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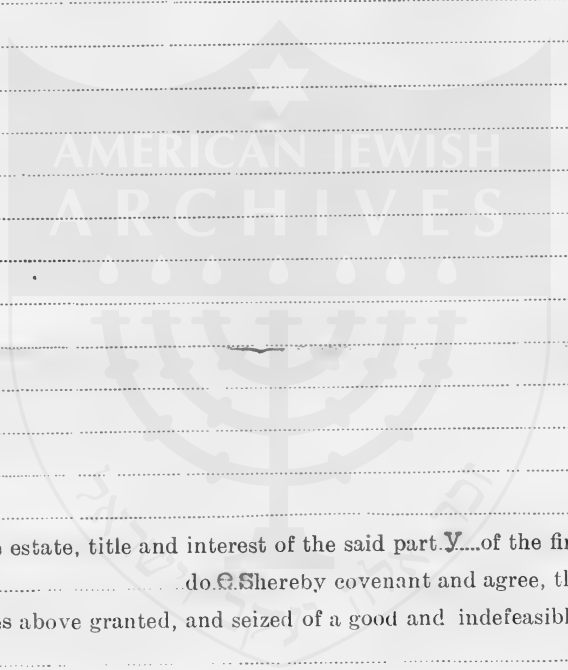
This Indenture, Made this 4th day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and thirteen, between Rose Cohen, a single woman, of lawful age,

of the County of Wyandotte and State of Kansas, of the first part, and Hulda Cohen,

of the County of Wyandotte, and State of Kansas, of the second part:

Witnesseth. That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred (\$ 500.00) Dollars,

to her duly paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has sold and by these presents do GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY to the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, all the following-described tract, piece and parcel of land, situated in the County of ~~Wyandotte, State of Kansas, to-wit: Jackson and~~ State of Missouri, to-wit; All of Lot Sixteen (16) Bend Place an addition to the city of Kansas City, (now Kansas City) Missouri, as per the recorded plat.



with the appurtenances, and all the estate, title and interest of the said party of the first part therein. And the said Rose Cohen do hereby covenant and agree, that at the delivery hereof, she is the lawful owner of the premises above granted, and seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein, free and clear of all incumbrances

and that she will WARRANT AND DEFEND the same in the quiet and peaceable possession of said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, forever, against all persons lawfully claiming the same

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

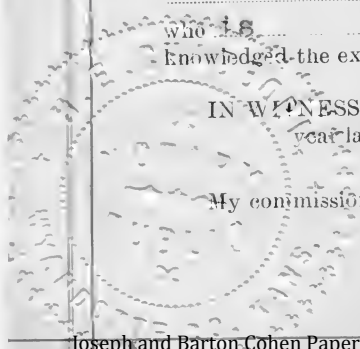
Executed and delivered in the presence of X Rose Cohen. (SEAL) (SEAL) (SEAL) (SEAL)

STATE OF KANSAS, County of Wyandotte, ss. BE IT REMEMBERED That on this 5th day of February, A. D. 1913, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, came Rose Cohen, a single woman,

who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged the execution of the same as her free act and deed

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Notarial seal, on the day and year last above written.

My commission expires Jan'y 20th 1916 Notary Public.



WARRANTY DEED

FROM

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TO

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STATE OF KANSAS, }
Wyandotte County, }

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at o'clock M., and duly recorded in

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Register of Deeds.

Fee, \$

WILLIAM BEGGS

Register of Deeds

Kansas City,

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The United States of America



District of Kansas

I, F. L. CAMPBELL, Clerk of the District Court
of the United States for the District of Kansas, do hereby certify

that JOSEPH COHEN was duly admitted
and qualified as an

**Attorney and Counselor, Solicitor,
Advocate and Proctor**

of said District Court, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 192 5.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the
seal of said Court, at my office in Kansas City
, in the First Division of said
District, this 10th day of December, A. D. 192 5

F. L. Campbell

Clerk.

Nelle Blough

Deputy Clerk.

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*This letter was written to Margaret when she was
with our daughter
just before we moved
into our new home,
2208 Wash. Blvd.,
K.C.M.*

JOSEPH COHEN
LAWYER
SUITE 710-11-12-13 HURON BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
DREXEL 1872

January 11, 1938.

Dearest:

I received your special, airmail letter early this morning and was happy beyond words to know that you arrived safely in Chicago. Your statement about the trip to Bloomington convinces me that I should insist that you come home by train. Besides the matter of safety, which is of utmost importance, you can explain to Miss Burnham that your presence is required in Kansas City next Sunday in order to attend the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lichtor. By the way, we should send them a silver anniversary present and if you want to send it to them from Chicago, their address is 3037 Highland, Kansas City, Missouri.

I am glad that you were able to get a bargain price on an apartment at this hotel. It should be very sumptuous if it is really a \$50.00 a week apartment. I would like very much to have the time to share the apartment with you.

I know that you will be happy to learn that the children are getting along all right and that Hildred was permitted to get out of bed for the first time today. In a day or two more we hope to have Miles trailing around. They are sweet and darling and seemed very thrilled when I told them about your telegram and about your letter. The house is progressing nicely and we are having delightful weather especially today. I can appreciate the many little things you have had to pass on relative to this house as three such small matters came up yesterday for my decision.

Don't shop too hard. I know your insatiable shopping ability and I know how you love it. However, do not wear yourself out but try to concentrate your shopping at the places where you can do the most good.

You have a big job to do in Chicago but it is a great solace to me to know that the job is in capable hands. What I said about always being willing to let

JOSEPH COHEN

LAWYER

SUITE 710-11-12-13 HURON BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

DREXEL 1872

Leo Brady spend my money for building purposes I
could say about you when it comes to spending money
for the house.

Give my regards to Miss Burnham.

The children and I send our love and best
wishes.



Both Sides of the Political Campaign

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Editor's Note: The Kansan is making these columns available to the Wyandotte county Republican and Democratic party organizations. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors, not of The Kansan.



By JOSEPH COHEN, Attorney

Wendell Willkie had not great wealth or family name to open up fields of opportunity for him. Such success as he achieved was the result of his own efforts and good sense. A skillful lawyer with a genuine social consciousness he soon rose to the top of a great public utility organization where he demonstrated that profits can be made by selling increased amounts of power and electricity to the public and at reduced prices.

We have a feeling that a man who can operate a private business profitably and in the public interest is the type of man who can be trusted to administer the nation's affairs properly. Just now when billions of dollars are being spent in defense preparations and when correct business principles are so necessary in their application to governmental matters the services of a successful business man are essential.

We are not unmindful of the need for other attributes of a candidate for such a high place. He must be thoroly grounded in the American attitude towards minority groups, towards religion and races. He must firmly believe in and ardently advocate the right of every man to equal opportunity in our social and business system.

At a time when many of the hatreds and prejudices of Europe are sought to be transplanted to the soil of this land, a president must have courage and forthrightness to meet the challenge. These hatreds tend to divide the people in a democracy against themselves and by so doing undermine the solidarity of the nation.

The Republican candidate for President has not given just lip service to the perpetuity of our American ideals. He showed his abhorrence of anti-American organizations while a practicing attorney at Akron, O., where he was prominent in a successful fight against the Ku Klux Klan. By word and deed his record is such as to convince even the most skeptical that he will adhere to traditional thought and action for the benefit of every segment of our population.



B'NAI B'RITH
TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

MAY 11-14, 1947

Delegate's Certificate

District Grand Lodge No. 2

This Certifies that JOSEPH COHEN
*duly qualified, has been elected a representative to the Supreme Lodge in
conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Order.*

Witness our hands and the seal of District Grand Lodge No. 2

at Cincinnati, Ohio this 23rd day of April 1947

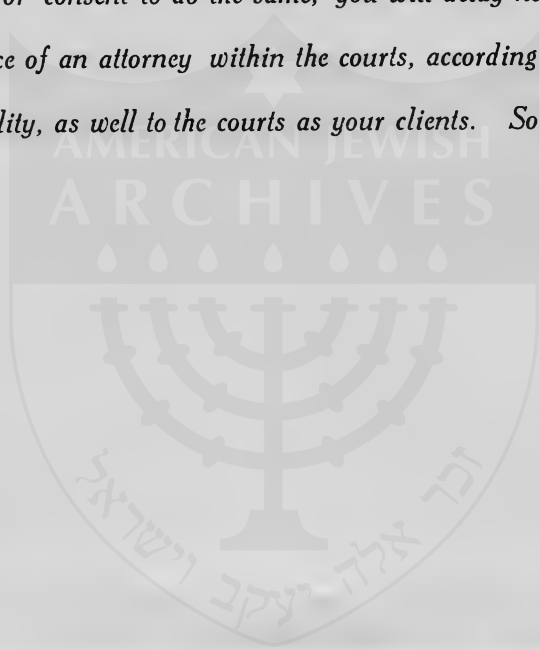
Robert Anousson
President
Leonard Treibere
1st Vice-Secretary

In the District Court of the United States

FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

OATH ADMINISTERED TO ATTORNEYS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

You do solemnly swear you will support the Constitution of the United States; you will do no falsehood, nor consent to the doing of any in court; you will not wittingly or willingly promote or sue any false, groundless, or unlawful suit, nor give aid or consent to do the same; you will delay no man for lucre or malice, but you will conduct yourself, in the office of an attorney within the courts, according to the best of your knowledge and discretion, and with all good fidelity, as well to the courts as your clients. So help you God.



United States Circuit Court of Appeals

**TENTH CIRCUIT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

Denver, Colorado,
September 9, 1940.

Mr. Joseph Cohen,
Huron Building,
Kansas City, Kansas.

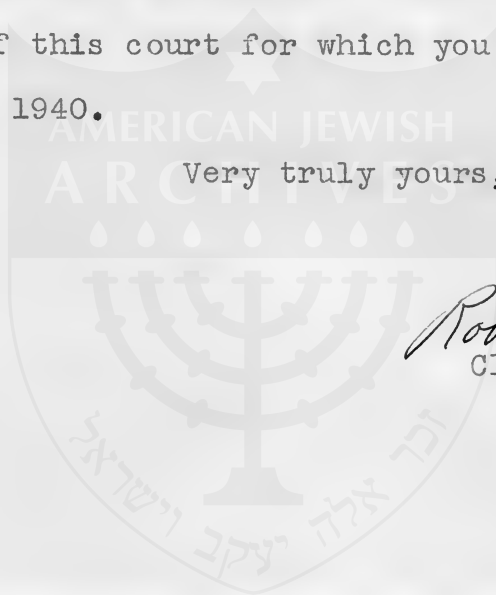
Dear Mr. Cohen:

In compliance with your request, I am
inclosing herewith a certificate of your admission
to the bar of this court for which you paid \$1.00
September 5, 1940.

Very truly yours,

Robert B. Cartwright
Clerk.

RBC: jh



UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS
TENTH CIRCUIT

I, Robert B. Cartwright, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, do hereby certify that JOSEPH COHEN, Esquire, of KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, being duly qualified, was admitted as an ATTORNEY and COUNSELOR of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit on the 5th day of September, A. D. 1940.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit at my office in Denver, Colorado, on the 9th day of September, 1940.



Robert B Cartwright
Clerk United States Circuit Court
of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

PRESTONVILLE APTS
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REALTY RENTAL CO.
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE
6527 Northwest Highway at Thackeray
Dallas 25, Texas

8/2/55

Very Confidential and Personal:

Dear Joe:

Please talk with Leo and insist that he take Esther to K. C.'s finest doctors for as thorough as possible a physical examination and Neuro Psychiatric consultation. He not be concerned about cost nor about his placing himself under any obligation to others in her regard. I shall be only to glad to pay any fees asked, and shall send Leo a signed check for him to complete payment with, so there will be no delay.

I have talked with two Dallas Psychiatrists, an internist and a gynecologist, all who Esther has visited professionally. Having no miracle cures to offer she is not only dissatisfied with them, but unladylike vicious in her denunciation of them if ever I speak their name.

These men are all concerned about her, all of the same opinion and diagnosis of her. She of course will not agree nor cooperate with them. They insist she should have treatment for her emotional instability and not resort to shots, osteopaths, or taking drinks of wine, whiskey or beer, as she is doing, or telephoning them and then not following through with appointment.

Always on her good behaviour in presence of company, you cannot know the real Esther as she is most of the time, and how much worse her condition has become.

Her newest statement during despondency, nagging and difficult tantrums as she magnifies everything is, "If it was not for need to take care of Steve, I'd kill myself", or "if something happens to me, what will become of Steve". This is said all too often and with too much pain to be only temper and meaningless. Esthers treatment and punishment of herself is becoming dangerous to herself.

Having never had opportunity and possibly never the inclination to tell Leo very much, Leo has brushed her complaints aside entirely to lightly.

The doctors here feel her menopause, if it be actually present at all, is only a minor detail which only to some slight degree might aggravate the already present emotional condition, which I know, has always been present.

Esther has been dissatisfied with her almost every visit to K. C. since we came to Dallas and especially last few years. She never wants to go to K. C., or for that matter anywhere. Last year when I insisted I'd go to Calif., with or without her, she

finally went along and made the trip quite miserable by almost returning alone from a number of points enroute, just because I would not agree, that we ought not go on. It was the same for Hildy's wedding and the recent trip to Houston. I had to practically drag her to both.

I try to soothe, reason with, encourage, and avoid being provoked by her. Probably the only reason she made this trip finally, was because the other day, I was provoked in to saying, if she was going to continue, to always speak to me with such a sullen, angry, impatient and uncivil behaviour, then I was going to begin staying away; that I would not come home evenings until her mood changed.

If my presence fosters such behaviour I should absent myself. I'm miserable to see her so unhappy and I'd give anything in this world to see her happier. She has always had her moments as far back as our beginning together, but she was darling most of the time. Now she is rarely a darling and rarely happy about anything.

Wherein have I failed, if its me, but I don't think it is.?

I know Esther is often aggravated a little that I don't show worry about much of anything, or that I don't worry about her. Frankly, I consider worry about Esther is no different than any other worry, that it can only be interpreted as lack of action. I am concerned, deeply and devotedly concerned, and therefore I wont worry. I want action, the best that is possible under the supervision of brother Leo in whom Esther will have supreme confidence, knowing that he is close and interested.

I can not get Esther to take any action here. She fears that the public will find out, or the doctors wife will talk etc. Please advise me that something will be accomplished with Esther on this trip to K. C.

Sincerely,
Love to all,

Ben
Ben

August 4, 1955

Dear Leo:

I sent Joe a confidential letter about Esther and asked that he speak with you. So that I shall not be repeating myself, please also read that letter when you visit with Joe.

On the trips Esther has made to K. C., she has promised me she would consult with you to a much greater extent than she has. She has always returned unhappy and dissatisfied with the trip and has said "Leo is so busy, he has his own problems, nobody lets me make complaint, I'm shut right up etc, no one wants to listen etc.

My darling wants to find some kind of physical nonentity or impairment that has eluded the diagnosis of other doctors, and then corrected, would cure her of the increasingly severe muscle tension pain, she experiences in her shoulders, back, neck and radiating into face.

I remember mild attacks of this nature even in our first months together. These have become progressively worse. The attacks now occur so regularly, are of such long duration and so excruciatingly painful that she seldom has a restful day.

Esther has seen the following reputable men professionally. All are honest, sincere and want to help.

Arthur P. Gottlich, gynecologist,	office Vi. 0121	resident El 4992
Stephen Weisz, neuropsychiatrist	Pr. 4719	Ju 6125
Julius Wolfram, internal med. & diag.	Vi. 0125	Fo8-7767
Don Morris, neuropsychiatrist	Un. 1243	Ju 8461

I have talked with each and they are all agreed on the following: Nervous instability, emotional depression, hasn't made good adjustment to life, magnifies her problems, worries about son, worries about husband, many other worries; and all this can be the cause for the severe muscle tension and pain.

Esther has not cooperated with any of the above. She has her own personal diagnosis for each doctor and unjustly charges them with impatience and lack of interest, only because, their medicines having not helped, she prefers not to accept their well meant further recommendations.

Wolfram, who I think she saw only once and whom I later phoned, said she had broken into a severe crying spell while in his office. When I asked what seemed to worry her, he replied everything, Steve, me, other things and oddly enough, she seemed very overly concerned about her breasts being so large. He wondered if I knew of this odd concern. I replied, No, I thought they were delightful, and had never given

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cause to think to the contrary.

Finding nothing physically wrong, Wolfram recommended her to see Don Morris, a university staff man, capable, an instructor, and ~~not~~ long in private practice, age past 40. Wolfram was amazed when later I told ~~him~~ ~~Esther~~ him Esther decided Ross was too young and she would not return.

She told me she felt she knew more than Ross. For that matter, she had earlier said the same about Weisz when Gottlich sent her to him about 4½ years ago. I went along the first time. Since then she has visited Weisz a number of times at very widely spaced intervals, and all too few visits to be considered cooperation. Weisz feels he has exhausted medication and psychotherapy methods of giving her relief and recommends shock treatment.

Ross, last night said, she is definitely not a case for shock treatment, but needs medication and considerable psychotherapy.

Leo, I have talked with each of these ^{four doctors} ~~men~~ and told each, that you shall phone him. You may possibly feel this is unnecessary, but nothing less will satisfy me. Please phone. Call person to person, talk as long as necessary. I shall be only too happy to pay the bill, and herewith enclose my signed check for you to fill out in the amount required to reimburse after phone calls have been completed.

Please follow that, by seeing to it that Esther gets a most thorough physical examination and neuropsychiatric consultation, to the end that she will realize the truth about herself and be resigned to the fact that she must cooperate ~~faithfully~~ in faithfully submitting to whatever treatment you decide on. Esther has always had implicit faith in you and should therefore abide by your judgment. Please take her to Mayos or to Menningers if you wish. Advise and I'll send expenses in advance.

I'd do all this for my sister, if her husband wrote like this to me. Accordingly, and with my love for Esther, I feel it my duty to ask this of you. Please understand that I do not want to take advantage of your professional status to any extent that might possibly obligate you to others by asking favors. I am ready to pay any and all costs and whatever fee is asked for any care or professional service rendered. I don't expect guarantees nor miracles, but I do expect and request study and action, and Esther's faithful adherence to whatever routine type of treatment you select.

Life is too short to be bothered with worries. Worry and fear generally become groundless in the face of any planned action to combat them.

August 4, 1955

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There is an interesting article , Fear Strikes Out, page 181, the current August 1955 Readers Digest. Esther has read many of this sort of thing, but evidently it takes much more than reading for some. She wont take any action in Dallas, for fear people will hear about it, or see her visiting the doctors etc. Yet she has recited to many names of other girls here, who have or are going through, similiar experiences.

Before her leaving, I told Esther I would write or talk with you, so she should be anticipating your help this time. Of course she don't know at all what I'd write, but I beleive she does know that I'd ask for nothing less than full measure.

Thanking you for everything, and with regards and Love to all, I am,

Your devoted brother in law,

Ben

Ben

8/4/55

Joe:

I attach + send the enclosed so you will know I had written Leo before about Esther.

The letter was not acknowledged so I judged it wisest for me to not speak of it, when later I saw him.

I do suppose he got the letter, but now I wonder.

February 25, 1951

Dear Leo:

Esther brags on you so, that your reluctance to hear her out when she was in K. C., and the "forget about it" brush off reply you gave her when she complained, sent her back to Dallas very very crushed and unhappy.

When you called last week, your rather curt handling of her over the phone, with your reply to her complaint "Yes, I've heard that before", has left her very miserable again. It was once a time, when seeing you or just talking with you gave Esther a tremendous lift but now?

I don't propose to lecture you on family relations or human behaviour, but I do have three sisters of my own, and I might say Esther complains no more than they do. Since they are not as financially well off as Esther I believe they even complain a bit more. I do hear them out when I see them or talk with them by phone, even if it does often seem a waste of time and expense to me. But my listening and little comment whatever it might be does seem to help them a bit. At least I am grateful that they think talking with their brother has made them ~~xxxx~~ feel a bit happier.

Maybe I'm mellowing with age or the responsibilities of this new vocation, but I think I have learned to be thankful enough for my good health to be more patient and tolerant of those who complain and are lonesome. Esther no longer so readily accuses me of lack of sympathy and impatience and I don't like her feeling that way about you.

Next time you call, please reverse the charges and let Esther talk to you as long as she desires. I don't mind the cost because it will lift her spirits.

Not meaning any offense, and hoping this finds all the family in good health and best of spirits, and with love to all,
from all,

Sincerely,

Ben

SURRENDER

Death holds no sting for me
Only sweet surcease of pain from my body
And of the pain of compassion for my friends in travail that I share
And of the pain in the eyes of my loved ones I cannot bear.
Perhaps 'tis a little early that on my journey I must start
And from my dear ones it is so hard to part
But I have loved every moment on this wonderous earth
A privilege it has been to share in its beauty, in its romance, in its mirth.

Yes, death holds no fear for me
For soon a part of the whole universe I'll be.
God is waiting, his pinions open wide
And, there under his sheltering wings I will abide.
How sweet was life with my dear ones all.
Sweet passion, sweet love, sweet companionships I recall.

So, death will hold no sting for me
As long as man seeks destruction of humanity.
If he would open his heart and treat men like brothers
And search only for the good that he could do to others.

Death, thy sting will be
A sweet release to me.
It will be as a refreshing gentle rain from the sky;
As the penetrating warmth of the sun from on high,
Or like the glow of a sunset over the crest of a mountain
Or the fragrance of flowers that grow by a fountain.
For all these, for my beloved ones, for my dear friends, I am grateful to God
above
And thank Him for His eternal love.

—Margaret Pollock Cohen



Mr Joseph Cohen
711 Huron Bldg
Kansas City, Mo.

A vintage Valentine's card with a pink heart and red roses. The heart contains the text "Valentine Greetings, SWEETHEART". The card is decorated with several red roses and buds on green stems. The background is white with a faint watermark. The card is framed by a red border.

Valentine
Greetings,
SWEETHEART

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES



Thinking of you all the time,
Each moment, everywhere:
Living over happy hours
That we so gladly share;
Holding ever in my heart
The things
you say and do,
And knowing
all my happiness
Begins and ends
with you!

With love from your
adoring wife Margaret
Hedy, Nels & Barton





Certificate No.

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Rose Hill Cemetery

OF THE

Congregation B'nai Jehudah

Situate in Jackson County, Missouri

Whereas, The Congregation B'nai Jehudah of Kansas City, Missouri, has sold unto
----- JOSEPH COHEN -----

a certain lot of
ground in their Rose Hill Cemetery, marked on the ground plan of said Cemetery as
two graves Lot No. 123 Grave s 6 and 10 in Section 2

Now This Certificate Witnesseth,

That in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred and ----- 00/100 Dollars
to it in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, it has appropriated the said
two graves Lot No. 123 Grave s 6 and 10 in Section 2
as a perpetual burial place for the purchaser and for members of his family unto the said
Joseph Cohen and his heirs

To Have and to Hold Title Thereto,

Subject to the Constitution, By-Laws, Taxation, Rules and Regulations now existing in
reference to said cemetery, and subject, also, to all Rules, Regulations, By-Laws, Resolu-
tions and mode of taxation hereafter to be passed in reference to said cemetery, and to the
faithful observance of which the said Joseph Cohen
by the acceptance hereof, binds himself and his heirs forever,

In Witness Whereof, The President and Secretary of The Congregation B'nai Jehudah
have hereunto appended their names and affixed the corporate
seal of said Congregation at Kansas City, Missouri, the ninth
----- day of May 1958

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TELEPHONE: WAbash 3-9220

May 19, 1958

Mr. Joseph Cohen
6301 Belinder Road
Kansas City 15, Missouri

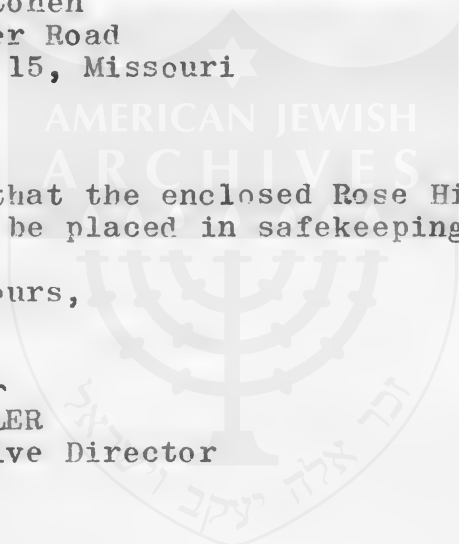
Dear Joe:

We suggest that the enclosed Rose Hill Cemetery Certificate be placed in safekeeping.

Sincerely yours,



FRANK J. ADLER
Administrative Director



October 7, 1964

Barton Blot

Ann Arbor, Mich

Dear Barton:

I will not repeat in this letter the things I have said to your brother, Irwin, in a letter which I have just mailed to him, a copy of which I enclose herewith. It is self-explanatory and it covers much of the ground that I would cover in this letter.

I do not intend to diminish in the least your great love and respect for your father. I knew him well over a period of many years and regarded him highly as a friend, community worker and business executive. I know too that he had a high regard for me as shown by the fact that he personally requested me to serve on the Oakwood Country Club Board during his term as President. I had to decline due to the fact that other commitments at that time made further expansion of my community service impossible.

I have always held in high esteem your mother and the two sons which she and your father reared so beautifully. My own children have always shared my good appraisal of the worthwhileness of the Blond family.

More than a year has passed since your father died. Without making a public spectacle of her grief and with becoming dignity your mother has lived alone in the big house that was the family home except for the summer months when Irwin was around.

I can tell you from experience that your mother's position has not been an enviable one. When I first took her out to dinner last January and for months thereafter, I realized

the depth of her love and feeling for your father. Though she apologized for mentioning his name so frequently in our conversations, I never discouraged these recollections because I too was happily married for 31 years and one does not quickly forget, if ever, the happy and some not-so-happy experiences of such a period.

I know you have resented the fact that she went out to dinner with Nathan Reiger a short period after your father's death and that you were outraged at the fact that she entertained him to dinner one night at her home.

She has explained this to me satisfactorily and I would have understood her motivations anyway. Mr. Reiger had been a friend of your parents for many years and they had done their banking at his bank. He too had suffered a tragic bereavement in the loss of his wife. He is a man of standing in the community and no one need ever apologize for being seen with Mr. Reiger at any time or any place.

I grant you that it is debatable as to whether or not the amenities of a period of mourning are fulfilled if one is seen out in the company of the opposite sex too soon after a great loss. That you should be shocked is quite understandable to me.

You are now a married, mature man about to enter the practice of a noble profession. Your mother is entitled to the benefit of every doubt, and to fair consideration by you and she is not to be excoriated or made a pariah because of what you consider to have been an error of judgment on her part.

Your legal training would compel you to judge her not by one or two incidents but to judge her whole character, conduct and behavior over a lifetime. If she has been a good mother to you, a good wife to your father and a good citizen in the community, she is entitled to have the love and respect of both of her sons. To reject her because of some feeling of great loyalty to your father's memory, praiseworthy as that may be, is to honor the dead at tremendous cost to the living. There certainly is nothing

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incompatible between revering your father's memory and giving to your mother the love and respect which she has earned and to which she is entitled. Anything else would not meet the standards that you would want to be judged by.

I will not come into your mother's life as an intruder. She and I have mutual love and respect for each other and when we are married it will not be at the expense of our good memories of the past, nor should it be a marriage that will bring anything but luster to the memory of those who have gone beyond and to our families that are here to share our joy.

As I said to Irwin, I do not intend to come into your life to replace or in anywise diminish the love which you hold for your father. I would like to have your friendship and good will. I would like to feel too that there is a real bond of love between your mother and her children to whom she has given so much.

Your mother has sold her home but will not give possession to the buyers until January 1. You will be able to get from the home any of your belongings and possessions during the Christmas holidays which you will spend, I hope, in Kansas City, or you can obtain these possessions at any time without allowing your visit here to interfere with your school work.

Barton, you must live your life as you see fit. Your mother must do likewise. It is certainly understandable that mother and son will not always see eye to eye on all matters. This is normal and is expected. She cannot direct your life and you cannot hope to direct hers. I would hope "that people can disagree without being disagreeable." Life is always more cheerful and livable if we emphasize our points of agreement and de-emphasize our points of disagreement. In other words "accentuate the positive".

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Our home will be open to you, Ann and your family at all times. We want you to help share our joys and we want to be permitted to share yours. You may not now understand everything that I have said above but I give you a written guarantee that in a few more years, with experience and maturity, you will look upon the contents of this letter with complete comprehension.

I trust you and Ann are enjoying Ann Arbor, that the law studies are not too exhausting and that you are enjoying campus life to the fullest.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH COHEN

JC:nh

October 5, 1964

Irwin Blond
Spencer Phillips House
Williams College
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Irwin:

I find this a rather hard letter to write because it is so personal and I am not sure that you have the present maturity to fully understand it. I know that in due time in the passing years this letter will be more meaningful than it is now. I have known your parents before you were born and I have always had a high regard for them and the wonderful sons they reared. I had hoped that before this last summer passed you and I might have gotten better acquainted. However, the stress of your school work and extracurricular activities made this impossible.

I know that both you and Barton were devoted to your father and that you cherish his memory very deeply. This is as it should be and you would not be the kind of sons you are if you were otherwise. My children, too, went through a period of adjustment following the death of their mother after 31 years of married life. They were older than you when their mother died. When I contracted my second ill-fated marriage, however, they were old enough to appreciate that it is difficult and lonesome to go it alone after one has had a happy marriage. They did all in their power to make the second marriage a happy one for me, but circumstances were such as to make that an impossibility.

I have been going with your mother quite steady since about March 1 when I returned from my Mediterranean cruise. She is an unusual, capable, emotionally mature person and she has struggled hard to prevent her children or anyone else from knowing how sad and lonesome it is to

make the adjustment from marriage to widowhood. Only one who has experienced such an adjustment can appreciate how bravely she has faced her task and carried on.

As you must know, our friendship has ripened and we have decided that from the broken parts we would form one home which we think can be a happy and fulfilling one for both of us.

She has sold her beautiful home into which she and your father poured not only a substantial sum of money but their very heart and mind. It was sold because she and I are planning on a December marriage. Even without marriage, I am satisfied that she could not have lived alone in that home too long as it would be far too risky not to mention the large expenses involved. We are now looking for a home in the Mission Hills or Indian Hills district and they are not easy to find but we are confident that something will show up.

It is lamentable that your father had to be taken away from you at such a young age. I wish it were possible to bring him back so that he, along with your mother, might share the joy of seeing their sons grow to worthwhile manhood, but all of us know that it is forelorn to hope for such an eventuality "from that undiscovered bourne from which no traveler returns".

I am very fond of you, Irwin. I do not say that I will in anywise replace your father in your affections, nor would I want to. When your mother and I are married, I would hope that I would have your friendship and good wishes. There will always be a room in our home for you to occupy as long and as often as you desire and our home will be open to you and to Barton and his wife to take advantage of to the same extent and with the same freedom as you have always had in the home occupied by your father and mother.

I have reared a family of which I am proud. My children think I am a good advisor. They come to me frequently with their problems. Young people, though self-sufficient and bright, often have problems which loom big to them but

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which older people have already experienced and solved. I hope that I may earn your confidence to such an extent that you will in the future feel free and desirous of discussing matters with me.

Because of the emotional relationship which often exists between a son and a mother or a daughter and a father, the psychology has invented the terminology of Oedipus complex for the former and Electra complex for the latter. I do not know what terminology is used where there is excessive adoration between a son and a father which even transcends the grave. You must guard against developing any complexes which cause you emotional distress. Ordinary parental love is normal. Excessive adoration can make your adjustment distressing. I urge you to adopt a healthy attitude of love and loyalty to the memory of your father but do not permit it to become so strong that it interferes with your ability to appreciate your mother's great part in your life and in the home which she provided for you and your family.

I hope you are finding your school work not too hard and that you are enjoying your second year of college and all the activities which your school offers both in sports and in culture.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH COHEN

JC:nh



Irwin F. Blond
Williams College
Williamstown, Mass.

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Although I think that it was my mother's responsibility to inform me of your coming marriage, I want you to know that I do appreciate the letter which I received from you.

I am grateful for your offer, allowing me to live in your home but I cannot see living with any man but my own father. I am sorry but that is the way I feel.

I want to thank you for the kind way in which you have treated my mother. I hope that



Irwin E. Bond
Williams College
Williamstown, Mass.

you both have a happy
marriage and that in the future
we might become better acquainted.

Respectfully Yours,

Irwin E. Bond.





Mr. Joseph Cohen
Floor Seven, Huron Building
Kansas City,
Kansas 66101

Air Mail

CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT

(TO BE ATTACHED TO GROUP CERTIFICATE)

Group Life Insurance Policy No. G-6753

Policyholder: **AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that, effective on and after March 10, 1971, in accordance with the terms of the above described policy, as amended, the "SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS" for Insureds and Dependents appearing in the certificate is amended by the addition thereto of the following:

(Commencing on and after the effective date of this amendment the above amounts of insurance shall be increased by 10% and such increase shall be provided without any additional premium charge. In no event, however, shall such increase continue in effect after March 9, 1972.)

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Jacques W. Sammet
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ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY JURY AWARDS \$ _____ TO JOSEPH COHEN'S CLIENT
IN A SLANDER AND LIBEL CASE AGAINST LOCAL DOCTOR. LARGEST VERDICT
EVER IN TORT CASE.

JANUARY, 1970

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR DOCKING AS A MEMBER OF KANSAS COMMISSION ON
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONTINUES TO SERVE.

OCTOBER, 1971

ROSEDALE STATE BANK MOVES INTO NEW BUILDING AT 3500 RAINBOW BOULEVARD.
GOVERNOR DOCKING AND MAYOR WALSH PARTICIPATE AT GRAND OPENING
CEREMONIES. CAPITAL AND SURPLUS NOW \$ _____,
DEPOSITS \$ _____.

MARCH 23, 1972

HUSBAND OF MARJORIE.
FATHER OF BART, MILES & HILDY HOFFMAN.
FATHER-IN-LAW TO ANN, _____.
GRANDFATHER OF TOM, MARGO, RUTH, MATTHEW COHEN AND MIKE,
MARTHA, SUSIE & ANDY HOFFMAN.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS OF ROSEDALE STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY
AND METCALF STATE BANK.
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE.
MEMBER KANSAS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOSEPH COHEN, Kansas City, Kansas

Born March 23, 1902, Kansas City, Missouri. Moved to Kansas City, Kansas at the age of two. Attended University of Kansas and University of Colorado. Obtained LLB Degree at University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Prior to entering practice of law in 1925, was a newspaper reporter for The Kansas City Star seven years.

Now married to Marjorie Blond Cohen. Three children by his first marriage to Margaret Pollock Cohen, deceased: Barton P. Cohen, who got his A.B. Degree at Yale in 1952 and his LLB Degree at Harvard Law School, now practicing law in Overland Park, Kansas; Hildred D. Hoffman, a graduate of UMKC, BS and University of Kansas MSS, now practicing transactional analysis in Kansas City; and Miles A. Cohen, AB from University of Pennsylvania, now Vice President of Stern Brothers Investment Co., Kansas City, Missouri. Both sons are past presidents of Beth Horon Lodge #599, B.B., and still active as lodge officers, Barton as treasurer and Miles is now serving a second term as president to which he was drafted.

President, District Grand Lodge No. 2, B'nai B'rith, 1933-34. Organized the District No. 2 Women's Lodge while president of the men's district lodge. Past President, Greater Kansas City Jewish Welfare Federation and Council and one of the organizers and now a member of its Board of Governors and one of its past campaign chairmen.

One of the Organizers of and past president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Assn.

One of the Organizers of and past president of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society.

A past president of Wyandotte County Bar Association.

Former member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a past member of its Board of Governors.

One of the Organizers and past campaign chairman and past president of the United Community Campaign of Kansas City, Kansas.

Served on the national commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for more than 35 years and on its National Executive Committee and is former National Vice Chairman of the League and a former National Chairman of the National Community Service Committee of the League. At the last annual meeting of the League when he retired from the National Commission he was elected a Life Member of the Commission.

Past member of the Board of Trustees of Temple B'nai Jehudah, Kansas City, Missouri, and honorary member of the Board of Congregation Ohev Sholom, Prairie Village, Kansas.

Biographical Sketch of Joseph Cohen

Chairman of the Board of Rosedale State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas.

Chairman of the Board of Metcalf State Bank, Overland Park, Kansas.

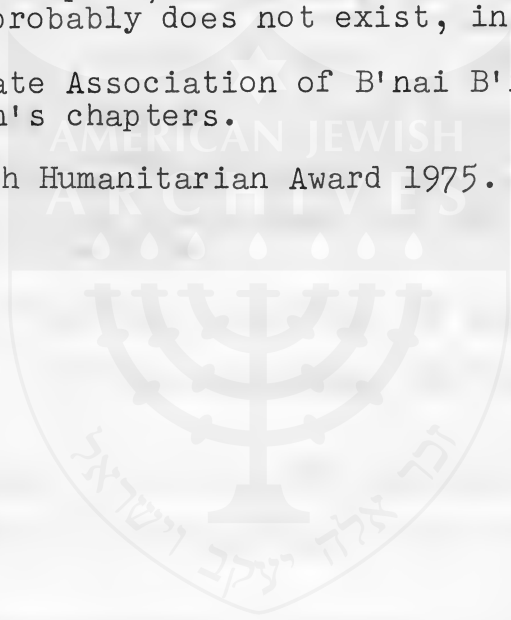
Recipient of the B'nai B'rith Interfaith Award by Kansas City, Kansas Lodge; selected as the Jewish honoree in 1963 by the Kansas City, Missouri chapter of the National Conference of Christians & Jews.

Served on the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights for 4 years under appointment by the Governor of Kansas to administer a law he helped to get enacted.

When the Order of A.Z.A. was new, organized two chapters, one in Kansas City, Kansas named Nordaunian Chapter, which is still in existence, and B'nai Jehudah Chapter, which probably does not exist, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Organized the Kansas State Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges and the Kansas State B'nai B'rith Women's chapters.

Recipient of B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award 1975.



Marie Schenker

Schatz picked up by Mr Gold 10-4-76

Percy Osborne OK

Sesly to Jack May

Heathwood + City Oil picked up

Jim Shordell

Shore + Mosler OK

Armaurdale Fern. OK

Georgia Goodmond

Lady Baltimore Pick up

B. Bleumenthal OK

Belding Lily

Morris Singer

Ray Jenkins ~~OK~~ pick up

Comm'l Nat'l Bk Re: Fiddler picked up 10-5-76

Tom Whaler

Shirley Levine OK.

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My first clear memory goes back to the days when we lived at 418 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, in a two story commercial building where we had our dry goods store on the first floor and lived in rooms on the second floor. My first recollection of that rather crude housing was of quarters that had no bath or inside plumbing.

Accordingly, living in a household with five children meant that we used an outside facility for sanitary purposes and when we took baths we had to heat our bath water on our stove and we used a portable bathtub which stood up in a little room awaiting use.

My father, Barnett Cohen, was born in Russian Poland and had come to Kansas City because he had two brothers living here, Morris and Lable Cohn (that's the way they spelled their name), who lived in Kansas City, Missouri. Uncle Morris was the older of the two uncles that I recall and Uncle Lable must have been only a bit younger than he. As a child the family went to visit the uncles who lived nearby each other around 19th or 20th and Woodland. Some of their children were of the same age as we were and several of them were older. Uncle Morris had children named Louis, David, Myer, Jenny (Smith) and Lena (Rope). Uncle Lable's wife was Bessie or Aunt Bossle and they had a big family, namely Meyer (who died at an early age of a malignancy), one child (who married a first cousin of Henry Cohen's), Sarah, Jenny (Mallin), Rose (Tallman), and Sam Cohn (now in the real estate business in Kansas City, Missouri), and Ben Cohen.

Among my preschool recollections and perhaps the earliest of my recollections is a time when I broke my leg, and I can't even remember how that occurred, and I was confined to bed in a small room at the southwest corner of our second floor living quarters. My father was always a religious man and went to synagogue regularly on

Sabbath evening (Friday) and Sabbath day (Saturday). He was instrumental in organizing a congregation which met in our upstairs front livingroom next to the little room where I was confined. Those who came for religious services on the Sabbath and on holidays, as I recall, came in and talked to me briefly.

My next early recollection is of being sent to register in the first grade at Everett School, then located near 4th and Everett Avenue, about 416 Everett in Kansas City, Kansas.

Personal hygiene was then coming into vogue in the public schools and I can recall the teacher telling us how important it was to brush our teeth. From that lesson I started a habit of brushing my teeth daily which became a life-long habit. Prior to the teacher's suggestion about the need for keeping one's mouth and teeth clean there had been very little talk in our family about the use of toothbrushes or toothpaste.

I can recall how proud my twin brother, Lou, and I were to get all dressed up to start school. In fact, we had tried to go to school the year before but the teacher told us we were not qualified because of age, so we had to wait another year. There were no kindergardens in those days, at least none in our school. I was always complimented by my parents on the good grades I got at school and that gave me the idea that I must always succeed if not for myself at least to please them. In fact, I really never had any difficulty with school work. Throughout grade school, high school and college as well as law school I was able to earn better than average grades. In fact, when I really got motivated, which was in high school, my grades were usually near the top.

In those days the 400 block was composed of a Jewish colony of small merchants who conducted their business on the first floor and

if there was a second floor they lived upstairs and if there was no second floor they lived in quarters behind the space devoted to commercial enterprises. The 400 block Jews were the poor entrepreneurs who had saved a small amount of money with which to start their businesses. They lived frugally, attended synagogue and encouraged their children to obtain an education.

As I think of these early friends who were at the bottom of the economic ladder and fighting rung by rung to reach a better position, I think of the Berkowitz family whose two sons became physicians and the Ida Abrams family whose children became a lawyer (Al) and three pharmacists (Harry, John and a daughter).

As near as I can calculate my father and mother must have both come to Kansas City, Missouri in about 1890, she from Berlin, Germany. Their first home was somewhere near 18th and Vine in Kansas City, Missouri and all of the children were born in Kansas City, Missouri, with the exception of my sister, Dorothy who was born in Kansas City, Kansas, and my half-sister, Reva Krockover Cohen who likewise was born in Kansas City, Kansas.

My eldest sister, Rose, was married at the age of 18 years, to Jacob Eichenberg. She was a talented musician who played the piano very well, sang with a very good voice and who wrote music. In the early days of the silent motion pictures I can recall she played the piano in one of the nickelodeans in the 500 block on the south side of Minnesota Avenue, about 517 Minnesota, and was paid \$3.00 or \$4.00 a week. She was a tempestuous person conforming to no pattern, essentially anti-social, who enjoyed her music and who would read books of fiction hours and hours at a time throughout most of the night. I recall ^{that each afternoon} she gave me five cents to go to the candy store for her and buy

her candy, mostly licorice, which she would chew all night as she read. Needless to say my mother and she were in constant conflict and the arguments between them as my mother tried to bring some order out of her life is something I remember well. When my father died in August, 1911, leaving her the beneficiary of a \$1,000.00 life insurance policy much argument arose because my mother was sure that father had never intended to prefer her but had named her as the beneficiary before he got around to changing the beneficiary clause of the policy after his other children were born. I recall that Rose worked for Emery, Bird & Thayer as a clerk and got the usual \$3.00 a week in wages. At Christmas time her employer gave all the employees a can of oysters. My father, who was very Orthodox in his belief and insisted on a kosher home being kept with all the mosaic dietary laws fulfilled, opposed very much the opening of this can of oysters at our home. At that time my Aunt Jenny Mamlock of San Antonio, Texas, was visiting and she wanted the oysters because she did not obey the mosaic laws and I can recall that there was quite a fracas over that incident. Aunt Jenny was a peculiar woman anyway in many ways. She was a beautiful woman and had been married two or three times which was unusual for those days. She ran a small men's furnishings store and about every five years visited her family in Germany, living a very frugal life in between. However, she did have one luxury which my father did not appreciate and that was she came to Kansas City about once a year and lived in our crowded home and went daily to take the hot baths at the Rosedale Bathhouse and hot springs at the south end of Mill Street in the Rosedale area. She, like many Germans, believed in the health spas as a means of retaining good health.

My father was a sickly man. A tailor by trade he had contracted tuberculosis which made it impossible for him to work. Eventually he went to the Jewish Consumptive Relief Hospital in Denver without getting relief or a cure and came back in the summer of 1911 and died about August 27, 1911.

As a boy of 9 years attending the funeral of his father, I can recall the comments that were made concerning the fact that this was a motorized hearse. People lamented the fact that now funerals were over so fast and the dead were buried almost before they had cooled off due to the rapid transit facilities of the automobile. Actually, my mother had operated the store alone for several years due to my father's illness and there was no perceptible change in management with his passing. I was impressed with the fact that my mother had done a total of \$12.00 worth of sales in the business the day after the funeral when she opened for business. This apparently was a large volume of business for that little store.

I can also recall going to visit my uncles after Father's death. One Sunday when we were visiting Uncle Morris I was standing with him when he was talking to a person who asked who the woman was that was talking to my Aunt. It happened to be my Mother. He told the man that my mother was his deceased brother's widow but that my father had left my mother well off. Because he had so little he apparently thought that the store and the building where the business was carried on at 418 Minnesota and an equity in a small house in the 1400 block on Brooklyn, which constituted my father's total estate, was a considerable fortune which my mother had inherited. She had also inherited five children, all of whom were of school age, except

my two oldest sisters, Rosè and Esther, who were under 18 years of age and who had modest jobs.

My sister, Esther, however, was regarded as the most personable and brightest of the girls. She had a job as a bookkeeper in a large junk yard at or near State Line and Central Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. Possessed of a radiant and cheerful disposition she had many friends and many suitors. At the age of 18 she married Ben Arenson who was a handsome, ambitious young man who operated a dance hall at what was called the Rainbow Rink at the northeast corner of 5th and Armstrong where the Holiday Inn is now located. With her help he later developed a chain of three or four tobacco and sundry stores in downtown Kansas City which thrived for awhile due to my sister's hard work and personality and which faded out as business declined. Ben seemed never able thereafter to arouse any ambition and he went from one job to another with little success. However, he was a fine family man, father and husband, beloved by his children and his wife even though his support of them was very meager. Even in the face of adversity Esther's happy disposition never left her and she was able to laugh and apparently enjoy herself even though she didn't know where her or her family's next meal was coming from. They had 13 children, 2 who died in infancy, 11 of whom survived to adulthood and 10 of whom are still living. When Esther died at the age of 77, about 2 years ago, following a stroke which she had while visiting some of her children in Californis, she left a family of hard working children each of whom was working hard and earning a good living but none of whom had succeeded in accumulating much of this world's goods. These children adored her, came to visit her frequently while she was confined to a bed at the Home For Jewish Aged in Kansas

City, Missouri, not even able to recognize them.

My sister, Rose, had a different disposition. After her husband filed suit for divorce against her she refused to reconcile and obtained her divorce, refused alimony and support money and attempted to raise her children alone. However, I am sure that the children's father helped out as much as she would allow him to do. That was her way of showing that she could get along without her husband's help. I learned about her death through a telephone call from one of the children who said she had passed on and that they were waiting for me to come tell them what to do. I drove in my car to the home on St. John where she lived and when I saw that she had passed on we called the funeral home and arranged for the funeral.

I lead a carefree life as a child. My twin brother and I were constant companions during the early part of my grade school years. Then we sort of drew apart. He was transferred to another school for disciplinary purposes and from that time on we did not have the companionship as before. He was a fat, oversized boy whose personality was probably affected by the fact that he was too corpulent to fit into ordinary clothes and wore long pants when the rest of the boys his age were wearing what were called "knickerbockers" or knee length pants which fitted over long stockings. He quit school before he had finished the 8th grade and went to work in the transient or bookkeeping department of the Commercial National Bank where he was recognized as a hard, diligent worker.

He and I were both newsboys. He sold the Kansas City Star at 6th and Minnesota and I sold the Star at 5th and Minnesota. We hopped the streetcars and went through them to sell our papers and then jumped off as the car went on its way. I can't remember how old

I was when I first started selling newspapers but my guess is that I was probably not over 9 or 10 years old. The Star courted its newsboys. It had gatherings of the newsboys and yells at these gatherings and bought them a dinner at a downtown hotel at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Mr. William Kelly was the circulation manager of the Star in Kansas City, Kansas and he was particularly fond of me and I was fond of him. He wanted somebody to sell newspapers at noon and he persuaded me to permit myself to be picked up at noon as school was dismissed for the noon recess. As we marched out in line each noon I was permitted to break line and run to his car so that he could drive me to Minnesota Avenue where I would cover the restaurants and business houses and sell what newspapers I could, run home and get a bite to eat and get back to school by the time it convened at 1:15. Perhaps that is where I learned how to eat so fast.

I recall that the student bodies of a number of the schools in the downtown area of Kansas City were permitted to join in a parade on behalf of fund raising for the completion of the YMCA building at 8th and Armstrong. For years there had stood at this corner an unfinished building which was a mocking monument to the inability of the community to furnish sufficient funds for its completion. As a boy in the second or third grade at Everett School the teacher suggested that all of us were to be prepared to join a parade of schoolchildren who were going to march on Minnesota Avenue in support of the efforts to obtain money for building purposes. And, the teacher suggested that we try to compose some slogans or yells that might be used in the parade by our class. As a newsboy I had been exposed to a yell that the newsboys gave at Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners which the Kansas City Star furnished at a downtown

Kansas City, Missouri hotel (I believe the Savoy Hotel was one of the places where we dined in what to me was great luxury). The yell went as follows:

"Newsboys, newsboys, we are they.
We are the newsboys from K.C.K."

I paraphrased this yell to read as follows and it was adopted as our class yell for the parade:

"Schoolboys, schoolboys, we are they.
We are the schoolboys for the YMCA."

Fortunately for the community sufficient funds were contributed and the building was completed and has been in use continuously since. The YMCA has been an excellent force for good in our community and I look back with pride at having made a minuscule contribution.

I was graduated from Everett School in May of 1915 in graduation exercises that were held at the First Presbyterian Church, then located at 6th and Everett. I was selling newspapers at the time and continued to do so when I enrolled in the Kansas City, Kansas High School at the beginning of the September, 1915 term. The high school was then located at the northwest corner of 9th and Minnesota Avenue until the building was destroyed by fire in about 1936.

I always loved athletics of almost every kind but my ability as an athlete never measured up to my enthusiasm for sports.

The high school principal, W. A. Bailey, had just started in his position in the year of my enrollment. We became good friends and I revered his ability and friendliness as long as he lived. Coincidentally, he stayed on as Principal of the high school during the entire four years of my attendance and he left the field of education in 1919 shortly after our class was graduated to become the General Business Manager of the Kansas City Kansan which was then

opening for business as a 'Capper publication after a great effort had been made by the community's leadership to get a daily newspaper established.

Football had been abolished as a high school sport since the days of the race riots in the early part of the century which had caused the School Board, with the approval of Negro leadership, to obtain legislative consent to segregate the white students into the Kansas City, Kansas high school and the black students into a school of their own known as Sumner High School. Though I never participated in football and in fact had never seen a football game until I went to high school, I believe I attended almost every game that the school played. Football players such as Captain Claude Wilson, Colleph Shaw and others were my heroes in those days.

High school was a thrill and a constant source of joy to me. When I started to high school we were living in the bedroom quarters above our store at 418 Minnesota Avenue and I would walk from there to school, always in a hurry and always just in time with few seconds to spare. Although I had been a good student of arithmetic in grade school I seemed to have had more trouble with algebra and geometry than any other subjects and I have wondered since high school days why these should have proven so difficult. Probably I should take the blame myself but I have solaced myself by thinking that, maybe, the teachers were not too expert in communicating their subjects. Of course, I made passing grades in every subject, including mathematics and sciences, but I was never at ease with these last two subjects. My best subjects were history, social sciences, economics and literature. I took public speaking under Mr. Nye who was an indolent person who gave good grades for little effort. I proved to be one of his

favorites because I loved to memorize poetry and parts of Shakespeare's plays and recite them in class much to his delight because he was himself a very fine Shakespearean actor. I took a class in salesmanship under Mr. O. W. Breidenthal, who considered me one of his brighter students and who predicted that I would be an outstanding success in any field of salesmanship or persuasion. After living a long life I would have to say that whatever talent I had along that line, buttressed by hard work and research, has proven to be of great value to me.

When the United States entered World War I by a declaration of war on April 6, 1917, I was a sophomore in high school. I had changed my occupation from that of a newsboy selling newspapers on the streets and in restaurants to being a news carrier having succeeded in getting a route assigned to me by the Kansas City, Kansas office of the Kansas City Post. The route extended from 5th Street on the west to the Missouri River on the east and from Richmond on the south to Waverly on the north. The Post was an afternoon newspaper which fitted into my school program quite well. The only morning paper which it circulated was its Sunday edition which was delivered to the carriers about 3:00 A.M. and which I delivered to my customers usually before daybreak. It seems to me that I had about 100 customers when I took over the route and when I gave it up in the early part of 1918 I had about 150 customers. I felt like a prosperous businessman because I was required to deal with my customers, solicit new customers and satisfy with service those who subscribed from me. A high school boy making \$9.00 or \$10.00 a week had something going for him that was not duplicated by many of those in my class. Of all the chores relating to my job as a newspaper carrier, the most trying, in my opinion,

was the weekly collection of 10¢ from each of my customers. Some paid well and immediately upon my appearance at their house on a Saturday or Sunday morning and others required two or three stops or more before collection was effectuated. I learned then that persistence had its own rewards.

In the period following the declaration of war America began its mobilization of manpower and industry for the pursuit of victory. Men were being drafted into service or volunteered for military duty.

In December of 1917 I paid one of my frequent visits to the business office of the Kansas City Star in Kansas City, Kansas, then located on North 6th Street near Minnesota Avenue on the west side of the street on a site now occupied by the Commercial National Bank building. I enjoyed visiting with the office ^{staff} of the Star because my friendship started as a newsboy with such men as Dick Darnell, office manager, Bill Kelly who was head of the Kansas City, Kansas circulation department, Lacey Haynes who was in charge of the news reporting for the Star and Fred P. Cree who was head of the news reporting for the Kansas City Times. While visiting the office, Mr. Cree came over to see me and asked me a question that was to change the direction of my life entirely. He asked me if I would like to be a reporter on the Times, stating that he needed a replacement for one of his men who had been drafted into military service. I seized the opportunity with avidity and told him I could start as soon as I could get a replacement for my Post route which probably would take a week or two. He said I could come to work New Year's Eve, December 31, 1917. I knew nothing about journalism and was not too proficient then even in writing and English. I told him that and he said that he would teach me what I needed to know.

From an obscure newspaper carrier I felt all the importance of a journalist when I undertook this position and I made up my mind that I would listen, read and learn. I went to the Public Library and got as many books as I could on journalism and studied as I got on-the-job training.

As a cub reporter my first duties were to call on the undertaking establishments and find out all the information I needed to write the obituaries as these were, as they are now, daily news. I covered the Fire Dept. to determine what, if any, newsworthy fires had occurred and I also covered the Board of Education and its meetings to determine what was going on in the field of education. At the same time I gave my high school considerable publicity on its sports activities as well as its academic affairs. Because of my reportorial work I became well acquainted with Mr. Bailey and the members of the faculty of the high school. I recall starting a campaign in my senior year to get the School Board to include in the high school curriculum a program of journalism and to institute a newspaper which would chronicle the school's efforts. I headed a committee that went before the School Board to urge it to appropriate funds for such a newspaper and to employ a teacher of journalism. This was accomplished successfully and in the school year following my graduation Mr. Morgan was employed to teach journalism and to start a school newspaper, then and now called "The Pantograph". That newspaper under Mr. Morgan's direction, within a very few years won honors as one of the best high school papers in the state.

My working hours on the Star were quite convenient. I went to work at 6:00 P.M. and worked until 11:00 P.M. five days a week, was off work on Saturdays and on Sundays I worked from 2:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.

A newspaperman has access to places of importance given to other persons in few occupations. I learned to know all of the men holding public office in Kansas City, Kansas, Wyandotte County and the State of Kansas. Our office was a mecca for men with political ambitions who usually came to visit Lacey Haynes and to seek his advice on political matters. He was regarded by many as an astute politician who used the columns of the Star to advocate for issues and candidates who, in his opinion, would best serve the local and state interests. Lacey wanted nothing for himself, remained always in the background and out of the limelight in every campaign and when his enemies accused him of taking sides his favorite answer was, "I'm a newspaperman, not a politician." His influence, however, was always on the side of better government and he used the power of the press that was in his hands to move in that direction. I shall never forget the debt of gratitude which I owe to men like Fred Cree and Lacey Haynes who helped me so much in the formative period of my life.

JOSEPH COHEN

BORN IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

FATHER: BARNETT COHEN, A MERCHANT. LIVED WITH FAMILY ABOVE STORE AT 408 MINNESOTA AVENUE. LATER MOVED TO 620 NEBRASKA.

MOTHER: HULDA.

OLDER SISTERS: ROSE ~~COHEN~~^{FICH}BERG, ESTHER ARENSON.

OLDER BROTHER: MORRIS.

TWIN BROTHER: LOUIS - LOU LATER QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE GAVE JOE HIS FIRST PUSH IN LIFE.

YOUNGER SISTERS: DOROTHY LEVITTA (MRS. WILLIAM) AND REVA COHEN)
MRS. HENRY)

GRADUATED FROM EVERETT GRADE SCHOOL AND WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL.
ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

AT AGE OF NINE, JOE'S FATHER DIED AND JOE BEGINS HIS FIRST CAREER - WITH KANSAS CITY STAR SELLING NEWSPAPERS ON CORNER OF 5TH & MINNESOTA. LATER GETS A ROUTE FOR HOME DELIVERY OF KANSAS CITY STAR. THEN WHEN IN HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS THE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

5/28/19

WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, HIS FRIENDS AT THE STAR PRESENTED HIM WITH "SPELL OF YUKON" BY SERVICE. THE INSCRIPTION READS: "THE STAFF WISHES YOU MOST HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS": P. S. HOYT, CLYDE ROBERTS, L. C. HAYNES, WM. H. RADFORD, D. L. HARTLEY.

December 1917

~~1917~~ GRADUATION BECOMES A REPORTER FOR THE KANSAS CITY STAR. HIS BEAT - THE COURTHOUSE

BEGAN TO ACHIEVE A LOCAL REPUTATION. THUS WE FIND:

8/5/21 KANSAS CITY KANSAS PRESS.

"JOSEPH COHEN, WHO IS ATTENDING STATE UNIVERSITY AT LAWRENCE AND IS GOING TO BE A LAWYER, IS ON THE STAR. HE IS ONE OF THOSE BRIGHT YOUNG MEN OF HIS RACE WHO IS IN THE FRONT RANK. THAT IS SAYING A GOOD DEAL OF HIM".

1921

ENTERS KANSAS CITY SCHOOL OF LAW. A MEMBER OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS DEBATE TEAM AND THE FRESHMAN CLASS REPORTER FOR THE PANDEX. A MEMBER OF THAT CLASS WAS JACK SCHULTZ.

JUNE, 1924

JOSEPH COHEN RECEIVES HIS FINAL REPORT FROM KANSAS CITY SCHOOL OF LAW FOR YEARS 1/21 TO 6/24. ON 25 COURSES TAKEN HE HAD: 9 - A+'s; 11 - A's; 5 - B's.

JOSEPH COHEN JOINS B'NAI B'RITH WHILE ON STAR STAFF AND IN 1924 HE IS APPOINTED STATE DEPUTY FOR KANSAS FOR B'NAI b'RITH AND ORGANIZES THE KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF B'NAI B'RITH.

1925

JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BETH HORON LODGE.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICING LAW IN 1926 - MOVES HIS OFFICE TO 7TH FLOOR OF HURON BUILDING.

8/21/27

JOSEPH COHEN MARRIES MARGARET POLLOCK, A KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI TEACHER AND DAUGHTER OF MAX AND REBECCA POLLOCK. ACQUIRES BROTHER-IN-LAW, LEO AND SISTER-IN-LAW, ESTHER GOLDWARE. WEDDING AT BALTIMORE HOTEL.

12/11/30

JOSEPH COHEN TAKES TIME TO HAVE FIRST CHILD, BARTON, WHILE HE AND MARGARET LIVE IN A DUPLEX AT 2400 STATE.

MAY, 1931

JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED 2d VICE PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT GRAND LODGE #2
B'Nai B'RITH.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1931

B'NAI B'RITH LODGE #599 TESTIMONIAL MEETING FOR JOSEPH COHEN, 2ND
VICE PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH LODGE. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER - RABBI
SAMUEL MAYERBERG.

10/10/31

JOSEPH COHEN LECTURES WYANDOTTE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ON LAW OF
MALPRACTICE.

1931

TALK TO WASHINGTON AVENUE A.M.E. CHURCH, HE IMPLORES THE BLACK
CONGREGATION "LET US CARRY ON A COMMON WARFARE AGAINST IGNORANCE,
SUPERSTITION, INTOLERANCE, PREJUDICE AND BIGOTRY. CHRISTIAN & JEW,
WHITE & BLACK MARCHING TOGETHER ALWAYS MINDFUL OF THE INJUNCTION OF
THE PROPHET MICAH "TO DO ~~JUSTLY~~, LOVE MERCY AND ~~WALK~~ HUMBLY WITH
OUR GOD".

10/26/31

B'NAI B'RITH LODGE 184 HONORS JOSEPH COHEN. MEETING CONDUCTED BY
PRESIDENT A. J. GRANOFF. JOSEPH COHEN CREDITED BY B'NAI B'RITH LEADERS
FOR "PUTTING KANSAS ON THE MAP".

PUBLICITY FOR THIS DINNER STATES:

"JOSEPH COHEN THOUGH STILL A YOUNG MAN FIRST ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION
OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD IN KANSAS CITY.
FOLLOWING SEVERAL YEARS SERVED AS STATE DEPUTY FOR KANSAS. HE WAS
ELECTED TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT MAKING A NAME FOR
HIMSELF THAT LED TO HIS SPONTANEOUS SELECTION FOR HIS PRESENT OFFICE
WHICH IN TWO YEARS TIME WILL LEAD HIM TO THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR. HE
IS A SPEAKER OF PLEASING PERSONALITY AND A HIGHLY DEVELOPED SENSE OF
HUMOR IN NO WAY DETRACTS FROM HIS ABILITY.

5/31/32

IN DAYTON - JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED 1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT. LOU KRANTZ OF ST. JOE ELECTED 2D VICE PRESIDENT. A PART OF HIS DUTIES AS 1ST VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE TO MAKE A SPEAKING TOUR OF ALL LODGES IN THE DISTRICT.

9/26/32

HIS REPUTATION SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST AS HE TRAVELS FOR B'NAI B'RITH. JOSEPH COHEN IN TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, CAUTIONS JEWS OF THIS COUNTRY TO KEEP ON GUARD LEST CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN GERMANY TAKE ROOT HERE. THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REPORTS THAT HIS TOUR THROUGH STATES OF OHIO AND INDIANA HAS MARKED HIM AS ONE OF THE FINEST ORATORS AND INTERESTING SPEAKERS. HIS SUCCESS IN LAW TOGETHER WITH HIS SERVICE IN B'NAI B'RITH HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL.

12/2/32

JOSEPH COHEN IN KANSAS CITY JEWISH NEWS - "THE GREATEST MISFORTUNE WHICH HAS OVERTAKEN OUR PEOPLE IS THE SPIRIT OF APATHY WHICH MEN ASSUME TOWARDS THINGS SPIRITUAL AND PHILANTHOPIC."

6/13/33

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA - AT AGE OF 31 JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT. YOUNGEST MAN EVER ELECTED TO THIS OFFICE. PRESENT FROM KANSAS CITY WITH JOE AND MARGARET WERE DR. & MRS. LEAH RABIN, MR & MRS. LOUIS COHEN, DOROTHY COHEN.

6/15/33

AT 804 NORTH WASHINGTON BOULEVARD - LOWER FLOOR OCCUPIED BY JOSEPH COHEN, PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH GRAND LODGE #2 - UPPER FLOOR BY ROBERT BAINER, COMMANDER OF POST 111 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR.

7/7/33

AT ANNUAL MEETING OF JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION, JOSEPH COHEN, CO-GENERAL OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS DIVISION AND MEMBER OF FEDERATION BOARD PRESIDED.

9/5/33 - THE DENVER POST REPORTS:

"THE BLACK EAGLES OF CRUELTY WHICH HANGS OVER GERMAN JEWS UNDER THE NAZI REGIME IS BEING VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY A UNITED FRONT OF AMERICAN JEWRY" ACCORDING TO JOSEPH COHEN OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, DISTRICT PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH IN DENVER WITH HIS WIFE WHO ACCOMPANIES HIM ON TOUR OF EIGHT STATES OF DISTRICT.

JOSEPH COHEN IS QUOTED IN 9/6/33 EDITION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS: "THE NAZI GOVERNMENT IS CARRYING ON AN ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN IN THIS COUNTRY TO JUSTIFY ITS PERSECUTION OF JEWS. HITLER IS AN ARCH ENEMY OF THE JEW, A VERITABLE FIEND IN HUMAN FORM. HE IS A VICIOUS, MEDIEVAL FIGURE, CATAPULATED BY CIRCUMSTANCE INTO POSITION OF POWER, A COLD POGRAM IS BEING CARRIED ON IN GERMANY AGAINST THE JEWS. HE URGED JEWS TO UNITE TO FORCE HITLER BY DIPLOMATIC PROTEST TO CEASE THE POGRAM IN GERMANY.

9/9/33 - TRINIDAD, COLORADO

IN AN ADDRESS AT TEMPLE AARON JOSEPH COHEN SAYS: "THAT MODERN DEMOCRACY MIGHT BE COMPARED TO THE SERVICES HELD IN THE OLD ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUES WHERE ANYONE PRESENT MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO LEAD AND CONDUCT THE SERVICES. IN A DEMOCRACY WHERE EACH MAN ASSUMES EQUALITY WITH HIS FELLOWMAN THROUGH THE AGENCY OF THE BALLOT, THEY SELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THEM".

10/15/33

TESTIMONIAL DINNER AT BELLERIVE HOTEL SPONSORED BY BETH HORON LODGE AND LADIES AUXILLARY - CHARGE - \$1.25 PER PLATE. DR. J. H. RABIN TOASTMASTER. HARRY SHOPMAKER PRESENTED VIOLIN NUMBERS; MARY BRETTON RENDERED VOCAL SELECTIONS. SIDNEY KUSWORM PRESENTED SPEAKER. DINNER COMMITTEE - H. WOLBERG, COLLEPH SHAW, HY VILE, PRESENTATION OF DIAMOND STUDDED WATCH CHAIN BY HY VILE, PAST PRESIDENT OF LODGE. TELEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATIONS: (1) MEMBERS OF U. S. FEDERAL PENETENIARY, JEWISH CONGREGATION; (2) BARNETT HELZBERGS; (3) MILTON FELD; (4) GERSHON HADAS.

1/9/34 - MANSFIELD, OHIO

"JOSEPH COHEN DENIED EMPHATICALLY CHARGES MADE AGAINST JEWS BY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTRY WHICH HE SAID WERE ORGANIZED SPECIFICALLY TO UNDERMINE PUBLIC OPINION OF THE JEW. WE DON'T WANT TO BE PRIVILEGED BUT WE WANT AS JEWS AND AMERICAN CITIZENS TO EXERCISE THE SAME PRIVILEGES OTHERS ENJOY".

1/12/34 - YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

I WAS ONCE ASKED BY A FRIEND IF I BELIEVED THE JEWS CONDITION IN GERMANY COULD EXIST IN AMERICA. I ANSWERED "TODAY WE MAY BE SAFE BUT WITH OUR CONSTANTLY CHANGING CIVILIZATION AND GOVERNMENT WE CANNOT PREDICT.

5/9/34

JOSEPH COHEN DESIGNATED A COLONEL ON STAFF OF GOVERNOR RUBY LAFFOON OF KENTUCKY.

1/22/35

MARGARET PRESENTS JOE WITH FIRST DAUGHTER - HILDRED. NEED BIGGER HOUSE. MOVE TO 2108 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD - OLD HOEL RESIDENCE.

4/15/36

MARGARET COMES THROUGH AGAIN IN GRAND STYLE - 2D SON, MILES, BORN. NEED MORE SPACE - BEGIN PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT HOME ON LOT BETWEEN HARRY MILLER AND LACY HAYNES. COHEN STARTLED WHEN ESTIMATED COST REACHES \$15,000.00

7/16/36

KANSAS CITY STAR REPORTS THAT RABBI SAM MAYERBERG AND JOSEPH COHEN AFTER CONFERRING WITH GOVERNOR LANDON ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
"BOTH CANDIDATES OF THE MAJOR PARTIES ARE FREE FROM ANTI-SEMITISM AND OTHER PREJUDICES BASED ON RACE AND RELIGION. JEWS AND GENTILES ALIKE SHOULD CHOOSE THEIR CANDIDATES ON THE BASIS OF THEIR STAND ON THE GREAT NATIONAL ISSUES CONFRONTING THIS NATION. THE RECORD OF GOVERNOR LANDON IS PROOF OF THE FAIR MINDED AND LIBERAL ATTITUDE WHICH HE HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED - THAT OF A WHOLESOME RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PEOPLE OF ALL RACES AND CREEDS".

AUGUST, 1937

JOE AND MARGARET TAKE CRUISE TO ALASKA, HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DISPELL THE SPELL OF THE YUKON. LEAVE CHILDREN TO ADJUST TO HOT SUMMER IN KANSAS CITY.

10/26/36

JOSEPH COHEN INTERVIEWED IN CHICAGO BY WILLIAM HARD, POLITICAL COMMENTATOR. INTERVIEW CARRIED BY COLUMBIA RADIO NETWORKS - HEARD IN KANSAS CITY OVER KMBC AT 10:00 O'CLOCK. CONCERN WITH ATTITUDE OF GOVERNOR ALF LONDON TOWARD MINORITY GROUP AND RELIGION.

10/24 TO 11/3/36

JOSEPH COHEN ACCOMPANIES GOVERNOR ALF LONDON, REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ON HIS EASTERN TOUR - TO RETURN HOME JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION.

10/26/36

IN A LETTER WRITTEN TO MARGARET FROM THE BELLEVUE STRATFORD HOTEL IN PHILADELPHIA AFTER TWO DAYS ABOARD THE LONDON CAMPAIGN TRAIN: "WELL, WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR YOU AND ME? ONLY THIS, PERHAPS THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN A PERSONAL HISTORY OF ONE OF THE GREATEST POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS SINCE THE CIVIL WAR AND THE PART THEIR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER PLAYED IN HELPING AMERICA STAY FIRM TO THE TRADITIONAL AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT UNDER WHICH OUR CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ARE MADE SECURE. FOR WHETHER WE WIN OR LOSE THIS CAMPAIGN WE WILL HAVE SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING BI-PARTY GOVERNMENT AND WIPED OUT THE THREAT OF OVER CENTRALIZATION AND OF BUREAUCRACY AT WASHINGTON. THE DRIFT IN THE DIRECTION OF DICTATORSHIP WILL HAVE BEEN STOPPED. THAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE WELL BEING OF OUR CHILDREN.

1/25/38

KANSAS CITY KANSAS REPORTS THAT THE REASON JOSEPH COHEN IS BUILDING A MAGNIFICENT NEW MODIFIED ENGLISH HOME AT 2208 WASHINGTON IS SO THAT HE WILL HAVE A ROOM LARGE ENOUGH TO BAT THE PING PONG BALLS AROUND TO HIS HEART'S CONTENT.

12/19/38

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MONKEY TABLE FEATURES JOSEPH COHEN INSPECTING TURKEY CARVING WHILE MILT FELD AND OTHERS WATCH.

4/14/39

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER KANSAS CITY ORGANIZED. RESULT OF 9 MONTHS STUDY BY COMMITTEE HEADED BY JOSEPH COHEN. JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED PRESIDENT. VICE PRESIDENTS ARE IRWIN FANE, HARRY STRAUSS AND SAM GREENBERG. SECRETARY - MRS. ERNEST PEISER, TREASURER - NATHAN REIGER.

7/9/39

KANSAS SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS VERDICT OF \$15,666.00 FOR HURON CLAGGETT AGAINST PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY. THIS WAS LARGEST AWARD EVER RECEIVED BY A NEGRO IN KANSAS, SAYS HIS ATTORNEY JOSEPH COHEN.

ALWAYS AN OPTIMIST WITH FAITH THAT PEACE AND TRUTH WILL PREVAIL, WE HEAR HIM TELL FATHERS, SONS, MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS BANQUET AT ST. JOE, MISSOURI ON 5/29/40 - "AMID THE RAGING STORM OF COMPETING IDEALS AND IDEOLOGIES LET US REMEMBER THAT HUMAN NATURE DOES NOT CHANGE, THAT HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF, THAT WHAT IS RIGHT WILL EVENTUALLY TRIUMPH, THAT TRUTH CRUSHED TO EARTH WILL RISE AGAIN, THAT THE SUN WILL SHINE, CHILDREN WILL LAUGH AND THAT OUT OF CHAOS ORDER WILL BE RESTORED."

10/29/40

JOSEPH COHEN SPEAKING ON WDAF ON BEHALF OF WILKIE FOR PRESIDENT - "THE VERY VIRILITY OF DEMOCRACY LIES IN ITS ABILITY TO DEVELOP STRONG MEN CAPABLE OF ASSUMING LEADERSHIP OF THE STATE. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN INDESPENSIBLE MAN UNDER A GENUINE DEMOCRACY. NO PERSON AND NO POLITICAL PARTY SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE GREAT POWERS CONCENTRATED IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR MORE THAN TWO TERMS. THE TRADITION ABAINST A THIRD TERM IS SACRED AS OUR SAFEGUARD AGAINST OVERWEANING AMBITION FOR CONTINUED POWER THAT COULD SPELL THE DOWNFALL OF OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE."

12/31/40

JOSEPH COHEN AND WIFE ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES ABOARD UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL TO SEE ROSE BOWL WITH STANFORD.

3/5/41

JOSEPH COHEN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL. VICE PRESIDENTS: A. J. GRANOFF, ABE MARGOLIN, HARRY STRAUSS, TREASURER: ERNEST PEISER.

5/9/41 - KANSAS CITY KANSAS PRESS

"16 YEARS AGO A BRAND NEW SHINGLE DECORATED A LOCAL LAW OFFICE. IT READ: JOSEPH COHEN, ATTORNEY AT LAW. FROM THE BEGINNING THE YOUNG LAWYER WAS SUCCESSFUL. HE SEEMED TO HAVE MORE POISE IN THE COURTROOM THAN THE AVERAGE BEGINNER, A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF COURTROOM PROCEDURE - THERE WAS A REASON - JOSEPH COHEN ATTORNEY, UNTIL A WEEK PRECEDING HIS ENTRANCE INTO THE LEGAL FIELD, WAS "JOSEPH COHEN, COURT REPORTER FOR THE STAR". WHILE COVERING THE BUILDING DAILY HE ATTENDED LAW SCHOOL NIGHTS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DURING SUMMER VACATIONS. THE STAR DEMANDS ACCURACY AND JOSEPH COHEN WAS ONE OF ITS MOST ACCURATE NEWS GATHERERS. IT WAS THERE HE ACQUIRED HIS FIDELITY FOR DETAIL, A QUALITY THAT HAS PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN HIS SUCCESSFUL LEGAL CAREER.

3/18/42 - THE KANSAS CITY STAR REPORTS THAT:

KANSAS CITY TOOK THE NATIONS 3D NATIONAL DRAFT LOTTERY IN STRIDE. HOLDER OF ORDER #2 FOR DRAFT BOARD #1 WAS JOSEPH COHEN, LAWYER, AGE 40, WITH THREE CHILDREN.

SEPTEMBER, 1942.

JOSEPH COHEN, SAM GREENBERG, A. J. GRANOFF, HARRY FEINGOLD, DAVID BRESLER, J. W. GAREK AND DAN BRENNER TAKE FLOAT TRIP DOWN WHITE RIVER FOR SEVEN DAYS. EVERY ONE OF THE SEVEN CAUGHT A COLD AND NO ONE CAUGHT A FISH.

11/27/42

JOSEPH COHEN AND SAM GREENBERG ACCEPT CO-CHAIRMANSHIP FOR THE GREATER KANSAS CITY B'NAI B'RITH CAMPAIGN TO SELL WAR BONDS: "THE JEWISH COMMUNITY MUST PUT OUR FINANCES INTO SOURCES THAT WILL GIVE THE ARMED FORCES THE SUPPLIES FOR A SPEEDY VICTORY."

2/24/43

JOSEPH COHEN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

6/11/43

JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED BY THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL COMMUNITIES IN KANSAS TO BE THE DELEGATE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE HISTORIC AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE. WILL JOIN JACOB BROWN, IRWIN FANE AND MRS. ERNEST PEISER.

1/4/44

WE CATCH A GLIMPSE OF JOSEPH COHEN'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE AS WE HEAR HIM SAY TO HEROINE LODGE, MASONS IN TALK ENTITLED "PHILOSOPHY OF SERVICE": "EACH PERSON HAS A SPARK OF THE DIVINITY IN HIM, A SPARK OF GREATNESS, USABLE IN EVERY DAY LIFE".

5/1/45

KANSAS CITY CHRONICLE IN AN EDITORIAL STATES: "JOSEPH COHEN RETIRES AS PRESIDENT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER KANSAS CITY AFTER SERVING IN THAT CAPACITY FOR 6 TERMS. IT WAS HE WHO STIMULATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL IN THE LATE 30'S WHEN HE FORESAW THE NEED FOR A CENTRAL COMMUNITY VOICE WHICH COULD SPEAK AND ACT WITH AUTHORITY ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. IT HAS BEEN A JOB WELL DONE. A NOTED FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING HAS BEEN LAID.

IN 1945 JOSEPH COHEN ACQUIRES CONTROL OF PEERLESS LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY. 10/15/48 PEERLESS IS MERGED INTO BANKERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND COHEN RETIRES FROM INSURANCE BUSINESS.

1946

CHARLES SCHNIDER RETURNS FROM WAR - LAW FIRM OF COHEN & SCHNIDER ORGANIZED. PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE FOR TWENTY YEARS.

SPRING, 1946

JOE PROMISES MARGARET A CADILLAC IF SHE GIVES UP THE IDEA OF MOVING TO JOHNSON COUNTY. MARGARET CANNOT BE BOUGHT OFF AND FAMILY MOVES TO 5412 CHADWICK IN FAIRWAY. SOON THEREAFTER MARGARET IS SEEN DRIVING A CADILLAC.

MAY, 1948

FIRST POST WORLD WAR II HOME CONSTRUCTED IN MISSION HILLS AT 6301 BELINDER. JOSEPH COHEN AND FAMILY OCCUPANTS.

6/26/48

JURY AWARDS \$17,083.00 TO FLOYD ALLEN, NEGRO. ONE OF THE LARGEST EVER AWARDED IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY. COUNSEL FOR ALLEN WAS JOSEPH COHEN.

7/23/48

JOSEPH COHEN APPOINTED GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF ANNUAL KANSAS CITY KANSAS COMMUNITY CHEST. HE HAD SERVED 3 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN OF ADVANCE *Gifts* DIVISION.

JOSEPH COHEN SERVED AS TREASURER AND MEMBER OF BOARD OF SKYLINE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR 15 YEARS BEGINNING IN 1930.

MEMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF RELIGION.

MEMBER OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION.

2/18/49

JOSEPH COHEN NAMED PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY CHEST.

3/6/49

GROUP HEADED BY JOSEPH COHEN ACQUIRE 359 APARTMENT UNITS NEAR DALLAS FOR \$3,219,000.00.

JOSEPH COHEN ACQUIRES CONTROL AND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ROSEDALE STATE BANK. BANK HAS \$100,000.00 CAPITAL, \$50,000.00 SURPLUS, \$65,000.00 UNDIVIDED PROFITS. DEPOSITS OF 2-1/2 MILLION. BANK WILL HAVE MODERNIZED QUARTERS.

JOSEPH COHEN PRESIDENT OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS.

2/22/1950

JOSEPH COHEN AWARDED DR. JULIUS H. RABIN AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO INTERRACIAL AND INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING IN KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, GOVERNOR ALF LONDON PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.

3/1/50

JOSEPH COHEN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS COMMUNITY CHEST.

JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED TO BOARD, THEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE B'NAI B'RITH. CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. ALAN R. MORSE OF BOSTON, VICE CHAIRMAN.

4/4/55

DAUGHTER, HILDY, MARRIES EDWARD L. HOFFMAN, AN INSURANCE AGENT WITH R. B. JONES & SONS, AND SON OF EDWARD W. AND RUTH HOFFMAN.

SON, BARTON, MEETS THEN MARRIES ANN MORSE, DAUGHTER OF ALAN & THERESA MORSE OF BOSTON ON NOVEMBER 2, 1955.

ASSISTS IN ORGANIZING AND SERVES AS PRESIDENT FOR 6 CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL YEARS THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY.

8/8/55

JOSEPH COHEN ELECTED A FELLOW OF INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS,

11/20/56 Most Holy Father bestows Apostolic Blessing on JC for leadership in food raising campaign for St. Margarets Hospital

FIRST GRANDCHILD, MIKE HOFFMAN, BORN MAY, 1957.

JULY, 1957

SON, BARTON, JOINS HIS FATHER'S LAW FIRM, THEN KNOWN AS COHEN, SCHNIDER, SHAMBERG, JOYCE, JENKINS & ROSS.

TRAGEDY STRIKES - MOTHERS DAY, 1958 - MARGARET HAS PASSED AWAY.

4/8/59 National Conference of Christians & Jews bestows Brotherhood Citation Award to JC at its annual dinner.

1958 - 1960

SERVED AS A MEMBER OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CLAIMANTS AND CORPORATION ATTORNEYS (NACCA) NOW AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION.

JUNE, 1962

METCALF STATE BANK, 79th & METCALF, OPENS WITH CAPITAL AND SURPLUS OF \$600,000.00. JOSEPH COHEN AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD.

11/10/63

YOUNGEST SON, MILES, MARRIES JACQUELINE SHARP, DAUGHTER OF MILTON AND CECILE SHARP OF ST. LOUIS.

DECEMBER, 1964

MARRIES MARJORIE SAFFRON BLOND, WIDOW OF TIM BLOND, KATZ DRUG COMPANY EXECUTIVE. MOVES INTO PRESENT HOME AT 3030 WEST 69th. Terr

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOSEPH COHEN, Kansas City, Kansas

Born March 23, 1902, Kansas City, Missouri. Moved to Kansas City, Kansas at the age of two. Attended University of Kansas and University of Colorado. Obtained LLB Degree at University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Prior to entering practice of law in 1925, was a newspaper reporter for The Kansas City Star seven years.

Now married to Marjorie Blond Cohen. Three children by his first marriage to Margaret Pollock Cohen, deceased: Barton P. Cohen, who got his A.B. Degree at Yale in 1952 and his LLB Degree at Harvard Law School, now practicing law in Overland Park, Kansas; Hildred D. Hoffman, a graduate of UMKC, BS and University of Kansas MSS, now practicing transactional analysis in Kansas City; and Miles A. Cohen, AB from University of Pennsylvania, now Vice President of Stern Brothers Investment Co., Kansas City, Missouri. Both sons are past presidents of Beth Horon Lodge #599, B.B., and still active as lodge officers, Barton as treasurer and Miles is now serving a second term as president to which he was drafted.

President, District Grand Lodge No. 2, B'nai B'rith, 1933-34. Organized the District No. 2 Women's Lodge while president of the men's district lodge. Past President, Greater Kansas City Jewish Welfare Federation and Council and one of the organizers and now a member of its Board of Governors and one of its past campaign chairmen.

One of the Organizers of and past president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Assn.

One of the Organizers of and past president of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society.

A past president of Wyandotte County Bar Association.

Former member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a past member of its Board of Governors.

One of the Organizers and past campaign chairman and past president of the United Community Campaign of Kansas City, Kansas.

Served on the national commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for more than 35 years and on its National Executive Committee and is former National Vice Chairman of the League and a former National Chairman of the National Community Service Committee of the League. At the last annual meeting of the League when he retired from the National Commission he was elected a Life Member of the Commission.

Past member of the Board of Trustees of Temple B'nai Jehudah, Kansas City, Missouri, and honorary member of the Board of Congregation Ohev Sholom, Prairie Village, Kansas.

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Biographical Sketch of Joseph Cohen

Chairman of the Board of Rosedale State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas.

Chairman of the Board of Metcalf State Bank, Overland Park, Kansas.

Recipient of the B'nai B'rith Interfaith Award by Kansas City, Kansas Lodge; selected as the Jewish honoree in 1963 by the Kansas City, Missouri chapter of the National Conference of Christians & Jews.

Served on the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights for 4 years under appointment by the Governor of Kansas to administer a law he helped to get enacted.

When the Order of A.Z.A. was new, organized two chapters, one in Kansas City, Kansas named Nordaunian Chapter, which is still in existence, and B'nai Jehudah Chapter, which probably does not exist, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Organized the Kansas State Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges and the Kansas State B'nai B'rith Women's chapters.

Recipient of B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award 1975.



Joseph Cohen died Thursday, September 2, 1976, aboard the cruise ship Island Princess near Sitka, Alaska. He is survived by his wife Marjorie of the home, 3030 West 67th Terrace, Mission Hills, two sons, Barton P. Cohen, 8 Wycklow, Overland Park, and Miles A. Cohen, 7243 Eby Drive, Merriam, and one daughter, Hildred D. Hoffman, 4934 State Line, Westwood, two sisters, Dorothy Levitta and Reva Cohen, both of Prairie Village, and eight grandchildren.

He was a member of Congregation B'nai Jehudah and Congregation Ohev Sholom, the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, Kansas Bar Association, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, the Wyandotte County Bar Association. He was a member of Oakwood Country Club and the Terrace Club.

He was born March 23, 1902, in Kansas City, Missouri, lived in Kansas City, Kansas from the age of two until he moved to Johnson County, Kansas in 1946. He attended the University of Kansas, the University of Colorado, and received his law degree from the University of Kansas City. From 1917 until he entered the practice of law he was a reporter for the Kansas City Star. For over fifty years he was actively engaged in the practice

of law, with his offices on the 7th floor of the Huron Building, Kansas City, Kansas. A past president of the Wyandotte County Bar Association, he was one of the organizers ^{and a past president} of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society, one of the organizers and past presidents of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, ~~and~~ served on its Board of Governors and on the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

A member of Beth Horon Lodge, B'nai B'rith, he was president of ~~is~~ Grand Lodge No. 2, B'nai B'rith, in 1933-34. A member of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for more than thirty-five years, a member of its national executive committee, a former national vice chairman of the League and former national chairman of the National Community Services Committee of the League, when he retired from the National Commission of the League, he was elected a life member. He organized two chapters of A.Z.A., organized and was past president of Kansas Association of B'nai B'rith lodges, organized the Kansas State ^{B'nai B'rith} Women's Association. In 1975 B'nai B'rith honored him with its Humanitarian Award. He was the

recipient of the B'nai B'rith Dr. Julius H. ^{Rabin}~~Raymond~~ Award for contribution to interreligious and interfaith relations in Kansas City, Kansas in 1950.

In 1959 he was the recipient of the Brotherhood Citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1939 the Jewish Community Council of Greater Kansas City was organized, and he was elected its first president and served in that position for six years. In 1943 he was elected as the delegate from the State of Kansas to the First American Jewish Conference.

He was one of the organizers of and a past president of the United Community Campaign of Kansas City, Kansas, and served as General Chairman of the Campaign in 1948. For fifteen years he served as Treasurer and member of the Board of Skyline Community Center.

He was appointed by Governor Robert Docking and served for four years as a member of the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights.

At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Board of the Rosedale State Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City, Kansas, and the Metcalf State Bank of Overland Park, Kansas.

A lifelong Republican, he accompanied Governor Alf Landon during the 1936 presidential campaign, serving as his advisor on minorities.

Apostolic Blessing bestowed by Most Holy Father in 1956 for being Chairman of St. MARGARET's Hospital building campaign.



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