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Harvesting in Trochu c 1917—Early Jewish Homesteaders (Bertha Dattner, Esther Miller and Esther Silver) Source: Goldie Osten

## Welcome to the Land of Promise

At last, after a great deal of planning and preparation we are proud to present our Photographic Exhibit, *Land of Promise*, the Jewish Experience in Southern Alberta. The photographs collected from interested families and archives span the period from 1888 to 1945. For the Jewish Community this fifty-seven year period marked the important era of pioneer immigration. This is the time our grandparents or parents made the adventurous leap from the old world to the new. Look carefully through the photos collected from this remarkable period. It was during this era that the Jewish community struggled to build and maintain their identity and traditions in this completely new world. We hope you will catch the spirit of their great

adventure in this, our first Exhibit.

The Exhibit opening will be held November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Calgary Jewish Centre. This premiere showing will be held for members of the Historical Society and guests. The greater community is invited to view the Exhibit from November 18 to November 25. Hours 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., evenings 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Exhibit will be open only during normal Jewish Centre hours.

### *Featured in this issue*

- A cross-section of photographs from the Exhibit
- Putting it all together

Be sure to see  
our Exhibit...

### **LAND OF PROMISE**

*The Jewish Experience  
in Southern Alberta*

at the  
Calgary Jewish Centre  
**November 18th – 25th**

This Exhibit Celebrates  
Canada's 125th Anniversary  
and  
Over One Hundred Years of  
Jewish Settlement in  
Southern Alberta



▲ Skating on the river – Anna Block (Klickstein), Calgary (c 1918)  
Source: Dr. Martha Cohen

► Hanson brothers, (l to r) Hymie, Albert and Morris, working on the dairy farm near Calgary's McCall Field (1933)  
Source: Dr. Morris Hanson



▼ Ladies sleeping party at Pearlmutter's, Calgary (1924)- front row: (l to r) Minnie Kertsberg, Susan Lachter, Pat Bercuson Hector, ? Katzin, Julia Steinfeld, ? Katzin back row: Rose Hart Gordon, Sadie Simon Pearlmutter, Bella Shumiatcher, Dorothy Diamond Goldin, ?, Sarah Jaffe, Sarah Aaron.  
Source: Pat Hector



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A special thank you to both companies. They spent many hours helping us prepare the Exhibit.

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► **Max Bercovich in his Pontiac, Main Street, Morrin, Alberta (c 1931)**  
Source: Max Bercovich

We acknowledge and appreciate the cooperation of the following in assisting us with the Exhibit.

- The Calgary Jewish Community Council
- The Calgary Jewish Centre
- Glenbow Archives
- Beth Tzedec Synagogue
- The Southern Alberta Pioneer Association

**Exhibit Coordinators:**

Jay Joffe and Dinah Spindel

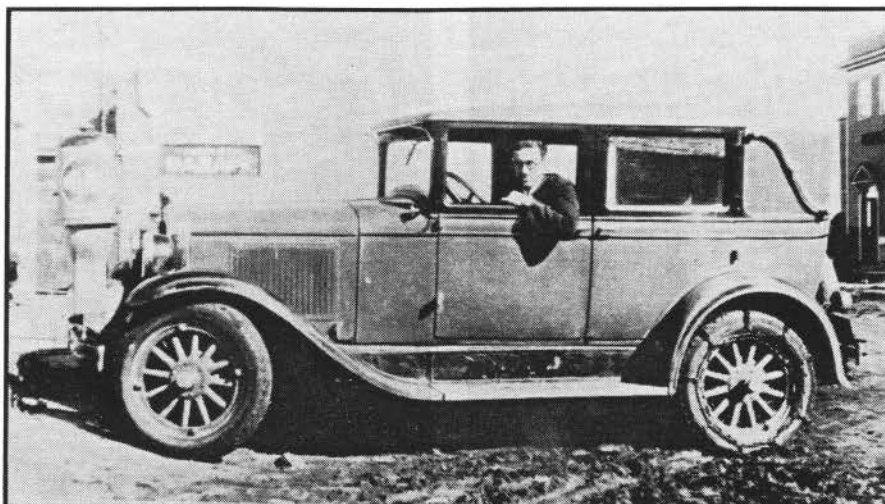
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► **Hoffman's Fish Market and Grocery. Mr. Harry Hoffman and two daughters in front of the store at 508 - 4 Street S.E. (c 1915)**  
Source: Lil Zuidema



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*Join now so you can attend the Premiere Opening of Land of Promise – November 17, 7:30 P.M. at the Calgary Jewish Centre.\**

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**Your membership and donations** help us in collecting and researching the history of the Jewish people, individuals and organizations, with particular emphasis on the collection of oral history from our elders.

**Your membership and donations** allow us as well to undertake and encourage public information programs, including publications such as *Discovery*, displays, lectures, and special events.

(See reverse for membership form.)

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Kay Sallenbach of Classic Reproductions copying original photograph.



Bernie Stuijzand of Berns Visual Presentations mounting the copied photographs on foam core.



Abram Kislik, one of the many volunteers, cutting the mounted photographs.

## Putting it all together...

by Jay Joffe

With the help of many volunteers we were able to collect numerous photographs for this Exhibit that have never before been displayed in public. To all those who lent us their precious family photos we say thank you. Some truly remarkable pictures and documents have been uncovered. To make these discoveries even more exciting most of these photographs have been enhanced by the Laser Colour Copier at Classic Reproductions. A good example is the cover picture in this issue "Harvesting in Trochu". This

wonderful picture was enlarged from a small black and white snapshot 3 1/4" x 5" to the exciting display size picture in the exhibit which is 11" x 16". The old fashioned light brown colouring is added at the same time. Copies of all our photos were reproduced this way and were then mounted by Berns Visual Displays on foam core suitable for showing in our Exhibit. There are over 300 photographs and documents in the Exhibit so make sure you allow enough time to take a good look. As well, you will

find brief captions identifying the subject, date and source of each picture. In many cases short histories have been included to give you a better understanding of the history of the section. We appreciate that in the short one year period since we were funded that we may have missed material that should be included, so if you have something you would like to see added to the collection please let us know. We hope to have an encore Exhibit at a later date.

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A summary of the history  
of the Jewish Community in  
Alberta and Southern Alberta  
1880-1980



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► Rabinovitz Family Portrait, (left to right) Rose, Abraham, Velvel, Toba Bella and George-Calgary (c 1930)  
Source: Joyce & Jackie Robbins

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▼ Peretz School—First group of Peretz School students on the Court House steps (Spring 1927)  
Names on display at the Exhibit  
Source: Glenbow Archives



► Hebrew School Kindergarten Class on the steps of the Community Building – Names on display at the Exhibit (1943) Source: Joe Spier

▼ Wedding – Mail order Bride-Jennie Braumberg nee Stern–married Adolph Braumberg. He answered an ad in a Jewish paper to meet his future wife. (c 1916)  
Source: Lil Zuidema



▼ Early Community Leaders with guest Dr. Moseson, Calgary (c 1913)  
back row: (l to r) Charles Malkin, Mr. Grinka, ?, Mr. Goldstein, Ben Ginsburg, Jacob Dubisky, Shaie Jaffe  
front row: (l to r) Mr. Cooper, Moe Moscovitch, Dr. Moseson, Harry Epstein, ?  
Source: Ted Faibish & Mel Nagler

