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Down Home

Jewish Life in North Carolina

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Direction

Jewish Life in North Carolina

The mission of the Greensboro Historical Museum states that we will “tell the city’s compelling history in countless ways,” and declares that we have a commitment to “community service, dialogue and relevancy that never wavers.” In April the museum will debut *Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina*, an exhibition that shares the rich history of the Jewish people in our state. When the Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina approached us as being one of five institutions to host the exhibition state wide, we knew that this project had special relevancy to Greensboro.

The second tie to our mission is community service and dialogue. The *Down Home* steering committee has worked together to provide their time and resources to the museum staff and trustees. The committee meetings that I have been part of showed energy as ideas were brainstormed, developed, adapted and then finalized. The strong relationships developed because of *Down Home* will allow us to continue to work with our partners in the future as we reach new audiences.

My thanks to committee cochairs Margaret Benjamin and Sara Lee Saperstein as they have led this committed group to success. Many more are to be thanked for their time and talents: Gail Bernstein, Jenny and Brian Kaiser, Emilie Samet, Lenny Samet, Joy Shavitz, Janie Silvers, Ellen Tannenbaum, Robin Barth, Linda Evans and Betty K. Phipps.

I also want to thank the many donors that responded in such a positive manner to support *Down Home* for the community. Make sure to enjoy this issue of ROAR as we spotlight *Down Home* and the many other resources of the museum.

Fred W. Goss, Director

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Courtesy of Alex and Charles J. Katzenstein



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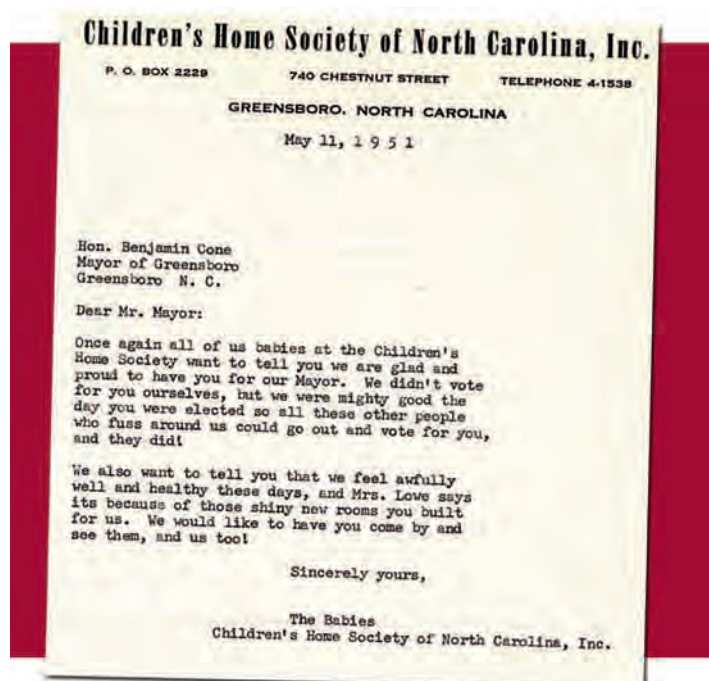
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Archives

Jewish Collections

Although Archives does not hold extensive Jewish history material, we have some wonderful items. The Cone family is the best represented, with a large group of photograph albums and two small paper-based collections on Clarence and Ceasar Cone II. Another larger collection documents the business and professional career of Benjamin Cone. In fact, one of the most delightful items in all of Archives is a 1951 letter to Cone “written” by the babies at the Children’s Home Society, guaranteed to bring a big smile to your face. Photographs taken by Bernard Cone between the 1890s and 1910s, are all expertly photographed and composed. They are fascinating, documenting the Cone textile business, the extended Cone family, and even more valuable to us, the textile workers, mill village life, and the broader world of Greensboro.

Archives also houses smaller collections including images of the Sternberger family, Temple Emanuel, Beth David Synagogue and Schiffman’s Jewelry. Just



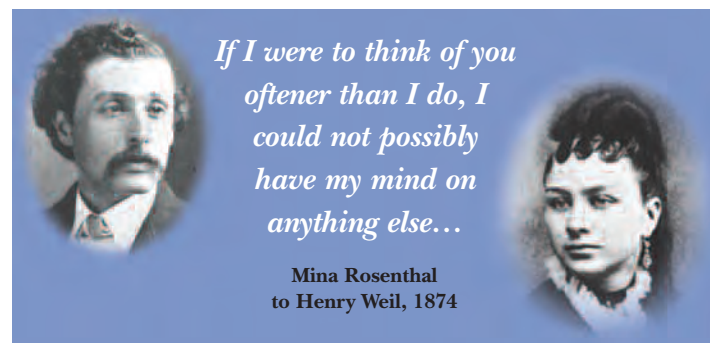
recently located during a microfilm search—an 1852 ad for Einstein & Co., what is believed to be the first Jewish business in Greensboro.

Explore More At

<http://www.GreensboroHistory.org/archives/mss/index.htm>

Collections

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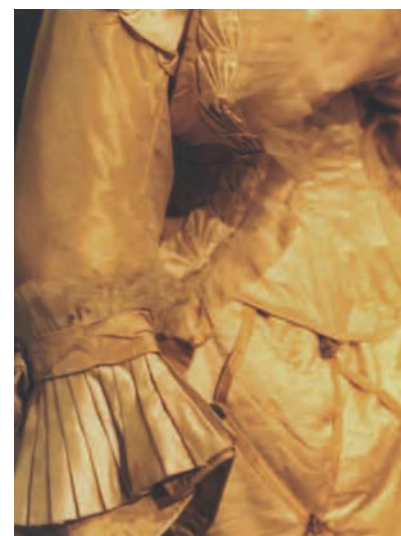


Astunning gown of maize and cream satin, worn by teenager Mina Rosenthal at her marriage to Henry Weil, illustrates the deep and lasting connections of Jewish traditions and families across North Carolina communities.

Mina was born in 1859 in Wilson, where her father Emil was a merchant. One of Emil’s frequent visitors was Henry Weil, a partner in H. Weil & Bros. clothing and dry goods business in nearby Goldsboro, who fell

in love with Mina and asked for her hand in marriage. The couple married on March 24, 1875 at Baltimore’s Hanover Street Temple.

Mina and Henry made their lives in Goldsboro, where they raised three daughters and one son. At Mina’s death in 1940, memorials praised her “bright spirit,” philanthropic nature and devotion to her community. Daughter Janet established a scholarship fund in her mother’s name at Woman’s College, and in 1943 the college named Weil-Winfield dormitory in Mina Weil’s honor. Mina’s grandson, Arthur Bluethenthal of Greensboro, donated her remarkable gown, soon to be on exhibit, to the museum in 1982.





DOWN * HOME

JEWISH LIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA

April 3 - September 18

Come to the Greensboro Historical Museum and explore how for tens of thousands of North Carolina Jews—perhaps your ancestors, your friends, your neighbors—“down South” became “down home.”

Down Home is a special exhibit brought to our state by the Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina with the support of The Leon Levine Foundation,



Marvin Isreal
OPENING DAY WORSHIP AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Sandra and Leon Levine, The State of North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, the Tannenbaum - Sternberger Foundation and

generous in-kind support from Duke University. Governor Jim Hunt, Honorary Chair of *Down Home* and a driving force in its success, advocated the importance of this project not only for the Jewish community, but for all North Carolinians. Over 75,000 people from diverse backgrounds visited the interactive exhibit during its showing in Raleigh, giving it enthusiastic endorsement.

The Greensboro Historical Museum has the distinct honor of being chosen as one of just five venues to host this traveling exhibit, which comes to Greensboro after its premiere showing at the North Carolina Museum of

History. Opening festivities are highlighted by a reception on April 10 and remarks by distinguished author and historian Eli Evans.

Down Home's key themes of *Keeping the Faith, Family Comes First, Building Businesses Creating Communities, and Love of Learning* have special resonance for Greensboro, a city with foundations in many strong faith traditions and a legacy of generations of significant Jewish business and civic leadership. A supplemental presentation will add unique



RABBI ELI HAVIVI WITH STUDENT

Courtesy of Beth David Synagogue

Greensboro stories and artifacts, thanks to the support of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Temple Emanuel and Beth David Synagogue, and also connect to our centerpiece exhibit *Voices of a City*. The remarkable 400-year story of Jewish people in our state has impressive Greensboro footnotes.

Check GreensboroHistory.org and our Official Facebook page for the latest *Down Home* news.

SILVER SPICE BOX Courtesy Temple Beth El, Lumberton



Opening Event

Sunday, April 10, 5:00 p.m.

The Greensboro opening kicks off with a festive occasion including remarks by Eli Evans, author of



Courtesy of Eli Evans

ELI N. EVANS RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FROM UNC IN, 2009

The Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South, music by the Sinai Mountain Ramblers, ribbon cutting and reception. Reservations required.

Museum Guild Meeting

Monday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.

The Guild is pleased to have Henry Isaacson, attorney and Greensboro civic leader, as featured speaker. Mr. Isaacson will share his thoughts on *Down Home: Jewish Life in Guilford County*. Guests are welcome at every Guild meeting.

Belle Meade Society Spring Meeting

Monday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.

The Belle Meade Society holds two special gatherings during the year for leadership level supporters. Tying in to *Down Home*, the Society welcomes Dr. Patrick Lee Lucas, UNCG Associate Professor of Interior Architecture, who will speak on "Modernism at Home: Edward Loewenstein and Architectural Innovation in Greensboro, 1946-1970." All Belle Meade members



Photograph by C. Timothy Barkley

EDWARD AND FRANCES LOEWENSTEIN RESIDENCE (1954), LIVING ROOM INTERIOR

will receive invitations to this event. Guests are welcome, as space provides, for this one-of-a-kind program. Please contact Anna Pittman at 282-4555 or apittman3402@yahoo.com to inquire.

Featured Film

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$6 at the Door

Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray

Recently shown at Atlanta and New York's Jewish Film Festivals, a new Civil War documentary chronicles the sacrifices that Jews made for their beliefs, and how they took up arms to defend their country both in the Union and the Confederacy.

The many stories of Jewish participation are incredible, tragic and inspiring.



Courtesy of Indigo Films

CAPT. ISAAC COHEN

Down Home Community Day

Sunday, May 22, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

It's a free and fun afternoon, a celebration of Southern Jewish life and culture for the whole community. Enjoy a special Greensboro supplement to the *Down Home* exhibit. **Y'all come!**

Courtesy of Temple Emanuel



Courtesy of Beth David Synagogue

- ☆ Chorale music by local Jewish students
- ☆ Craft and Activity Stations
- ☆ Showings of the *Down Home* documentary film
- ☆ Refreshments

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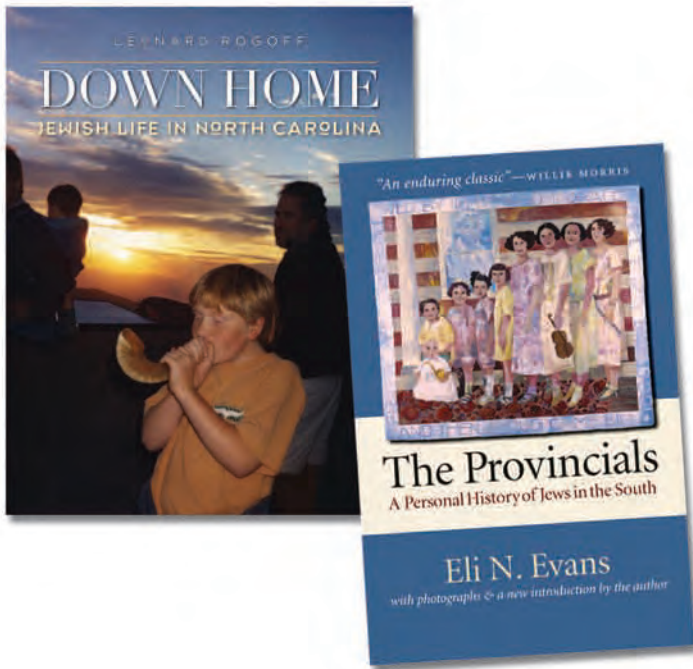
* *Belle Meade Society Member*

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Shopping

Fresh from the Museum Shop

Our bookshelves are brimming with many new titles, including the special coffee table edition of *Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina* and its accompanying DVD. This sweeping chronicle of Jewish life in the Tar Heel State from colonial times to the present was written by Leonard Rogoff. More than 125 historic and contemporary photographs complement Rogoff's engaging epic, providing a



visual panorama of Jewish social, cultural, economic and religious life. This volume is a treasure to add to your home bookshelf and to share as a gift. You will also want to take home a new edition of the classic *The Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South*, updated with photographs and recipes, by Durham native Eli Evans.



We are now featuring a new line of American-made fine sterling silver jewelry, all from adaptations of originals from museums across the nation, inscribed with words of love, faith, hope and inspiration. Included in this selection are several stunning pieces of traditional Judaic jewelry. Please come to see the entire fabulous collection, which includes bangles, cuff bracelets, coins, key rings and pendants.

Bring a friend or two to browse through our Shop and find something fun. We also welcome your phone and mail orders.

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In Memory of

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With apologies for an incorrect listing in the previous issue

Partnerships

Building Community



Celebrate 50 Years of Beautiful Music with the Eastern Music Festival, a supporter of the *Down Home* exhibition.

Join EMF and Music Director Gerard Schwarz for five weeks filled with more than 100 music-related events during June 25 - July 30. For a detailed schedule and to learn more about this year's exceptional guest artists, visit www.EasternMusicFestival.org. Single tickets on sale beginning June 1 - call 1.866.579.TIXX.





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Calendar of Events

APRIL

April 3 – September 18

Down Home:

Jewish Life in North Carolina

Jewish Heritage Foundation of
North Carolina traveling exhibition

Monday, April 4

Docent Training

Historian Leonard Rogoff

9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 10

Down Home Opening Event

Remarks by author Eli Evans,
music and reception.

Reservations required.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Guild Meeting

Down Home:

Jewish Life in Guilford County

Henry Isaacson

Guests welcome

10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 22

Sunday April 24

Museum closed

Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m.

2011 John Dortch Series

James Evans: Cone Mills Organizer

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man's life



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MAY

Monday, May 9

Belle Meade Society Meeting

Modernism at Home: Edward

Loewenstein and Architectural

Innovation in Greensboro, 1946-1970

Dr. Patrick Lee Lucas

Reservations required

6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 16

Guild Meeting and Picnic
Caldwell Center

Archaeology in Caldwell Park

Ken Robinson, WFU

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 22

Down Home Community Day

Music, craft stations, fun for
youngsters, *Down Home* film

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 30

Museum offices closed

JUNE

Tuesday, June 14

Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray

Documentary shares little-known
struggles facing Jewish Americans
on both sides of the Civil War

Tickets \$6 at the door

7:30 p.m.

The Greensboro Historical Museum now has an Official Facebook page. Friend us for fun news and program updates.