



# ISHSF Newsletter

March 2008 Fourth Edition

## Patient Tent is Totally Restored!

Recently, on a beautiful November Sunday, the last surviving tent from the days when JCRS was known as "Tent City" was swept out and its historic furnishings were re-installed. The original iron bed, the wash stand, the chairs, the freshly laundered sheets and blankets have all been carefully rearranged. Over the course of the last year, the Foundation has repaired and restored the tent, getting almost all the materials and work donated by local businesses and volunteers. A new concrete foundation was poured by Suburban Reddi-Mix Concrete. The forms were set by Tony Capra of Arvada.



The tent was then moved to its new home by Pat McKune Professional Building Movers. Brickey Construction donated a new shingle roof and Acme Tent & Canvas provided the canvas for the interior at a discount. Mitch Waldman and Ernie Hagler volunteered their time to install the canvas. Home Depot donated lumber and other supplies for repairs. Under the direction of Lead Curator Win Ferrill from Lakewood's Heritage Center, volunteers Jack Ziegler and Russ Gleason painted (paint donated by Robert Heidt), replaced part of the wood floor, glazed the windows, replaced the door and made a new screen door. Finally, Jerry Amend from Clean as a Whistle cleaned 80+ years of grime from the windows.

## Stories from the Past

This past September, we received a letter from a gentleman in Florida who discovered our project on the Internet while doing genealogical research. This excerpt of the letter he sent, (along with a generous donation), eloquently expresses our mission:

"In 1919 my grandfather, Abraham Haberman, an indigent Jewish immigrant from Poland, became one of the thousands of tuberculosis patients cared for at no charge by the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society in Lakewood, Colorado. Like George Bailey in the film "It's a Wonderful Life", we will never know how many skilled research scientists, life-saving surgeons and everyday, productive, hard-working Americans are the progeny of patients treated at JCRS, and therefore might never have been born were it not for that benevolent institution. The Isaac Solomon Synagogue, one of the last remaining vestiges of the JCRS, stands as a vital memorial to the patients, the devoted caregivers, and the institution as a whole, and serves as an example for future generations to aspire to in caring for their fellow man.

I am pleased to express my support of the work the Foundation is doing to preserve an important piece of history."

--James M. Haberman, Sarasota, FL, 2007

## With Your Help

Please give **NOW!** Let's finish the restoration of the synagogue and move on to the next step—the museum that will be open as a sacred place of remembrance, of learning, a place to experience the history of what truly brought most of our forebears to Colorado—not gold or silver, but the hope to recover from a fatal, debilitating disease. In the spirit of those who envisioned the Sanatorium and built it and staffed it, in the spirit of those who were sick who came in droves, hoping for another chance at life. Let's work together to ensure their stories are not forgotten.

***If you would like to join us in our efforts to restore the synagogue and create a museum, please call Susan or Bernie Goldman at 303-987-1316.***

## JCRS Isaac Solomon Historic Synagogue Foundation

**Mission:** Our mission is to restore the synagogue to its original condition and to create an endowment for maintaining it as a museum and events center, open to people of all faiths, cultures and nationalities, so that they may gain insight into the lives of the men and women who passed through these doors.

### Foundation Board of Directors

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**Communications:** The Board acknowledges that our communications with you have not met our or your expectations for timeliness. We are looking into new methodologies, such as an E-Newsletter in addition to the printed communications

**Email:** We urge everyone to create an email address, and please let us know what it is, so we can add it to our list. This would be a great money saver for us instead of printing and mailing the newsletters. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email us at: [info@jcrs-synagogue.org](mailto:info@jcrs-synagogue.org)

## In Memory of:

Dan Spivak, grandson of Dr. Charles Spivak, passed away recently. Dan was one of the original board members of this foundation in 2000. Esther Cohen-Strauss, another board member who had been instrumental in saving the Golda Meir House from demolition, passed away a few years ago. Lillian Todd, a lovely lady who was one of the last TB patients treated at JCRS, in the early 1950s, and who generously shared her story with us, passed away a year ago.

As these members of the "greatest generation," as Tom Brokaw calls them, pass on, their memories are lost, unless we can get their stories recorded. It is important that we document the stories of the courage and hardships of the people involved in the JCRS.



Avram Judelovitz in coveralls in 1908

## 2007 In Review

**Saving a Sacred Place – February** - Students from the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design presented stories and images detailing patients who were treated for tuberculosis at the JCRS in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was an afternoon of music, books and art sale. The sun was shining literally on a sacred place!

**Sunday Evening at the San – July** - We were honored to have **Los Lantzman** donate their time and talent to perform a benefit for the foundation in the Mary Harris Auditorium. Los Lantzman entertained the guests with their upbeat and unique style of Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino music. The audience responded enthusiastically to the program with a standing ovation. It was reminiscent of the days when **Bob Hope, Jerry Colonna, Judy Holliday** and other luminaries performed for the patients. The "Eighth Notes" opened the evening with Hebrew songs and a song of tribute to Dr. Charles Spivak, lyrics written by Dr. Jack Sylman.

**Tent Dedication – December** - The last surviving tent from the JCRS days was dedicated to the **Judd Family** in recognition of **Avram Judelovitz** who located the original 20-acre tract of land in the early days of JCRS. He, along with his sons was involved in the building of the Rotunda as well as the early tents. He was a trustee of the JCRS into the 1920's. It is particularly fitting to re-name this tent to honor and remember the Judd family for their efforts in the 20<sup>th</sup> century as well as today, in creating a legacy to restore the synagogue.

## 2007 Donations

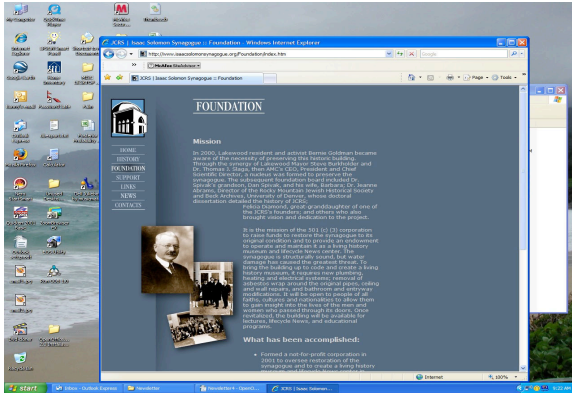
In 2007, we raised \$25,263.25 in donations from our supporters who understand the reason for restoring this early piece of Denver and Colorado history, and for which we are enormously grateful. We also received \$30,000 of in kind donations.

## Update

We are working with the architectural firm of **Oz Architecture**, specifically **Joe Levi**, whose great-grandfather, Jackson Mellman was a patient at JCRS. It is these kinds of family stories, "touchstones" that will make the synagogue restoration a reality.

## Have you visited the ISHSF website?

It gives the wonderful history of the JCRS, and the formation of the JCRS Isaac Solomon Historic Synagogue Foundation. The links contained therein will allow you to locate former patients from the JCRS Collection at the University of Denver's Penrose Library, as well as news and information regarding our accomplishments.



The address has been changed to [www.icrs-synagogue.org](http://www.icrs-synagogue.org) to make it easier to remember. However you can still access it by going to [www.isaacsolomonsynagogue.org](http://www.isaacsolomonsynagogue.org)

## Lakewood Historical Society adds Synagogue to Register of Historic Places

At the Lakewood Historical Society's annual spring luncheon on June 15, Society President, **Karen Zoltenko**, presented ISHSF founders, **Bernie and Susan Goldman**, with a certificate showing that the synagogue and tent have been placed on its Register of Historic Landmarks.

Our precious buildings are listed on the **National Register of Historic Places** (since 1980), the **Colorado Historical Society's Register** and now on the **Lakewood Historical Society's Register**. To arrange a tour of the synagogue, please call 303-987-1316. We appreciate a minimum \$150 donation per group.

We have an immediate need for board members — *and* — we can always use committee members. It is not a requirement that you live in Colorado. We have many interested parties in other locales.

**PLEASE NOTE: You can now make your donations online, safely and securely with Paypal.**

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### Donation Form

#### LEVELS OF GIVING

- ◆Diamond Level Gifts of \$50,000 or more
- ◆Ruby Level Gifts of \$10,000 or more
- ◆Garnet Level Gifts of \$1,000 or more
- ◆Sapphire Level Gifts of \$25,000 or more
- ◆Emerald Level Gifts of \$5,000 or more
- ◆Friends of the Foundation Gifts up to \$1,000

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Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make this gift \_\_\_ in honor of, or \_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Message \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to make a pledge of a gift amount to be contributed over a period of years, please use this space:

**Make check payable to: JCRS Isaac Solomon Historic Synagogue Foundation,  
1600 Pierce Street, Lakewood, CO 80214 [www.icrs-synagogue.org](http://www.icrs-synagogue.org)**

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**Pirket Avot reminds each of us, “You are not required to complete the work,  
but neither are you free to desist from it.”**

**“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to  
improve the world.” –Anne Frank**

**A visitor attended a recital and concert at the Moscovitz Auditorium. He was quite impressed with  
the architecture and acoustics. He inquired of the director of the auditorium. “Is this magnificent  
auditorium named after Chaim Moscovitz, the famous scholar?” “No,” replied the director. “It’s  
named after Sam Moscovitz, the writer.” The visitor said, “Never heard of him. What did he write?”  
The director replied, “A check!”**

**Check Writers Wanted! 😊**