



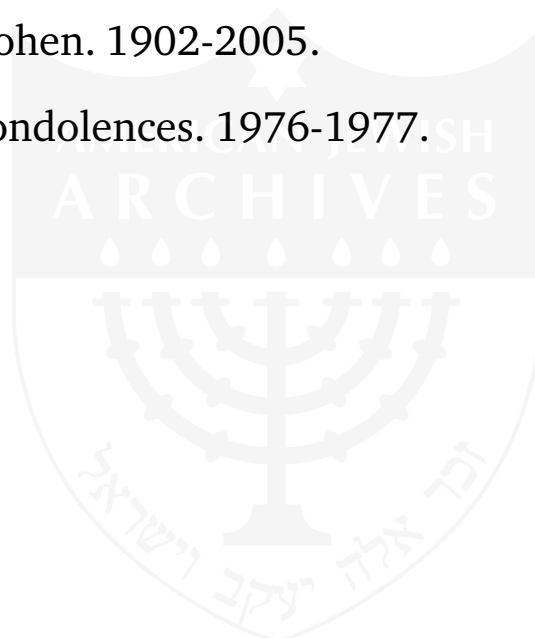
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## KANSAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 1976

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Sept. 23 & 24. INTERIM JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETS TO CONSIDER PROPOSED PRODUCTS LIABILITY LEGISLATION.
- Sept. 30. HEARING ON JUDICIAL SALARIES BEFORE INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE.
- Sept. 30 (Thursday). KTLA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING. 4:30 PM. Overland Park Ramada Inn.
- Sept. 30 (Thursday). KTLA SEMINAR ON PRE-TRIAL DISCOVERY AND TRIAL TECHNIQUES. Overland Park Ramada Inn.
- Oct. 1 (Friday). KTLA SEMINAR ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Overland Park Ramada Inn.
- Oct. 2 (Saturday). KTLA SEMINAR ON CRIMINAL TRIAL TECHNIQUES. Overland Park Ramada Inn.
- Oct. 15 (Friday). Charles Fisher for KTLA and Al Herrington for KACI discuss the "products liability crisis" on KMBC-TV's program ET CETERA, at noon. Broadcast on channel 9 out of Kansas City.
- Oct. 30 (Saturday). KTLA SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE AND NO-FAULT. Wichita Hilton.
- Nov. 2 (Tuesday). VOTE.
- Nov. 11 (Thursday). MEETING OF ALL KTLA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES. KTLA Topeka offices.
- Nov. 11 (Thursday). KTLA DINNER FOR ALL LEGISLATORS WHO ARE LAWYERS. Topeka Club, Topeka.
- Nov. 17, 18, 19. KTLA TRAVELING ADVOCACY CLINICS. Colby, Garden City, Great Bend, Coffeyville, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Atchison, Salina, Manhattan.
- Dec. 16 (Thursday). KTLA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING. Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City.
- Dec. 17 & 18 (Friday & Saturday). CROWN CENTER IV. Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City.

## COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PRODUCTS LIABILITY PROPOSALS

The Special Committee on Judiciary has set aside September 23 and 24 to discuss proposals made by KTLA to increase the availability of insurance to Kansas manufacturers and to make statistics pertaining to products liability claims and litigation more available.

Also on the agenda will be draft legislation prepared by the committee staff from recommendations made by the representatives of industry. From all indications these proposals will contain generally:

1. An extension of the collateral source payment rule, adopted for malpractice last session, to all torts.
2. Extend to all torts, court approval of reasonable attorney's fees as adopted last session for malpractice.
3. Allow installment or periodic payment of damages for all tort awards at the discretion of the court.
4. Require a jury instruction in personal injury or death actions that the claimant will not have to pay taxes on any award made by the jury.
5. Increase the burden of proof for the award of punitive damages to "beyond a reasonable doubt".
6. Limit the duty of a manufacturer to warn of possible dangers. The duty would be determined by the experience and knowledge the user did or should have possessed at the time of injury.
7. Require a defect in a product to be one that is "unreasonably dangerous". Unreasonably dangerous to be determined by a community standard or expectation approach.
8. Where the product was produced by a "generally recognized and prevailing standard," it shall be rebuttably presumed that the product was free of defect.
9. State of the Art will be made an absolute defense by statute.
10. Evidence of subsequent advancement or change in production techniques or design shall not be admissible.
11. Prohibit loan agreements between injured parties and insurers or employers to prosecute a third party applying any subsequent judgment against the loan.
12. Provide a choice of laws to the injured party which would benefit that party, in a multi-state action.

At this time which of these proposals may be recommended to the Legislature is uncertain. What is certain is that some legislative package will be prepared. And eventually some proposal will be presented to the whole legislature during the 1977 session.

If you oppose these alterations of the tort system, now is the time to sound out the candidates in your legislative districts. The most effective lobbying is done by constituents during the heat of an election. Products liability should be an issue in this year's legislative races.

## KTLA PAST PRESIDENT DIES

Joseph Cohen, founder and Past-President (1955) of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, died Thursday, September 2, 1976, at age 74.

A contribution from KTLA has been sent to the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City, 25 East 12th, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106. Mr. Cohen's staff suggests contributions be made to the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City or Minora Medical Center, 4949 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri.



Sunday, September 5, 1976 THE KANSAS CITY STAR 51A

# Prominent Lawyer, Banker Dies

Joseph Cohen, a prominent lawyer, banker and civic leader here, died Thursday night aboard a cruise ship off the coast of Alaska. He was 74 years old.

The lifelong Kansas Citian and his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Cohen, had been on vacation two weeks when Mr. Cohen apparently suffered a heart attack on the ship near the port of Sitka, Alaska.

Mr. Cohen, of 3030 W. 67th Terrace, Mission Hills, began practicing law in Kansas City, Kansas, in 1926. After 50 years he continued to practice—at a reduced pace—in his office in the Huron Building, 905 N. 7th, Kansas City, Kansas.

Mr. Cohen was chairman of the board and majority owner of Rosedale State Bank and Trust Company, which he acquired in 1949, and of Metcalf State Bank, which he and others founded in 1962.

Since the early 1930s Mr. Cohen had been an active spokesman for the Jewish community, an advocate of civil rights and a behind-the-scenes Republican.

He began his first career at the age of nine, selling The Kansas City Star on the corner of 5th and Minnesota. His brother, Louis Cohen, sold papers on the next block. While still in school, Joseph acquired his own newspaper route in Kansas City, Kansas.

In 1917 Mr. Cohen became a courthouse reporter for The Times in The Star's Kansas City, Kansas, office. He continued as a reporter covering the courthouse until 1925 when he joined the firm of another Kansas City, Kansas, lawyer.

He was graduated from the Kansas City School of Law in 1924. He attended the University of Kansas and the University of Colorado.

Mr. Cohen was a member of the Congregation B'nai Jehudah and Congregation Ohev Shalom.



**JOSEPH COHEN**

A member of the Beth Horon Lodge of B'nai B'rith, Mr. Cohen received the Humanitarian Award from District Grand Lodge No. 2 in 1975. He was a member of the national commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for 35 years.

In 1924 Mr. Cohen organized the Kansas Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges. He rose through the ranks of the national organization and was elected president of the 8-state district grand lodge in 1933. Through the years he served in many offices in B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Cohen was named to the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights in 1970 and served four years.

In the early years of his law practice Mr. Cohen had a reputation for winning unprecedented high judgments in civil suits on behalf of black clients. He spoke in favor of laws prohibiting discrimination in employment. He maintained an interest in civil rights throughout his career.

In 1936 he traveled around the country for Gov. Alf Landon of Kansas, the Republican party's candidate for President, making speeches for Landon and advising him on minority problems.

He was one of the organizers of the United Community Campaign of Kansas City, Kansas, of which he was general chairman in 1948. For 15 years he was treasurer and a board member of the Skyline Community Center.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Kansas Bar Association, the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and the Wyandotte County Bar Association, of which he was a past president. He was one of the organizers of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society.

He was a member of the Oakwood Country Club and the Terrace Club.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Cohen of the home; two sons, Barton P. Cohen, 8 Wycklow, Overland Park, and Miles A. Cohen, 7243 Eby Drive, Merriam; a daughter, Ms. Hildred D. Hoffman, 4934 State Line, Westwood; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Levitta and Mrs. Reva Cohen, both of Prairie Village, and eight grandchildren.

## HEARINGS SCHEDULED TO REVIEW 1976 JUDICIAL SALARY BILL

Hearings have been scheduled before the interim Legislative Budget Committee for September 30 to review the enactment of the judicial salary bill during the last session. (See, Ch. 380, 1976 Session Laws).

Lee Hornbaker of Junction City will testify on behalf of KTLA in favor of legislation increasing the salaries of our judges.

## WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE . . .

Congratulations and welcome to these KTLA student members. They passed the Kansas Bar Examination and were admitted before the Kansas Supreme Court and U.S. District Court on September 15:

Steven Alexander. Kansas City, Kansas.  
Muriel Elaine Andreopoulos. Shawnee Mission, Kansas.  
David M. Bryan. Topeka, Kansas.  
John Bill Black. Salina, Kansas.  
Karen Ann Black. Salina, Kansas.  
Margaret W. Fabian. Shawnee Mission, Kansas.  
Steven Alan Fehr. Shawnee Mission, Kansas.  
Randall E. Fisher. Topeka, Kansas.  
Larry Douglas Friesen. Inman, Kansas.  
Alan Clyde Goering. Medicine Lodge, Kansas.  
Randy Max Hendershot. Hutchinson, Kansas.  
Ross Alan Hollander. Wichita, Kansas.  
Gail A. Jensen. Wichita, Kansas.  
Mark William Krusor. Winfield, Kansas.  
Ronald Arthur Lyon. Wichita, Kansas.  
Carol Duffy McDowell. Topeka, Kansas.  
Anita Louise Mortimer. Kansas City, Kansas.  
Joe L. Norton. Wichita, Kansas.  
Michael Dale Reed. Olathe, Kansas.  
Joyce Rosalyn Simmons. Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
David Snower. Topeka, Kansas.  
Jay David Thomas. Kansas City, Kansas.

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Oct. 18

Dear Cousin Barton:

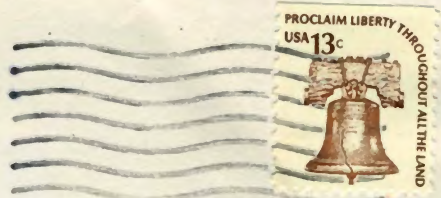
A very good neighbor of mine, whose name is Kolef Werby, was a good friend of your Dad's, may he rest in peace, said he was going over some pictures, and found this, and thought you might like to have it, it was taken of your dad was he was quite young. I know you collect pictures, and thought maybe you might not have this one. Hope all is fine with you and your family. Give my love to all. I retired July 8, from the Federal Reserve Bank Cigar stand, and my daughter took me to Hawaii, and Los Angeles, for my retirement. I just got back home 2 weeks ago. Enjoyed Hawaii, but 2 days before I was to return to L.A. I got sick, and ended up in the emergency room of the hospital, and from there to an ear specialist in Los Angeles, Said I had an inner ear infection, and a sinus infection, caused by the airplane ride. Needless to say it sort of put a damper on my vacation, as I lost my equilibrium, and that's not funny. My retirement from the bank was lovely, I had been there for 12 years, and they presented me with a corsage, and 10 brand new 10 dollar bills from the Federal Reserve, taken up in a collection of all the employees of the bank. I really could hardly believe this was happening to me. If you see or talk to Marge give her my love, and love to all your family and a Very Happy and Healthy New year.

as ever,  
cousin Edith

Really miss seeing and talking to Dad,  
He was a beautiful person, and we all  
loved him.



Edith Shapiro  
8243 Forest Apt. 20  
Kansas City, Mo. 64131



Mr. Barton Cohen  
9800 Metcalf  
Overland Park, Kansas  
66212

Personal

Suite 480

**JOSEPH COHEN**, well known Kansas City, Kansas attorney, has been appointed to the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights by Governor Docking. Cohen worked for passage of the first anti-discrimination act through the Kansas Legislature, and helped form the Anti-Discrimination Commission.



**JOSEPH  
COHEN**

He is past president of the Kansas City, Kansas, Community Chest, and was the recipient some years ago of the B'nai B'rith Brotherhood Award. Cohen has been a member of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for more than 30 years, and for the past 15 years has served on the League's National Executive Committee. He is national vice-chairman of the committee.

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Dear Mayson,

Happiness is being surrounded  
by relatives and friends who  
have brought meaning  
and enrichment to our  
lives. No one could be  
more blessed than I  
have been.



Daddy would have taken great pleasure from this celebration. But he was very much a part of our thoughts and his spirit and influence was remembered and perpetuated by the warmth of this occasion and by your presence and participation.

It is with a deep sense of appreciation that I thank you for the beautiful sweater and shirt, for sharing this very special occasion with us and, most importantly for the

relationship we have  
enjoyed through the years.

Love  
Bart

JOHN E. SHAMBERG  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
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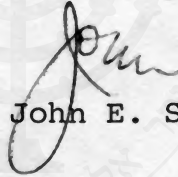
April 13, 1977

Dear Marjorie:

I am enclosing a transcript of that portion of the memorial service conducted by the Wyandotte County Bar Association for the recently departed members of the association containing my remarks in Joe's memory. I thought you might like to have a copy of my address.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



John E. Shamberg

Mrs. Marjorie Cohen  
3030 West 67th Terrace  
Mission Hills, Kansas 66108

**Memorial Services for  
Honored Members of the Wyandotte  
County Bar Association**

Wyandotte County District Court  
Division Number One  
Friday, March 25, 1977  
9 a.m.

*Daniel B. Denk, President*

Memorial Committee:

Wash H. Brown  
Hylton Harmon  
Sam. Zickafoose  
E. M. Boddington, Jr.  
Wm. E. Scott

Reported by:  
Charles O. Sheue, CSR

1 PRESIDENT DENK: I would like to welcome all  
2 of you on behalf of the Wyandotte County Bar Associa-  
3 tion to the Memorial Services for Honored Members of  
4 the Wyandotte County Bar Association.

5 First of all, we will call upon Reverend  
6 Thomas Tank, Youth Director of the Archdiocese of  
7 Kansas City, Kansas, for the invocation.

8 REVEREND TANK: Let us remember that we are  
9 in the presence of God. Lord God, You are a kind and  
10 loving Father, challenging us in our lives and com-  
11 forting us in our sorrow. Help us always to realize  
12 the deeper meaning of life and the deeper purposes of  
13 what we are doing as we go about our daily tasks.  
14 Help us to realize that You have called us to very  
15 great and special responsibilities in life.

16 We pray in particular today for all of these  
17 honored members of the Wyandotte County Bar Associa-  
18 tion who have gone forth from this life into life  
19 eternal. We pray for your continued solicitude for  
20 them as they have passed from this life.

21 You do not judge us on our weaknesses so much  
22 as on our striving to be open and dedicated to do your  
23 will, so we pray, Father, forgive our human frailty  
24 and weakness that we may share eternal life and joy.

25 We pray, too, Father, that you comfort the

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1 families of the deceased in their sorrow and loss.  
2 Strengthen us all by the challenge that you give us  
3 in our lifes, and encompass us with your joy and with  
4 your hope. Amen.

5  
6 PRESIDENT DENK: I would like to turn the  
7 program over to Bill Scott, Chairman of the Memorial  
8 Committee.

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10 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you, Mr. President.  
11 Regretfully, we hold these proceedings every year.  
12 I have participated in some of them as a speaker for  
13 some of our brother lawyers during the years who have  
14 passed on. It is a difficult thing for the person  
15 who gives the memorial talk, because there is a lot  
16 of love, memories and reflection that is experienced  
17 by the speaker in each case. The Committee has  
18 attempted to pick members of the Bar who were close  
19 to our deceased brother lawyers and knew them best  
20 by reason of the closeness that existed.

21 With these thoughts in mind, the eulogies  
22 will be given in the order in which our brother  
23 lawyers left this world.

1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: All of us have memories  
2 of each of our brother lawyers. Many of us have been  
3 in court with each of them. Our friend, Joseph Cohen,  
4 was present in these courts on many occasions, and I  
5 now turn the eulogy over to John Shamberg for Joseph  
6 Cohen.

7 MR. SHAMBERG: Thank you, Bill. Reverend,  
8 Mr. President, members of the Joseph Cohen family,  
9 and friends who have come here to pay respect to our  
10 beloved departed colleagues and brothers all:

11 On September 2nd last when Joe died, suddenly  
12 and unexpectedly, on the cruise ship ISLAND PRINCESS  
13 off the Alaskan coast, the lights were dimmed on one  
14 of the most vital and worthy sons ever produced by  
15 Kansas City, Kansas.

16 The news of his death stunned those who knew  
17 him because he was apparently in robust good health  
18 at the time; he was whole in mind and body; he still  
19 went at an undiminished pace; he had work to do and  
20 his gaze was to the future, not to the past as is true  
21 of the aged. He was literally struck down going full  
22 steam ahead.

23 Although I knew Joe quite well for some  
24 twenty-eight years, how do you go about trying to do  
25 justice to the record and accomplishments of such a

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1 towering figure as he was in these brief moments? His  
2 interests were so vast, his involvement so extensive,  
3 and his activities so numerous that I am afraid my  
4 efforts will be quite futile in this regard, but I  
5 shall try.

6 From the age of two years until his death,  
7 Joe Cohen was, first and foremost, tied body and soul  
8 to Kansas City, Kansas. It was and always had been  
9 his home town. It was here that he spent each day of  
10 his life unless he was away, and it was here that he  
11 devoted more than fifty years to the practice of law  
12 and gave his total commitment to the community.

13 His life was, indeed, an Horatio Alger story.  
14 Left fatherless at nine, he started selling newspapers  
15 on Minnesota Avenue. Later, he became a newspaper  
16 reporter at age seventeen, which he continued to do  
17 until he finished law school, and this experience  
18 stood him in good stead as a lawyer.

19 His career as a lawyer is well-nigh legendary.  
20 In an age of giants, he was a great among greats at the  
21 bar. This achievement was all the more noteworthy  
22 when we realize he succeeded as a plaintiff's trial  
23 lawyer for personal injury victims and others in an  
24 era when there was no plaintiff's bar as such, and the  
25 plaintiff's personal injury lawyer was struggling for

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1 recognition. But Joe Cohen reveled in his task. He  
2 was a gifted orator and a brilliant advocate. His  
3 success was not without painstaking work, however.  
4 The tenacious search for the facts as a newspaper  
5 reporter was a quality that served him well as a trial  
6 lawyer; he was insistent on getting all the facts in  
7 a case and being well prepared. Judges and his con-  
8 temporaries, some of whom are here among us, have  
9 attested to the fact that the confidence he exhibited  
10 in the courtroom was shored up by complete preparation.

11 Although his career flourished, it was not  
12 without some toll being taken, because in those days  
13 when he was coming up, and even after he had attained  
14 stature as a leading trial lawyer, the members of the  
15 bar were not as genteel as they are now; there were  
16 bitter rivalries and feuds, and Joe did not escape  
17 completely unscathed. Some of those enmities, erupting  
18 from the fierce courtroom battles and the overflow of  
19 emotions, never were extinguished-- the price, I suppose,  
20 of uncompromising advocacy.

21 But Joe was not satisfied to achieve personal  
22 success in the law, which he had in large measure. He  
23 soon realized that if the trial was going to be an equal  
24 contest, there had to be a plaintiff's bar. The  
25 plaintiff's lawyer had to be able to match the skill

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1 of the defense bar, which was well organized, highly  
2 competent and extremely effective. Thus he became  
3 a pioneer in the efforts to establish both state and  
4 national organizations whose objectives were primarily  
5 to teach the independent or personal lawyer, if you  
6 please, trial techniques and courtroom skills so that  
7 he could match the skill and effectiveness of his  
8 worthy opponents. Some thirty years ago when the fore-  
9 runner of the American Trial Lawyers Association-- now  
10 some 30,000 strong-- was just beginning, Joe was a  
11 pioneer in the establishment and development of this  
12 organization and in guiding its policies. Its declared  
13 policy was primarily that of a teaching and training  
14 organization for trial lawyers on the plaintiff's side.  
15 But characteristic of Joe, in the early debates over  
16 what direction this organization was going, he insisted  
17 and was successful in establishing a policy that all of  
18 the teaching seminars and programs would be open to all  
19 lawyers, whatever side they might be on. He was the  
20 founder of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, which  
21 now numbers some 700 members. He was elected its Presi-  
22 dent in 1951, and was again elected President in 1955.

23 Last week, a leader of our local bar called  
24 me and said, "You are going to deliver an eulogy for  
25 Joe Cohen. Please say to those in attendance that

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1 never did so many of us owe so much to one man for  
2 bringing about the means to make us better trial  
3 lawyers."

4 As the federal court became an increasingly  
5 important forum for litigating personal injury claims  
6 and other personal matters, Joe recognized that the  
7 time-honored method of federal court jury selection  
8 rested on too narrow a base, because it did not achieve  
9 the declared policy of the law of obtaining a jury made  
10 up of a cross-section of the community, and so almost  
11 on his own initiative and through his own efforts, he  
12 prevailed upon the court to broaden the base of names  
13 from which federal court juries were selected, in order  
14 to approach the objective of assuring to litigants on  
15 both sides the right to a fair and impartial trial.

16 He organized and was President of the Wyandotte  
17 County Legal Aid Society, the agency providing  
18 legal services for the poor. In recognition of his  
19 long service to the bar, he was elected President of  
20 the Wyandotte County Bar Association in 1966.

21 At an age when most men were ready to level  
22 off, he started a second career as a successful business-  
23 man. Although he knew nothing of banking, he plunged  
24 in with his usual determination and learned the  
25 profession and became a successful banker. At the time

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1 of his death, he was the head of two strong, important  
2 financial institutions. But nevertheless,  
3 he was in his law office every day.

4 He was one of the very first developers of  
5 a multiple housing complex in Kansas City, Kansas.

6 The list of his accomplishments goes on and  
7 on. Although Joe was a total lawyer, handling a large  
8 practice and completely dedicated to his profession,  
9 he somehow was able to give just as much time and energy  
10 to his community responsibilities. He seemed to be  
11 involved in every aspect of community life. He helped  
12 organize the Kansas City, Kansas Community Chest, the  
13 forerunner of our United Fund, and was elected General  
14 Chairman and headed its annual drives in 1948, 1949,  
15 and again in 1950.

16 For fifteen years, he was Treasurer and on  
17 the Board of Directors of the Skyline Community Center,  
18 a recreational retreat for the less fortunate youth  
19 of the Armourdale District.

20 From the beginning of his adult life, he was  
21 a loyal and dedicated worker in the Jewish fraternal  
22 and service organizations, both local and national,  
23 and attained leadership on both levels.

24 The list of honors that have been bestowed  
25 upon Joe is so lengthy that I cannot tell you about

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1           them all. I would like to mention a few that I know  
2           he was most proud of.

3                     For interfaith and interreligious work in  
4           Kansas City, Kansas, he received the coveted Dr. Julius  
5           H. Rabin Award in 1950.

6                     In 1956, for his efforts in leading the  
7           successful building fund campaign for the expansion of  
8           St. Margaret's Hospital, Pope Pius XII bestowed the  
9           apostolic blessing on him.

10                    In 1970, because of his work in human rela-  
11           tions, he was appointed to the Kansas Commission on  
12           Civil Rights by Governor Docking, where he served  
13           faithfully for four years.

14                    In 1975, he received the highest honor  
15           bestowed by B'nai B'rith, the national Jewish men's  
16           service organization, the Humanitarian Award, for  
17           outstanding interfaith service.

18                    All of this devoted service was born out of  
19           a passionate belief in the dignity and the absolute  
20           right to self-respect of every man and women. I have  
21           never met a man who was so free of malice, ill will  
22           or prejudice as was he. I never heard him condemn  
23           or speak profanely of another person. But more  
24           importantly, he had a positive and genuine affection  
25           for most every human being. There are those present

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1 here today who, I am sure, will bear witness to this  
2 noble virtue: Regardless of creed, color, religious  
3 belief or persuasion, station in life-- it made no  
4 difference-- he embraced all of his fellow men as  
5 equals in the true sense of brotherhood.

6 Perhaps Joe's most admirable personal quality  
7 was his even disposition and his cheerful outlook.  
8 He was an eternal optimist. No problem seemed to  
9 overwhelm him and no job seemed insurmountable; he  
10 made everything look so easy. He seemed to enjoy every  
11 minute he was alive. He was, indeed, a happy warrior.  
12 And some of this positive and constructive outlook could  
13 not help but rub off on those around him and help  
14 pick them up.

15 Joe's life was one of the most fully lived I  
16 have ever observed. He took a lot from life, but he  
17 gave back much more. I think all of those who knew  
18 him well will agree with me in this: He took to  
19 himself a healthy slice of life-- that he did-- but he  
20 surely gave back a whole loaf!

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1 CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Mr. President, this  
2 concludes the activities of the Memorial Committee.  
3 I do wish to express on behalf of the Committee  
4 our pride in the memories of the men who we have  
5 eulogized today. If one will think over all of the  
6 remarks that were made, he cannot help but be im-  
7 pressed by the fact that lawyers are honorable men,  
8 they are dedicated men, and they are courageous men.

9 Mr. President, I now turn the meeting  
10 back to you.

11 PRESIDENT DENK: Thank you, Bill. On  
12 behalf of all of us, Bill, we would like to express  
13 our appreciation for a fine job done by yourself  
14 and the members of your committee.

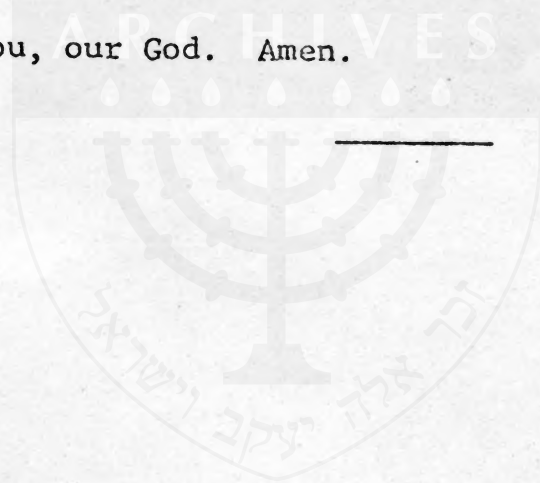
15 A transcript of these proceedings will be  
16 prepared and will be available in the Wyandotte  
17 County Law Library. A copy of each eulogy will be  
18 presented to the respective families, also.

19 Father Tank.

20 REVEREND TANK: Lord God, as we we have  
21 reflected today on the service given by these men,  
22 we are challenged to follow the good example that  
23 they have set. Help us to see and to speak about  
24 the good in people while they are alive and not just  
25 in death. Help us to reach out and be of service

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1 to others, with respect and consideration for the  
2 dignity of the human being. Help all of us to be  
3 mindful that we are most certainly to follow in death  
4 those whom we have honored here today. So help us  
5 to live with all readiness to face in awe your  
6 eternal tribunal. Help us to realize that we shall  
7 also ultimately be judged, so that fidelity to Your  
8 law and to Your will calls us to honesty and justice,  
9 to compassion and to truth. Help us to live each  
10 day by Your Word-- Your Word, which instructs us  
11 to live rightly, act justly and walk humbly before  
12 You, our God. Amen.



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## A Great Community Loss

**T**he unexpected death of Joseph Cohen while on vacation last week takes from the Jewish community of Greater Kansas City one of its great leaders, a man who was active in almost every facet of Jewish life and a man who had been engaged in many philanthropic and public service works that were not widely known. We use the term "Greater Kansas City" advisedly, because Mr. Cohen's interests were deep in the Jewish communities of Kansas City, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri, and — more recently — Johnson County, Kansas.

He was raised in the old Minnesota Avenue Jewish district and always maintained his membership in the Ohev Sholom Synagogue, later joining Temple B'nai Jehudah as well. He belonged to a Kansas B'nai B'rith lodge and helped organize the Kansas State Association, but his B'nai B'rith activities encompassed the 8-state District Two area and the entire country in his Anti-Defamation League work. His organizational and leadership abilities were utilized in the formation of the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City (recently re-named the Jewish Federation), and he served as its president.

In addition to these public activities, and a tremendous involvement in legal work, banking and business, Joseph Cohen accomplished much in the way of helping underprivileged and minority peoples that was not known to the public. As Rabbi Michael Zedek said in his eulogy Wednesday, he was a generous man and used to say "Since God was so good to me, I will pay Him back by giving to others." The rabbi noted that his door was always open to those in need, and he gave not only of his material possessions but of himself.

Last year we were privileged to be present when Joseph Cohen received the Humanitarian Award of B'nai B'rith, one of its highest honors, from David Blumberg, international president of the organization, in St. Louis. As he rose to make his acceptance remarks, he was overcome with emotion and was unable to read the prepared text. He had to leave the room but returned in a few moments, after regaining his composure. After reviewing his B'nai B'rith career and expressing appreciation for the honors given him, he stressed his identification with the State of Israel and pledged to continue his work for its vitality and strength.

Joseph Cohen closed his remarks at that time by urging his friends in the large audience present "never to lose sight of the invisible, but to aspire and thereby to build to greater and greater heights." In personifying this valued message, Joseph Cohen left his community and his people a treasured legacy.

Joseph and ... Kansas City, Missouri, Box 2, Folder 3, American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

EULOGY FOR JOSEPH COHEN  
September 8, 1976

Whether or not a rabbi gives a good, bad, or indifferent eulogy of the deceased is, in most circumstances, of little consequence, a matter of brief moment. That is most especially true today. For Joseph Cohen, in his seventy-four years, composed a magnificent eulogy of himself. It is written in deeds. It is composed on the hearts of all he touched. Look around this sanctuary and see how many Joe touched and, most especially, how well.

"Who is deserving of honor," the mishna queries, "he who contributes to the dignity of mankind." Most assuredly, Joseph Cohen is honored among us.

In so many ways, a rich life; in so many ways a good life...so many ways, a celebration.

At the very center of Joe's celebration, of his life, was family. He laid strong foundations of love with his deceased brothers, Lou and Morris, and his younger sisters, Dorothy and Reva. Above all Joe had two wonderful women in his life. His strength and purpose are intimately tied to them. Joe's devotion to Margaret was legendary. Together, they raised a bountiful harvest--Barton, Hildy and Miles. When, in 1958, tragedy struck, Joe refused to embitter his grief. He knew that life must continue. Eventually he married again to his beloved Marge. They built more than just a shelter against loneliness. They were blessed companions--true, but more--they lived a twelve-year romance. He reached out with understanding and love to Marge's children. They, too, became a part of him.

On his seventieth birthday his eldest son, Barton, toasted his father: "Dad has taught not just from words alone but from deeds and example the values and the ways in which a man expresses concern for family, community...Instilled within me, was his inherent optimism in the future--that life is to be lived and enjoyed--its pleasures and blessings shared with others."

It is in the area of sharing with others that Joe accomplished so much. When B'nai B'rith conferred its Humanitarian Award to Joseph Cohen, without understatement, the citation begins: "Joseph Cohen is another way of saying generosity."

His achievements and concerns are legend. Barton expressed it in a perfect metaphor for Joe's style, for his life: "I remember trying to walk beside him. It was so hard to keep such a fast pace." Even an incomplete list is overwhelming. Listen to but a few:

Past President of Grand Lodge District 2 B'nai B'rith: youngest person ever to hold that position.

Chairman of the executive committee of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League.

Commissioner on the Kansas Civil Rights Commission.

President of the Community Chest.

President of the Jewish Community Council.

An outstanding trial lawyer, Joe was a founder and President of the Legal Aid Society of Wyandotte County and President of the Wyandotte County Bar Association.

Advisor on minority affairs in Presidential campaign of Governor Alf Landon.

Member of the Boards of Ohev Shalom and B'nai Jehudah

Chairman of the board of Rosedale State Bank and Metcalf State Bank.

Al tifrosh minhatsibor--"Don't separate yourself from the community," the Mishna says. There was no part of Joseph Cohen that was not for and about both the Jewish and larger communities.

Joe was a generous man. He believed since God had been so good to him that, "I'm going to repay him." Even in "retirement" many of his clients were those unable to pay for his services. His door was open always to those in need.

Joe's achievements are a substantial list--but it was more than that to him. Joe gave not only of his financial resources; he gave, in abundant measure, the most precious possession a person has--his time.

He was a champion of justice. A man of unwilting courage, Joe spoke out even when it was dangerous to do so. At a speech delivered in 1931 to the people of the Washington Avenue A.M.E. Church, he said: "Let us carry on a common warfare against ignorance, superstition, intolerance, prejudice and bigotry. Christian and Jew, white and black marching together always mindful of the injunction of the prophet Micah "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God." Joe fought in that battle with distinction.

With all his personal and business success, what was extraordinary about Joe Cohen? What set him apart? Boundless, inexhaustible energy--yes. But how explain that hardly a person could begrudge Joe his distinctions; no one could be covetous of his success.

The explanation for the unblemished affection so many had for so visible a public figure lies, I suspect, in the special secrets of living that Joe had unlocked.

For he possessed and was in turn possessed by an indomitable optimism. He was not blind to the shortcomings of others, but, whatever their flaws, he wished only to see the best in people. Such a positive outlook meant that, on occasion, Joe saw his faith betrayed, ridiculed. But he was willing to pay that price in order to maintain his unshakeable determination in a person's

basic goodness. For Joe had a special disease--a marvelous contagion--to make you do the very best of which you were capable. He gave you credit for achievement even before you had an opportunity to do it. He knew you could do it, and how could you let such confidence down? The answer is, few did.

There is a folk tradition in Judaism--some would suggest it is no more than a superstition--that a person's name has some prophetic capacity; may direct his destiny. Joseph, Yosef, in Hebrew, means he will add. Joe added much to so many lives. We are better because of him. He was well named.

Normally such words are concluded with the phrase Zichrono Livracha, usually translated, "May his memory be for blessing."

In this instance we say: "His memory is a blessing." Zichrono Livracha. Amen. V'amen.



*Michael Fedok*

# Prominent Lawyer, Banker Dies

Joseph Cohen, a prominent lawyer, banker and civic leader here, died Thursday night aboard a cruise ship off the coast of Alaska. He was 74 years old.

The lifelong Kansas Citian and his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Cohen, had been on vacation two weeks when Mr. Cohen apparently suffered a heart attack on the ship near the port of Sitka, Alaska.

Mr. Cohen, of 3030 W. 67th Terrace, Mission Hills, began practicing law in Kansas City, Kansas, in 1926. After 50 years he continued to practice—at a reduced pace—in his office in the Huron Building, 905 N. 7th, Kansas City, Kansas.

Mr. Cohen was chairman of the board and majority owner of Rosedale State Bank and Trust Company, which he acquired in 1949, and of Metcalf State Bank, which he and others founded in 1962.

Since the early 1930s Mr. Cohen had been an active spokesman for the Jewish community, an advocate of civil rights and a behind-the-scenes Republican.

He began his first career at the age of nine, selling *The Kansas City Star* on the corner of 5th and Minnesota. His brother, Louis Cohen, sold papers on the next block. While still in school, Joseph acquired his own newspaper route in Kansas City, Kansas.

In 1917 Mr. Cohen became a courthouse reporter for *The Times in The Star's* Kansas City, Kansas, office. He continued as a reporter covering the courthouse until 1925 when he joined the firm of another Kansas City, Kansas, lawyer.

He was graduated from the Kansas City School of Law in 1924. He attended the University of Kansas and the University of Colorado.

Mr. Cohen was a member of the Congregation B'nai Jehudah and Congregation Ohev Shalom.

A member of the Beth Horon Lodge of B'nai B'rith, Mr. Cohen received the Humanitarian Award from District Grand Lodge No. 2 in 1975. He was a member of the national commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for 35 years.

In 1924 Mr. Cohen organized the Kansas Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges. He rose through the ranks of the national organization and was elected president of the 8-state district grand lodge in 1933. Through the years he served in many offices in B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Cohen was named to the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights in 1970 and served four years.

In the early years of his law practice Mr. Cohen had a reputation for winning unprecedented high judgments in civil suits on behalf of black clients. He spoke in favor of laws prohibiting discrimination in employment. He maintained an interest in civil rights throughout his career.



JOSEPH COHEN

He was a member of the Oakwood Country Club and the Terrace Club.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Cohen of the home; two sons, Barton P. Cohen, 8 Wycklow, Overland Park, and Miles A. Cohen, 7243 Eby Drive, Merriam; a daughter, Ms. Hildred D. Hoffman, 4934 State Line, Westwood; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Levitta and Mrs. Reva Cohen, both of Prairie Village, and eight grandchildren.

try for Gov. Alf Landon of Kansas, the Republican party's candidate for President, making speeches for Landon and advising him on minority problems.

He was one of the organizers of the United Community Campaign of Kansas City, Kansas, of which he was general chairman in 1948. For 15 years he was treasurer and a board member of the Skyline Community Center.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Kansas Bar Association, the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and the Wyandotte County Bar Association, of which he was a past president. He was one of the organizers of the Wyandotte County Legal Aid Society.

## *Paths Crossed in Finland*

The recent death of Joe Cohen, widely known Kansas City, Kansas, banker, lawyer and ex-newspaperman, has brought to mind for Joseph W. Mitchell, 3906 Terrace, an incident in Helsinki back in June, 1959.

"I had been traveling for months around the world," said Mitchell, "and after leaving Russia decided to go to Helsinki for a week or so. There is an enormous tower there that was built for the Olympics that were never held because of World War II. In the elevator there was one other man. He asked me what part of the world I was from and so it developed that we were both Kansas Citians.

"I was staying at the Vaakuna, a lovely hotel with a dining room on top like the Alameda Plaza and Crown Center, and he joined me for lunch the following day after a good visit in the lobby. We found that we had mutual friends in Kansas City. Greater Kansas City has lost a most prominent citizen."

Joe and Marjorie Cohen enjoyed their travels. This reporter and his wife spent an enjoyable three weeks with them as members of a hardy band of 31 University of Kansas alumni traveling in 1971 under the relatively new banner of Flying Jayhawks on an excursion to the Soviet Union, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. They were most companionable travelers.

# PRINCESS PATTEN

ISLAND PRINCESS



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Welcome to

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## GLACIER BAY NATIONAL MONUMENT



The spectacular face of Margerie Glacier, one of 16 active tidewater glaciers in the Glacier Bay National Monument.

"**G**lacier Bay--Here we are in the Great Land. Indeed, all of Glacier Bay is the Great Land, unique, wild and magnificent. It should exist intact solely for its own sake. No justification, rationale, or excuse is needed. For its own sake--and no other reason." (Dave Bohn)

## About Glacier Bay...

Glacier Bay National Monument is approximately 100 miles northwest of Juneau. Its ice fields terminate in more than 20 glaciers which produce dramatic ice movements by funneling into a single narrow channel. The bay itself is included within the national monument which comprises 2,299,598 acres.

Muir Glacier, one of the most active on the Alaska coast, rises sheer, some 265 feet above the waters of Muir Inlet, and is about two miles wide. Its movement of 20 to 30 feet per day is tremendous as compared with the creeping movement of most glaciers.

Between 1899 and 1946 Muir Glacier had receded 13 miles. If this trend continues, changes of great scenic interest will affect the configuration of the upper bay within another 50 years.

The area has been known since about 1700. Around 1750 the ice filled practically the entire bay; it had begun to retreat by the time of Captain George Vancouver's visit in 1794. Since then the ice front usually has been in retreat. Famed U.S. naturalist John Muir visited Glacier Bay in 1879 and 1880. Thereafter it was intensively studied by glaciologists, climatologists and plant ecologists.

Glacier Bay was made a national monument in 1925, and is a unit in the U.S. National Park System. The southeast end of the monument (toward the mouth of Glacier Bay) is clothed in moss-draped spruce and hemlock. Alaska brown bear, grizzlies and black bear inhabit these primeval forests. Mink, martin, red fox, beaver, wolverine and Sitka blacktail deer also are found here. Porpoises, spouting whales, and hair seals live in the broad, sheltered stretches of the bay, and many species of waterfowl dot the coves and inlets. In the spring, spawning salmon crowd the rushing streams.



### FROM THE NAVIGATOR:

*Today Island Princess cruises amidst the magnificent scenery of Glacier Bay. Commentaries will be given throughout the day by the Park Rangers who embarked earlier this morning. We leave Glacier Bay at 10 o'clock tonight and turn to starboard into North Passage and North Inian Pass which leads to the open sea.*

*Island Princess then turns to port and sets southerly courses off the coasts of Chicagof and Kruzof Islands towards Sitka. —Shortly before 6 o'clock tomorrow morning Island Princess will round Cape Edgecumbe and then make an approach towards Sitka harbour where we expect to arrive at our anchorage by 8 a.m.*

SUNSET TONIGHT:  
21.08 p.m.

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**SUGGESTED EVENING DRESS: INFORMAL**

**MORNING**

6.00 ISLAND PRINCESS ARRIVES IN BARTLETT COVE & TAKES ABOARD THE NATIONAL PARK RANGERS.

*During the day they will be giving a commentary which can be heard on open decks, the Starlight-Lounge, the Carib & Carousel Lounges and on Channel 2 in your stateroom. - They will also present an illustrated lecture at 1.30 and 2.30 p.m. in the Princess Theatre.*

10.00 PASSENGERS GENERAL EMERGENCY STATIONS.  
(PASSENGERS WHO EMBARKED AT SKAGWAY).  
Princess Theatre.

**AFTERNOON**

1.30 & 2.30 PARK RANGERS SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
*An illustrated lecture on GLACIER BAY, its flora and fauna. - Princess Theatre.*

3.45 CHARLIE MILLER'S MAGIC BOX - A very special presentation, by our Humourist Magician. This feature is for our Younger Set only. No one over the age of 15 will be allowed to participate. Princess Theatre.

4.15 PORT LECTURE - SITKA and it's Russian Heritage.  
*Presented by our Alaskan Port Lecturer Nancy Watt. Princess Theatre.*

5.00 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ JACKPOT BINGO \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$  
*Today could be your lucky day. So come along try your luck. - Carousel Lounge.*

5.30 HOLY MASS - will be celebrated by Rev. Albert Heinser. Princess Theatre.

**EVENING**

6.00-6.45 TWO IN TUNE - with Mario & Jeannie. Carousel Lounge.

6.00-6.45 PIANO PLAYTIME - with Christiano at the piano - Starlight Lounge.

7.45-8.30 COCKTAIL MUSIC with The Marco Mannini Trio. Carib Lounge.

7.45-8.30 COCKTAIL MUSIC - with Mario & Jeannie. Carousel Lounge.

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10.00 ISLAND PRINCESS DEPARTS FOR SITKA.

10.00 CARIB DANCE DATE - with The Marco Mannini Trio. Carib Lounge.

10.15 MOVIE TIME *Like the Bullet* Starring: Gene Hackman and Candice Bergman. Runs 131 mins. Rated (P.G.). Princess Theatre.

11.30



JUKE-BOX DISCO  
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MEAL TIMES TODAY		
EARLY BIRD COFFEE	6.30 a.m.	Sun Deck Lido
BREAKFAST, early sitting	7.30 a.m.	Coral Dining Room
" late sitting	8.30 a.m.	" " "
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, self service	8.00-10.00 a.m.	Sun Deck Lido
COFFEE, self service	10.00-6 p.m.	Sun Deck Lido
BOUILLON, self service	11.00 a.m.	Sun Deck Lido
LUNCHEON, open sitting	12.00-1.30 p.m.	Coral Dining Room
GLACIER BAY GALA BUFFET, early sitting	12.00 Noon	Sun Deck Lido
" " late sitting	12.45 p.m.	" " "
AFTERNOON TEA	4.00 p.m.	Carib Lounge
DINNER, early sitting	6.45 p.m.	Coral Dining Room
" late sitting	8.30 p.m.	" " "
LATE NIGHT SNACK	11.30 p.m.	Carib Lounge
PIZZA TIME	11.30 p.m.	Carib & Starlight Lounges



## B'NAI B'RITH DISTRICT TWO

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December 27, 1976

Mrs. Joseph Cohen  
3030 W. 67th Terrace  
Mission Hills, Kansas 66208

Dear Marge:

At our recent Board of Governors Meeting we passed a Resolution in respect to your dear departed husband. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Zecher tsadik liv'rocho - the memory of the righteous is a blessing.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Harris  
Executive Vice-President

DWH/as  
Encl.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF DISTRICT  
B'NAI BRITH DISTRICT TWO  
PAST PRESIDENT, JOSEPH COHEN  
COLORADO NEW MEXICO - OHIO - WYOMING

WHEREAS, in the infinite wisdom of our Lord, our dear Brother, Joseph Cohen was taken from our midst on September 2, 1976 and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Cohen was a Past President of Beth Hbron Lodge No. 599 in Kansas City, Kansas and served as a member of the Board of Governors and as President of District Two (1933-34) and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Cohen served on the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League Commission for more than 30 years and served as its Honorary Vice-Chairman for more than 20 years and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Cohen was President of the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City and was President of the Wyandotte County (Kansas City, Kansas) Bar Association and on the Board of Governors of the Trial Lawyers Association and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Cohen also served with great distinction, his synagogue and many civic cultural agencies and institutions both Jewish and non-Jewish and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Cohen served with distinction as a practicing attorney and was a highly respected member of his profession and exemplified those traits for which others merely strive and,

WHEREAS his wisdom, leadership and dedication were an inspiration to all who had the opportunity and privilege to work and associate with him;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith District Two in meeting assembled does extend its condolences to the family and friends of Joseph Cohen and to the community of the Greater Kansas City area which he so well served and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Joseph Cohen.

Mrs. Sidney Pakula  
10839 State Line  
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

Dear Marjorie -

It was a great shock & with sadness that we read of the death of Joe. He was a fine gentleman admired by all who knew him. He was kind & generous & a great philanthropist. He will surely be missed not only by his family,

but by the  
community at  
large -

Do know we  
are both thinking  
of you -

Affectionately  
Dorot Dad

9/4/76

SHELDON STEINHAUSER

SUITE 202

300 SOUTH DAHLIA STREET  
DENVER, COLORADO 80222

October 1, 1976

Dear Marjorie,

Jan and I were terribly shocked by the news of Joe's very sudden death. We do want to pass along our profound condolences to you, Bart, Miles and Mildred.

Joe was that unique combination of outstanding community leader, caring human being, eloquent orator, steeped in wisdom and warm in personality. He is so synonymous in our minds with all that is represented by the ADL and B'nai B'rith that it is almost unthinkable that he should now be absent from those councils.

But in a very real sense, he will not be missing. His spirit, his memory, his achievements, the strengths that he gave to each of us will live on and be a blessing. People will think of him and remember him and be inspired by him for the years to come. Perhaps that very knowledge will ultimately be of some comfort to all of you and to those of us who mourn his loss and feel the pain and the tears now and in the difficult days ahead.

If ever there was a person who represented Judaism's highest command "Choose Life", it was Joe. That is precisely what he would have asked of us now and that is precisely what we will do.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Joseph Cohen  
3030 West 67th Terrace  
Mission Hills, Kansas 66222

ELLIOTT W. FINKEL

1612 FRICK BUILDING • PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219  
(412) 288-2675

September 20, 1976

Mrs. Joseph Cohen  
3030 West 67th Terrace  
Mission Hills, KS 66222

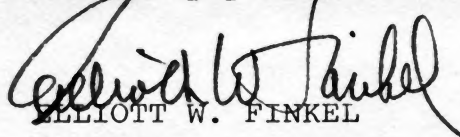
Dear Mrs. Cohen:

As a National Commissioner of ADL and Chairman of the greater Pittsburgh ADL Advisory Board, may I extend my condolences to you and your family on the death of your beloved husband.

I had frequently heard of Joe's great integrity, strong character and deep commitment to everything that was right and good. I am also keenly aware of his many years of dedicated service to ADL. The lives of countless people were improved as result of his abilities and dedication.

On a sad occasion such as this, I trust you and your family will have some comfort from the words of our Temple service that "...he still lives on earth in the acts of goodness he performed and in the hearts of those who cherish his memory."

Sincerely yours,

  
ELLIOTT W. FINKEL

EWf/slt



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE APPEALS COURT  
BOSTON 02108

DAVID A. ROSE  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE (ret.)

Dear Mary:

Ruth and I have just learned of Joe's sudden passing and hasten to send these few inadequate words of condolence.

We hope you will find a measure of comfort in the treasured memories of devotion and companionship.

May you and all of this family be granted the strength and courage so needed in this hour of your deep sorrow.

Sincerely,

David

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ROBERT F. BENNETT  
Governor

November 15, 1976

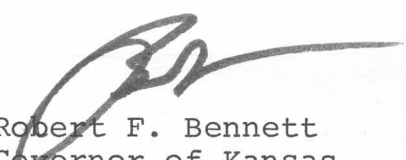
Mr. Barton P. Cohen  
8 Wycklow  
Overland Park, Kansas 66207

Dear Bart:

Thanks for your note. As I have said, we're all going to miss the effective leadership of your father but we have all been blessed with a period of acquaintance with him which has had rare self-improving qualities.

Olivia joins me in sending you our very best regards.

Very sincerely,



Robert F. Bennett  
Governor of Kansas

RFB:pc

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WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701

September 17, 1976

Dear Marjorie:

Tillie and I just learned the sad news this morning that Joe had passed away. Although he had attained the biblical age of threescore and ten, his demise was nonetheless untimely and the loss irreparable. Tillie and I hasten to express our deepest sympathies. We hope you will find comfort in Joe's many accomplishments, his enormous contributions to his profession, the community, and the country at large. He was a strong protagonist for human rights, the dignity of man, and for justice to all mankind, including his own people.

We hope you will find solace in your happiness together and pleasant memories. We pray that you will be spared further sorrow.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Joseph Cohn  
3030 West 67th Terrace  
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