

JCA LEADERSHIP DEDICATES THIS BROCHURE TO
THE ENDURING FORESIGHT AND VISION OF
ARTHUR MAG.



ARTHUR "TIM" MAG
1896 - 1981

Arthur Mag was one of the giants in the history of Kansas City. As an attorney, Mag laid the ground work for not-for-profit institutions to flourish and grow. His story and his philanthropic philosophy may be read on the website of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection of Kansas City at: www.umkc.edu/whmckc

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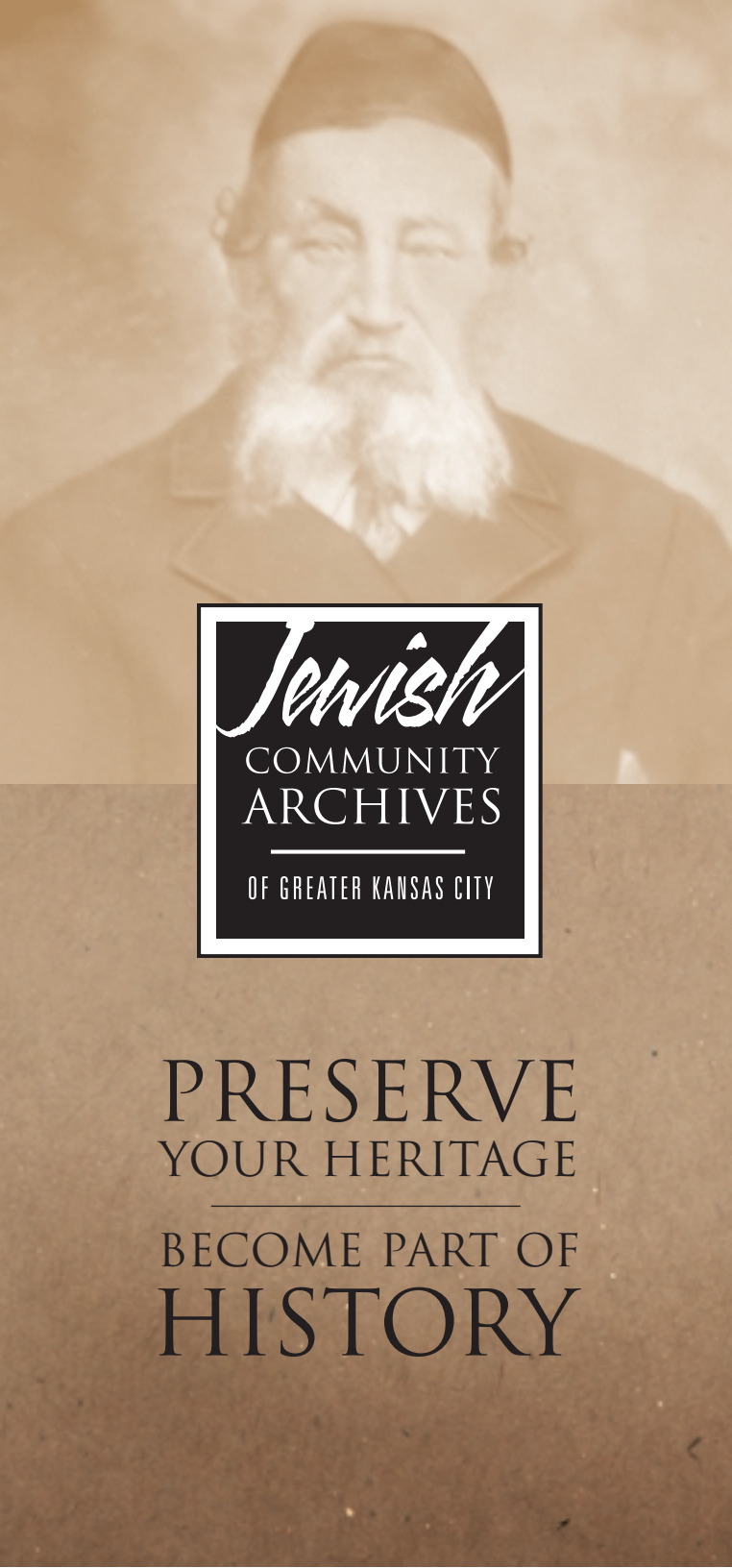
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**Special thanks to Dr. Jonathan and Ellen Chilton for the use of the photograph of their grandfather, Yehuda Leib Prebluda, who was born in Taina, Ukraine (date and age unknown).*

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PRESERVE
YOUR HERITAGE
BECOME PART OF
HISTORY



Our documents of local Jewish history are at risk.

The JCA recognizes the urgency to preserve and teach the history of the Jewish community of Greater Kansas City, to connect the past to the present and to the future — and to do it now. Historical materials of members and institutions of the Greater Kansas City Jewish community are in many places including collections in other cities. Still others are stored in attics, basements or closets.

Too many have already been thrown away.

The JCA is committed to providing a place to keep local Jewish history. By continually acquiring documents, photographs and other memorabilia, the JCA fulfills its mission to preserve American Jewish history in Greater Kansas City and the Midwest and reduce the risk of disappearance. JCA will take the leadership to establish an electronic database to link us to the network of archives across the nation.

An endowment account has been established at the Jewish Community Foundation called Saving Jewish History. As it grows, it will ensure the collection and preservation and care of community history in perpetuity.

You can help us save our history.

The time and opportunity for the establishment of the Jewish Archive to preserve the collective history of Greater Kansas City is today.

If you have photographs, family or business memorabilia, or other materials that you would like to donate to the Archives, please fill out this form and mail it to:

Jewish Community Archives
Western Historical Manuscript Collection
David Boutros, Assoc. Director
302 Newcomb Hall, UMKC
Kansas City, MO 64110
Phone: (816) 235-1543
Email: whmckc@umkc.edu

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Email address _____

Nature of assistance:
___ documents ___ photographs ___ endowment
___ research fellowship ___ other _____

A "christening" at Research Hospital prior to the establishment of Menorah Hospital. From the private collection of Jacob Louis Lesky.



“The only thing new is the history you do not know.” — Hon. Philip Klutznick, Kansas City 1982 American Jewish Historical Society 90th Anniversary Conference



Candlesticks are the essential sacred object of Jewish life and most often carried to the new world by a family. This pair was brought to Kansas City from Poland by the Abend family and is in the private collection of Marsha Abend Goldman.

WHAT IS AN ARCHIVE?

It is a special place to collect, properly preserve and make available items of historical interest and value. Archived materials tell a story... *your* story and *our* story. Together they tell an American story.



The Purim Ball was once an important tradition for a community celebration. In recent years, it has been revived in many communities to bring special honor to present-day Esthers and Mordecais.



Kansas City Co-op Pre-School visits Milgrims in Waldo. May 19, 1954.

WHY DO WE NEED AN ARCHIVE NOW?

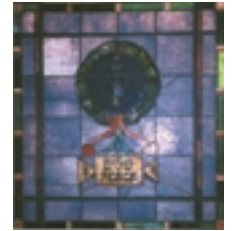
Every day when someone throws out old files, newsletters, photographs, synagogue records, organizational minutes, letters, or diaries of those long gone, a piece of the Kansas City Jewish community history disappears forever.

The loss of these records has prompted a small committee (see Founders) to ask a simple question: How can we keep them alive and available to benefit the future?

Jewish people have made extraordinary contributions to this community. Without some place to store their stories—and preserve them—the record of their endeavors, and the lessons learned from them, will likely be lost forever.

WHERE IS THE ARCHIVE LOCATED?

The Western Historical Manuscript Collection is located at the University of Missouri at Kansas City in Newcomb Hall. WHMC is committed to the history of Kansas City and the Midwest. JCA will add to the distinguished collection of Kansas City persons and institutions of the Jewish faith already a part of WHMC. An electronic database will link with a network of archives including the University of Kansas Research Library, Library of Congress, and others, and attract scholars and students for serious historical research.



One of the magnificent stained glass windows by the world-renowned artist, John LeFarge, originally installed in the Temple B'nai Jehudah—the only LeFarge windows in the world with Hebrew lettering and installed in a Hebrew sanctuary.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Everyone. Families, businesses, organizations, institutions and individuals. Don't throw away your history. The Jewish community and persons of the Jewish faith have played a significant role in the Kansas City community for many generations. The Jewish community has been innovative and inspiring, making individual contributions to business and culture and collective contributions to welfare, education and social concerns. It is impossible to understand the history of this region without the knowledge of its Jewish history. Our story is incomplete without your story.



Poindexter's, 8th & Central. Circa 1930. Later became KC Boy's Wear. Its lobby now houses the Museum of The Kansas City Historic Garment Center.



Banquet of the Mizrahi Zionists Organization of Greater Kansas City
May 20, 1928
Can you identify them?



Bar Mitzvah Boys, 1949, Beth Shalom Synagogue
1st Row: Mickey Klein, Neil Weiner, Jerry Levine, Calvin Trillin, Louis Bordman, Donald Siegelbaum, Meyer Lerner.
2nd Row: Louis Rittmaster, Lee Barewin, Stanley Bernstein, George Devins, Miles Frischer, Aron Jacobs.
3rd Row: Jay Shapiro, Seymour Gopman, Howard Bodker, Marwin Azorsky, Stephen Pakula, Bob Vidgor.