is the custom.

Elissa also participated in her school's Christmas celebration. She sings in the North School Chorus which performed at the high school last week. On the same night, prior to the recital, the girls performed in a Hannukah play at the local synagogue.

Elissa explained that this year the chorus recital at the high school included songs about the celebration of Hannukah.

She also said that she has gone to several classrooms in her school and explained the history of Hannukah and various customs associated with the holiday.

Her father, Leslie Swift, a psychologist with the Midcoast Mental Health Center, pointed out that there is only one really religious Christian song in the chorus program — Silent Night — "and Elissa has chosen to sing it. It was her decision.

"I don't want the children singing songs about Christ being their Lord or their God," Swift

noted, "but we decided to let Elissa do what she wanted to." Mary Chamberlain, who arranged the chorus program, "has put together a meaningful program without offending anyone," his wife Barbara added.

Commenting on her decision, Elissa said "I feel it's just a song."

However, Sarah said that "it has been bothering me, singing any Christmas songs. I feel uncomfortable so I haven't sung any."

"There is no consensus in the Jewish community about whether our children should or shouldn't sing Christmas songs. I think the schools are bending over backwards to keep out very religious songs," Swift noted.

Both girls said they enjoyed a recent Christmas party at Marine Col'oids where their mother is the librarian.

"I don't feel that we are handicapped living in an area where there are not many Jews," Mrs. Swift said. The former New Jersey resident said she does miss cultural events — the ethnic events that include singing and dancing — that were available in New Jersey.

Swift said he has been more active in Jewish affairs and in the synagogue here because of the small community. "It's really nice to be in a small community where you can really get involved. I am a lot more conscious of my Jewish heritage here than I was in Jersey."

And that heightened sense of identity no doubt makes it easier for families like the Swifts to live, work and go to school with their Christian neighbors without compromising their own faith.



Jean Freedman photo

Leslie Swift recites a prayer while daughters Sarah and Elissa light Hannukah candles at their home.

## Camden church to give 'tree' to synagogue

ROCKLAND — St. Thomas Church of Camden will present a tree of life to Adas Yashuron Synagogue at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, to acknowledge the services of Judge Barry M. Faber to the area.

The tree of life will be hung in the synagogue entrance and will be used to commemorate happy occasions. It is made of walnut and oak, with bronze leaves, and on it is a small plaque which states: "This Tree of Life is given by the Parish of St. Thomas in Camden to

honor Barry M. Faber for his many services to the people of Knox County."

Members of the congregations of the Adas Yashuron Synagogue and St. Thomas Church will meet at the synagogue. The Rev. J.F. Titus Oates, rector of St. Thomas, will present the tree of life to the president of the synagogue, Mrs. Samuel Small, who will accept the plaque on behalf of the synagogue.

After the ceremony, there will be a fellowship time for the two congregations.



**TREE OF LIFE** — The Parish Church of St. Thomas Episcopal in Camden presented a Tree of Life plaque to Adas Yashuron Synagogue Wednesday evening in recognition of Judge Barry M. Faber, a member of the congregation of Adas Yashuron. The plaque was in acknowledgment of Faber's services and efforts, as well as his many community activities for the citizens of Knox County. From left, Father J. F. Titus Oates of St. Thomas, Barry M. Faber, Maynard Tolman, senior warden and James Tucker, junior warden, both of St. Thomas.  
Staff Photo by Slefinger

The Courier-Gazette, Rockland, Maine

# GENERATIONS



Rose Small and Ida Pollock Dondis



Four generations: Ethel Block Gordon, Edward Gordon, Joan, Erika, and Hilary Rosenberg.



Bessie Bradbury, wife of Abraham Bradbury, believed to be our first Jewish settler.



Nettie Smalley, wife of Jacob, known for her apple strudel.



Morris Gordon and granddaughter, Roberta (circa 1960)



Anita Berliawsky

# THE WORLD WARS

The Rockland Jewish Community was more than generous with its young men and women during both World Wars. Throughout World War I, the "War to end all wars", 14 Jewish men from Rockland are listed with the Veteran's Administration as having served in the Armed Forces. They are: Brothers Charles, Henry, and Hyman Alperin, Nathan Berliawsky, Alfred A. Briggs, Abraham Cohen, Manuel Cohen, Samuel Cohen, David Pollock, Jesse L. Rosenberg (who later was one of the first Jews at Harvard, and became a lawyer in N.Y.C), Herman Rosenbloom, Hyman Rosenbloom, Philip I. Rosenburg and Morris Shapiro. Etta Dondis, daughter of Hyman and Ida Dondis, served in the Navy during the war, but was living in New York City at the time, and, therefore, enlisted in New York State.

There were 20 men and women from the Rockland Jewish Community who served in World War II: Abraham Small, Saul Cohen, Bernard Cohen, Joseph Dondis, Ernest Dondis, Philip Dondis, Maurice Dondis, Edith Dondis, Meredith Dondis, Edward Gordon, Benjamin S. Shapiro, Sidney Shafter, E. Alan Gordon, Sidney I. Segal, Lawrence Epstein, Maynard Green, Barnard Benovitch, Charles Crockett, Morris Crockett and Jacob Smalley.



Henry and Hyman Alperin

## MRS. S. L. ALPERIN

Ida, wife of Simon L. Alperin, died at her home on Rockland street Sunday afternoon, from cerebral apoplexy. She was stricken Saturday night and remained conscious until the following noon, when she sank into a peaceful sleep from which she never awakened. With three sons in the service, and a fourth only recently rejected for physical reasons, Mrs. Alperin had been subjected to incessant worry, in addition to which she had worked unusually hard for the banquet with which the campaign for the Jewish War Sufferers and War Welfare was inaugurated. The mental and physical strain undoubtedly combined to bring about her demise.

Mrs. Alperin was born in Troky, Russia, April 14, 1865 and was married 35 years ago. Her husband came to this country in 1896, and was followed four years later by other members of the family. The rearing of a large family, upon which she showered a wealth of affection, entailed a large amount of domestic responsibility and labor, but it was a labor of love, and Mrs. Alperin found time to do many acts of kindness for others. She gave freely of both time and money, and the Jewish colony in this city recognizes the loss of one of its most beloved members.

Mrs. Alperin is survived by her husband, five sons—Samuel of Rockland, Isidor A. of Worcester, Mass.; Sergeant Henry Alperin of Camp Devens; Chief Gunner's Mate Hyman Alperin of the Naval Reserve Force; and Corp. Charles S. Alperin of the American Expeditionary Force; three daughters—Mrs. J. E. Goff of Worcester, and Misses Emma and Dorothy of Rockland. The funeral services were held this morning, Rabbi Schoeter officiating. The interment was in the Jewish cemetery at the Head of the Bay.



Charles Alperin, France  
(October 13, 1918)





Etta Dondis



Nathan Berliawsky, David Pollock, and friend Charles Schofield in France



Morris Shapiro

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1918.

## ROCKLAND BOYS WOUNDED

Privates Herman Rosenbloom and William C. Ulmer in French Hospitals; But Condition Not Serious.

Foreign mails received in this city Tuesday brought news that two Rockland soldiers had been wounded and were in French hospitals. One of the victims was Private William C. Ulmer of Co. B, 116th Regiment, who had been wounded in the arm; the other was Private Herman Rosenbloom of Co. K, 18th Infantry, who had been shot through the leg. There was nothing in the communication to indicate that the condition of either was serious.

Private Rosenbloom, who is a son of Isaac L. Rosenbloom wrote Oct. 10 of his experience, in the nonchalant manner which all his friends will agree sounds just like him. This is what he said:

Dear Folks:—Well, it has been a long long time since I have written you, but I have a reason that I believe will satisfy you. Since Labor Day I have been on one steady move at the front, one night in one place, and the next night on the go—always advancing towards the front. So you see I have

not had much time to write. But at present I believe I will have a great deal of time to write you. I am sitting in a bed, between some nice clean sheets, taking it easy.

I have been wounded, but not seriously. I am shot in the leg, and am progressing wonderfully. Have been here for four days now, and am getting along fine. I have forgotten to mention that I am in an American hospital. I was shot through the back of the leg, above the knee, by a German machine gun, the bullet entering on one side and passing through the other. It didn't touch any bones, but it sure was mighty close.

We had been advancing all morning under heavy shell and machine gun fire when I had to go across an open stretch of about 100 yards, which was being pretty well raked by machine gun fire. Got within about 10 feet of shelter when ping! I felt as if someone had hit me across the leg with a whip, and my leg stopped working. I got down behind some bushes, and another soldier helped me to do up my leg. I laid there for an hour or so, until two more fellows who were wounded joined me.



## SUKKAH BUILDING 1980

Front Row - Heather Batty, Elissa Swift, Karen Miller, Erika Rosenberg, Hilary Rosenberg, Sarah Swift, Mark Fishman, Zaltman.  
 Second Row - Jennifer Brickel, Jeffrey Zaltman, Michael Cohen, Jeffrey Fishman, Phillip Cohen. Back Row - Diane Miller, Kal Winer holding Noah Winer.



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 תמיד

RECIPIENT of the prestigious Ner Tamid Award was Rockland's Joseph Faber, an Eagle Scout with Troop 206. The Ner Tamid presentation, meaning "eternal light," is a nationally endowed award developed for the Boy Scouts by the National Jewish Committee, and requires the scout to complete requirements satisfying three branches of Judaism. Presenting the award at a Friday Sabbath service was Rabbi Harry Z. Sky of Portland. Staff Photo by Slefinger

April 1981



# HEBREW SCHOOL

l. to r., David Castle, Aaron Shrier, Ethan Shrier, Joseph Faber, Roberta Zwecker, Diane Miller, Ida Faber, Michael Zwecker.

Circa 1952

Purim 1978



l. to r., Karen Miller, Ida Faber, Diane Miller, Mark Fishman, Jeffrey Fishman.



l. to r., top to bottom, Mr. Braun, Alan Carr, Ed Miller, Norma Levco, Harriet Levco, Judy Segal, Mike Savitt, Adele Grossman, Stanely Levco, Carolyn Bird (visitor), Barbara Small, Martha Grossman, Joy Sulka, Jane Segal.

Rabbi Fairman



Model Seder: Jane Segal, Harriet Levco, Ed Miller, Mike Savitt, Sam Cohen, Stanley Cohen, Ed Small, Danny Cohen, Bill Small, Mr. Braun. Circa 1953





l. to r., Jenny Olsen, Talia Nochumson, Anya Freiman, Erika Rosenberg, Elissa Swift, Whitney Rosenberg, Jennifer Brickel, Mark Fishman, Alison Brickel, Sarah Swift, Joshua Nochumson, Saul Nochumson, Noah Winer.



Front, Emily Stein, Saul Nochumson, Noah Winer, Lucy Dana. Middle, Mark Fishman, Sarah Swift, Erika Rosenberg, Talia Nochumson, Joshua Nochumson, Alison Brickel, (teacher) Liz Soloway. Top, Hannah Sieben, Jenny Olsen, Hilary Rosenberg, Rachel Sieben.