

Digital Jewish Archives Expands Online!

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In May 2012, the first set of over 300 images relating to Jewish Buffalo went “live” at <http://nyheritage.org/collections/jewish-buffalo-image-collection>. The New York Heritage Legacy website holds a wealth of NY state related historical materials from around the entire state in many different formats including newspapers, photographs, maps and pamphlets.

Since the online collection was made available, hundreds of people have enjoyed and used many of the images over the last two years. Some of the images appeared in the recently published, *Jewish Community of Greater Buffalo*. Last year the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project and University at Buffalo applied to the Western New York Libraries Resource Council for another digital grant to extend our online archives. As in 2011, we were successfully awarded the costs of digitization, with the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies providing matching funding, to enable processing by the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project. As a result, this year, we have added further images, with quite a few multi-page booklets that brings the number of items to over 600!

New photographs and documents were drawn from collections donated to the Project, including Temple Beth Zion (599 and 805 Delaware Avenue), Temple Beth Israel (Niagara Falls), Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center and Camps and a range of small personal collections that highlighted sporting activities, theatre productions, commercial life and fundraising activities over the decades. Please enjoy exploring this collection directly from the online address: <http://nyheritage.org/collections/jewish-buffalo-image-collection> or by clicking on a link under “Digital Collections” from the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project page on the Bureau of Jewish Education website at www.bjebuffalo.org. If you’d like to know more about the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project, please contact: Chana Revell Kotzin, Director, Jewish Buffalo Archives Project, at 716-204-5388. You can also email archivesproject@bjebuffalo.org.

RIGHT:JBIC 648: Groundbreaking at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue

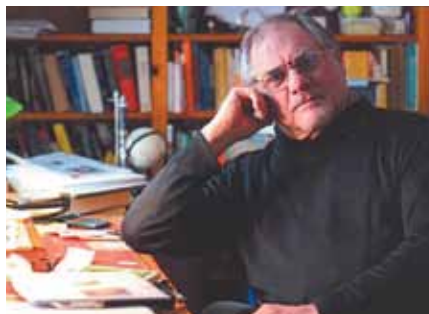
BELOW:JBIC 528: A Scene from “Golden Boy”.



RIGHT: JBIC 548: Ada Miller Seated, founder of Hadassah



Israeli Literature in English: Foundations and Evolution



Dr. Howard Wolf

The Adult Education Department of the Bureau of Jewish Education is pleased to offer a course taught by Dr. Howard R. Wolf. Classes will take place on Thursday afternoons in the fall at the Jewish Community Center in Getzville.

Dr. Wolf, Professor Emeritus and Senior Fellow in the Department of English at UB, will teach this course as part of the BJE’s “Under the Microscope” series. A frequent visitor to Israel, Professor Wolf has published stories that are set in Israel, including “A Summer Trial” and “Under the Arc of War.” A graduate of the Horace Mann School, Amherst College, Columbia University, and the University of Michigan (Ph.D.), he has an archive of his lifetime work in The Robert Frost Library at Amherst College.

This *Israeli Literature in English: Foundations and Evolution* course will consider a variety of Israeli writers in order to gain a deeper understanding of Israeli history – past and present. The aim of the course will be to relate literary insights to the dynamic and challenging issues of Israeli history from the late 19th century to the present. Material from H.N. Bialik (1873-1934) to Amos Oz (1939-present) among others will be used as examples of different perspectives about Israel.

Professor Wolf will devote each class to an analysis of a specific item of literature that illuminates a particular moment in Israel’s complex and dramatic existence. Handouts will be provided from “50 Stories from Israel – An Anthology,” as well as from other resource materials.



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Please contact Ethel Melzer, Director of Adult Education at the BJE (ethel@bjebuffalo.org) or call 204-5380 or enroll online at www.bjebuffalo.org after August 1, 2014.