



Temple Beth Shalom in Chula Vista (Google street view)

Until Temple Beth Shalom was built in 1958, Jews in Chula Vista and the South Bay had to travel to Temple Beth Israel at Second and Beech Street in San Diego 1887-1926, then to the new temple at Third and Laurel after 1926 (now Ohr Shalom Synagogue after the merger in 1999 of congregations Beth Tefilah and Adat Ami). The first documented Jewish residents of Chula Vista were the Perlmutter in the 1930s. However, it is probable that earlier citizens who immigrated from Poland and Russia and Lithuania were Jewish, including Eitzen and Berlin and Wilkowski and Lebedzinski and Karas and Lenikow and Horowitz and Ainbinder and Kagan.



Chula Vista was developed in 1887 by the Santa Fe Railroad as an agricultural tract for five-acre lemon ranches and elegant orchard homes. The city of 846 was incorporated in 1911, and remained rural until World War II when its population soared to over 10,000.

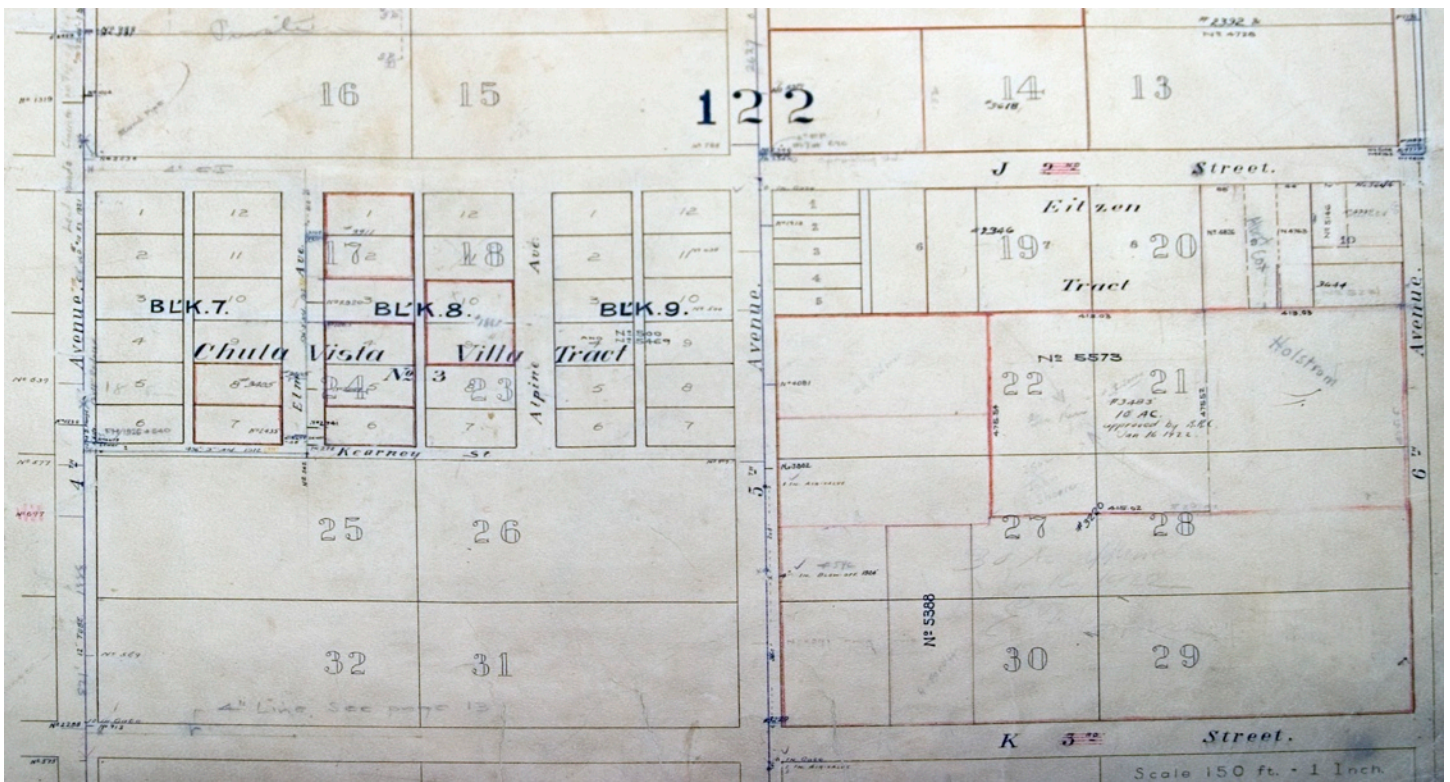
1910 - Wilma Meredith article on "Chula Vista. . . Yesterday and Today" -- "In reviewing my articles on CV, I am able to give a graphic picture of the townsite as it was over sixty years ago. Picture a rolling landscape of sage brush and cactus dotted here and there with a sparse sprinkling of eucalyptus, palm and pepper trees, and open country where cattle grazed. The first house of any size was started on what was later called Third Ave. The house is now known as the Eitzen place." [Abraham Eitzen came to CV in 1910 and built one of the original orchard houses in the block west of Fredericka Manor] (Chula Vista Star, Apr. 23, 1948.)



Barber-Eitzen house at 138 Third Ave., 1892 (CCHU_196 from Chula Vista Library)

1911/05/01 - Louise and Albert Barber purchased the first tract in Chula Vista and before long, this house had been constructed for them. They moved into their new home on Feb. 1, 1888. Five acres of citrus trees surrounded their elegant residence. After 1905, several families owned the property from time to time until May 1, 1911, when Abraham Eitzen purchased the place. He lived in this house until his death in 1931. Mr. Eitzen was a prominent Chula Vista citizen who served on the City Council for four years. Sometime in the 1940s, the house was moved from its original address at 138 Third Avenue to its present location. This building, although stripped of its 19th century finery, has special significance as the oldest known house in the city, as one of the few remaining orchard houses, and as the former home of two prominent families, the Barbers and the Eitzens. The brackets, the carpenter's lace, the metal cresting, and the other details that once decorated this large, 1 1/2 story house are gone. This stripped down Queen Anne features a complex, high hip and steep gable roof with twin, street-facing gabled dormers. The house has wide eaves, double hung windows usually placed individually, and wide shiplap siding. The one story open porch at the right front corner has undergone alterations as well. The original porch roof supports have been replaced by a series of vertical boards placed at an angle to the street. Asbestos shingles replace the siding on the upper floor of this house. Only fragments of the former elegance can be seen here and there, yet the basic structure as viewed from the street appears to be intact. ("Albert Barber House," in Webster, Historic Resources Inventory, 1985.)

1912 - Eitzen, Abraham C, lemon grower, h 138 3d av (City Directories 1912-30)



California Water and Telephone Company Map Book #6, Box 40EN-38, Sweetwater Authority Archives.

1912/10/11 - Eitzen Subdivision Map 1482, filed Oct. 11, 1912, by Abraham Eitzen, on south side of J St west of Hilltop. (Engineering Department, City of Chula Vista.)

1920 Census about Abraham C Eitzen (possibly Jewish)

Name: Abraham C Eitzen

Age: 60

Birth Year: abt 1860

Birthplace: Russia

Home in 1920: Third Ave in Chula Vista, San Diego, California

Race: White

Gender: Male

Immigration Year: 1877

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Widowed

Father's Birthplace: Russia

Mother's Birthplace: Russia

Occupation: fruit grower

Home owned: Own

Able to read: Yes

Able to Write: Yes

Neighbors: Julius and Jannet Wilkowski, John and Elizabeth Lebidzinski - all b. Poland

Household Members:

Abraham C Eitzen 60

Carl Myers 45, lodger



St. John's Episcopal Church built 1924 (CENT_0330 from Chula Vista Library)

1924 - St. John's Episcopal Church - Temple Beth Sholom 202 & 206 Madrona Street Parcel number: 568-353-09 Construction date: 1924 Estimated Architectural Style: spanish Eclectic Legal: Latta's Sub, Lots 9 through 12 This property was acquired by the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Los Angeles on Sept. 11, 1923. By 1924, St. John's Episcopal Church was under construction at 202 Madrona. The church was dedicated on June 28, 1925 by Bishop Stevens. The rectory was constructed around 1926. In 1925 and 1926, the Rev. G. R. Wreford was the rector at St. John's, and from 1927 through at least 1931, Rev. Gerald Messias served this parish. His wife, Priscilla, worked as a bookkeeper for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company. In 1958, St. John's moved to its present location at First and Kearney streets and the old building became Temple Beth Sholom. This building is significant as the former site of St. John's and as a fine example of Spanish architecture as adapted to a medium sized church building. Although there might have been some changes, no alterations are apparent. The building appears to retain integrity of design and materials. This large rectangular building has a red tiled, medium, front-gabled roof with visible support beam ends. A double gable faces the street. The entrance is centered on the facade and has double wooden doors inset in an arched opening with a hood mold. There is also an arched side entrance. The building has a stucco exterior, inset multiple pane windows that appear to tilt inwards, and buttresses along at least one side. The former rectory at 206 Madrona has similar construction. The two story stucco house features a red tile, street-facing gable roof with exposed rafter ends and an exterior chimney on the left side. The house has an arched entrance. Sources SD Union 6/29/25 (dedication) (Webster, Karna. "Historic Resources Inventory," City of Chula Vista, 1985.)

1924 - (photo) St. John's Episcopal Church Creator Unknown Date Created Unknown Description The church, built in 1924, 202 Madrona Street, is a fine example of Spanish architecture. In 1958, St. John's moved to its present location at First and Kearney Streets and the old building became Temple Beth Sholom. (CENT 0330, Historical Photos Digital Collection, http://www.chulavistaca.gov/City_Services/Community_Services/Library/LocalHistoryMuseum/digCollections.asp)

1930 United States Federal Census about Stanly Karas (possibly Jewish)

Name: Stanly Karas

[Stanley Karas]

Gender: Male

Birth Year: abt 1875

Birthplace: Poland

Race: White

Home in 1930: Chula Vista, San Diego, California
room at 262 Del Mar

Marital Status: Married

Immigration Year: 1895

Relation to Head of House: Head

Spouse's Name: Vasly Karas

Father's Birthplace: Poland

Mother's Birthplace: Poland

Occupation: carpenter

Household Members:

Stanly Karas 55

Vasly Karas 52

1930 United States Federal Census about Jake Lenikow (possibly Jewish)

Name: Jake Lenikow

Gender: Male

Birth Year: abt 1887

Birthplace: Russia

Race: White

Home in 1930: Chula Vista, San Diego, California

Marital Status: Married

Immigration Year: 1913

Relation to Head of House: Head

Spouse's Name: Esther Lenikow

Father's Birthplace: Russia

Mother's Birthplace: Russia

Occupation: grocery store,

Neighbors: Paul Schilling, Emil Thol, William Moran, Victor Chase

Household Members:

Jake Lenikow 43

Esther Lenikow 33

Leah Lenikow 15, b. Missouri



F Street School, 1st grade class of Enid Hause 1938

1938 - Betty Norling brought along her photo of the 1st grade class of Enid Hause at the F Street school in 1938. As you can see in the photo, Enid has a very modern blond curly hairdo (which led to a discussion of beauty parlors in Chula Vista and how many girls really got permanents). The girl sitting in the center row, 4th from the left, is Deborah Perlmutter, daughter of one of the early Jewish residents in the Sweetwater Valley. (Steve Schoenherr, Update #15, Sept. 10, 2010.)

1939/09/01 - CHULA VISTA -- Fifty years ago, on Sept. 1, 1939, in her Amsterdam home, at 3 Hercules St., the radio told Helen Waterford that World War II had erupted. Now, in 1989, she sits in a living room decorated by souvenirs of a war that turned out not to be wonderful. A sort of souvenir is her 1987 book, "Commitment To The Dead: One Woman's Journey Toward Understanding" (Renaissance House, Frederick, Colo.). Her story will be part of CBS-TV's remembrance of the start of World War II. Helen was born in Germany. She grew up a tomboy in the heart of Frankfurt. She remembers the childhood day she joined the boys snatching rings of dried figs from a grocery near the Hauptwache main square. She escaped by hanging onto the rear of a streetcar. In 1934, Helen and her boyfriend, accountant Siegfried Wohlfarth, decided to wed and get out. They did. They fled to Holland. From September 1942 to Aug. 25, 1944, Helen and her husband hid in attic apartments. They paid each host with a dwindling supply of jewelry. In another Amsterdam attic was Anne Frank and her family. On the day Allied troops liberated Paris and Canadian troops were striking for Amsterdam, two Dutch and two Gestapo agents knocked on the door of the Haarlem house. They were dispatched to Auschwitz on the train that took Anne Frank to her death. At the Polish camp, where 4 million Jews were killed, Dr. Josef Mengele picked Helen to survive as a slave laborer. They tattooed an inmate number on Helen's left inside forearm. It is still visible: A 25254. (San Diego Union, Aug 31, 1989.)

1940 United States Federal Census about Samuel Perlmutter

Name: Samuel Perlmutter

Respondent: Yes

Age: 45

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1895

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birthplace: Poland

Marital Status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Head

Home in 1940: National City, San Diego, California

Rancher, Merchant, 2nd hand store

Street: Main Stay Road From

Farm: Yes

Inferred Residence in 1935: San Diego, San Diego, California

Residence in 1935: San Diego, San Diego, California

Citizenship: Naturalized

Sheet Number: 5A

Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 88

Neighbors: James Perryman, Carlos Valpreda

Household Members:

Samuel Perlmutter 45, b. Poland

Anna R Perlmutter 36, b. Poland

Ruth Perlmutter 16, b. Illinois

Helen Perlmutter 13, b. Illinois

Debra Perlmutter 6, b. Calif

Rebecca Ragokind 18, sister, b. Poland

1940 United States Federal Census about Moses S Berlin (possibly Jewish)

Name: Moses S Berlin

Age: 43

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1897

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birthplace: Poland

Marital Status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Head

Home in 1940: Chula Vista, San Diego, California

owner salvage company

Street: E Street

House Number: 462

Farm: No

Inferred Residence in 1935: San Diego, San Diego, California

Residence in 1935: San Diego, San Diego, California

Citizenship: Having First Papers

Sheet Number: 11A

Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 324

Neighbors: William Ramage, George Galligan, David and Elizabeth Horowitz (b. Lithuania),

Household Members:

Name Age

Moses S Berlin 43

Jane R Berlin 41

Helen S Berlin 16
Lee R Berlin 14, b. Calif
Nathan Zorman 20, nephew, works at uncle's salvage co.

1940 United States Federal Census about David G Horowitz (possibly Jewish)

Name: David G Horowitz
Age: 48
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1892
Gender: Male
Race: White
Birthplace: Lithuania
Marital Status: Married
Relation to Head of House: Head
Home in 1940: Chula Vista, San Diego, California
owner general merchandise
Street: E Street
House Number: 470
Farm: No
Inferred Residence in 1935: Chula Vista, San Diego, California
Residence in 1935: Same Place
Citizenship: Naturalized
Sheet Number: 11A
Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 322
Neighbors: George Galligan, Moses Berlin, William Rutledge
Household Members:
David G Horowitz 48
Elizabeth B Horowitz 40
Sylvia H Horowitz 13, b. Calif
Inez R Horowitz 10, b. Calif

1940 United States Federal Census about Issak Ainbinder (possibly Jewish)

Name: Issak Ainbinder
Age: 30
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1910
Gender: Male
Race: White
Birthplace: Russia
Marital Status: Single
Relation to Head of House: Head
Home in 1940: Chula Vista, San Diego, California
proprietor laundry
Street: Landis Street
House Number: 262
Farm: No
Inferred Residence in 1935: Maine
Residence in 1935: Maine
Citizenship: Alien
Sheet Number: 2B
Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 40
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members:
Issak Ainbinder 30
Anna Ainbinder 63, mother

Jack Kagan 45, brother-in-law, b. Poland
Susana Kagan 33, sister, b. Russia

1943 - Dr. Alvin May was the first eye doctor south of San Diego 25 yrs ago [1943] , first office at 288 3rd ave between city hall and post office, lives in Bonita, May is Jewish. (Chula Vista Star-News, Apr. 7, 1968.)

1945 - Perlmutter Saml H (Anna) h321 Del Mar av (city directories 1944-45, and 1950)



The Laura Crockett bungalow at 321 Del Mar, built in 1932, was home of Samuel Perlmutter family

Renee Perlmutter Weds Major Cokin Sunday in Naval Hospital Chapel

Miss Renee Perlmutter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Perlmutter, 321 Del Mar avenue, was claimed as bride by Major Milton George Cokin, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cokin of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, at two o'clock Sunday afternoon in the chapel of the Naval hospital with Rabbi Morton Cohn officiating. Donna Temple sang "Always" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in ivory satin en train. Her veil fell from a coronet of orange blossoms. A white orchid corsage centered her cascade bouquet of white bouvardia.

Helen Perlmutter served as her sister's maid of honor in a white tulle gown with a large white hat. Her flowers were royal blue carnations. Another sister, Deborah Perlmutter and Dorothy Rabinowitz, acted as bridesmaids and were attired in white taffeta gowns and carried cascade bouquets of scarlet carnations.

Major Alexander Gentleman was best man and Major Frank Waters and Major Harry Edwards ushered.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception for 200 guests was held in the commissioned officers mess in the Marine recruit depot. Mrs. Perlmutter received in a powder blue gown with a pink hat and matching gloves.

The newlyweds flew to Victoria and Lake Louise in British Columbia on the first lap of a month long honeymoon which will take them as far east as New York and Rhode Island. For her going away costume the bride chose toast-colored wool with white accessories.

Mrs. Cokin attended San Diego State college and the University of California. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Chi and Beta Gamma Sigma sororities. She has lived in Chula Vista for the past eight years. Major Cokin attended Boston University and was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity.

Miss Shipman Honor Guest at Bridal Shower Wednesday

Gladys Shipman, daughter of Mrs. Clarice Shipman, is to be guest of honor at a miscellaneous bridal shower to be given by Mrs. L. C. Noderer and her daughter, Carol in their home, 75 Fourth avenue, next Wednesday evening at seven. Twenty-five guests have been invited.

Gladys Shipman to Marry August 1

Gladys Shipman, daughter of Mrs. Clarice Shipman, 171 Fifth avenue, has chosen August 1 for the date of her wedding to Anthony Sassano of San Diego, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sassano of Billings, Montana. The wedding will take place at two o'clock in St. Joseph's Cathedral in San Diego.

Miss Shipman attended Chula Vista schools, graduating from the local junior high school and from Sweetwater high school in June 1947. Mr. Sassano graduated from Billings high school and attended the School of Mines in Butte and the University of California in Berkeley. He served in the navy for three years. The young couple will make their home in San Diego where Mr. Sassano is employed.

Chula Vistans Attend Koppa Tea Wednesday

Mrs. Vincent Howe, Mrs. Robert Grady and Mrs. Victor L. Wolf were guests at a tea given for active and alumni members of Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority in La Jolla Wednesday.

Chula Vista Star July 16, 1948

1948/07/16 - Renee Perlmutter weds Marine Major Milton George Cokin of RI in Naval Hospital chapel, d. of Samuel H. Perlmutter of 321 Del Mar, by Rabbi Morton Cohn. Maid of honor was sister Helen Perlmutter, another sister Deborah Perlmutter was bridesmaid with Dorothy Rabinowitz. Renee has lived in CV for the past 8 years. (Chula Vista Star, July 16, 1948.)

1950 - Lois Cook Miller born here in CV, at 3rd and I, grew up on house at Twin Oaks near I Street, father was a fireman, then asst fire chief, uncle was chief George Lee, father worked a post office part

time, mother worked at Marstons downtown, had 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Husband of Lois was a banker, Lois also worked at Bank of America. There was a big black girl in JHS class, Mary Franklin, was very athletic. Barbara Jones was Jewish, petite girl, very pretty, with marching band, one of Mr. Bullen's favorites, taught math, son Russell was a teacher also, became CPA. Lois was only 8 in 1941 when war began. Dorothy Yaguchi was in drill team. (Miller, Lois Cook, interview Sept. 24, 2010 by Susan Walter.)

1950/08/03 - Sam Shapov has sold an acre for \$1000 for right-of-way for 3rd av extension (Chula Vista Star, Aug. 3, 1950.)

1953/05/21 - Shapov boy gave up his Jewish faith and was baptized a Christian in the Church of Christ that meets in the Community bldg of Vista Square. (Chula Vista Star, May 21, 1953.)

1953/07/09 - Planning Commission approved a 20-acre shopping center on 4th ave north of C St on property of Sam Shapov who is proposing a "Big Ace" shopping center - [never built, Unimart instead] (Chula Vista Star, July 9, 1953.)

1954/09/16 - Sam Shapov building a cafe at 4th av and 3rd ave extension. [but deal by James Bannister with Sam Shapov for a market on 4th never materialized by Dec.] (Chula Vista Star-News, Sept. 16, 1954.)

1954/12/30 - Bannister building the CV Plaza shopping center on 3rd ave bet H and Mankato, with Mayfair market and 14 other shops. Bannister sold his Big Ace Market chain to Mayfair in July this year. A deal by James Bannister with Sam Shapov for a market on 4th never materialized. (Chula Vista Star-News, Dec. 30, 1954.)

1955/05/12 - Parents attended Council session to protest police cuts, plans to replace 3 motorcycles with patrol cars. Sam Vener of 37 Sierra Way said "I have children going to and from school. CV has a fine record of safety. Out motorcycle policemen are doing a remarkable job. It would be impossible to give the same coverage in a car." (Chula Vista Star-News, May 12, 1955.)

1955/06/30 - Sam Vener farm offices located at end of E Street. (Chula Vista Star-News, June 30, 1955.)

1955/09/15 - Junior Woman's Club wanted 3rd Ave extension name changed to Memorial Drive, but property owners objected, led by Sam Shapov and Herb Davies, and DMV manager Charles Sylvester (Chula Vista Star-News, Sept. 15, 1955.)

1956/02/09 - Sam Shapov will build a real estate building at 7 3rd ave extension (Chula Vista Star-News, Feb. 9, 1956.)

1957 - While stationed at Camp Pendleton in the mid-1950s with the Navy Medical Corps, Dr. Milton Lincoff began exploring the West Coast for a place to begin private practice as an ophthalmologist. As it turned out, he needn't have looked beyond San Diego County. "When we found Chula Vista," he said many years later, "we felt we had found the kind of Midwestern town we liked -- right here in Southern California." Dr. Lincoff opened what was believed to be the first eye-surgery practice in the South Bay in March 1957 in a modest office at 514 Third Ave., where the South Bay courthouse stands today. Dr. Lincoff, whose practice would later move down the street and become what today is the Eye Physicians Medical-Surgical Center, died at Scripps Memorial Hospital-Chula Vista Thursday of complications from a stroke. He was 69. Seven months after opening his Chula Vista practice, Dr. Lincoff was joined by another ophthalmologist, Dr. Aaron Mannis. In 1960, as the practice grew, a larger office was opened at 685 Third Ave. Dr. Robert Penner was added to the staff in 1967, and

eight years later the office moved into its present quarters at 681 Third Ave., where it became the Eye Physicians Medical Group of Chula Vista. (San Diego Union-Tribune, Nov 9, 1995.)



Eye Physicians Medical Surgical Center at 681 Third Ave (Google street view)

The practice was renamed Eye Physicians Medical-Surgical Center in 1984, when it became the first office-based outpatient eye- surgery center in the South Bay. Today, seven physicians are on the staff. He retired in 1990 after more than 35 years as an ophthalmologist and continued to live in Chula Vista until his death. A native of Chester, Pa., Dr. Lincoff attended Temple University and graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Lincoff joined the Navy Medical Corps later 1954 and served at Camp Pendleton until October 1956, when he was discharged as a lieutenant. In 1958, Dr. Lincoff and his wife, Miriam, were among the founders of Temple Beth Sholom, Chula Vista's first synagogue. One of their objectives in founding the temple was to provide religious schooling for their children. (San Diego Union-Tribune, Nov 9, 1995.)

1957/08/29 - New \$500,000 bowling alley, 24 lanes, by Highland Recreation assoc and Howard K. Marshall, on the east side of 4th near C St on 4 acres owned by Sam Shapov (Chula Vista Star-News, Aug. 29, 1957.)

1958 - Temple Beth Sholom of Chula Vista, 208 Madrona St., Chula Vista, CA 91910 (619-420-6040) -- About Us - Temple Beth Sholom (TBS) is a progressive Conservative synagogue serving the southern San Diego County Jewish community. We are small enough that you will not get lost in the crowd, but large enough to provide a full array of spiritual, educational, cultural, and social activities for all age groups. We pride ourselves on our reputation for providing a warm welcome to all, and for being a good neighbor to people of all faiths in the community. This summer, the synagogue is undergoing several major renovations – both physical, intellectual, and most importantly – spiritually as well. TBS has been at its present site since 1958. We are conveniently located off 2nd Ave, between F and G Streets in Chula Vista. We have been revitalized by the hard work of our Board of Directors and other active members, as well as our enthusiastic full-time Rabbi, Dr. Michael Samuel (Temple Beth Sholom of Chula Vista, <http://www.bethsholomtemple.com/>)

1958/03/27 - Synagogue committee buys property of St. John's Episcopal church at 208 Madrona, met in home of Sam Vener. St. John's is building a new church at Kearney and 1st av, with Arthur Lynds on th building committee. (Chula Vista Star-News, Mar. 27, 1958.)

Temple Beth Sholom Dedication Starts Tomorrow

Jewish Leaders, Congressman Wilson To Speak at Rites Sunday

Dedication ceremonies at Chula Vista's recently organized Jewish Temple Beth Sholom, will get under way tomorrow at 8 p.m. with pre-dedication services and conclude Sunday afternoon with a two-hour formal dedication ceremony, according to Sam Vener, temple president.

A party, with dancing and entertainment will be staged beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday at the social hall. The temple is located at 208 Madrona street.

Tomorrow's program will be a "good neighbor" service welcoming South Bay residents to view the new temple and hear the service.

Cantor Joseph Cyner, of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, will conduct the main service. The Rev. Everett Swensen, pastor of the Community Congregational Church, and the Rev. Francis E. Cook, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will deliver addresses, along with Rabbi Monroe Levens, of Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

FORMAL RITES SUNDAY

The formal dedication ceremonies will be at a two-hour service Sunday at 2 p.m. with addresses by San Diego Jewish leaders, Mayor Keith Menzel, of Chula Vista and Congressman Itha Wilson. The Rev. Amor C. Emerson, pastor of the First Christian Church and president of the Chula Vista Ministerial Association, will welcome the new congregation to the city.

Rabbi Levens and Stephen M. Singer, president-elect of the Pacific Southwest Region, United Synagogue of America, will deliver the main addresses. Also speaking will be Rabbi Baruch Stern of Beth Jacob Synagogue and Rabbi Martin J. Cohen, Temple Beth Israel.

Presidents of San Diego area synagogues who will speak are: Murray D. Goodrich, Temple Beth Israel; Erving Goodman, Tifereth Israel; Phil Mellick, Beth Jacob Israel; and Max Vicker, Temple Beth Israel.

FIFTH IN AREA

Also welcoming the new synagogue as the fifth organized in the San Diego area will be Cmdr. E. H. Rickett, CHC, USNR, assistant district chaplain, 11th Naval District.

Dr. Alvin May, Sidney Cornell, Dr. Milton Lincoff and Dr. David Epstein are in charge of the dedication program. Also aiding in the social activities of the program are Mrs. Sidney Cornell and members of the Sisterhood. Mrs. Alvin May is chairman of the refreshments committee for the dedication program.

Cantor Cyner and Cantor Julian Miller, of Temple Beth Israel, will sing, along with the choir of Tifereth Israel.

The dedication ceremonies of a

temple include the deposit of the Laws of Moses, in the Ark, the Eternal Light and represents the founding of the temple. It is also fit to burn candles after the dedication.

The whole congregation joins in the ceremonies here along with the invited guests.

The temple is located in Chula Vista to serve the whole South Bay area, south of San Diego to the border. It is a conservative Jewish Synagogue.



READY FOR DEDICATION—Members of the congregation of Temple Beth Sholom, Chula Vista's recently organized Jewish synagogue, prepare plans for dedication ceremonies to begin tomorrow and conclude Sunday afternoon with a formal dedication program. Left to right are: Max Weinstock, director; Mrs. Sidney Cornell, president of the Sisterhood of the synagogue; Sam Dinnerstein, principal of the religious school; Sam S. Vener, president of Temple Beth Sholom, and Dr. David Epstein and Dr. Alvin May, of the dedication committee.—(Star-News Photo)

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A Column of Chatter About Folks You Know

Al Ellmers and his nine-year-old son Van fished at Otay Lake last Sunday, came home with five bluegill. Van landed four of them and Dad Ellmers got one.

Now's your chance to get a look at "the new" hair styles for men. Drop in Hunt for Toys on Third Avenue anytime Vic Hunt or Wally Street are on hand.

Supervisors Move To Aid Beach in Chlorination Plan

(County News Service)
Another couple of steps were taken by Supervisors on Tuesday in their complicated efforts to help Imperial Beach with the financing of the chlorination needed to keep the city's beach area from quarantine.

First, Supervisors voted to return to Imperial Beach \$3,000 received by Imperial Beach from Tijuana authorities and turned over to the county.

This action raised to \$7,500 the funds received by the city from the county, for last week

Land Housing Water Co. Tanks will be Annexed

Chula Vista will get eight acres of land which will house one million dollars in water storage tanks, it was disclosed Tuesday.

The land lies adjacent to the Judson Reservoir annexation southeast of the city. DeWitt A. Higgs, attorney for the California Water & Telephone Company, appeared before the City Council the company was willing to have the land annexed.

He said the state Boundaries Commission has indicated the eight acres should be annexed along with 123 acres in the reservoir area subdivision.

read, DeGraaf said, under those circumstances, he was satisfied.

In answer to a question by Councilman Standlee McMains, Higgs assured the council the land would be used only for storage of water and would not be the site for repair shops or other such activities.

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Pictured are Max Weinstock, Mrs. Sydney Cornell, Sam Dinnerstein, Sam S. Vener, Dr. David Epstein, Dr. Alvin May. Dedication Program leaders are Dr. Alvin May, Sydney Cornell, Dr. Milton Lincoff, Dr. David Epstein. (Chula Vista Star May 29, 1958)

1958/05/30 - Temple Beth Sholom at 208 Madrona St. - At the Temple Beth Sholom there is a gentleman who is a member of this Jewish Synagogue, but was also baptized there. He was baptized when this temple was the sanctuary of St. John's Episcopal Church. St. John's is now located further south on First Avenue. The Chula Vista Jewish community bought this property and sanctuary and it was dedicated as Temple Beth Sholom on May 30, 1958. The temple is affiliated with United

Synagogues of conservative Judaism. The temple serves the entire South Bay area, from south of San Diego to the border. Saul Singer is the current president and Joseph Furmansky is the cantor. . The ceremonies of a temple include the deposition of the laws of Moses, known as the Torah, in the Ark. Over the Ark, the Eternal light, representing the continuity of life, burns continuously. (Chula Vista, the Early Years. Vol. 6., pp. 81-82.)



1958 Temple Beth Shalom (CENT_0136 from CV Library)

1960/08/14 - NC Airport sold for \$486,000 to John Sachs and Edward Wearts, purchased from the Sharp estate, will be developed as commercial site by H and M Management Co. (Chula Vista Star-News, Aug. 14, 1960.)

1960/11/06 - The five-man Tidelands Development Committee of CV harbor commissioners, led by Gordon Hobel, (including Landells, Henry Algert, Samuel Vener, Ray Halpenny) met at a special SD Harbor Commission meeting, with Port Director John Bate (Chula Vista Star-News, Nov. 6, 1960.)

1961/08/24 - Vener resigned from Harbor Commission, had been accused of filibustering against the master plan (Chula Vista Star-News, Aug. 24, 1961.)

1961/12/14 - Sam Vener lives at 15 East Cresta Way, former harbor commissioner, vandals thru rocks through front window. (Chula Vista Star-News, Dec. 14, 1961.)

1963/03/10 - Sam Shapov, 64, died, lived at 334 C Street, native of Russia, came to Southern Calif 40 years ago [1923], was cattle dealer. (Chula Vista Star-News, Mar. 10, 1963.)

1963/05/14 - CITY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED The South Bay Historical Society submitted the names of Sidney Cornell, Norman Krasley, Mrs. Harry Salkeld, William N. Drew and Dan Putnam as persons who would be willing to serve on Historical Society Committee from Chula Vista. It was moved by Councilman DeGraaf, seconded by Councilman McAllister, and carried that the Mayor be authorized to appoint the five persons recommended. (City Council Minutes Sept. 10, 1963.)

1964 - Leonard Nathaniel Servetter was born March 9, 1929, in Detroit to Beatrice and Morris Servetter. Growing up in an Orthodox Jewish household, he maintained his strong faith through the years and later helped form the San Diego Hebrew Day School. He earned his teaching credential and educational degrees, including a doctorate in educational administration, from Wayne State University in Michigan. His wife, Gilda, said he realized his calling to be a teacher after working with children at a summer camp. He taught in Detroit and Livonia, Mich., schools before moving to Chula Vista in 1964. "We were tired of the winters in Detroit," Gilda Servetter said. Dr. Servetter, a respected education leader, spent 20 years with Chula Vista schools, starting as principal of Rosebank Elementary in 1964 and retiring as superintendent in 1984. Year-round schools were a novel concept when Leonard "Len" Servetter started the program to deal with burgeoning growth in Chula Vista. While he dealt with many serious education issues over the years, he was also at the center of a lighthearted attempt by the school board to help get the Chargers to the Super Bowl. Dr. Servetter was seen as a jinx for the Chargers in 1980 because they lost every game he attended, so he was the subject of a resolution by the school board barring him from attending future games. After retiring, the couple moved to the Park Row development in downtown San Diego, where Dr. Servetter was on the homeowners association board. The couple traveled extensively throughout the United States and overseas until Dr. Servetter was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in late 1995. Dr. Servetter was active with the Lions Club and Rotary, and served on the board of Mission Federal Credit Union. Besides his wife, Dr. Servetter is survived by their children, David of Murrieta, Dennis of San Diego, Suellen Lussier of Grants Pass, Ore., and Robert of San Diego; brother, Cyril of Delray Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. ("Leonard 'Len' Servetter," San Diego Union-Tribune, October 11, 2008)

1964/04/30 - (photo) Gen Roca sister City visit from Argentina Gardano, visits 100-acre tomato farm of Vener at end of E Street (Chula Vista Star-News, Apr. 30, 1964.)

1965/03/04 - Tour of 6 ranches by Bernarr Hall, incl Sam Vener at west end of E Street, Jaekel and Rogers at National and Naples, M. Torimaru at Orange and 4th, Louis Cacho at Anita St., J. and K. Sato brothers at 650 Anita St., and Sam Vener's Otay ranch in San Ysidro. (Chula Vista Star-News, Mar. 4, 1965.)

1965/05/06 - Labor shortage threatening tomato harvest. One grower, Howard Hjelm of the Layton and Hjelm Company will put posters in schools to recruit students. 4000 field workers will be need in the South Bay in summer. The newly formed growers association incl Sam Vener, Emil Ghio, K. L. Takashima, Jim Williams, Jay Sato, Fred Stephens may be forced to pay wages as high as \$2 per hour. But they claim they need to get \$2 per 20-pound flat of tomatoes to break even, or at least 10 cents per pound, but wages are 50% of their cost. (Chula Vista Star-News, May 6, 1965.)

1965/06/20 - The South Bay's first farm-labor dispute over minimum wage, AWOC demanding \$1.40 over current min wage of \$1.25. Workers picketed fields of George Kusaka, Heroshi Mayumi, Sam Vener, Bill Wright in Otay. The director of the CV Growers Assoc is George Segawa. -- June 24 -

second week of strike. -- June 27 - editorial on the farm strike (Chula Vista Star-News, June 20, 1965.)

1966 - "Anne Hedenkamp never forgot the days in Eurpe when she went hungry as a child. [For 30 years} she and her husband Willie have personally packed and helped distribute boxes of canned goods to the needy families of students in the district." She uses her garage to store canned goods collected by food drives. She maintains all files of the CV Welfare Council since the 1950s at her home and does oall the record keeping. She works with school nurses to locate needy families and supplies foot items packed for that family. Nurses deliver the items to each home, and 450 families were helped in the last year." (Helvie, Mary, "Anne (and Willie) Hedenkamp," Elementary School District Scrapbook,1966. p. 7.)

1967/03/02 - Sam Vener protested alignment of Tidelands ave from G St north to city limits and of E St west of I-5, through his land used to grow tomatoes. (Chula Vista Star-News, Mar. 2, 1967.)



SOUTH BAY JEWISH LEADER TO BE HONORED
Mrs. Leah Shapov testimonial dinner set

Testimonial dinner set for Mrs. Shapov

Leah Shapov, a South Bay Jewish leader, will be guest of honor at a testimonial dinner on Sunday evening Jan. 10, at Temple Beth Shalom in Chula Vista.

Dr. Milton Lincoff, general chairman for the Temple Beth Shalom Israel Bond Committee, announced the dinner honoring Mrs. Shapov.

Lincoff is one of the general co-chairman of the San Diego Bonds for Israel Campaign.

Max Weinstock and Sam Vener are serving as honorary co-chairman for the dinner.

Temple Beth Shalom is the first synagogue in the San

Diego area to conduct an Israel bond dinner.

Jerry Hoffman is president of Temple Beth Shalom, the only synagogue in south San Diego.

Mrs. Shapov, a native of England, is a founder of Temple Beth Shalom, together with her late husband, Sam Shapov.

"Mrs. Shapov has served on all major committees of Temple Beth Shalom and has provided the leadership," Lincoff said, "in the South Bay Jewish community that has helped with its growth and development."

Lincoff stressed the importance of economic development aided by Israel bonds to the future of Israel as a spiritual center as well as a thriving democracy.

"In view of the great financial burdens placed on the state of Israel to maintain itself domestically as well as the strain of its economy due to military considerations we must continue to do everything we can to help this little democracy," Lincoff said.

Information on the dinner honoring Mrs. Shapov may be had by calling the Temple Beth Shalom's office at 208 Madrona St., Chula Vista.

Chula Vista Star-News Dec. 27, 1970

1970/12/27 - (photo) Mrs. Shapov honored at Temple Beth Shalom, the first synagogue in the SD area to conduct an Israel bond dinner. Leah Shapov, born in England, is a founder of the Temple, with late husband Sam. Dinner organized by Dr. Milton Lincoff, chairman of the temple's Israel Bond Committee and San Diego Bonds for Israel Campaign. Dinner co-chairs are Max Weinstock and Sam Vener. (Chula Vista Star-News, Dec. 27, 1970.)

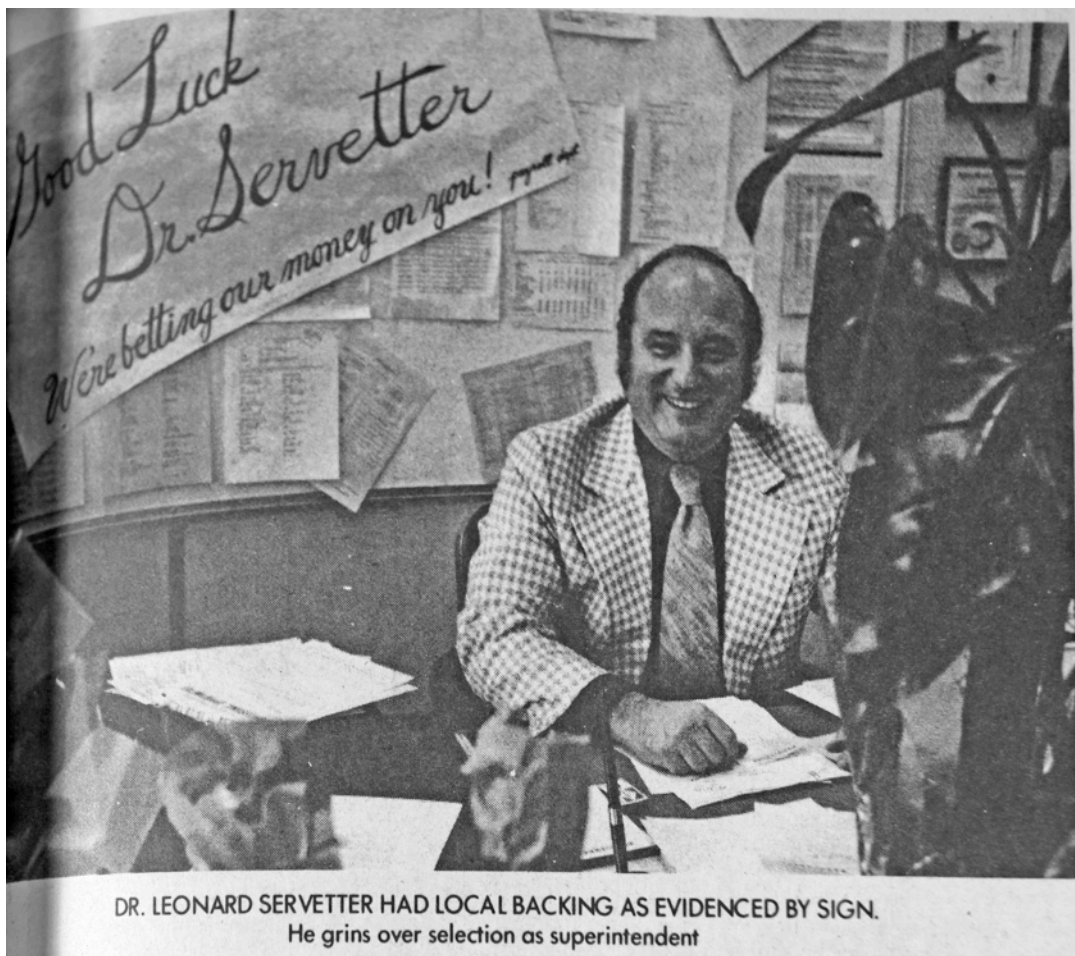
1972/06/22 - (photo) map of bayfront study of Sedway-Cooke -- Planners oppose industry for future waterfront use -- Public response to map proposals drawn up by the Chula Vista planning department for bayfront development was varied this week at an open hearing before the Planning Commission. But the reaction swerved towards favoring either industry or parks. There was little middle ground. THE CHULA VISTA League of Women Voters said it favors the planning department's proposals for the tidelands, but it wants more parks. The planning department's maps call for integrating parks, housing, commercial zones and marinas on bayfront lands. Jeanne Hermanson, league president, urged that an area of marshlands suggested for commercial use be made into additional park areas. "We strongly favor the development . of the bayfront ... to benefit the people of Chula Vista as well as the city," she stated. ON THE OTHER hand, Sam Vener, owner of some 26 acres of tomato- growing land, indicated he wants the land used for industry. Speaking for Vener, Attorney Doug Royer asked that the area remain zoned for industry. Vener has paid high taxes for use of the land. since he bought it in 1955, according to Royer. He doesn't want to be deprived of a high return when the land is used for industry, stated Royer. He called the mapping of the area for recreational, residential and commercial use "untested," and said the stakes "are. entirely too high" for such use. DAVID "BUD" WILSON, head of a Chamber of Commerce tidelands task force committee, urged the commission to study the Stanford Research Institute study financed by Santa Fe Railroad. But he said the marine and waterfront area is too valuable to be marred by industry. Jim Johnson, treasurer of the South Bay Citizens Planning Committee, said city studies have indicated 87% of Chula Vista people want public parks and beaches on the bay. He said "an industrial park would be welcome in Chula Vista, but not on the bayfront." (Chula Vista Star News,)

1973/08/16 - Sam Vener was exempted from the bayfront moratorium and allowed to build temporary greenhouses (Chula Vista Star-News, 1973.)



Chula Vista Star, Nov. 29, 1973

1973/11/29 - (photo) greenhouse going up on bayfront near E St. farm of Sam Vener (Chula Vista Star-News, 1973.)



Chula Vista Star-News Jan. 23, 1975

1975-01-23 - (photo) Leonard Servetter, the new superintendent of the Chula Vista elementary school district, has been with that district 11 years, first as a principal and during the last nine years as the assistant superintendent. Mr. Servetter was selected after a six-month search by a diligent school board which scoured the nation for top applicants, received more than 60 applications, narrowed it down to six who were personally interviewed, and did such an exhaustive investigation that trustees even visited the "home" district of one of the foremost applicants. In the end, the board chose Dr. Servetter not because he was a local person, but because his qualifications were higher or every bit as high as the other applicants and he had the additional plus of knowing the district. We applaud his selection. Dr. Servetter not only is a brilliant educator, an author and an expert in many specialized fields of education, (including year-round schools) but a warm human being with a deeply-held educational philosophy that centers around a commitment to help people. That includes more than young people. He envisions schools as not only places for teaching kids, but as centers for the whole community. Right now, for example, he's working on a program to use school cafeterias to provide meals for senior citizens. That an educator of the caliber of Dr. Servetter was available within the district is a tribute to the retiring superintendent, Dr. Burton Tiffany, who in his 16 years as superintendent has built a staff of extraordinary talent and accomplishment. It is typical of Dr. Tiffany, whose retirement will be effective at the end of June, that he gave trustees a full year's notice. (Chula Vista Star-News, Jan. 23, 1975)

Cultural, not religious

Local student helps edit college Jewish newspaper

By JOANNE GRIBBLE
Star-News Staff Writer

There's an unusual newspaper going the rounds among students in the San Diego area — a product of gallons of midnight returned by Chula Vista Ralph Grunewald and his friend Chip Rosenfeld.

ALTHOUGH peppered with crew expressions and admissions for such ethnic concerns as bagel shops and Eli's Kosher Meat Market, L'Chayim also includes bright writing for the most dyed in wool goy (gentile).

Editor Grunewald, 19, explained that he solicits works from anyone, whether or not, who has something of particular interest to students.

L'Chayim is also part of the Student Press Service, a national network of Jewish publications. Some of the paper's cleverest are products of similar editions on other campuses.

The latest issue of L'Chayim, published quarterly at UCSD, also features winners of the paper's first annual photo contest. The three winning photos by local Jewish students depicting Israel are of a praying man, a soldier, and a sidewalk vegetable seller.

University's communications



RALPH GRUNEWALD
L'Chayim guiding light.

GRUNEWALD is a 1974 graduate of Hilltop High and former editor of the school's newspaper, The Lance. During his first year at UCSD, he became active in the Union of Jewish Students (UJS). His bent for journalism took hold and he "sort of drifted" into the L'Chayim staff.

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UJS is attempting to be an umbrella for all Jewish students on the La Jolla campus, be they Orthodox, Conservative or Reform.

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Chula Vista Star-News June 19, 1975

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1975/08/04 - Samuel S. Vener opened his fields to the public; Vener's 25-yr old son Louis, a graduate of the UC Davis, said the season for early tomatoes has ended and his father decided to the public harvest about 40 acres of "choice table tomatoes" (SD Union card index)

1975/08/07 - (photo) Free tomatoes...there for the pick- ing. And entire families get into the act. A loaded truck in the fore- ground, the Vitalepota family (above) gathers tomatoes in Sam Vener's fields, opened to the public Saturday and Sunday. Augusta Carter (right) walks away with an armload, while Harold Jensen (below) fills up boxes to help feed his three adopted children. More than 1,000 people turned out to pick the red tomatoes when Vener opened his Chula Vista fields. His foreman explained that it was no longer profitable to send pickers into the fields, but many tomatoes remained. (Chula Vista Star-News, Aug. 7, 1975.)

1975/09/11 - VOTING WAS conducted at three South Bay farms _ Monday at Sam Vener Co. and Egger-Ghio, Inc., and Tuesday at Chula Vista Farms. Vener's workers voted 202 with union UFWA, with 26 no-union ballots, 22 challenges and two voids. At Egger-Ghio, 130 rode with Chavez, 26 voted for no union and 16 ballots were challenged. Following the lead at those two ranches, workers at Chula Vista Farms voted 275 UFWA and 12 no union. Five votes were challenged and five declared V oid . Supervised by field workers from the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB), the elections went without a hitch. Violence that has haunted for the last decade this area of the labor movement was thankfully absent. THROUGHOUT the state UFWA and Teamster locals have been quietly battling for field workers' support, though the Teamsters have yet to push for a San Diego County election. Most of the election challenges ballots-disputed on the basis of voting eligibility and other election technicalities - have been filed by the growers, said Cesario Hernandez, an ALRB supervisor in the South Bay this week. He said the normal procedure would be a review of those ballots by the regional ALRB director but since they would not affect the 'final outcome, no decision is anticipated." If any of the growers wish to challenge the election results, they must do so within five days of the election, an. ALRB spokesman explained. The results could be challenged by objections to the way elections were conducted, by unauthorized conduct affecting the results of the elections and by complaints that allegations made in election petitions were incorrect. When asked for comment on a possible appeal, the three growers' attorney Jerry McMahan said his clients had no comment at the time. NO OTHER petitions for elections in the South Bay have been filed by UFWA organizers (Chula Vista Star-News, Sept. 11, 1975.)

1975/12/04 - A somewhat bitter dispute between South Bay farm- workers and the Sam Vener Co. appears to be nearly resolved. Unofficial word has come to the San Ysidro Centro de Campesinos that a United Farm workers of America (UFWA) -election victory will soon be given the official A- okay. State certification is the official recognition of the UFWA (Chula Vista Star-News, Dec. 4, 1975.)

1978/01/01 - Superintendent Leonard Servetter, head of the Chula Vista Elementary District, is The Star- News' 13th annual Chula Vista Newsmaker of the Year. . . .His Jewish religion plays another major role in Servetter's life. He says as a child he read Hebrew as a second language and could conduct services at the age of 4. "Religion doesn't enter into my job," Servetter said, "but it does affect my philosophy. My religion teaches me how to conduct myself, to be concerned, to help those less fortunate and not to embarrass anyone in public." Servetter's religious beliefs provide him the only real break in his work week. From sundown Friday to Saturday night, he observes the Sabbath and does no work. His staff members say they always respect this and never bother him on Saturday. The superintendent's interest in education began when he was 17 and a camp counselor. "I've enjoyed working with children ever since," he said. Servetter achieved both his B.A. and M.A. from Wayne State University, Mich. He then taught in Detroit school for eight years. In the same period he taught and directed a religious school and was counselor and director of a children's camp, "My initial goal was to teach children," Servetter said. "But after about four years of teaching, I decided I wanted to go into administration. "In an administrative position, I'd have broader influence, and it would be getting ahead in my profession. I also wanted to make more money, My family had been poor, and financial security is important to me." Servetter transferred to Livonia, a suburb of Detroit, because of more chance for advancement. Within years he was a principal. After deciding it was getting colder in Michigan every year, the Servetters moved to California. Servetter had been offered a principal's job by Tiffany, and his wife got a teaching job in a nearby district. Tiffany soon had Servetter writing project applications at the district office and, when an opening occurred, appointed him assistant superintendent of administration. Servetter spent nine years in that position, the no. 2 spot in the district at the time. As such, he was in charge all 28 schools. Servetter says as assistant superintendent he had other opportunities for superintendent's jobs in different areas, but he preferred to stay in San Diego. Then, when Tiffany retired in 1975, Servetter was selected for the top post after hundreds of applications were considered. "I felt good about the support I received from the staff," he said. "And there were things I wanted to do as superintendent. I realize now I'll never get everything accomplished that I want to. Now, I think it's important to move in the right direction." When the superintendent's contract expires in 1981, he will be 52, and he's not sure if he'll want to continue as superintendent. "There are other things I want to do in life," he said. "Writing is one. I've started a dozen novels I haven't had the time or fortitude to finish." Servetter is already the author of some textbooks. including one on year-round schools. He'd also like to travel live in Israel for a year and teach at the college level. Servetter says he used to think about going into medicine or becoming a millionaire, but that he has no regrets about staying in education. "If I can affect a few kids in a positive way, then I'm happy." he said. Servetter's wife Gilda said her husband was always flexible with their four children, and "they love him very dearly." The children are now young adults and all live at home. Three are going into some phase of education. The value of education was instilled in Servetter by his grandmother, according to Gilda. His grandmother also stressed qualities like compassion and charity, and Servetter still holds her principles very important. (Chula Vista Star-News, Jan. 1, 1978.)

1977/04/10 - UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE Chula Vista grower Sam Vener this week became the county's first to sign a contract with Cesar Chavez' United Farmworkers Union since the state's new farm labor law went into effect in 1975. The pact provides for pay raises, paid vacations and two holidays, a medical plan and pension fund. (Chula Vista Star News, Apr. 10, 1977.)



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City Says 'Bienvenidos' to Argentine Visitors



Star-News photo
 OPENING THEIR HEARTS to two Argentine senators, Chula Vista stages a gala welcome. Left photo: Mayor Cecil Sparing (r) presents one of the first two keys to the city to Sen. Roberto De Regge, seconds after he gave the first to Sen. Jose Gadano from Chula Vista's sister city, General Roca. Above: A visit to Sam Vener's tomato farm, foot of E street, especially thrill Gadano (on l), manager of a tomato cannery. Vener points out irrigation system on the 100-acre ranch. Right: During a coffee break at the Civic Center, school children press in for autographs. The city's three-day party honoring the Argentinians ends with a Civic Center farewell at 10:30 a.m. today and the senators' departure at noon.

Sister City Leaders Hailed: Tell of 'Common Destiny'

By JANE LEHR
 Chula Vista, with much green and white flag corps stood at attention and Mayor Cecil Sparing read a welcome. American people able, efficient and practical. "You're a healthy nation."

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Sam Vener, in dark-rimmed glasses, is pictured in the center and right photos above with Jose Gadano, from Chula Vista's sister city of General Roca in Argentina, who visited his farm at the foot of E Street. (Chula Vista Star-News Apr. 30, 1964)

1979/04/01 - BAYFRONT -- An era ended in Chula Vista this week. Bayfront farmlands operated by Sam Vener are now fallow, perhaps waiting for Chula Vista's bayfront plans, and \$1.9 million worth of Vener's farm equipment has been auctioned off. While reasons for the farm's closing are somewhat shrouded in mystery, it was no secret that every piece of equipment associated with the Vener farm was up for sale. Prospective buyers came from all around, Nevada and Baja, to eye trucks, tractors, hoes, a complete tomato packing line, even redwood stakes. Some 250 in all, clad in boots and cowboy hats, pointed fingers at auctioneers as they bid for farm implements. A spokesman with the auctioneers said 860 lots of goods, with as many as 40 items to a lot, were up for grabs at the auction. But the closing of Vener's farm, where "burpless" cucumbers and "vine ripe" and pink tomatoes were grown, marks the end of a 33-year Chula Vista tradition. The 82-year-old Dallas Texan came to California in 1941, eventually coming to the South Bay in 1946. A former director of the Western Growers Assn., Vener was also a member of the Chula Vista Harbor Commission, founder of Temple Beth Sholom and an unsuccessful candidate for Congress In a 1966 election bid against Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin, D- Chula Vista. After that election bid, Vener gained backing from then movie star and gubernatorial candidate Ronald Reagan, whose face inc.) to dedicate land lnd~co~st~~~t interim school facilities under cetialn conditions at no cost to the school districts. Developers would have to give the districts a hand if overcrowding But so far neither district has decided whether they'll need the developer's help. The Chula Vista district owns three unused 10-acre sites east of 805. One is south of J Street, just west of Paseo Ranchero; another is at the end of H with Vener's campaign ads. The city's bayfront redevelopment plans call for housing and park lands along Vener's 25 acres,

located at the foot of E St., and while Vener apparently will hang on to the land, the closing of his farm does eliminate one obstacle. Both Vener and Santa Fe railroad, an adjacent landowner, were recently dealt a setback in their inverse condemnation suit against the city. Both are seeking damages from the City for a downzoning of their property that limited what the land could be used for. A recent state Supreme Court ruling held that a landowner may not recover damages by charging that a downzoning of his property is a roundabout condemnation. City Attorney Don Lindberg says he will try to have the two suits dismissed. Both Vener's and Santa Fe's lands are part of areas slated for commercial and tourist bayfront facilities. (Chula Vista Star-News, Apr. 1, 1979.)



Chula Vista Star-News Sept. 6, 1979

1979/09/06 - (photo) South Bay Jews have a new spiritual leader whose goal is to "build up and unite" the congregation of Temple Beth Sholom. Rabbi Moshe Frankel, a native of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, who was raised in Israel, officially assumed duties Saturday at the Chula Vista temple, 208 Madrona Ave. He replaces Rabbi Shlomo Stauber, who has left the pulpit for the real estate business after 14 years with Temple Beth Sholom. Temple president Larry Lassman said Stauber and his wife will continue to reside in Chula Vista. He described Stauber's departure from the temple as a "mutual decision" between the rabbi and the congregation. "While he was here he did a very good job," Lassman commented. "But rabbis are human like everyone else, and sometimes want to make a change." Lassman added: "Sometimes a person's effectiveness lasts just so long. Ideas and people change." Stauber's departure comes as no surprise since the temple board over a year ago refused to give him a vote of confidence. The board split 7-7 on the vote, which had been requested by Stauber. The split vote appeared to reflect sentiments among the congregation generally as the temple began losing members. Sources at that time speculated that Stauber might leave before his

contract expired. The contract officially expired Aug. 31 and Frankel's contract became effective Sept. 1. Of Frankel, Lassman said the new rabbi's election was made on the basis of background; ability and "the fact that he fits the needs of the congregation. "One of the main needs of any religious organization is to have an individual who can teach and especially teach children. " He can communicate not only with the learned but with those not so learned, which is very important." Lassman said the temple had been searching for a new rabbi about eight months and had interviewed numerous candidates. "We felt he (Frankel) could represent all the Jews of the South Bay, not just our congregation, which is what we are seeking." Frankel comes to the South Bay with wide clerical and scholastic experience and an impressive list of degrees. Born 37 years ago in Toronto, he immigrated with his parents to Israel in 1948. At Hebrew University, he earned two bachelor's degrees, one in adult and special education and the other in history and literature. He also studied at two rabbinical seminaries in Jerusalem and received two separate ordinations in 1963 and 1964. The first ordination related to Talmudic study and the second to jurisprudence. He returned to Canada to continue his studies at Laurentian University in northern Ontario where in 1969 he earned two master's degrees in Elizabethan English and Shakespear and in European and Russian history. At the same time he served for four years as rabbi of northern Ontario. He officially entered the rabbinate in 1966, after a 10-year teaching career. He had taught children from the first grade through high school and at one point served as vice principal of a hebrew day school in Toronto. "At the time, I felt teaching children had limitations as far as influencing the child and the family," he related. "With society changing, I felt those limitations to be quite constricting and decided to broaden the potential of my influence by entering the rabbinate." Since making that decision, he has served congregations in Clearwater, Fla. ; Mobile, Ala.; and, most recently, Chattanooga, Tenn. In Clearwater he also taught Bible and history at St. Petersburg Junior College, and in Mobile he was professor of faith and understanding for the Catholic diocese there. Frankel said he was drawn to the South Bay by the "unique challenge it represented to build up a congregation... An estimated 400 to 500 Jewish families reside in the South Bay while the congregation of Temple Beth Sholom numbers between 100 and 200 persons. Also how he planned to build and unite the congregation, the rabbi replied, " With TLC (tender loving care)." Among his immediate objectives are making temple services "relevant to today's era and involving as many members as possible." (Chula Vista Star-News Sept. 6, 1979)

1980/05/22 - DISCRIMINATION (ETHNIC, RACIAL, ETC.) The rejection of two Jewish applicants for membership in the San Diego Country Club in Chula Vista has prompted six Jewish members of the club to voice complaints of anti-semitism. (Chula Vista Star-News, May 22, 1980.)

1981 - Helen Waterford, an embattled Holocaust survivor who joined a former Hitler Youth leader in San Diego to launch a nationwide series of compelling and controversial lectures, has died. Mrs. Waterford, 86, died of heart failure May 4 in Tel Aviv, Israel, where she had moved from Chula Vista a year ago. In 1981, she teamed with San Diegan Alfons Heck, now 68, who renounced his Nazism in 1945, in touring primarily high schools and universities, risking the wrath of fellow Jews appalled by her appearance on the same stage with a self-described former Nazi fanatic. The bizarre pairing, which explained the Holocaust from the dual perspective of perpetrator and victim, spawned the 1995 award-winning book "Parallel Journeys" by Eleanor Ayer. In 1987, Ayer published Mrs. Waterford's autobiography, "Commitment to the Dead: One Woman's Journey Toward Understanding," which chronicled Mrs. Waterford's flight from Germany to the Netherlands in 1934. Heck, whose book "A Child of Hitler" explores the naive Nazism of his youth, says he often encounters adults who recall being profoundly moved by the lectures he and Mrs. Waterford presented over the years. In August 1944, she and her first husband, Siegfried Wohlfarth, were apprehended by the Gestapo and dispatched by train to the horror of Auschwitz. The same train took Anne Frank, author of the celebrated diary, to Bergen-Belsen, a camp in northern Germany, where she died. The couple had hidden in attic apartments for nearly two years, paying each host with a dwindling supply of jewelry. Mrs. Waterford's first husband died at Auschwitz. Her 5-year-old daughter, Doris, had been placed in the care of a Dutch family before Mrs. Waterford and her husband were captured. Strong and durable, despite the ravages of Auschwitz, Mrs. Waterford impressed her captors as a potentially

productive laborer. Her life was spared by Dr. Josef Mengele, who three times gave Nazi guards the "thumbs up" sign that saved her life. For two months, she transplanted grass in a Nazi labor camp in Czechoslovakia. As the war wound down, the camp's Nazi guards fled. Mrs. Waterford, too anxious to wait for a liberating army, hiked west. Years later, Mrs. Waterford moved to Chicago, where she met and married attorney Robert Waterford. Mr. Waterford died in December 1988. She moved to the San Diego area in 1978 and three years later met Heck, who by then had gone public with his past in a conscience- purging San Diego Union editorial. Of Lithuanian descent, Mrs. Waterford was born in Germany and grew up in the heart of Frankfurt, where she attended Frankfurt University. Her daughter, Doris Kuperman of Tel Aviv, is her only survivor. (San Diego Union-Tribune, May 18, 1996.)

1986/11/13 - Bonita residents oppose the building of a Jewish synagogue and associated facilities in the Lynwood area. November 13, 1986 A: 1:2 -- County Supervisors continued hearing on the building of a synagogue in Bonita for a week. Traffic study of Sweetwater Valley necessary. A:1:3 December 11, 1986 (Chula Vista Star-News, Nov. 13, 1986.)

1993 - Robert Earl "Bob" Filner (born September 4, 1942) is the U.S. Representative for California's 51st congressional district, and previously the 50th, serving since 1993, and was Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs 2007-2011. He is a member of the Democratic Party. The district is one of the most ethnically diverse in the nation, including much of San Diego's southern section, the cities of Chula Vista and National City and all of Imperial County. It includes most of California's border with Mexico, except for the city of Imperial Beach. He is retiring from Congress in 2012 to run for Mayor of San Diego. Filner was born in Pittsburgh, in Squirrel Hill into a Jewish family. Filner began his advocacy for civil rights at the age of 18 when he became one of the first people to set foot on a Greyhound bus that was headed into the deep south on what would become known as, the Freedom Rides. He graduated from Cornell in 1963 with a degree in chemistry, and earned his doctorate in history of science from the same school six years later. Shortly after earning his PhD, he moved to San Diego, becoming a history professor at San Diego State University for more than 20 years. He resigned his position in 1992 to run for Congress. His elective career began in 1979, when his opposition to the closing of a neighborhood school led him to run for the San Diego Board of Education, where he defeated a longtime incumbent. (Wikipedia)

2003/01/22 - Board of Ed selected school name: Anne and William Hedenkamp Elementary School because of their volunteer efforts in CV for 50 years, for providing emergency food relief throught teh CV Welfare Council. Her father was killed in WW1 and her mother died when she was 17 (Fahle, Susan, "Selection of Name for School No. 40," Jan. 22, 2003, in Elementary School District schools file.)

Anne Marie Schlackhuber Hedenkamp
May 28, 1913—November 29, 2009



Hedenkamp Memorial, Celebration of Life Ceremony, May 21, 2010

2009/12/08 - Mrs. Hedenkamp was born May 28, 1913, in Vienna, Austria, to Franz Schlackhuber and Maria Anna Behmer. She was 10 when she moved to the United States with her mother and brother. She married William Hedenkamp in 1935, and the couple moved to San Diego in 1940. They settled in Chula Vista, where Mrs. Hedenkamp was active in PTA, serving as president at both Chula Vista and Hilltop Junior high schools. As a child, she had known poverty and hunger, first in Austria after her father was killed during World War I and later in Philadelphia, where her widowed mother tried to make ends meet. As a Chula Vista homemaker and mother of two in the 1950s, Mrs. Hedenkamp started a decades-long commitment to prevent any child in her community from going hungry. A longtime member of the Chula Vista Welfare Council, she volunteered tirelessly to provide food, shoes and underwear to needy children. Mrs. Hedenkamp's civic volunteer work included serving as president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Carpenters Local 170 and a member of Chula Vista's Sister City Friendship Committee. She received a national award for her work in establishing relations with the city of General Roca, Argentina. Her honors include being named a Woman of Valor by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel and the 1990 Chula Vista Humanitarian of the Year Award. She and her late husband, William, were recognized for their volunteer work when a new Chula Vista elementary school was named for them in 2003. A humble woman who didn't want her name submitted for the honor, she enjoyed visiting the school in her later years and continued to volunteer and support the annual food drive. -- [Star-News Jan. 8, 2010 = settled in CV by 1948, bought two empty lots on Second Ave for \$900. "William, a carpenter, designed and built their home himself, at the edge of one of the city's now vanished lemon orchards." Her work with the Welfare Council began in early 1950s, held post of treasurer for nearly 60 yrs. CV schools looking for a name in 2002] (San Diego Union-Tribune, Dec. 8, 2009.)

2009/12/08 - obit for Anne Hedenkamp, 96, awarded 1990 CV Humanitarian of the Year and was named a Woman of Valor by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel. She was born in Austria as Anne Schlackhuber, moved to U. S. at age 10 with her mother and brother, married William in 1935, moved to SD 1940 and settled in CV, was active in PTA and president of CVJHS and Hilltop JHS PTAs. (Obituary, "Anne Hedenkamp (1913-2009)," San Diego Union-Tribune, Dec. 8, 2009, in Elementary School District schools file.)

2012/05/02 - Temple Beth Sholom, 208 Madrona Street, listed by ASM Affiliates, Inc., for consideration as Historic Site by Historic Preservation Commission of Chula Vista. (Appendix,

2012/05/11 - Kurt Sax, 89, a former president of Temple Beth Sholom in Chula Vista who had been in ill health since his first stroke six years ago, died Friday, May 11 at La Jolla Nursing and Rehabilitation, after celebrating Shabbat for the last time. "Within a half-hour after the Shabbat had begun, he expired—just as he had hoped he would— on the Shabbat," said Rabbi Michael Leo Samuel at Sax's funeral service on Tuesday, May 15. Sax was a mainstay of the small Conservative congregation, especially in the years that its finances were such that it could not afford to pay a rabbi. Sax, who had grown up in Vienna, Austria, led the services, sometimes letting his love for opera determine his choice of melody for the Adon Olam. On one occasion, he had the congregation sing it to a melody from Carmen. . . it was appropriate that Sax's funeral was held in the Temple that he loved. Because Sax was a bullfight aficionado, it was arranged for a music group to play the stirring music of the bullfight during one portion of the service. In that vein, also, Rabbi Samuel recited the poem "The Matador" by Steve Reeve. Married to Ruth, a cousin who also had grown up in Vienna, Sax always stood when she was called to the Torah for an aliyah, and vice versa. "As the new rabbi in Chula Vista, I was deeply impressed by their love and respect for one another," said Samuel. Kurt Sax was born August 24, 1922, the son of Herman and Sophie Sax. He met his cousin Ruth when they were children, he about 12 and studying for his bar mitzvah with her father. She was about 9. The advent of the Nazis separated the childhood friends. After Kristallnacht, Kurt, 16, fled to Northern Italy where he remained throughout the war. Ruth was grabbed up by the Nazis and sent to Theresienstadt, then to Auschwitz, and then back to Theresienstadt. During the war years, Sax wrote letters to some 150 people named Sax whom he found in telephone books, asking them to sponsor him to the United States. Ironically, it was a man named Isaac Potts, who responded with an offer to sponsor Sax and three other youngsters. In the United States, Sax learned the real estate business and later became a stockbroker. Learning meanwhile that "little Ruthie" had survived the death camps, he began a correspondence. Eventually he flew to Czechoslovakia to see her again. They fell in love and were married in Bernau, Moravia. Then he and friends and relatives set about getting Ruth the paperwork to come to the United States. They spent 66 years together, raising daughters Eva and Sandy. He also was very close to his nephew Steven, son of his half-brother Hansel. Sax was buried at Home of Peace Cemetery. The family will sit shiva at the Sax home at 1141 Via Trieste, Chula Vista. Preceding based on Rabbi Samuel's written eulogy (San Diego Jewish World, <http://www.sdjewishworld.com/?p=28065>)

KURT SAX

Obituary



SAX, KURT It is with sadness to announce the passing of Kurt Sax on May 11, 2012. Kurt was born August 24, 1922 in

Vienna, Austria and resided in Chula Vista for almost 60 years. As a retired stockbroker, he continued to share his passion for the stock market with family and friends. He had a zest for life, the opera, and especially spending time with family and friends. Kurt was devoted to his Jewish faith; he was very active as a President and lay leader in Temple Beth Shalom of Chula Vista

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