

The Jewish Herald-Voice has a rich tradition of serving and reflecting the pride of the steadily growing Jewish communities in the Greater Houston and Gulf Coast areas.

Published weekly, plus two annual holiday magazines for Passover and Rosh Hashanah, this award-winning publication is read by almost every Jewish household in the area. Besides covering national and international news and events from over 90 local Jewish organizations, the Herald publishes monthly specialty pages for the Greater Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce, seniors, parents of young children, party planners, plus weekly pages devoted to business, medical issues, singles, food, arts, and entertainment.

Three families have been responsible for this exceptional continuity; founder, Edgar Goldberg—1908–1937; David H. White—1937–1973; and Joe and Jeanne Samuels—1973–present. Not only is this the 90th anniversary of the paper, but also Joe and Jeanne Samuels' 25th Anniversary as owners and publishers of The Jewish Herald-Voice.

Ninety years ago, Edgar Goldberg envisioned a newspaper that would reach everyone in Houston's diverse Jewish community, crossing denominations, transcending organizational boundaries and providing a platform for every Jewish citizen regardless of affiliation. Goldberg started with a circular, the Houston Jewish Bulletin in 1907; then in 1908, the first edition of The Jewish Herald began publication.

In 1914, appealing to Jewish communities statewide, Goldberg created an advertising slogan—"Texas News for Texas Jews"—and changed the paper's title to The Texas Jewish Herald. Throughout the prosperous years of the 1920s, The Texas Jewish Herald grew in circulation and content. The Great Depression struck the Herald hard and Goldberg was forced to scale the paper back to four pages from its usual eight. The paper was his livelihood and as long as the U.S. Postal service would cooperate, he was determined to carry on. In 1933 Goldberg grew weary at fighting the battle to keep the paper afloat. While deciding to put the paper up for sale, Goldberg was diagnosed with cancer. Sadly, he died in 1937, 29 years after his first edition of the Herald went to press. Goldberg's wife, Esther, maintained control of the paper for several years but she, too, grew weary from the effort from the effort and agreed to sell.

The chain of weekly Jewish Heralds continued unbroken when David H. White, publisher of the recently established Jewish Voice in Houston, purchased The Texas Jewish Herald. Preserving the name of both publications, White continued Goldberg's legacy, renaming the paper The Jewish Herald-Voice. Throughout the 1940s the Herald-Voice continued to grow as White instituted additional columns and special holiday editions, creating a reflection of the times.

In 1972 when David White died, his wife, Ida Schwartzberg White, who worked by his side throughout the years, stepped up to edit and publish the Jewish Herald-Voice during the remainder of the year. Shortly thereafter, she sold the highly successful D.H. White Company printing plant and began to search for a successor to continue publishing the Jewish Herald-Voice.

A casual conversation with a neighbor prompted Joseph W. Samuels to telephone Murray White, David White's youngest brother

and part owner of the Jewish Herald-Voice. In April of 1973, Joe and his wife Jeanne F. Samuels purchased the 65-year-old paper. It was a dream come true for Joe, whose father, Morris Samuels, a printer in Dallas, had planned to begin his own Jewish newspaper.

What Joe Samuels and Jeanne purchased 25 years ago was the name and reputation of a 65-year-old weekly newspaper, a mailing list of less than 3,000 subscribers, its payables and receivables, together with archives, a typewriter, two desks, two chairs and two filing cabinets. Over the past 25 years, they have nurtured the paper, more than doubling the number of subscribers and increasing its size from 8–12 pages to 36–80 pages.

Since 1994, when the Jewish Herald-Voice entered its first newspaper competition, it has received various awards each year. The Herald-Voice has received award recognition from the Texas Press Association, Gulf Coast Press Association, and the American Jewish Press Association, as well as honors from local Jewish agencies and organizations. Most recently, in 1997, the Herald received two awards from the American Jewish Press Association: first place for Excellence in Special Sections covering "Educational Alternatives: Where Do They Go From Here?" and second place for Excellence in Overall Graphic Design.

The Herald-Voice continues to grow and constantly endeavors to broaden its scope and appeal for readers and advertisers, alike. It is comforting to know, that the next generation, the Samuels' daughter, Vicki Samuels Levy, who has headed the advertising department for many years and knows the operation of the paper, is destined to take the reins one day as owner and publisher of the Jewish Herald-Voice.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Jewish Herald-Voice on 90 continuous years of excellence in journalism and the current owners and publishers, Joe and Jeanne Samuels, who have successfully continued the founder's dream. Ever since it was established in 1908 by Edgar Goldberg, the Herald has upheld the promise of remaining the voice of the Jewish community of Greater Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast.

TOWN OF ONONDAGA CELEBRATES BICENTENNIAL

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, as a newly born nation expanded and grew two centuries ago, townships in America sprouted amidst the excitement and despite great obstacles. Such a town was mine, the Town of Onondaga, which this week celebrates its 200th Birthday.

Although many of the festivities will occur this summer, culminating with a Bicentennial Parade on August 15, many are focused now on the Annual Dinner Dance April 4.

I would like to thank the entire Town of Onondaga Bicentennial Committee for their important and historic work. I would ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this fine group of civic leaders for their dedication to preserving the history which guides us into our future.

They are: L. Jane Tracy, town historian and co-chair; Thomas Andino, Jr., town supervisor and co-chair; David and Cathy Hintz; Ken Pienkowski; Gwynn Morey; Beatrice Malfitano; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Royal; Bonnie Romano; Gary and Karen Livent; Suzanne Belle; Mary Ryan; Charles Petrie; Donald Hamilton; Dorothea Schmitz; Leo Kelly; Margaret Chesebro; Jeanne Tanner; and Dan Willis.

On a related note, I am very proud to be one of three Onondaga residents in town history to have represented Central New York in Congress. The others included my father, William F. Walsh, and one of the first settlers, James Geddes, who also served as Town Supervisor in 1799.

I am pleased also to mark this memorable time for us in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, in addition to presenting a United States flag to town leaders in a ceremony April 2.

Together, these people named today, joined by our fellow residents, thank God for our freedom, our country and our homes—just as we pray that we will impress on the next generation the importance of what our ancestors accomplished and the magnitude of the task. Only from history will we learn.

RECOGNIZING AUGUST KNISPTEL

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 21, 1998, residents from Franklin Township in Hunterdon County, New Jersey will honor one of the area's political legends at a testimonial dinner. For 31 years August Knispel has served the residents of Franklin Township as their Mayor and as a member of the Township Committee.

Mr. Knispel, the son of German born parents that immigrated to America, is a living example of the American Dream come true. He grew up on his parents farm in Franklin Township raising and selling ducks to make extra money during the depression at the age of seven. It was not too long thereafter that August became an active hand in the family farm which itself has become an area landmark.

In 1963, Mr. Knispel made his first run for Township Committee. The election ended in a tie that ultimately was decided in favor of his opponent. Not one to be discouraged, Mr. Knispel entered the race a year later and was successful. His election to the Township Committee that year began the first of 11 more victories. During his years of service, Mayor Knispel has been a leader in agricultural and open space issues.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the residents of Franklin Township and Hunterdon County in thanking August Knispel for dedicated service to his community. For almost a generation Mr. Knispel has dedicated a tremendous amount of his time and effort to serving the needs and addressing the concerns of Franklin Township. Saturday night's dinner is just a token of the well deserved recognition that is appropriate in thanking him for his service.

THE COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION
CONFERENCE AND TRAINING ON
GANGS, VIOLENCE AND DRUGS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize the Annual Community Mobilization Conference and Training on Gangs, Violence and Drugs which will take place in my hometown of San Diego, California April 1–3, 1998.

This will be the ninth annual conference convened by Nu-Way Youth and Social Services, a local community-based organization. The conference will be a national, collaborative event that will bring together parents,

educators, law enforcement officers, probation officers, prosecutors, health and social service providers, together with civic, political and spiritual leaders to discuss the latest technologies and strategies for combating juvenile crime in our communities.

I would also like to give recognition to the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the U.S. Department of Justice for their support and co-sponsorship of Nu-Way's 9th Annual National Conference. The NCPC and the BJA will add programmatic support and technical assistance. By doing so they are providing Nu-Way access to greater numbers of nationally recognized trainers, and broader participation. Conference participants will come from throughout the United States and Canada.

This support will further strengthen the Educating, Motivating, Organizing and Mobilizing (E.M.O.M.) process and demonstrate the effectiveness of the partnership between community and government.

This conference is a true collaborative project. And by its very nature, will reinforce the proverb that "it takes a whole village to raise a child"—and will challenge all of our citizens to accept the responsibility and join in our struggle to keep our youth free from the influence of gangs and drugs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that Nu-Way, a valuable resource in the fight against gangs, drug abuse and violence, is based in my Congressional district, and I applaud the efforts of Nu-Way and the Community Mobilization Conference for their important role in our fight against juvenile crime.