ADATH ISRAEL (Jewish) CEMETERY
OWENSBORO, DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY

By Jerry Long
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Adath Israel Cemetery is located in Owensboro, KY on the eastern edge of Highway 54 (Leitchfield Road), near Byers Avenue East. In obituaries and death records the cemetery was also referred to as the Jewish Cemetery and Hebrew Cemetery. In 1862 the Hebrew Benefit and Burial Society paid $75 for 3.39 acres on the Leitchfield Road. The oldest marked graves in the cemetery are in 1863. The 10 February 1929 (p.7) issue of the newspaper, Owensboro Messenger, reported that Mike Moise drowned at the foot of Bolivar Street in Owensboro and he was the first to be buried in Owensboro's Jewish Cemetery. The wall fronting the cemetery along the Leitchfield Road (Highway 54) was erected in1916.

The following listing of burials in the cemetery is based on:

- Listing of some older tombstones in the cemetery made by Michael J. Edgeworth on 31 January 1975 and published in the Kentucky Genealogist, Volume 17, issue 3 (Martha Porter Miller, July-September 1975) pp.101-102 and Kentucky Family Records, Volume 30 (Owensboro, KY: West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Summer 2006) pp.57-58.

- Listing of monuments in the cemetery by Albert J. Davis and included in Daviess County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume 1 (Owensboro, KY: Daviess County Public Library, 1990) pp.1-5.

- Listing of burials on the Internet site, Find A Grave
https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2288207/adath-israel-cemetery

- Additions and corrections by Jerry Long. In compiling the following listing of burials I tried to copy just what is on the monuments. Annotations and additional data on the individuals can be found on the Find A Grave internet site. A few entries on Find A Grave were buried in the "Adath Israel Cemetery" in Louisville, KY.

name	birth	death
Adell, Bernard [no dates]		
Adell, Frances W. (w/o Joseph)	1887	21 Oct 1978
Adell, Joseph H.	1882	1942
Asher, Hannah (w/o Siegbert)	10 Mar 1890	1 Sep 1963
Asher, Ruth (Kininmonth, w/o Siegbert)	26 Sep 1902	6 Nov 1996
Asher, Siegbert	18 Apr 1885	6 Mar 1975
Baer, Abraham	1855	1945
Baer, Bernhard (born Warendorf Germany)	22 Dec 1824	23 Sep 1902
Baer, Fannie (w/o B.)	20 Sep 1824	11 Nov 1892
Baer, infant son of L. D. & S. F.		
Baer, Isaac J.	1853	1923
Baer, Stella F. (w/o L. D.)	1872	1897
Baer, Tillie E.	1867	1915
Baker, Adolph H.	28 Jun 1915	15 Jul 1993
Baker, Aliene H.	30 Jan 1921	4 Sep 2020
Baker, Rollie M.	24 Jun1880	26 Feb 1973
Bamberger, Arch E.	21 Feb 1892	24 Oct 1966
Bamberger, Arch E., Jr.	17 Jan 1923	14 Jan 2023
Bamberger, Beulah (d/o E.S. & M.)	22 Jan 1880	5 Dec 1881
Bamberger, Emanuel S.	21 Jul 1852	20 Jun 1926
Bamberger, Mary R.	12 Dec 1857	22 May 1942
Bamberger, Ramonda P.	9 Jun 1922	13 Jul 2010
Bartlett, Lula Rosenthal	31 Aug 1879	12 May 1952
Bergson, Hyman		21 Mar 1921
Bertman, William	25 Dec 1895	8 Mar 1972
Bottenweiser, J. S. (born Switzerland)	16 Sep 1829	7 Mar 1901
Brenner, Sallie Byars (w/o of Sammie, D.A.R. emblem)	12 Jul 1902	23 May 1982
Brenner, Sammie C. (h/o Sallie)	31 Mar 1898	20 Mar 1962
Brooks, Edward	26 Oct 1862	9 Nov 1938
Brown, Adolph M.	1850	1925
Brown, Sida R.	1864	1942
Bugay, Henry Miller	10 Feb 1953	18 Jan 2019
Bugay, Paul E.	16 Jun 1915	8 Jan 2009
Bugay, Peggy M.	5 Dec 1926	30 Jun 2014
Catz, Lottie	15 Nov 1900	22 Dec 1991
Chapman, Alma Heady	15 Nov 1895	31 Jan 1985
Chapman, Cicero D. (h/o Alma Heady)	8 Mar 1894	6 May 1982
Cohn, Ada (born Hustonville, Ky., died Hot Springs, Ark.)	16 Nov 1852	3 Apr 1923
Cohn, Addie	1870	1960

Cohn, Blanche	1873	1923
Cohn, Carolyn M.	1914	1987
Cohn, Friedman	27 Jan 1855	7 Jul 1897
Cohn, Hiram L. (s/o S. K. & D. A.)	31 Jul ??	18 Nov ??
Cohn, Irvin	1874	1938
Cohn, Isidore K. (born Loebau West Prussia) (died Princeton, Ky.)	6 Aug 1843	3 Jan 1896
Cohn, Jacob	1863	1940
Cohn, Mae Dinkelspeel (w/o Irvin)	1879	1944
Cohn, Max	1834	1911
Cohn, Rebecca	1842	1916
Cohn, Stella	15 Dec 1868	18 Dec 1869
Conway, Adeline Carol Rosenfeld	1919	2001
Cooper, Harriett Catz	18 Oct 1925	27 Jun 2022
Cooper, Nathan B.	25 Apr 1915	27 Jul 1986
Dahl, Anna (d/o D. & C.)	23 Aug 1855	25 Nov 1895
Dahl, Charlotte (w/o David) (born Raunen RBZ Corlenz Rhein Prussen Germania "Unsere Mutter-Friede Ihrer Ashe", died Owensboro, Ky.	9 Jan 1820	6 Apr 1901
Dahl, David (h/o Charlotte – no dates)		
Dahl, Philip	1851	1930
Dietz, Pearl B.	1905	1968
Feuerlicht, Alex S.	1874	1924
Feuerlicht, Rev. David (of Cong. Adath Israel, rabbi)	1849	1896
Feuerlicht, Hannah	1850	1929
Feuerlicht, Hattie	1885	1939
Feuerlicht, Jennie	1881	1960
Feuerlicht, Regina	1884	1968
Friedman, James Lee (s/o Thomas & Alice)	5 Aug 1954	27 Sep 1954
Friedman, Mark D. (s/o Louis & Sullie)	2 Jan 1892	29 Mar 1892
Friedman, Mildred (child, no dates)		
Friedman, Sallie	27 Jan 1855	9 Jul 1897
Gilgore, Aaron (Cpl US Army Korea)	8 Sep 1912	15 Mar 1988
Glenn, Helen Louise Chapman	22 Nov 1916	9 Nov 1989
Godshaw, Fannie (d/o Joseph)	15 Oct 1860	27 Apr 1877
Godshaw, Joseph Abraham	17 Sep 1818	12 Oct 1881
Godshaw, Mark	7 Feb 1846	? Nov 1874
Godshaw, Rosalie (w/o Joseph)	4 Jun 1821	3 Mar 1876
Godsman, ? cannot read	2 Aug 1875	12 Jun 1877
Godsman, ? Rebecca	4 Apr 1880	18 Sep 1881
Goldberg, Jacob A.	1 Sep 1888	14 Mar 1965
Goldberg, Sylvia L.	25 Jun 1891	9 Aug 1965
Goldman, Ida Levy (w/o B. J.)	2 Apr 1877	14 May 1958
Goldnamer, Bettie Cohn (w/o Jacob) [no monument found]		26 Nov 1919
Goldstein, Harry V.	11 Nov 1898	15 Dec 1980
Goldstein, Lena (w/o Harry V.)	20 May1900	23 Mar 1968

Greenberg, Mary Baer ("mother")	1862	1950
Heavrin, Stella (w/o S.H.)	18 Feb 1875	7 Mar 1906
Heilbron, Abe	1883	1951
Heilbron, Alexander (infant s/o Joseph & Johanna) [no monument found]		15 Aug 1883
Heilbron, Bessie	1879	1968
Heilbron, David	1881	1933
Heilbron, Johanna Dahl	1852	1921
Heilbron, Joseph	1847	1922
Hirsh, Abraham	1848	1929
Hurst, Mary Jean Bamberger	22 Apr 1914	15 Apr 1995
Katz, Sofie	15 Oct 1888	24 May 1975
Koll, Benjamin C.	27 Jan 1873	19 Jan 1965
Koll, Lillian W. (w/o Benj. C.)	1885	1961
Koll, Maurice G. (s/o Ben & Phoebe)	1907	1921
Koll, Phoebe G. (w/o Benj. C.)	1872	1943
Koll, Sarah Cahn, w/o H. L.	1853	1880
Koltinsky, Aaron	1862	1930
Koltinsky, Samuel (s/o Solomon, in 20th year)		17 Jan 1881
Koltinsky, Sarah (w/o Solomon, age 52		7 Mar 1881
Koltinsky, Solomon (mason)	1827	1914
Laser, Magdalene	19 Jan 1878	19 Sep 1878
Lehrberg, Kaufmann (age 69) [no monument found]		25 Sep 1880
LeJeune, Ephraim	2 Apr 1862	17 Dec 1934
LeJeune, Ida B.	26 Sep 1876	17 Dec 1876
LeJeune, Isaac B.	21 Mar 1828	26 Sep 1881
LeJeune, Isaac Nathan	1851	30 Jun 1882
LeJeune, Morris	13 Mar 1868	8 Jan 1890
LeJeune, Rebecca (d/o I.B. & R.)	15 Mar 1864	9 Apr 1867
LeJeune, Rosa (w/o Isaac)	3 Oct 1832	2 Feb 1899
Leser, Max	1 May 1871	28 Apr 1872
Levi, Clara	2 Jul 1830	6 Feb 1893
Levinson, Irvin	19 Feb 1896	9 Jan 1976
Levy, Alice G.	22 May 1850	16 Jan 1904
Levy, Anna (Hersh)	20 Dec1889	30 Nov 1972
Levy, Fannie	16 Jun 1831	25 Oct 1913
Levy, Ida (w/o B. J. Goldman)	2 Apr 1877	14 May 1956
Levy, Jesse	29 Mar 1874	1 Oct 1894
Levy, Joseph	14 Oct 1829	18 Mar 1907
Levy, Lawrence	15 Apr 1916	5 Jul 1989
Levy, Mavis	17 Nov 1919	5 May 1996
Levy, Moses	19 Jun 1841	25 Jun 1910
Levy, Sadie	25 May 1879	1 Dec 1888
Levy, Samuel E.	27 Sep 1880	24 Oct 1951
Levy, Theodore J.	23 Jul 1888	27 Feb 1919
Lighton, Griffith Edward, Sr.	9 May 1933	28 Oct 2015

Lighton, Jerome Joseph	28 Aug 1903	15 Apr 1969
Lighton Maryanna Gerber (w/o Griffith E., Sr.)	11 Dec 1932	25 Sep 1990
Lighton, Mary E. (wife & mother)	3 Sep 1930	27 Jun 2005
Lighton, Paul J. (husband & father)	11 Jan 1929	6 Jan 1981
Lighton, Ruth Griffith	19 Nov 1902	27 Jan 1987
Lighton, Todd G.	16 Mar 1961	4 Apr 1994
Lipnick, infant c/o Sam [no monument found]		12 Apr 1903
Lipnick, Leon H. (s/o Sam & Sadie)	30 Nov 1898	12 Jun 1900
Lipnick, s/o Mr. & Mrs. Sam (15 mos.) [no monument found]		6 Jul 1902
Loeser, Louis (s/o Adolph & Bertha)	19 May 1876	24 Jan 1897
Mann, Blanche R.	1871	1957
Mann, Fred	1859	1939
Mann, Maurice R.	1893	1964
Mattingly, James Calvin	24 Jul 1925	8 Jun 1985
Menko, Etta G.	31 Jan 1873	10 Feb 1935
Mesritz, Henry V.	1865	1943
Mesritz, Pearl V.	1878	1967
Meyers, Julius M. (s/o L. & S,)	13 Aug 1891	24 Dec 1891
Meyers, Lee	9 Dec 1862	27 Dec 1909
Meyers, Selma F. (d/o Lee & Sophia)	14 Apr 1900	22 Mar 1901
Meyers, Sophia (w/o Lee)	8 Sep 1864	19 Jul1937
Mitchell, Hilda Heilbron	1877	1927
Moise, Henry	9 Feb 1857	27 Sep 1904
Moise, Mannasseh	9 Dec 1873	18 Jun 1902
Moise, Samuel	14 Dec 1814	22 Jun 1898
Moise, Thresa	9 Jun 1827	7 Sep 1890
Moss, Emanuel L.	1836	1915
Moss, Estella	1872	1950
Moss, Hannah (d/o Emanuel & Rosa)	1867	1945
Moss, Lee	1875	1944
Moss, Max	1879	1957
Moss, Rosa Livingston	1843	1920
Moss, Theresa	1870	1936
Myers, Amelia	5 May 1864	20 Dec 1922
Myers, Henry	14 Jun 1842	26 Apr 1922
Oppenheimer, Caroline S. (w/o J. M.)	1 Aug 1834	9 Dec 1920
Oppenheimer, Ernest W. (s/o J. M. & C.)	25 Nov 1874	19 Jul 1898
Oppenheimer, J. M.	1 May 1833	9 Jun 1888
Phillips, Joseph	19 Mar 1889	9 Sep 1956
Reese, Abraham E.	31 Jul 1851	24 Jan 1917
Reese, Fannie (w/o Abe E.)	27 Mar 1855	3 Aug 1912
Reiser, Caroline Lee Monheimer (w/o Joseph; born Oberndorf Germany, age 57yr, 3mo, 26dys)		23 Jun 1887
Reiser Joseph (h/o Caroline, age 44, born Buttenhausen, Wuertemberg died Evansville, Ind.)		11 Jun 1863
Rosenfeld, Aaron	1838	1905

Rosenfeld, Adeline	1845	1931
Rosenfeld, Adolph H.	1877	1953
Rosenfeld, Arthur	1874	1958
Rosenfeld, Blanche B.	1878	1955
Rosenfeld, Edgar E. (s/o Arthur & Florence)	11 Jul 1902	24 Apr 1903
Rosenfeld, Estelle G.	1889	1969
Rosenfeld, Florence	1876	1949
Rosenfeld, Silas	1869	1954
Rosenthal, Bernhardt	22 Jun 1851	16 Aug 1922
Rosenthal, Gertrude	2 Jan 1878	6 Jul 1975
Rosenthal, Harry L.	10 Sep 1883	3 Dec 1932
Rosenthal, Mary	7 Mar 1854	24 Aug 1933
Rothchild, Albert (s/o J. & F.)	15 Oct 1873	23 Feb 1874
Rothchild, Bernie	17 Jun 1879	4 Jul 1920
Rothchild, Bertha	5 Jul 1866	14 Apr 1888
Rothchild, Bettie	11 Jun 1839	29 Jan 1904
Rothchild, Claudia (d/o Joseph & Josephine)	2 Jul 1877	10 Sep 1877
Rothchild, Cora (d/o Joseph & Fannie)	8 Jun 1872	1 Dec 1872
Rothchild, Fanny (born France)	3 Aug 1842	7 Feb 1882
Rothchild, Joseph	3 Aug 1844	18 Apr 1888
Rothchild, Joseph (born France)	15 Nov 1836	21 Jun 1881
Rothchild, Josephine	14 Sep 1842	6 Feb 1895
Rothchild, Nannie (born Sarreguemines, France)	8 May 1808	17 Aug 1884
Rothchild, Philip	5 Jul 1820	27 Mar 1911
Rothchild, Sol	1866	1920
Rothschild, Albert	19 May 1873	23 Dec 1959
Rothschild, Lillian	25 Oct 1885	24 Sep 1961
Routenberg, Harry	1 Sep 1911	17 May 1988
Routenberg, Niomia	16 Jul 1912	28 Dec 2003
Salinger, Charles B.	1891	1944
Salinger, Hortense Moss	1881	1946
Schuuster, Bessia A.	1 May 1885	24 Oct 1886
Schwarzenberg, Clara Dahl	1861	1939
Schwarzenberg, Nathan D. (mason)	1891	1966
Siegel, Bernard (born Dahn Bavaria)	18 Jun 1859	11 Jun 1910
Siegel, Rose Levy	22 May 1872	30 Jun 1960
Solinger Sally Lee	10 Feb 1949	16 May 1968
Speck, Dr. Myron (h/o Sylvia)		1977
Speck, Sylvia Greenberg	1896	1978
Statts, Mary Rilgely Lighton	3 May 1955	26 Apr 2000
Suntheimer, Hannah (born Greenslau Germany)	20 Sep 1822	12 Sep 1895
Suntheimer, Jacob	22 Dec 1850	20 Dec 1886
Suntheimer, Marcus	22 Sep 1820	21 Dec 1883
Walker, Frances B. (Greenberg)	1894	1935
Walker, Jeptha B.	1890	1968
Weill, Gertrude D.	31 Jan 1883	17 Apr 1976

Weill, Lawrence L.	30 May 1879	12 Oct 1960
Wiedenfeld, Irving	1 Jul 1902	7 Jun 1986
Wile, Adelaide W.	1 Sep 1868	7 Jan 1957
Wile, Benjamin	13 Apr 1858	15 Oct 1933
Wile, Caroline	20 Sep 1835	25Aug 1906
Wile, Fanny (age 80)		16 Feb 1868
Wile, Fanny (d/o S. & C.)	17 Sep 1862	1 Aug 1863
Wile, Henry	1 Aug 1860	4 Apr 1923
Wile, Janette ("Our Aunt", age 63)		20 Sep 1895
Wile, Joseph	10 Aug 1858	6 Apr 1926
Wile, Leon	1 Apr 1867	12 Nov 1883
Wile, Mattie S.	28 Jun 1862	12 Aug 1941
Wile, Rosa	5 Oct 1860	21 Jul 1928
Wile, Sol A.	23 Apr 1888	25 Feb 1965
Wile, Solomon	11 Jun 1829	24 Sep 1886
Wittel, Faye F.	1896	1936
Wittel, George J.	12 Feb 1858	11 Apr 1930
Wittel Rosa Baer	1864	1951
Wolf, Aaron	1850	1926
Wolf, Birdie M.	1886	1907
Wolf, Clemie	1877	1918
Wolf, Fannie R.	1857	1912
Wolf, Harry M.	1875	1950
Wolf, infant c/o A. [no monument found]		13 Nov 1890
Wolf, Juliet Moss	1876	1958
Yam, Farris Moreland	1 Dec 1912	5 Nov 1999
Yam, Henry I. "Hank"	12 Feb 1918	20 May 1993
Zendell, Emanuel Herbsman	1901	1979
Zendell, Joseph M.	10 Oct 1949	15 Jan 1995
Zendell, June Lee Mattingly (w/o Emanuel H.)	1919	2011



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 20 July 1916, p.3: At the Jewish cemetery a new concrete front wall was just completed last week by the Tennis Greenwell Concrete company at the cost of approximately $1,000, and the work of grading, building new drives and walks and, other general improvements will soon be finished.







The last 3 pictures & the picture on page 1 were taken by Jerry Long on 23 October 2026.