

Minutes of the Schilder Cousin Club



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The Schilder Cousin Club

Jewish family clubs played a crucial role within the close-knit communities of Jewish immigrants in America. These clubs were vital for social interaction, providing spaces for families to come together, celebrate holidays, and engage in communal activities. Beyond mere gatherings, they served as emotional support systems and bastions of solidarity during a time of significant cultural and social transformation. These clubs encapsulated the enduring strength of community bonds and the resilience of Jewish families in the face of challenges, leaving an indelible mark on the cultural fabric of American society.

The Schilder Cousin Club began on January 21, 1940, to bring together the Chicago descendants of the three Schilder sisters, Anna, Bertha, and Goldie. Before its last meeting on January 24, 1960, the club would involve some 50 members, see 30 births, and the start and end of World War II. These minutes testify to our ancestors' integration into mainstream American society, survival in post-war Europe, and immigration to Israel.



The Schilder Cousin Club, October 12, 1952, in Chicago.

Editor's Note

These are the minutes of the Schilder Cousin Club, active from January 1940 through January 1960. The original book is in my possession, and I have lightly edited the meeting minutes for readability. This process involved minor changes to improve the document's clarity, coherence, and overall flow while ensuring the essential content and meaning remained intact. The goal was to make the minutes more understandable and accessible to readers without altering the substance of the information presented.

As each new member of the Club is mentioned, they are linked to their corresponding page on my genealogy website. You'll find a handy reference to the club members in "[Appendix A: Club Members](#)."

This is a draft document. I have only transcribed the minutes through December 11, 1949; ten more years are left to transcribe! This draft shares work in progress and helps me further develop the various distribution processes I will use for the finished document. See "[Appendix B: Distribution](#)" for a table of living direct-line descendants of the Schilder Cousin Club, for whom I have email addresses.

Each of us will approach this material from a very individual contextual history. For me, it's from the context of my father, Charles Mittman, who passed away in September 2021 and appeared for the first time on these pages on June 16, 1940, at age 5; on [January 19, 1941](#), he began a tradition of singing "God Bless America" to close out each meeting.

Beyond the personal, this document also contextualizes significant historical moments. On [December 14, 1941](#) — the first club meeting after the Attack on Pearl Harbor — the membership considered purchasing defense bonds to support the war effort. Although the United States did not formally enter the war until the day after Pearl Harbor, about a year before, in October 1940, President Roosevelt had signed into law the first peacetime selective service draft in U.S. history because of rising world conflicts. The [June 16, 1941](#), club meeting mentions Milt Nadelman being on leave. Could this be from Army basic training at [Camp Grant, Illinois](#)? On [October 24, 1943](#), the minutes noted that "food is hard to get, and restaurant food is lousy," reflecting some of the hardships of the war years.

For Jews and those interested in Chicago Jewish history, these minutes offer a glimpse into Jewish life in Chicago. On [June 16, 1940](#), there was a reference to the "Jewish flag" used during the meetings. It's not known what this flag looked like, but it may not have been the flag of Israel we know today, which was not adopted until October 28, 1948, five months after the establishment of the state. On [October 20, 1940](#), the club began planning a Thanksgiving dinner at the Blue Inn, a unique restaurant and event space in Chicago's Jewish West Side that featured prominently in the social and intellectual life of Chicago Jewry.

Finally, I have included footnotes throughout the document that are useful for providing additional context. There are many more pages to transcribe and many open research questions (see "[Appendix C: Research Topics](#)"). In "[Appendix E: Story Threads](#)," I bring life to these pages by connecting historical facts into a narrative.

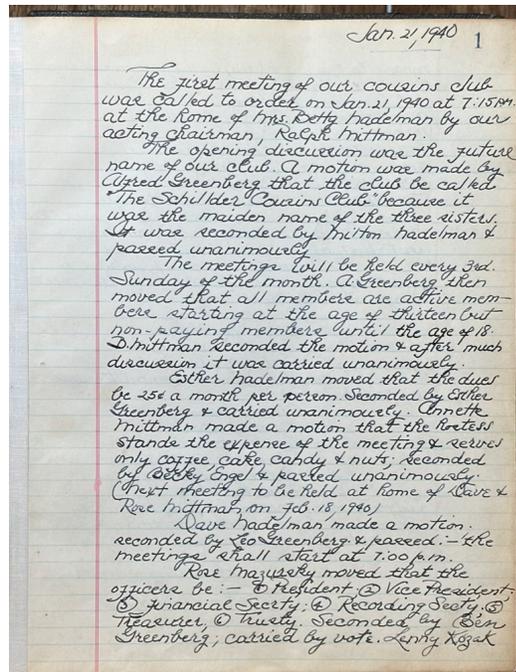
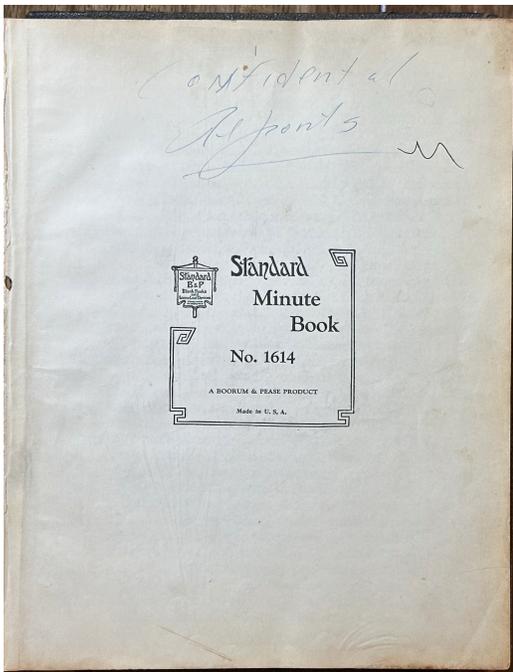
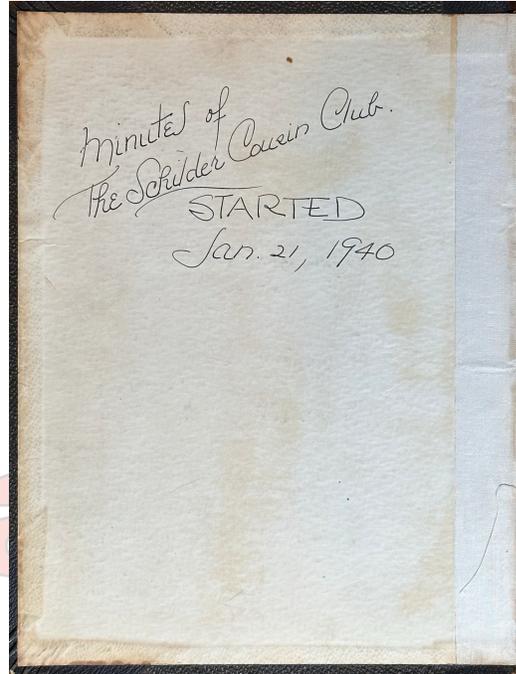
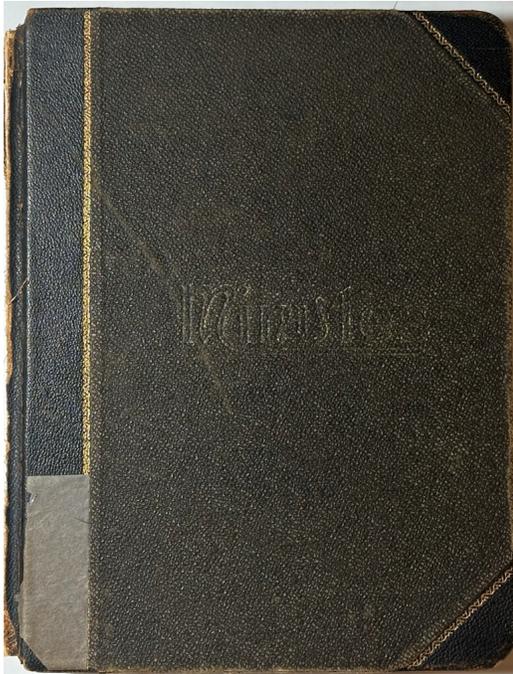
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30 October 2023

Minutes of the Schilder Cousin Club

The minutes of the Schilder Cousin Club were originally kept in notebooks. In November 1947, Jay Mazursky donated a Boorum and Pease "Standard Minute Book No. 1614," Al Greenberg transferred the minutes from the notebooks to the minute book. The original notebooks are lost.

This section contains a transcription of the minute book, footnoted, corrected for errors of fact, and generally cleaned up.



January 21, 1940

The first meeting of our cousin club was called the order on January 21, 1940, at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Becky Nadelman¹ by our acting chairman, Ralph Mittman.

The opening discussion was about the future name of our club. Al Greenberg motioned that the club be called "The Schilder Cousin Club" because it was the maiden name of the three sisters. It was seconded by Milt Nadelman and passed unanimously.

The meeting will be held every third Sunday of the month. Al Greenberg motioned that all members be active members starting at the age of thirteen but non-paying members until the age of eighteen. Bernard Mittman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously after much discussion.

Esther Nadelman moved that the dues be 25¢ a month per person. Seconded by Esther Greenberg and carried unanimously. Annette Mittman motioned that the hostess bears the expense of the meeting and serves only coffee, cake, candy, and nuts, seconded by Becky Engel and passed unanimously. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Dave and Rose Mittman on February 18, 1940.

Dave Nadelman made a motion seconded by Leo Greenberg and passed: the meetings shall start at 7:00 p.m. Rose Mazursky moved that the officers be: 1) President, 2) Vice President, 3) Financial Secretary, 4) Recording Secretary, 5) Treasurer, and 6) Trustee. Seconded by Ben Greenberg; carried by vote. Leonard Kozak moved to have a closed ballot, seconded by Annette Mittman and passed by Club.

"Officers Elected"

President:	<u>Ralph Mittman</u>
Vice President:	<u>Sol Engel</u>
Recording Secretary:	<u>Esther Nadelman</u>
Financial Secretary:	<u>Jay Mazursky</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Becky Nadelman</u>
Trustee:	<u>Bernard Mittman</u>

Officers are elected for one-year terms—new elections are to be held in November, and installation is to be held in January.

A Committee was appointed to make up a schedule of where the meetings will be held:

Ben Greenberg
Dave Mittman
Jay Mazursky
Sol Engel

A constitutional committee was also appointed:

Al Greenberg
Norman Kozak
Leo Mittman

¹ Rebecca Nadelman is called "Becky" and "Betty" throughout the minute book. I've standardized on "Becky" for this transcription.

Rose Mazursky
Esther Greenberg

Dues collected: \$5.00

The adjournment was moved by Rose Mazursky, seconded by Annette Mittman, and passed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Recording Secretary,
Esther Nadelman

Draft

February 11, 1940

Our president called the second meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club at 7:20 p.m. at the home of Dave and Rose Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Schedule Committee presented their schedules of the meetings, and it was approved.

The Constitution Committee submitted the Constitution.² Al Greenberg moved that it be accepted, and it was passed.

The President then appointed the rest of the committees, which are:

- 1) Junior Activities Committee: All junior and senior members.
- 2) Sunshine Committee: Esther Greenberg, Becky Nadelman, Leo Mittman, Sol Shachner
- 3) Ways and Means Committee: Jay Mazursky, Milt Nadelman, Rose Mittman, Sylvia Kozak
- 4) Social Committee: Lena Sachs,³ Jennie Mittman, Annette and Loretta Mittman,⁴ Eva Mittman, Leo Greenberg, Dave and Bernard Mittman.

The Sunshine Committee's duties are buying gifts for Births, Weddings, and Bar Mitzvahs.

The Ways and Means Committee will work with the Sunshine Committee on how much to spend on gifts and what to buy. Cards are to be sent to members on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Bernard Mittman suggested that no strangers be allowed in our meetings. Rose Mazursky made a motion seconded by Esther Greenberg and passed by vote that any person going steady with a club member be allowed to attend our meetings.

All members expressed enthusiasm for our club at Good and Welfare.

Sol Engel thanked the Club for its telegram to its newest and youngest member, Glorianne Engel, born February 1, 1940. Leo Mittman suggested that cards be printed as meeting announcements, which all approved. (Especially the Secretary.)

Dave Mittman suggested prompt and 100% attendance at meetings.

Dues collected: \$8.00
Balance: \$13.00

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary

² See Appendix M for a transcription of the constitution.

³ Of all the Schilder descendants, I believe I have the least amount of information about Sam and Lena Sachs.

⁴ The minute book refers to "Laura Mittman," but later to "Loretta Grigg." Since this is the same person, I've elected to use "Loretta" throughout to maintain some consistency.

March 17, 1940

The third meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:20 p.m., March 17, 1940, at the home of Ben and Esther Greenberg. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Due to late-comers and after an interruption, the Sunshine Committee reported spending \$3.50 for a gift for Glorianne Engel.

Ben Greenberg reprimanded the responsible committees for not finding something for the junior members to do to keep their interest in the club.

Jay Mazursky suggested we run something to donate money to the Jewish Welfare Fund.⁵ A card party⁶ was suggested to be held on May 5. Bernard Mittman suggested that the Ways and Means Committee meet during the month to discuss plans and present them to the club at the next meeting. A raffle instead of a card party was suggested. Rose Mazursky moved that a card party and raffle be run as two separate affairs. Leo Mittman seconded the motion, and it was passed. The card party will be held within six weeks, and the raffle will be held in four or five months. The raffle tickets will be 10¢ each, and the card party tickets will be 35¢. The Ways and Means Committee will meet to decide the prizes, etc.

For Good and Welfare, Sam Sachs thanked the club for his anniversary card and Becky Nadelman for her birthday card.

Expenses:	\$3.50 Gift (B. Nadelman)
	\$2.00 Cards (R. Mittman)
	\$0.46 Postage (E. Nadelman)
Total Expense:	\$5.96
Dues Collected:	\$6.00
Balance:	\$13.04

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by the president.

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary

⁵ See Appendix K: Charitable Giving, for an alphabetical listing of organizations that received donations from the Schilder Cousin Club.

⁶ Card parties were a recurring activity for the Club. See Appendix J: Celebrations and Parties for more information about the celebrations and parties organized by the Club.

April 14, 1940

The fourth meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called order at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sol and Becky Engel. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Sunshine Committee reported that everyone was well. A visit to Kozak's was made, and Esther Greenberg returned from Rochester, and she, too, is well.

The Ways and Means Committee reported on the card party. Milt Nadelman reported on the hall. A guarantee of 150 persons had to be made so that we could get the hall for 15¢ a person. Prizes for the tables were agreed upon, and a small white midget radio⁷ will be raffled off. Everything possible is to be done to sell tickets.

Sol Engel suggested that checkers and games be presented to the junior members to keep their interest in the club. He also suggests debates. Dave Nadelman suggested that they *kibbitz* during the winter months and dance and that those who don't know how to dance be taught.

A special meeting is to be held before the card party for members to bring their decks of cards and to settle last-minute details. Good and Welfare was "too much noise at meetings."

Dues collected:	\$6.25 plus \$1.75
Expenses:	\$5.55
Balance:	\$15.49

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Draft

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary

⁷ Predating the invention of the transistor in 1947 and the first commercial transistor radio in 1954, these radios were about as small (12-inches wide) as you could go with a vacuum tube design. There were lots of models available, but since the description calls out "white," I'm going to believe that these were Bakelite, the first synthetic plastic. Google "1940 midget radio white bakelite" to get an idea of what these looked like.

May 19, 1940

The fifth meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called order at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Sylvia and Al Kozak. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The president thanked the club for their cooperation and the success of the card party.

The Sunshine Committee welcomed and "well wished another new member, Maxine Mazursky," Rose and Jay's baby daughter.

The Junior-Senior Committee reported plans for a hike on June 9. (Hike Committee: Dave Nadelman and Al and Dave Greenberg.)

A picnic for the club is expected to be held on July 4.

Our card party netted a profit of \$53.14, of which \$50.00 will be donated to the National Jewish Welfare Board.

At Good and Welfare, Al Greenberg suggested more parliamentary procedures and less confusion. In general, the club is progressing proudly.

Dues collected:	\$6.25
Expenses:	\$2.20
Balance:	\$27.18

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Draft

Esther Nadelman
Secretary

June 16, 1940

The sixth meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club is called order by 7:55 p.m. at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The date for our picnic had to be postponed from July 4 to August 4 due to Bernard Mittman's appointment for hospitalization. Al Greenberg gave the hike report. All had a good time, and Annette Mittman has a scrapbook that will contain all the photos of our outings.⁸

Ralph Mittman and Al Greenberg reported on the National Jewish Welfare Board rally and told the benefits that our money went for. The president presented a locket to Jay Mazursky for Maxine. Jay thanked the club and wished his daughter to be a good member.

Esther Nadelman suggested that we hold meetings at picnic grounds during July and August, with no business being discussed, and the club approved it. The Ways and Means Committee is to make the arrangements.

For Good and Welfare, Charles Mittman thanked the Club for his birthday card, and Sylvia Mittman had a cake and ice cream for the children. Sol Engel suggested our club have an American flag. Bernard Mittman volunteered to get a stand, an American, and a Jewish flag.

Dues Collected:	\$4.50
Expenses:	\$3.75
Balance:	\$27.93

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Draft

Esther Nadelman
Secretary

⁸ If anyone knows the whereabouts of the scrapbook, please let me know.

September 15, 1940

The seventh meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called order at 7:55 p.m. at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Our president welcomed Lil Dubin⁹ to our club. Lil and Milt Nadelman soon plan to marry. He also wished Leo and Eva Mittman good luck in their new business.

The Sunshine Committee reported on Leonard Kozak's illness and recovery. Al Greenberg reported on our picnic. Every member attended and received excellent prizes selected by Sol Engel. Esther Nadelman told us about her trip to New York.

The president thanked all for attending the dedication.¹⁰

Becky Nadelman invited everyone except the children to the wedding of Milt and Lil and hoped all accepted the oral invitation. Milt next spoke and seconded the invitation, hoping everyone would have a good time.

Bernard Mittman asked Lil to speak, who invited everyone, and she hoped to become a good member.

Leo Mittman thanked the club for the flowers and hoped he would be successful. He also asked that we cousins keep together and forget our small differences.

Al Greenberg asked what we plan to do this winter. Some would like a dance, and the Ways and Means Committee will discuss it. Yetta Shachner invited everyone to a dance of her Ladies Auxiliary at the Stevens¹¹ on November 10. Tickets are \$1.50 a couple.

Al Greenberg moved that we amend the constitution so that no dues would be paid during or for July and August. The motion was passed, but Milt Nadelman demanded a recount, and the reason was that dues be paid, regardless of treasury balance. The amendment was vetoed, and now dues will be paid during July and August 1940.

Dues Collected:	\$6.25
Expenses:	\$13.44
Balance:	\$21.44

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Esther Nadelman
Secretary

⁹ See "Appendix C: Research Topics."

¹⁰ One of the many mysteries of the Schilder Cousin Club; there is no additional information about this dedication.

¹¹ Perhaps the Stevens Hotel, which is now the Hilton Chicago at 720 S Michigan Ave.

October 20, 1940

The eighth meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called order at 7:40 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Jennie Mittman. The Sunshine Committee reported that everyone was well. The president wished everyone good health, happiness, and luck for the Jewish New Year. The Ways and Means Committee was told to forget the dance plans because the club couldn't afford it. Milt Nadelman again invited the family to his wedding next Sunday. Ben Greenberg suggested we buy tickets for the Jewish show "God Bless America," but it was dropped.¹²

Bernard Mittman suggested a Thanksgiving dinner at the Blue Inn¹³ on November 12. Rose Mazursky, Annette Mittman, and Milt and Becky Nadelman are the committee in charge. Next meeting: election of officers. All members are to pay delinquent dues. The trustees are to check over the books and issue a statement of finances.

Good and Welfare thanks Bernard Mittman for his procurement of flags. Al Greenberg said the committees weren't functioning and should function in future activities.

Dues Collected: \$5.25
Balance: \$26.69

Little Annette Engel was mentioned in the West Side Times¹⁴ as being made a full-fledged member of the Public Library at the age of five. We are all proud of her.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Draft

Esther Nadelman
Secretary

¹² It's not clear what this "Jewish show" was all about.

¹³ Several beloved restaurants and dishes are mentioned in the minutes. I've collected information about each in Appendix F: Food and Restaurants.

¹⁴ I don't believe the West Side Times is available in digital format over the internet. Microfilm may be available at the Chicago History Museum and the University of Illinois, Urbana. This is Annette Engel's only appearance in the minute book.

November 17, 1940

The ninth meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Leo and Eva Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Congratulations were given to Milt and Lil Nadelman on their marriage,¹⁵ with good wishes from all. A gift was presented to them from the club.

Rose Mazursky reported on the plans for the Thanksgiving dinner. To be held in the private dining room of Carl's Restaurant. \$1.35 per plate for adults and 75¢ for children. Everyone who went to the Auxiliary Dance had a good time. Al Greenberg again claimed that the committees weren't active and hoped the new ones did much better.

Election of Officers

President:	Milt Nadelman
Vice President:	Al Greenberg
Secretary:	Sol Engel
Financial Secretary:	Esther Nadelman
Treasurer:	Leo Mittman
Trustee:	Leo Greenberg

Dues Collected:	\$12.00
Expenses:	\$5.25
Balance:	\$33.44

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Draft

Esther Nadelman
Secretary

¹⁵ Milt and Lil Nadelman were married on September 30, 1940; Lil's last mention in the minute book is June 23, 1947. Milt married Jeanne Hoffman on August 14, 1952; Jeanne was first mentioned in the minute book on January 15, 1956.

December 15, 1940

The 10th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sam and Lena Sachs.

The meetings were read from the previous meeting and approved. There were no committee reports. The Thanksgiving dinner was a success, with everyone having a good time.

The New Year's Eve party was next, and a house party was planned, with everyone paying their own share. The party is to be held at Becky Nadelman's home. Al Kozak suggested that the club pay for it but was overruled.

An anniversary party will be held—details by the Ways and Means Committee. Sol Engel asked that the constitution be checked—overruled. Esther Greenberg suggested that the club pay for a cake and a bottle of whiskey for the New Year's Eve party.

Dues Collected:	\$6.00
Expenses:	\$6.95
Balance:	\$32.49

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Esther Nadelman
Secretary

Addition to minutes:

Esther Greenberg moved that Charles Mittman sing "God Bless America" at the close of every meeting.

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January 19, 1941

The 11th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sol Engel. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A new election for President was decided upon to replace Milt Nadelman, who was called to service.¹⁶ Bernard Mittman was nominated and unanimously elected.

The outgoing President graciously installed our new officers.

The new committees chosen are:

- I. Ways and Means: Ralph Mittman, Jay Mazursky, Rose Mazursky, Sam Sachs.
- II. Social: Annette Mittman, L Nadelman, Ben Greenberg, Dave Mittman
- III. Sunshine: Becky Nadelman, Rose Mittman, Sylvia Kozak
- IV. Junior Activities: Norm Mittman, Dave Nadelman, Loretta Mittman, Dave Greenberg

Charles sang, "God Bless America." Al Greenberg called a Ways and Means Committee meeting for January 22 at the home of Jay Mazursky.

Dues Collected:	\$6.75
Expenses:	\$9.09
Balance:	\$33.15

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Draft

Sol Engel

¹⁶ See Appendix L: Military Service for summaries of club members' service.

February 12, 1941

The 12th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was opened by our president at 8:45 p.m. at the home of Sol Shachner. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Al Greenberg reported on the Ways and Means meeting. A card party was set for April 2. Tickets have been mailed to all members. Various members undertook duties. Advance sales are very encouraging. Al suggested that junior activity was poor and to coach the junior members in their talents.

A Purim¹⁷ party of *varenikes* was next put to a motion by Annette Mittman, seconded by Leo Mittman, and passed by vote. Becky Nadelman offered her home, and after much coaxing and good-natured chiding, services were volunteered by Becky Nadelman, Esther Greenberg, Leo and Ben Greenberg, and Jennie and Annette Mittman.

Ben Greenberg moved, seconded by Leo Mittman, and passed by the club that a "roll call" be held at each meeting. Ralph Mittman suggested the secretary write to Milt describing the meeting. Leo Mittman suggested sending stamps to Milt, and it was authorized to do so. Yetta Shachner was welcomed back to the club, and greetings to Sam Sachs, who was ill.

Charles adjourned the meeting with the singing of "God Bless America."

Balance: \$37.08

Recording Secretary,
Sol Engel

Draft

¹⁷ Purim 1941 began on Wednesday, March 12, 1941.

March 16, 1941

The 13th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 8 p.m. by our president at the home of the Greenbergs. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The main discussion was about the card party. The committee reported progress to wit: candies, cards, the hall, and prizes were provided. Advance sales amounted to \$24.80 and \$20.00 equaling \$44.80. Committees were further appointed to take care of the door and reception.

It was suggested that the motions made and voting thereon have more clarity.

Leo Mittman reported the sending of stamps to Milt Nadelman. The meeting closed with the wish and hope from everyone that the party would be a success.

Receipts:	\$6.50
Expenses:	\$5.74
Balance:	\$31.08

Sol Engel,
Recording Secretary

Draft

April 20, 1941

The 14th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called order at 7:30 p.m. at the Kozak home. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Special Order of the evening was the election of the Vice President to take the place of Al Greenberg, who was called to the colors. Ben Greenberg was nominated and elected unanimously. Esther Greenberg motioned to send \$50.00 to the Welfare Fund out of the profits from our card party and leave the balance in our treasury for an emergency. Seconded by Sol Engel and passed by vote. Our card party made approximately \$70.00.

A plea was made to the club to learn \$25.00 for a needy cause to be paid back monthly. This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee, who, after a recess, reported that the club could not and did not have the power to act on it and was very sorry to disapprove it.

Burton Kozak gave us a very nice little poem, and Charles Mittman, in his usual style, closed the meeting with "God Bless America."

Receipts:	\$5.50
Expense:	\$5.68
Balance:	\$51.51

Sol Engel
Recording Secretary

Draft

May 18, 1941

The 15th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at the home of Bernard Mittman at 7:45 p.m. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as read.

We received two letters, one from the Jewish Welfare Fund, thanking us for our donation and sending us a receipt for \$50.00; the other was from Al Greenberg, sending us greetings and describing camp life in detail. From here on, the meeting turned into a pep session where everyone in the club suggested as follows:

First, our boys in camp receive a carton of cigarettes each every two weeks. Annette Mittman is charged with this duty.

Second, that a picnic be held in July with arrangements and details worked out and be reported at our next meeting.

A hike is to be arranged by the club's junior members with the help of our younger senior members.

Charles Mittman closed the meeting with "God Bless America," with everybody chiming in.

Receipts:	\$8.50
Expense:	\$.27
Balance:	\$59.80

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Sol Engel,
Recording Secretary

June 16, 1941

The 16th meeting of the shoulder cousin club was called to order at the Mazursky home at 8:15 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ben Greenberg reported on the activities of the Sunshine Committee and reminded us to visit Yetta Shachner, who is about to undergo another serious operation.

A motion was made to hold a picnic at White Eagle Grove to enable us to meet Milt Nadelman when he should be home from furlough. Motion made by Ben Greenberg and seconded by Annette Mittman and passed by the club. Dues are to be collected at the picnic by Esther Nadelman for July.

There was also a report that the junior members planned to hike.

Receipts:	\$7.15
Expenses:	\$13.55
Balance:	\$53.40

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Sol Engel,
Recording Secretary

Draft

September 14, 1941

The 17th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at the home of Leo Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The committee reported on the picnic, and everyone agreed it was a success. We were glad to have Milt with us for a while.

The question of banking our money was discussed at length by Esther Greenberg, Leo Mittman, Dave Nadelman, and Sol Engel, and it was finally agreed to let matters stand until you have had our elections. A suggestion to put our surplus into defense bonds was also deferred.

Our vice president reported that Yetta Shachner's condition is very good and urges all to visit her.

A motion to consider hospital insurance was also tabled until the next meeting when more of our cousins would be present.

A majority of our members proposed a Thanksgiving dinner, and a committee was next appointed composed of Bernard Mittman, Esther Nadelman, and Sol Engel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Receipts:	\$11.50
Expense:	\$13.14
Balance:	\$57.04

Draft

Your Recording Secretary,
Sol Engel

October 19, 1941

The 18th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Ralph Mittman. The club approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

The committee for the Thanksgiving dinner reported on the halls they had investigated and offered as their suggestion the Blue Inn and their offered menu. November 20 at the Blue Inn was agreed on by the club.

Sol Shachner called in and sent his best regards to the club from the airport. A committee was selected to meet with an agent of the Hospitalization Company consisting of Bernard, Leo, Ralph, Jennie and Annette Mittman, Ben and Esther Greenberg, and Sol Engel.

Ralph Mittman spoke on the high ideals of the club and urged that our junior members help us keep harmony with the club's proceedings.

Dues Collected:	\$7.25
Expenses:	\$6.93
Balance:	\$57.36

The meeting was adjourned by motion and second at 9:15 p.m.

Sol Engel,
Recording Secretary

Draft

November 16, 1941

The 19th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at the home of Becky Nadelman. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of the committee for the Thanksgiving dinner were approved, and final arrangements were made. Ralph reported on the meeting with the Associated Hospital Service agent. Leo Mittman suggested that we defer a decision on the hospital plan until we could investigate further, so the club agreed.

A motion was made by Sol Engel and seconded by Esther Nadelman that we hold our annual New Year's Eve party at the home of Becky Nadelman, who had offered its use to the club. The club passed this motion.

Al Kozak proposed that the club extend \$15.00 toward the New Year's Eve party, seconded by Leo Greenberg and passed by the club. Dave Nadelman asked that the senior members extend the same courtesy to speakers as the junior members were asked. Dave Greenberg suggested a parliamentarian, but it was deferred. The new election:

President:	Leo Mittman
Financial Secretary:	Leo Greenberg
Vice President:	Bernard Mittman
Treasurer:	Rose Mazursky
Recording Secretary:	Dave Nadelman
Trustee:	Al Kozak

Dues Collected:	\$8.75
Expenses:	\$0.21
Balance:	\$65.90

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The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Your Recording Secretary,
Sol Engel

December 14, 1941

The 20th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called order at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sam and Lena Sachs. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Esther Nadelman motioned to turn our treasury, or a part of it, into defense bonds. The motion was recalled for the reason that the club had no charter. Dave Mittman moved that we purchase a charter, seconded by Annette Mittman and carried unanimously by the club. Jay Mazursky was asked to apply for the charter.

Sol Shachner invited the club to have its New Year's party at his home, which the club accepted.

There were no other reports from the committees. Al Kozak, our newly elected Trustee, sent word that he would be unable to perform his duties due to defense work. Sam Sachs was elected in his place as trustee.

Receipts:	\$8.25
Expense:	\$10.71
Balance:	\$63.44

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Your Recording Secretary,
Sol Engel

Draft

January 18, 1942

The 21st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at the Shachner's home by our president at 7:30 p.m. A report on the New Year's party stated that everyone had a good time. Installation of new officers was held next.

President: Leo Mittman
Vice President: Bernard Mittman
Recording Secretary: Leo Greenberg
Financial Secretary: Dave Nadelman
Treasurer: Rose Mazursky
Trustee: Sam Sachs

The president next selected committees.

Ways and Means: Annette Mittman, Lil Nadelman, Jay Mazursky, Rose Mittman.
Junior Committee: Dave Greenberg, Danny Mittman, Norm Mittman, Sheldon Engel,
Sunshine Committee: Lena Sachs, Sylvia Kozak, Yetta Shachner.

The treasurer, trustee, and president were instructed to start the bank account in the club's name. The hospitalization plan was discussed, and the president suggested it be brought up again after we get more information.

A card party was suggested but disapproved because it was unprofitable. Leo Mittman suggested a home-earning fund. It was discussed and stated that it was not compulsory to run one. Ben Greenberg moved, seconded by Bernard Mittman, that Annette is to find out about renting the Democratic Hall at Lawrence and Kedzie, and the motion was passed. Ben Greenberg then reported on Norman Kozak's wedding and wished them all the luck and happiness in the world. Ralph Mittman spoke about our parties and credited our Bar Mitzvah Boy. He wished we would go on doing good. Sylvia Mittman was asked and gave a speech that would ring in the ears of everyone. Leo Mittman spoke, asking the club to continue doing good. He also asked for a donation for the Red Cross. Ben Greenberg moved, seconded by Bernard Mittman, that we donate individually. \$15.00 was given to Lil Nadelman, who gave Red Cross car stickers to everyone and who will turn the money over to the "R.C." Ben Greenberg suggested a salvage drive, and Sol Engel asked that we don't forget the Salvation Army. Dave Mittman spoke and hoped he'd be able to attend all meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with Charles Mittman singing "God Bless America."

Dues Collected: \$7.25
Expenses: \$0.00
Balance: \$31.29

Dave Nadelman,
Secretary

March 22, 1942

The 22nd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ben and Esther Greenberg. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ralph Mittman reported that we could have the Democratic Hall any night, but he had to know beforehand. Further discussion ended with the dropping of the entire affair. Anyone who wanted to run an earning fund could, and would, turn the money over to the club.

Ben Greenberg, Bernard, Jay Mazursky, and Leo Mittman suggested that \$2.00 out of the treasury be given to a matzoh fund.¹⁸ Sam Sachs brought in stamps. The hospitalization plan was dropped. The Sunshine Committee reported that Annette was ill. Annette is now well and thanks us for our kind concern.

Ralph Mittman suggested that we come to meetings for fun and relaxation and to keep the club together so that when the boys come back, we will start again with parties and activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$10.50
Expenses:	\$9.70
Balance:	\$37.09

Dave Nadelman,
Secretary

Draft

¹⁸ Prior to Passover, groups would set up a "Matzah Fund" to collect donations to support the purchase and distribution of kosher holiday meals. Passover began on Wednesday, April 1, 1942.

April 19, 1942

The 23rd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was brought to order by 7:30 p.m. at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ben Greenberg reported that he had one dollar from the sale of paper. Collections were then made for the Jewish Welfare Board. \$30.00 was collected. The president then congratulated the bar mitzvah boy and presented him with a gift from the club. Esther Nadelman suggested a junior activity hike.

Next, the annual picnic for the club, in general, was discussed. Annette Mittman will find out about the permit, and we will further discuss it at our next meeting.

Dues were collected, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. We all sang "God Bless America."

Dues Collected:	\$7.00
Expense:	\$5.45
Balance:	\$33.64

Dave Nadelman,
Secretary

Draft

May 17, 1942

The 24th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The president called for committee reports. Annette Mittman reported that all permits were taken up. Rose Mazursky then handed in a receipt for \$30.00, which was donated to the Jewish Welfare Fund. The junior picnic was next. Douglas Park was suggested as a good place to run it, and a committee of two (Ben Greenberg and Sol Engel) was appointed to find out the details. Esther Nadelman brought up the junior hike. We are to start the hike from the Nadelman home and march west until we get to anything that resembles woods. We are to roast red hots and marshmallows when we get hungry. Ralph Mittman moved, seconded by Bernard, to allow Esther to spend as much as she deems necessary. Ralph reported for the Sunshine Committee that Rose Mazursky was ill but is now well again. Ben Greenberg reported that he collected \$2.00 from salvage. Bernard Mittman donated 12 rolls of film for the junior hike.

Charles Mittman and all the members closed the meeting with "God Bless America."

Dues Collected:	\$7.00
Expenses:	\$4.55
Balance:	\$38.59

Dave Nadelman,
Secretary

Draft

June 21, 1942

The 25th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The president then called for committee reports. Our senior picnic will be held at Douglas Park at 12th and California on Sunday, July 5. Ben Greenberg is to arrange for cold pop and ice cream. Esther Nadelman suggested that the next meeting be held in Thatcher Woods. It was put into a motion and seconded by Rose Mazursky. The junior members are to hike out there to reserve tables. The junior members' hike was successful, and only \$6.40 was spent.

Charles Mittman is ill, so his family did not attend tonight. We hope he will get well and all will be here for the next meeting.

Sol Engel moved, seconded by Annette Mittman, that her dues be suspended while Lil Nadelman lives in Washington. The meeting was closed with the singing of "God Bless America."

Dues Collected:	\$7.00
Expenses:	\$9.19
Balance:	\$36.10

Dave Nadelman,
Secretary

Draft

September 27, 1942

The 26th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Mittman, at the home of Leo and Eva Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The picnics were then reported. The first was very good, but the second was spoiled by cold weather. The next on the program was the Thanksgiving dinner. Committees were then picked to get details on where to have the dinner. Our president chose Ralph Mittman and Ben Greenberg, Leo and Eva Mittman, and Esther and Leo¹⁹ as separate committees.

Some stamps were brought in by Sam and Lena Sachs to be sold for charity. The club members individually bought \$6.50 worth. Then, a motion was made to take \$3.50 of our treasury to make up \$10 to be distributed equally between the Jewish Aged²⁰, Orphans²¹ and Emergency, and the Free Kitchen in Jerusalem.

Rose Mazursky moved, and Dave Greenberg seconded that sending cigarettes to our boys be suspended and passed.

Dave Nadelman told the club he was leaving Chicago to work in Patterson Field, Ohio.²² Esther Nadelman offered to be secretary for the rest of the year. Dave was presented with a gift. Loretta Grigg²³ announced her marriage and received a gift. A gift was also sent to Ruth and Al Greenberg at Fort Brady as a marriage gift.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$11.00
Expenses:	\$16.30
Balance:	\$26.98

Draft

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

¹⁹ I'm not entirely sure, other than Leo and Eva Mittman, which Esther, and Leo are being referred to here.

²⁰ Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois. (2023). Drexel Home for the Jewish Aged. JGSI. <https://jgsi.org/page-1845502>

²¹ Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois. (2023). Chicago Home for Jewish Orphans. JGSI. <https://jgsi.org/page-1845509>

²² Patterson Field is part of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, northeast of Dayton, Ohio.

²³ Loretta Mittman married Wallace Grigg in December 1941; this was likely the first meeting Loretta attended since her wedding.

October 18, 1942

The 27th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Mittman, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Jennie Mittman. A letter was received from Dave Nadelman, and we were glad to hear he was doing so well and that he was sorry he couldn't be with us. The committee for the Thanksgiving dinner reported \$1.75 for a turkey dinner at Carl's and \$1.65 for the duck. Mrs. Rubenstein's Restaurant at the Somerset Hotel asked \$2.00 per person for turkey. Mrs. Rubenstein's Restaurant was elected, and everyone can bring their friends for \$2.00 per person.

Sol Engel suggested that as we aren't sending the boys any more cigarettes, we should send them Chanukah presents. Becky Nadelman and Bernard Mittman were elected to take care of the packages. The next meeting is to be the election.

Good and Welfare: Dave Greenberg was glad to become a paying member²⁴ and put in a good word for himself for the coming election. Ben Greenberg is in California and hopes to find himself a good job so his family can join him.

Dues Collected:	\$8.00
Expenses:	\$5.00
Balance:	\$29.98

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Esther Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

²⁴ Dave Greenberg turned 18 on 21 July 1942. According to the Schilder Cousin Club Constitution, Article V, Section 3, "At the age of 18 years, a member becomes a dues-paying member and shall be known as a senior member."

November 15, 1942

The 28th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Mittman, at 7:50 p.m. at the home of Becky Nadelman. The minutes were read and approved. A thank you letter from Ruth and Al was read, and the secretary is supposed to answer it.

The menu for the Thanksgiving dinner was read—chopped liver, noodle soup, tomato and lettuce salad, mashed potatoes, turkey, and dessert.

The New Year's Eve party was canceled. We had an election of officers. President, Jay Mazursky; Vice President, Annette Mittman; Recording Secretary, Loretta Grigg; Financial Secretary, Ralph Mittman; Trustee, Lena Sachs; Treasurer, Bernard Mittman.

The next meeting will be held at the Sachs home on December 13 because of Xmas.

Dues were next collected. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dues Collected: \$11.75
Balance: \$41.73

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

Draft

December 13, 1942

The 29th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Mittman, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Sam and Lena Sachs. The minutes were read and approved. There were no reports.

The Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success, and everyone had a very good time.

Al and Ruth Greenberg were here on a furlough and attended the meeting. Al made a marvelous speech that he was glad to be back with us once more but was just sorry that it wouldn't be for always.

Sol and Yetta Shachner were with us again and were glad to see us. The next meeting is the installation of officers and is to be at Bernard's home. Cake and whiskey are to be brought by the club. Becky Nadelman offered her home for a New Year's Eve party: cold meats, salads, coffee, and cake and whiskey. Everything is a "Dutch Treat," and the club buys the whiskey.

Ben Greenberg wrote that he likes California but is lonesome and hates restaurant food. The Treasurer is to make a complete financial statement for the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$6.25
Expenses:	\$1.75
Balance:	\$46.23

Draft

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

January 23, 1943

The 30th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our President, Leo Mittman, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There were no committee reports. Everyone attending the New Year's Eve party agreed they had a very nice time.

Esther Nadelman read a letter from Al and Ruth Greenberg thanking the club for the Chanukah Box and wishing everyone a Victorious Happy New Year. The new Secretary was instructed to answer their letter.

The club as a group extended their condolences to Jay Mazursky upon the passing of his grandfather.²⁵ The new officers were then installed by the outgoing President, Leo Mittman, who thanked the club for the cooperation they had given him and expressed the hope that they would extend the same measure of cooperation to their new officers.

Our new President, Jay Mazursky, thanked the club for being elected and said that all he asks for now is the cooperation of his fellow officers. He inferred, however, that there would be more to come later.

The new committees for 1943 appointed by the President are:

Ways and Means: Leo Mittman, Esther Nadelman, and Sam Sachs.

Sunshine: Sol Shachner, Jennie Mittman, Becky Nadelman.

Jr. Activities: Leonard Kozak, Norm Mittman, Ben ???, Danny Mittman, and Esther Nadelman.

Social: Eva Mittman and Ralph and Jennie Mittman.

Leo Greenberg read the financial report for last year. The previous balance was \$63.44; Dues Collected: \$84.15; Expenditures for 1942: \$101.96; Grand Balance: \$46.23 as of the previous meeting.

The club then had the unhappy task of saying goodbye to the Greenbergs, but everyone wished them Godspeed on their trip and good luck in their new home²⁶. Each was presented with a remembrance on behalf of the club, and they promised to write everyone often. Sol Shachner brought in some raffle tickets for a drawing to be held by Shaari Shomayim Congregation²⁷ to purchase a Field Hospital Ambulance unit. The tickets were 50¢ each, and the prizes were war bonds and stamps of various amounts. Bernard Mittman moved, seconded by Leo Mittman, that the club purchase four tickets. Passed by the club, and some members bought tickets individually.

²⁵ Jay MAZURSKY's maternal grandfather was Sam WERNICK (1869-1943). See the minutes from [January 23, 1943](#).

²⁶ According to Sandra Bromberg, Ben and Esther Greenberg went to California to look for work. Their return to Chicago is noted in the [October 24, 1943](#) meeting minutes.

²⁷ This is the First Roumanian / Shaari Shomayim congregation at Douglas and Millard. It's the current location of the Stone Temple Baptist Church at 3622 W Douglas Blvd. [Google Street View](#) shows Jewish stars in the stained glass windows and the Ten Commandments high on the building.

Leo Mittman announced that Leo Greenberg donated the liquor for the combination installation and farewell party. Esther Greenberg announced that Al had been promoted to Sergeant, and we're all proud of him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by our President after Charles Mittman sang "God Bless America." The next meeting will be held at the Shachner home on February 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$8.00
Expenses:	\$26.87
Balance:	\$27.36

Loretta Grigg,
Recording Secretary

Draft

February 14, 1943

The 31st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by Leo Mittman, acting in the absence of our President and Vice President at the home of Sol and Yetta Shachner at 6:55 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There were no committee reports and no new or old business.

Because so many members were forced to be absent,²⁸ this was the shortest meeting on record, and the acting President adjourned it at 7:15 p.m. so we could all enjoy the delicious supper our host and hostess prepared for us.

Dues Collected:	\$4.75
Expenses:	\$1.00
Balance:	\$31.11

Loretta Grigg,
Recording Secretary

Draft

²⁸ I'm not sure why so many people had to be absent. Perhaps the weather? The high on February 14, 1943, was 7°F and the low was -3°F.

April 9, 1943

The 32nd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our President, Jay Mazursky, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Norman and Esther Kozak.

The minutes were read and approved. The Sunshine Committee reported that everyone was well now, and we hope they remain so. We welcomed Lil Nadelman back and hoped she would remain with us here, but she hopes to follow Milt. A very nice letter from Al was read, and the secretary was to answer it. Al and Ruth expect an addition to the family and hope it will be a girl.²⁹

Bernard Mittman suggested that we run a picnic at Douglas or Garfield Park and that it be held on July 5th. It was passed for Garfield Park. This picnic is strictly a basket picnic; everyone must bring lunch. No eating at restaurants and to arrive at the park at 10 o'clock. Bernard thanked the club for their gift and also their visits. Dave Mittman asked that anyone desiring a war bond give him the money so that Waukegan B'nai Brith gets credit.

The secretary was instructed to send the Greenbergs a letter and a card two weeks before the meeting so they could send a letter in time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m., and the next meeting will be held at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak on June 20th.

Dues Collected:	\$18.00
Expenses:	\$3.00
Balance:	\$46.11

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Esther Nadelman
Acting Recording Secretary

²⁹ I'm sure that Al and Ruth were overjoyed when their son, Harvey, was born on September 10, 1943.

June 20, 1943

The 33rd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our President, Jay Mazursky, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Junior Committee reported a successful hike, with everyone having a good time and coming home pleasantly tired.

The family club picnics were to be held at Garfield Park. Ralph was trying hard to get a permit. If he couldn't, he would try the police station and see if they couldn't get it for us. The club will furnish all the drinks and ice cream; we hope everyone attends the picnic. New business: another picnic to be held on August 15th, and if possible, it would be held at Garfield Park, too.

Ralph Mittman suggested that we save our money in the treasury and make a real blow-out when the boys come home. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by the kids singing "God Bless America."

Dues Collected:	\$7.50
Expenses:	\$16.67
Balance:	\$37.54

Esther Nadelman,
Acting Recording Secretary

Draft

October 24, 1943

The 34th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our President, Jay Mazursky, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Jennie Mittman. Before the regular business, the president called a few minutes of silence in memory of our late cousin, Leo Mittman.³⁰

Ralph gave a resumé of our picnics, and everyone had a good time. The poker games were profitable for some and not for others. We welcomed two new members, Shelby Mazursky and Harvey Michael Greenberg, into the club. Also, the Greenbergs returned to Chicago,³¹ and we hope they remain. We said goodbye to Sol Engel, who left for California.

Ralph suggested having a special committee for events such as sickness, happiness, births, etc. It was decided to be the job of the Sunshine Committee: Sol Shachner, Jennie Mittman, and Al Kozak, who is taking Becky Nadelman's place. The giving of gifts is up to the discretion of the Committee. No Thanksgiving dinner this year. Food is hard to get, and restaurant food is lousy, so we dropped the idea.

Bernard Mittman bought himself and his family a new home,³² and the next meeting will be held there. It will be a housewarming party and an election of officers meeting at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with the kids singing "God Bless America."

Dues Collected:	\$18.25
Expenses:	\$9.75
Balance:	\$46.04

Draft

Esther Nadelman.
Recording Secretary *pro tem*

³⁰ Leo MITTMAN, b: 17 Aug 1893, Czernowitz; d: 31 Aug 1943, Chicago

³¹ The Greenberg move was mentioned in the minutes from January 23, 1943.

³² Bernard and Sylvia Mittman lived at 5024 N Avers Ave, Chicago, in the 1950 United States Federal Census.

November 21, 1943

The 35th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Jay Mazursky, at 6:20 p.m. at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. The minutes were read and approved. There were no committee reports. A letter from Dave Nadelman was read, and it was very nice. There was no unfinished business. The new business was to send our boys in the Army and Navy a little Xmas gift. Esther Nadelman to take care of these gifts.

Dues:	\$8.25
Expenses:	\$6.59
Balance:	\$47.70

Then the meeting was turned over to the election of officers: President Sam Sachs (unanimous), Vice President Ben Greenberg (unanimous), Recording Secretary Esther Nadelman (unanimous: she refuses to be a dollar-a-year man and wants \$1.50. Being a wonder woman, she drives a hard bargain.) Financial Secretary Annette Mittman (giving Jay a run for his votes), Treasurer Al Kozak, Trustee Ralph Mittman (beating Jay Mazursky and Leo Greenberg, who really took a beating tonight, but they're sports and the election was a lot of fun). Everyone enjoyed it. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

After the meeting, we had a housewarming dinner, and everyone enjoyed it. Gefilte fish and pickled fish, potato salad, and all the rest of the trimmings, ending up with coffee and cake. It was very good, and everyone had a good time. The evening ended with a poker game, as usual.

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

December 12, 1943

The 36th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by the president, Jay Mazursky, at 7:35 p.m. at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky. The Sunshine Committee reported that Esther and Ben Greenberg were ill, so Ralph and Jennie visited them. Sylvia and Al Kozak visited Esther Kozak. Thank God all the sick people were at the meeting. Everyone had recuperated.

Esther Nadelman sent out Xmas boxes to the boys in the services. There was no unfinished business. The New Year's Eve party will be held at Sol and Yetta Shachner's home. Bernard moved that we hold our January meeting on New Year's Eve at the Shachner home. The club will pay for the whiskey at the party and the rest of the food to be "Dutch Treat." Sol Shachner is to take care of the food. Norman Kozak kindly offered the food points³³—three cheers for both.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$6.25
Expenses:	\$6.00
Balance:	\$41.95

Esther Nadelman
Secretary *pro tem*

Draft

³³ Food points were part of the rationing system set up during World War II by the Office of Price Administration (OPA). See [Food Rationing on the World War II Home Front](#).

February 20, 1944

The 37th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our President, Jay Mazursky, at 7:50 p.m. at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky. The 1st of the program was the installation of officers. Leo Greenberg acted as the installing officer. All officers were properly installed, and Sam Sachs, our new President, took over the meeting. The club owes thanks to Leo for a fine installing job. There were no committee reports. The new committees are:

Ways and Means — Jay Mazursky, Leo Greenberg, Bernard
Sunshine — Sylvia Kozak, Ralph, and Lena Sachs

Let's hope that everyone remains well.

Al Kozak reported on our New Year's Eve party. Everyone had a good time, and everything was delicious.

The new business was a lecture by Bernard. He claimed we weren't giving enough charity and moved that we give \$10.00 to the Jewish USO. Seconded by Ben Greenberg. The club voted and passed a \$5.00 donation. Al Kozak suggested a card party, but it was dropped; no one wanted the work. A "rake-off"³⁴ from our poker games was suggested, but since all members do not play, in all fairness, it was dropped. No one in the club, thank God, needs the money, and since our only need for ordinary club expenses is small, all the money we raise will be for charity. The club was built to keep the family together and not for money. Jay suggested that the Ways and Means Committee meet and suggest to the club a charity program. Lil Nadelman was welcomed back to our circle after being away from Chicago for a long time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with the singing of "God Bless America."

Dues Collected:	\$13.50
Expenses:	\$9.91
Balance:	\$57.86

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary

³⁴ From Wikipedia: "Rake is the scaled commission fee taken by a card room operating a poker game. It is generally 2.5% to 10% of the pot in each poker hand, up to a predetermined maximum amount." It's assumed that "rake-off" refers to a way to raise money for charity.

March 19, 1944

The 38th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Sam Sachs, at his home at 7:55 p.m. The minutes, unwritten, a default by our esteemed Secretary, were haphazardly read and approved by a forgiving audience of cousins. A letter was read by the Secretary from the Jewish USO thanking us for our first donation of \$5.00. The Ways and Means Committee didn't get a chance to meet, so they had no report.

Ralph suggested we take care of the Red Cross since their drive is now on. Annette moved that we donate \$5.00 and each member contribute as much as possible. Bernard seconded the motion. We collected \$15.00 and donated a total of \$20.00 thanks to the members.

The next motion made by Bernard was that we donate \$5.00 for matzos for the poor for Passover. Seconded by Leo Greenberg and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by the singing of "God Bless America" at 8:30 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$8.50
Expenses:	\$24.50
Balance:	\$41.86

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary

In transferring the minutes from notebooks to this book donated by Jay Mazursky in November 1947, your scribe erred by writing in the 38th meeting before the 36th.³⁵ Sorry!

Al Greenberg

³⁵ In transcribing the minutes, I've corrected the ordering so that the minutes appear chronologically.

April 16, 1944

The 39th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Sam Sachs, at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak at 8:00 p.m. The minutes were read and approved. There were no committee reports. All members are well, and we hope that they remain so. We have no time for visiting sick members, so please, everybody, stay well. Rose Mazursky thanked the club for her baby's gift. Even though the gift was only seven months late, it was still welcome.³⁶ No reflection on the gift committee. Those things happen. A motion was made by Bernard, seconded by Ben Greenberg, and passed unanimously, that \$5.00 more be sent to the Jewish USO. Annette is to see that the right people receive it. Dave Mittman pleaded that all join the B'nai Brith, but after much discussion, it was dropped.

A picnic for July 9th and August 13th was approved; Bernard and Ralph will get permits and see if they can be held in the same place as last year. Goodbyes were said to Leonard Kozak as he will be leaving Tuesday to join the U.S. Navy. We wish him good luck and hope he comes through safely and the rest of our boys in the armed services. More charity was suggested. Also, a flag to be purchased by Leo Greenberg to honor our boys should be placed in the center of our other flags. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with the singing of "God Bless America."

Dues Collected:	\$5.25
Expenses:	\$2.00
Balance:	\$45.11

Esther Nadelman
Secretary

Draft

³⁶ Shelby Mazursky, the baby referenced in this little joke, was born in September 1943.

May 21, 1944

The 40th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Sam Sachs, at 6:50 p.m. at the home of Dave and Rose Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after a correction. A letter of thanks for our donations to the Jewish USO was received and read.

There was no report from the “Ways and Means Committee.” They are very lax. There is no excuse for it. There was no Sunshine Committee report since everyone was well; the only report concerned picnics. We had a lovely speech from Al Greenberg, who was home on a furlough and could attend the meeting. The club was thanked again for the baby’s gift by the proud father, Al.

A suggestion that we see a radio program: dropped. Al suggested sending a chain letter to our boys in the service. Annette is to take care of this, sending all the news. Dave Mittman thanked all the members for coming out to his home³⁷ for the meeting, and they are to have a regular meeting there once a year. Ben Greenberg and Sam Sachs thanked Rose and Dave for the lovely dinner and entertainment that we all had. Al was congratulated on his success in passing all the examinations and becoming a 2nd Lieutenant—best wishes to you, Al.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with the singing of “God Bless America.”

Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Expenses:	\$5.05
Balance:	\$40.56

Draft

Esther Nadelman
Recording Secretary

³⁷ In 1937, Dave and Rose Mittman lived in Waukegan, about 35 miles north of Chicago, where Dave was a department manager for Waukegan Dry Goods. In 1947, Dave and Rose lived in Joliet, about 45 miles southwest of Chicago. Read the minutes from June 18, 1944, to find out whether everyone *schlepped* to Waukegan or Joliet. An interesting side-note: Waukegan Dry Goods was part of Interstate Department Stores, which eventually (after expansion and bankruptcy), became Toys “R” Us in 1978. See [Wikipedia](#).

June 18, 1944

The 41st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Sam Sachs, at 7:55 p.m. at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. The minutes were read and approved. Ralph wants a road map from Waukegan since he got lost on his way home. The Sunshine Committee reported that everyone was well. The Ways and Means Committee reported that \$25.00 a year was to be spent on charity; \$20.00 was already spent: \$10.00 to the Jewish USO, \$5.00 to the Red Cross, and \$5.00 for matzos. The last \$5.00 is going to the Jewish Refugees Committee.³⁸

Al Kozak is to make a box so that members can put in money as much or as little as they want at each meeting, and so the money will accumulate so we can have a real blow-out when the boys get home.

Annette Mittman hadn't written the letter as the boys were in on furlough, and besides, she didn't have their permanent addresses. There is still no service flag, so Jay said he would try to get one.

The club picnics are to be held on July 9th at Garfield Park. The club is to pay for the pop. "Good and Welfare," a speech by Dave Greenberg, who was home on furlough. He was glad to be back and hoped he could stay home permanently. Congratulations to the new grandparents, Al and Sylvia Kozak. May Lynne Ann³⁹ grow up to be a good, paying member. Rose Mazursky said that she hopes Lynne Ann gets her present from the club before she learns to walk.

Ralph went to the dedication of the Wernick Stone.⁴⁰ It was a nice service with a nice crowd.

Dues Collected:	\$5.00
Expense:	\$5.00
Balance:	\$40.56

A letter was read from Leonard Kozak. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary,
Esther Nadelman

³⁸ The Jewish Refugees Committee was a relief organization founded in the early months of 1933 by Otto Schiff to help arrange for the admission of refugees to Britain as well as their maintenance, training, employment, or re-migration. It later rebranded and became known as the German Jewish Aid Committee. See the Wiener Holocaust Library.

³⁹ Lynne Ann KOZAK (1944--~2015)

⁴⁰ I believe that Jay MAZURSKY's maternal grandfather was Sam WERNICK (1869-1943).

September 24, 1944

The 42nd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Sam Sachs, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Jennie Mittman. The minutes were read and approved. The Sunshine Committee reported that Jennie was well again. So were the Mazurskies, and Dot Zukerman was reported as coming through her operation successfully and well on the road to recovery. Ben Greenberg reported on the picnics. It was just fine, and everyone had a good time. The 2nd picnic was spoiled on account of rain.

Bernard Mittman mentioned that we forgot our boys, which means we no longer send them cigarettes. Annette explained that the boys didn't want anything. They can buy cigarettes cheaper than we can.⁴¹ Anyway, cigarettes are hard to get now. However, Dave Mittman moved that we send Xmas packages again. Bernard seconded, and Esther Nadelman will take charge of sending the packages.

Ben Greenberg asked for suggestions on how we can make more money. It seems that our treasury isn't large enough. The box was brought up as a money-making proposition. A wide discussion followed with the box called "Our War Fund." Its initial purpose was to save up enough until the boys returned and have a party paid for by the box. Bernard was con to it and labeled it "Charity." After much discussion, it remained the box to pay for the party.

Good and Welfare: more decorum during meetings. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$15.00
Expenses:	\$5.40
Balance:	\$55.66

Draft

Recording Secretary,
Esther Nadelman

⁴¹ By WWII, American men were smoking men. To meet the smoking needs of upwards of 17 million draftees and volunteers during the war, the U.S. Army, as lead agent for cigarette procurement, handed out—either through rations, morale items, or post exchange sales—nearly 350 billion cigarettes. By 1950, nearly 80 percent of men aged 18 to 64 used tobacco, with the vast majority smoking cigarettes. From How the US Military Taught Americans to Smoke.

October 15, 1944

The 43rd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by our president, Sam Sachs, at the home of Ben and Esther Greenberg. The minutes were read and corrected. The name is Zukerman. The Xmas overseas gifts were sent out, and those for the boys in the States will be sent in December. The Sunshine Committee reported that everyone is well. No new babies! Dave Mittman asked that we visit his mother-in-law,⁴² who is very ill.

Esther Kozak suggested that we make a collection for phone calls to hospitalized boys. It was dropped as the Community Chest and War Fund are more important causes. Bernard suggested we get tickets for the Jewish show, thus raising money for the Community Fund. Bernard moved, Ben Greenberg seconded, and it passed unanimously. Bebe Kozak suggested a Radio Broadcast for the Junior members. Passed; Bebe to get tickets.

Ben Greenberg reported on the dedication of Leo Mittman,⁴³ and the entire club paid its last respects to his memory.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$7.25
Expenses:	\$10.19
Balance:	\$52.72

Recording Secretary,
Esther Nadelman

Draft

⁴² See "Appendix C: Research Topics."

⁴³ Leo MITTMAN (1893-1943)

November 12, 1944

The 44th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Sam Sachs, at 7:40 p.m. at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak. The minutes were read and approved. The committee reported that the Jewish show would have to wait until January due to its program. The Sunshine Committee reported that all members are well. Bernard moved to donate \$10.00 to the Community Fund, but it was vetoed, and individual members will donate. Leo Greenberg moved that all servicemen's families report on their disposition, seconded by Bernard Mittman and passed unanimously. Ben Greenberg suggested a New Year's Eve party. It was okayed but tabled to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. after nominations:

Leo Greenberg, President
Bernard Mittman, Vice President
Esther Nadelman, Recording Secretary
Al Kozak, Financial Secretary
Annette Mittman, Treasurer
Ralph Mittman, Trustee

Dues Collected: \$4.50
Expenses: -
Balance: \$57.22

Draft

Recording Secretary,
Esther Nadelman

December 3, 1944

The 45th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Sam Sachs, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Sol and Yetta Shachner. The minutes were read and approved. The Sunshine Committee reported no babies, no increase in families, and Jay Mazursky is feeling better.

Unfinished business was the New Year's Eve party. It was settled to be held at Becky Nadelman's home. The club, as usual, to pay for the whiskey, the rest to be "Dutch Treat."

New business was the tickets for the Jewish show. All the mothers reported that the boys in service were okay and well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by the members singing "God Bless America" to the accompaniment of Dorothy Zukerman⁴⁴ at the piano.

Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Expenses:	\$8.10
Balance:	\$54.62

Esther Nadelman,
Recording Secretary

Draft

⁴⁴ Dot's obituary reads, in part, that Dot "is remembered as an accomplished pianist who contributed her musical talent to the programs of various organizations and gatherings of family and friends." Chicago Tribune; Chicago, Illinois; Sunday, August 8, 1993.

January 21, 1945

The 46th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Greenberg, at 7:50 p.m. at the home of Sam and Lena Sachs. The minutes were read and approved. Ralph Mittman acted as the "installing officer." He was very good, getting everyone installed with much laughter and applause. The president made a lovely speech thanking the members for their faith in him. The outgoing president also made a lovely speech, promising to give the new president full cooperation in every undertaking. The former 1st lady also made a nice speech.

The Sunshine Committee reported that Annette Mittman had the mumps but was fully recovered. Bernard Mittman suggested dropping the Jewish theater venture and running a card party instead. Jay Mazursky told of the Wernick Family Club's success running a card party. Bernard Mittman made a motion to run a card party. The members donate money, food, and labor. It was seconded by Rose Mazursky and passed unanimously. The committee consists of Jay Mazursky, Ben Greenberg, Bernard Mittman, and Annette Mittman to make all the arrangements.

The Ways and Means Committee are Ralph Mittman, Rose Mazursky, and Sam Sachs. The Social Committee are Rose Mittman, Becky Nadelman, and Sylvia Mittman. The Sunshine Committee are Dave Mittman, Sol Shachner, and Sylvia Kozak.

The president suggested that the women sitting around after the meeting try to think of something to do. A letter from Dave Nadelman was read. Leo Greenberg congratulated Becky Nadelman on her son's forthcoming marriage on behalf of the club. Ruth Greenberg reported that Al is out of the hospital and waiting at a replacement depot. Yetta Shachner reported that Harold Shachner's Xmas package came in bad shape. Sorry to hear that. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$8.50
Expenses:	\$10.75
Balance:	\$52.37

Esther Nadelman,
Recording Secretary

February 18, 1945

The 47th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Greenberg, at 7:55 p.m. at the home of Ben and Esther Greenberg. The minutes were read and approved. The Sunshine Committee reported that everyone was well. The president suggested that the Ways and Means Committee get together and decide on the charity work for the year. Unfinished business: the card party. After much discussion, Jay will rent a hall for October 21st and handle all the details. New business: Sam Sachs moved, seconded by Dave Mittman, to send \$5.00 for the Matzo Fund. The members donated \$15.00 to it individually. Ralph suggested individual card parties for an earning fund. Good and Welfare: Eva Mittman was welcomed back to the club, hoping she would return as a steady member. Ruth reported that Al is back in combat, is OK, and hopes to be home soon. Dave Greenberg is OK and hopes to be in on a furlough soon. Leonard Kozak is fine, also. Norm Mittman is alright; Bernard saw him, and he is fine. Dave Nadelman is OK, and a letter from Milt was read to the club. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$5.00
Expenses:	\$6.00
Balance:	\$51.37

Esther Nadelman,
Recording Secretary

Draft

March 18, 1945

The 48th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 8:07 p.m. at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak by our president, Leo Greenberg. The minutes were read and approved as read. The Ways and Means Committee didn't meet. There were no reports from the Sunshine Committee, either. Our president, Leo Greenberg, asked all the members to please give each member the courtesy of being quiet and allow each member to finish what he has to say. Ralph Mittman moved that we send \$5.00 to the Red Cross. Ben Greenberg seconded it. Sylvia Kozak is to give the Red Cross the \$5.00, plus \$35.00 donated by the members in the club's name. For "Good and Welfare," Esther suggested we all attend meetings and leave our daggers at home. Next came a report from the boys in service. Al Greenberg was reported OK. Dave Greenberg was fine and in on a half-day pass. Leonard Kozak was reported to be OK and expected to be on leave in June or July. Milt and Dave Nadelman were reported OK. Harold Shachner was heard from, and we hope he is alright. A letter was read from Norm Mittman. He is fine and hopes to write to the club at each meeting. Dave Mittman suggested that we write more often to the boys in the service. It was suggested that each family take turns in writing after the meetings; it was decided to write in alphabetical order. The meeting automatically adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Expenses:	\$5.00
Balance:	\$51.87

Rose Mazursky,
Secretary *pro tem*

Draft

May 20, 1945

The 49th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Greenberg, at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

“Reports of Committees”

Sol Shachner is ill, and members are asked to visit him. No reports from “Ways and Means.” To have a report for the next meeting. A receipt for \$40.00 was received from the Red Cross. A motion was made by Bernard Mittman, seconded by Al Kozak, to have the annual picnic. Passed. Bernard Mittman to obtain a permit for the picnic on a date obtainable.

Reports from members in service were given. Leo Greenberg expressed the congratulations of the club to Dave and Belle Nadelman, who were married today. He instructed the committee to send the usual gift from the club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$9.00
Expenses:	\$3.50
Balance:	\$57.37

Jay Mazursky,
Secretary *pro tem*

Draft

June 17, 1945

The 50th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Greenberg, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected. (It adjourned at 8:30 p.m., and the expense of the previous meeting was for an ad on the death of Rose Mittman's mother.⁴⁵) The Sunshine Committee reported that Sol Shachner is still ill; will everyone visit him? The Ways and Means Committee still has \$15.00 to spend, and we voted to let it ride until Fall when all the collection campaigns are on. Bernard had the permits for our picnics, which will be held July 8th and August 2nd in Garfield Park at the usual place. Esther Nadelman and Leo Greenberg will willingly get up before breakfast to go out and keep the tables for the picnickers. Everyone is to bring their own lunches, and friends are invited. Leo Greenberg saw the Engels⁴⁶ and told them we missed them and couldn't at least one of them attend meetings. They explained that Sunday was their busiest day at the store, and no one could be spared. They are peeved because no one came to visit them. Sol Engel, due to illness, plans to leave for Arizona.⁴⁷ Rosalie Engel phoned and later came to the meeting. Norm and Esther bought a store,⁴⁸ and we wish them success. Ben Greenberg congratulated the Nadelman family on Dave and Belle's wedding. Becky Nadelman thanked all for their good wishes. Due to her Florida suntan, the secretary was teased by all about not belonging to the family. "No negras" allowed, she was told.⁴⁹

The card party will be held on the 3rd Sunday in March of 1946, and all details will be decided on during the Fall meetings.

Reports on the boys in service: Al Greenberg will come home soon on leave; Leonard Kozak was promoted to S 1/C; congratulations. Milt hopes to be home by the end of the year. Both Daves are fine and are sweating it out until they can come home. Norman, OK, too! Congratulations to Ralph and Jennie on their 25th anniversary. Ralph is to bring whiskey for picnics. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$8.00
Expenses:	\$5.00
Balance:	\$60.37

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary

⁴⁵ See See "Appendix C: Research Topics."

⁴⁶ We last saw Sol Engel on October 24, 1943, when he was leaving for California. He apparently returned to Chicago. I have no records of Sol Engel in California.

⁴⁷ Sol Engle and his family are recorded as living in Phoenix, AZ, in the 1950 census. All four of Sol and Becky's children lived out their lives in the Arizona and New Mexico area.

⁴⁸ Norm and Esther's store may have been Normie's Delicatessen.

⁴⁹ Oy gevalt.

October 21, 1945

The 51st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Jennie by our vice president, Bernard. The minutes were read and approved. The Sunshine Committee reported that all was well, and the Shachners thanked us for the flowers sent to Sol. The card party is to be held on March 17th, 1946. More details later. Ralph thanked all for remembering his 25th anniversary. Ben Greenberg brought up the *pushke*⁵⁰ again, and after much discussion, it was dropped. A Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the Somerset Hotel at \$2.75 a plate, and everyone is invited.

Xmas gifts were sent to all the boys except Norm Mittman, which will be taken care of. Two letters from Dave Greenberg were read. Bernard brought up the Community and War Fund. \$30.00 was donated by members and \$5.00 from the club; a total of \$35.00 is to be sent.

Ralph suggested that the secretary attempt to find European relations through the Red Cross and HIAS.⁵¹ It will be taken care of. Bernard suggested that Becky take the next meeting in honor of Milt's homecoming and make *varenikes*,⁵² but it was dropped—too much work.

Jay Mazursky moved, and Sol Shachner seconded the motion that the club buy a gift for the boys when they were discharged. The boys are all reported to be well. Al Greenberg is waiting to be retired. Dave Greenberg is in Saipan and is OK. Norm Mittman is in Honolulu and will be shipped Tuesday to Okinawa and then to Korea. Milt is to be home Thursday or Friday, discharged.⁵³ Dave Nadelman hopes to be discharged soon, but in the meantime, he is being shipped to South Carolina. Harold Shachner is on his way home and is expected home in December.

Al Kozak went into business for himself. We all wish him good luck and success. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$21.50
Expenses:	\$26.86
Balance:	\$55.01

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary

⁵⁰ A *pushke* is a box for collecting money for charity.

⁵¹ HIAS is the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, a Jewish-American nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees.

⁵² *Varenikes* are a traditional knish made throughout eastern Europe. The subject of *varenikes* comes up often in these minutes.

⁵³ Milt Nadelman's discharge date was Tuesday, October 23, 1945

November 18, 1945

The 52nd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Greenberg, at 7:10 p.m. at the home of Becky Nadelman. The minutes were read and approved. Milt Nadelman was welcomed back to the club and civilian life by a nice speech from our president and was presented with a beautiful yellow sports shirt from the club. Milt made a nice speech of acceptance and was glad to be back. The Sunshine Committee reported that everyone is well. The Thanksgiving dinner was settled. It is to be held at the Somerset Hotel. The next meeting will be held at Sol Shachner's home because Harold Shachner will be in.

Dues Collected:	\$4.50
Expenses:	\$13.55
Balance:	\$45.96

New of the boys: Dave Greenberg is OK on Saipan, just lonesome for some snow. Al Greenberg is to be retired soon and is just waiting for papers from Washington. Leonard Kozak is OK, too; he wants to come home. Norm Mittman is a mile from Okinawa en route to Korea. Dave Nadelman is OK and hopes to be home by January. Harold Shachner will be in the States by December 4th and hopes to be home for the next meeting.

Election of Officers: For the first time in our club's history, a woman was elected president: Esther Nadelman; Vice President, Milt Nadelman; Recording Secretary, Ruth Greenberg, Treasurer, Rose Mazursky; Financial Secretary, Bernard Mittman; Trustee, Sol Shachner.

Bernard suggested we give the outgoing officers a scroll as a memento. It was passed, and a committee is to have it ready for the installation. The meeting was automatically adjourned by the singing of "God Bless America," led by Charles Mittman at 8:20 p.m.

Esther Nadelman,
Recording Secretary

December 23, 1945

The 53rd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Greenberg, at the home of Sol and Yetta Shachner at 8:45 p.m. The minutes were read, accepted, and corrected. An additional \$3.00 was collected as dues after the meeting. The president made a speech welcoming Harold Shachner and Al Greenberg back to civilian life and presented each with a shirt from the club. Harold and Al thanked the club and told them how glad they were to be back and see everyone. Then, for the sake of the boys, the *pushke* was explained. Ralph reported that the scrolls would be ready in January. The Sunshine Committee reported that all were well outside of a cold now and then. Al Greenberg moved that we have a New Year's Eve party. It will be held at the Kozak home with no card playing until after 2:00 a.m. The food will be "Dutch Treat," with the club paying for the liquor.

Old business: the card party. Jay to get the tickets and more details at the next meeting. The president thanked Sol and Yetta for the delicious dinner they served the club.

Reports on the boys: Dave Greenberg is OK but still lonesome. Leonard Kozak called Friday, just fine, and off four days for New Year's. Dave Nadelman is fine and is transferred to Wilmington, Delaware. Sylvia Kozak thanked the club for remembering her silver wedding anniversary with a gift and card.

The club is to pay for the cake at the installation meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. with everyone singing "God Bless America," played on the piano by Dot Zukerman.

Dues Collected:	\$9.00
Expenses:	\$37.45
Balance:	\$20.51

Draft

Esther Nadelman,
Recording Secretary

January 20, 1946

The 54th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Leo Greenberg, at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman at 7:40 p.m. The minutes were read and approved. Ralph Mittman installed the new officers. Our new president, Esther Nadelman, stated that she would carry out the duties of her office to the best of her ability but emphasized that complete cooperation by all members at this and future meetings was essential. Bernard took over the treasury of \$20.51. Sylvia Kozak reported that Becky Nadelman and Norman Kozak were ill but now feel better. Ralph stated that the scrolls will be ready now or soon. The principal unfinished business was the card party. Bernard is chairman of the affair and will hold a special committee meeting before the next regular meeting—raffle prizes: box of nylons, blanket, whiskey, and several additional prizes. Al Greenberg moved that we start meetings with Kiddush, but was vetoed. Al then moved that we open with Hatikvah, seconded by Bernard and approved. The president suggested we dispense with the Sunshine Committee and asked Esther Greenberg to send a get-well card to any member who is ill. The Ways and Means Committee is also to be eliminated.

Reports were heard on the boys in service, and they are all well. Two letters were read from Dave Greenberg. Al Greenberg reported on the New Year's Eve party. Al and Sylvia Kozak were again thanked for the use of the home.⁵⁴ The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Expense:	\$7.55
Balance:	\$18.46

Draft

⁵⁴ Since this meeting was held at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman, I wonder if this reference to Al and Sylvia Kozak was a mistake.

February 10, 1946

The 55th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at the home of Sam and Lena Sachs at 7:50 p.m. The minutes were read and approved. Leo Greenberg was called on to give his belated speech as outgoing president. He thanked the club and said it was an honor to serve as president.

The principal business was the card party. Bernard reported the meeting of his committee consisting of Jay and Rose Mazursky, Leo Greenberg, and Milt Nadelman. A complete list of items they felt necessary for the party was read: food, liquors, cash donations, and decks of cards. Each member contributed whatever amount of cash he saw fit for the party. A total of \$62.00 was contributed. Al Greenberg moved that four women, Esther Greenberg, Sylvia Mittman, Rose Mazursky, and Lena Sachs, meet and decide what food to serve, then meet and report to Bernard. A special meeting is to be held on March 10th. The president reminded each member to arrive at the party between 3 and 4 o'clock.

Reports on the boys: Dave Greenberg expects to be home by March 15. Leonard Kozak was operated on and is OK now. Dave Nadelman was expected home momentarily on a discharge. Norm Mittman is fine. A letter was read from the Red Cross contacting relations in Europe.⁵⁵ The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Expenses:	\$0.45
Balance:	\$23.51

Draft

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

⁵⁵ Oh, this is a very tantalizing bit of information! If anyone has a copy of the letter, please let me know. There are a few mentions of contacting relatives in Europe after World War II, but no hard data, like names, is every recorded in the minutes.

March 10, 1946

The 56th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Ben and Esther Greenberg with the singing of Hatikvah. The minutes were read and approved. Dave Nadelman, Dave Greenberg, and Harold Shachner were welcomed back to the club, with both Daves receiving a gift from the club. We all were happy to meet Belle Nadelman. Rose Mazursky gave a report on the food for the card party and contributions—including an additional donation of \$5.00, totaling \$67.00. Al Greenberg suggested to the club and urged the members to consider: following the outcome of the party, we should refrain from running any open affairs for raising funds and that funds for all organizational purposes be realized from a larger rate of dues of \$8 to \$10 per year per adult. The treasury will run the New Year's Eve parties, theaters, and picnics. This idea was formulated because we organized the club to keep the family together literally and socially, and did not constitute raising funds. If we would rather give charity as a unit instead of as individuals, then each member who so desires should give his contributions to the treasurer, who in turn will give the combined amount to the organization designated to receive the charity.

A card was received from Sheldon Engel, who is attending the University of Illinois. Ralph suggested a letter be sent to him extending the club's best wishes to him. Reports on the boys in service were given. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$9.50
Expenses:	\$10.20
Balance:	\$22.81

Draft

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

April 28, 1946

The 57th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak with the singing of Hatikvah. The minutes were read and approved. \$113.50 was collected from tickets sold to the card party. Bills paid out \$34.65, and the profit to date on the affair is \$284.79. However, more money is due on tickets, and several additional bills are to be paid. Therefore, the amount of money cleared to date is not final. Al Greenberg moved; see minutes of the 56th meeting. Milt Nadelman moved that since so many members were absent from this meeting, both of Al's motions to the club be tabled until the next meeting and that all members be notified that discussions and votes are to be held on making important changes to the constitution. His motion was passed, and it was therefore decided to withhold further discussion until the next meeting. The question of picnics was brought up, and it was decided to have two of them again this year in Garfield Park. Annette Mittman is to secure the permits.

Dues Collected:	\$5.75
Expenses:	-
Balance:	\$28.56

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

May 19, 1946

The 58th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Norm and Esther Kozak with the singing of Hatikvah. The minutes were read and approved. An additional \$10.00 was collected from tickets from the card party. The balance cleared to date is \$309.29; however, this is not final. It was decided to table Al's motion again because there was no full membership at the meeting. Permits have been obtained for two picnics: July 21st and August 11th. Discussions were held on how the money made at the card party should be given to charity and to whom money should be sent in Europe. After much open discussion, Dave Greenberg moved, seconded by Al Greenberg, that one half be put away for the Schilders in Europe and the rest be used when any members hear from relatives in Europe. Lena Sachs, Sylvia Kozak, and Ben Greenberg were appointed to make up packages to be sent to Europe, bringing it up before the club each time so that the club would decide the amount to be given. The club welcomed Dave Greenberg's fiancée, Shirley Klein, to the meeting and extended to them again their good wishes.

Dues Collected:	\$6.25
Expenses:	\$3.00
Balance:	\$31.81

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

June 16, 1946

The 59th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our vice president, Milt Nadelman, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky with the singing of Hatikvah. Al Greenberg motioned that a committee of five members be appointed to provide the club with a schedule and a proposed amount of dues to be presented to the club at the next meeting for a vote. Dave Mittman seconded the motion, and it was passed. The committee consists of Sam and Lena Sachs and Yetta Shachner. At the 1st meeting in the Fall, this committee will present its findings, and the club will decide further on the new motion. The club was reminded of our two picnics on July 21 and August 11. The net profit of the card party was \$288.79. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Expenses:	-
Balance:	\$37.31

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

September 22, 1946

The 60th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman at 8:00 p.m. The minutes were read and approved. The committee appointed to work out the schedule for the coming year and discuss an increase in dues was unable to report. Al Greenberg stated that the committee members could not get together but would have its findings ready for the club by the next meeting. Lil Nadelman, Rose Mazursky, and Annette Mittman were appointed to a committee to investigate a suitable place for the club to hold its party for the boys who returned from service. At the next meeting, it will be determined where the party can be held, all the details, etc. Letters were read from the Community Fund and the Jewish Welfare Fund. Al Greenberg moved, seconded by Bernard, and passed by the club that \$25.00 be sent to the Jewish Welfare Fund from the profits of the card party. A report was given by the committee previously appointed to determine the amount of money to be given to families in the club hearing from their people in Europe. This committee consisted of Lena Sachs, Ben Greenberg, and Sylvia Kozak. Ben Greenberg reported that Lena heard from her sister. The committee further suggested that \$15.00 be given once to each family in the club who hears from their European relatives. Bernard Mittman made a motion that the suggestions of the committee be accepted. This was seconded by Sam Sachs and passed by the club. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Dues Collected: \$20.25
Expenses: \$10.95
Balance: \$46.61

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

Addition to minutes:

Yetta Shachner and Lena Sachs were given \$15.00 to send to their European relatives.

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October 20, 1946

The 61st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at 8:45 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Jennie Mittman. Minutes were read and accepted. Al Greenberg reported on the scheduling committee that it had vetoed its schedule, withdrew its motion to raise dues, etc. Sol Shachner suggested that we maintain our present dues rate for six months. This was approved. Lena Sachs returned the \$15.00 given to her for her relatives in Europe, stating that she had reconsidered and wanted the club to use the money for the Schilders. The committee for the party for the boys gave its report, and it was decided to hold it on Wednesday, December 4, 1946, at the Chez Paree⁵⁶ at \$8.50 per person. Milt and Lil were congratulated on their 6th wedding anniversary. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$6.25
Expenses:	\$10.20
Balance:	\$42.66

Al Greenberg,
Secretary *pro tem*

Draft

⁵⁶ This was going to be quite the blowout (or not)! From [Wikipedia](#): The Chez Paree was a Chicago nightclub known for its glamorous atmosphere, elaborate dance numbers, and top entertainers.

November 24, 1946

The 62nd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at the home of Becky Nadelman at 8:15 p.m. Minutes were read and approved. It was announced that the date for the Chez Paree has been changed to December 14th. The election of officers scheduled for this meeting was postponed until the next meeting because of the absence of several members due to illness. Rose Mazursky reported that \$50.00 was sent to Dr. Elias Felder⁵⁷ in Romania from the club's funds. The club's New Year's Eve party is to be held at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. Details will be discussed at the next meeting. Al Greenberg suggested that the club appoint a committee of several members to present a 15- or 20-minute report on some current subject at each meeting. It was further suggested that at the January meeting, a committee of three volunteers prepare one such report, and Al, Milt, and Ruth volunteered to prepare it. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$5.75
Expenses:	-
Balance:	\$48.41

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

⁵⁷ The minute book refers to "Dr. Elias Feldner" with an "n." I believe that's a mistake and the family name was "Felder." Elias Felder is one of our "cousins" in Europe and is mentioned several times in the minute book. See [Appendix H: Czernowitz](#) for more information.

December 15, 1946

The 63rd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Esther Nadelman, at 8:40 p.m. at the home of Sol and Yetta Shachner. Minutes were read and approved. A motion was made and passed that the Chez Paree party be postponed until the installation of new officers. Bernard reminded the club that the New Year's Eve party would be at his home. Again, the club will pay for the liquor, and the members will stand the rest of the expenses. The club's procedure was changed in that supper will be served first, and the meeting will be held thereafter. Dues were collected. The election of officers was then held. Our new officers are as follows:

President:	Milt Nadelman
Vice President:	Al Kozak
Recording Secretary:	Al Greenberg
Financial Secretary:	Bernard Mittman
Treasurer:	Esther Kozak
Trustee:	Leonard Kozak

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$7.00
Balance:	\$55.41

Ruth Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

January 19, 1947

The 64th regular meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called at 8:20 p.m. at the home of the Sachs family. The minutes were read and accepted. Norman Kozak installed the newly elected officers, who then took over their respective duties and positions. Following the agenda in the club's constitution, the chair opened with old business. The club discussed the proposed party to be held at the Chez Paree. Twenty-six members accepted the suggestion. The tentative date set was March 12. New business: a letter from Elias Felder⁵⁸ informed us that four of our families are still in Europe who are Schilders⁵⁹ and are in need. Bernard Mittman moved that the remaining money set aside for the Schilders from our last card party be sent to the three families who have not yet received our aid. It was seconded and carried. The aid is to be sent via HIAS. Al Greenberg then moved that members pledge to contribute a set amount to aid our cousins, that amount be given each month, and that our aid committee handle that money. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Balance: \$47.66

Al Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

⁵⁸ The minute book refers to "Elias Schilder," which is likely a mistake. Our "cousin's" name was Elias Felder, as mentioned on November 24, 1946.

⁵⁹ The minute book refers to "Shilders," which is likely a mistake.

February 16, 1947

The 65th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called at 8:45 p.m. at the Kozak home. Since we have no reservations or enthusiasm for the Chez Paree party, the president suggested we forget the party and send the money to Europe. After other suggestions, Sol Shachner moved to get tickets to see "Song of Norway."⁶⁰ Motion seconded and carried but was tabled until there was a count of those wishing to attend. For "Good and Welfare," the keyword was "cooperation" of membership, enthusiasm, and furtherance of good work. The Kozak family was congratulated on Burton's Bar Mitzvah,⁶¹ and everyone told of their excellent time at the party. \$72.39 was collected for Europe but will be kept until more news is heard from the cousins. The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$6.50
Expenses:	\$6.00
Balance:	\$48.16

Esther Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

Draft

⁶⁰ From [Wikipedia](#): Song of Norway is an operetta written in 1944 by Robert Wright and George Forrest, adapted from the music of Edvard Grieg and the book by Milton Lazarus and Homer Curran.

⁶¹ Burton Kozak's 13th birthday was January 31, 1947.

March 16, 1947

The 66th regular meeting⁶² of The Schilder Cousin Club was called at 8:40 p.m. at the home of Ben and Esther Greenberg. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Due to the small attendance, the committee of the much talked upon party suggested the report and adoption of ideas be tabled for the next meeting. The meat of the meeting was a letter received and read by Becky Nadelman from cousin Fritzi, who has received aid from us. The gist of her letter was that they are so very much in need of the bare essentials in post-war torn Europe that anything we send them is like manna from heaven. They had a living hell trying to live. She does ask for clothes, and we all want to help. Bernard Mittman moved that \$15.00 be sent to each Schilder, and the motion was unanimously accepted. He also volunteered to send it via the bank. Ben Greenberg was also given \$15.00 to aid his two plighted remaining brothers in Europe. Our family has a new addition, "Barry Mendel Nadelman,"⁶³ the son of Dave and Belle, born March 13. All three are reported to be doing well. The club sent a gift for the baby. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Expenses:	\$5.00
Balance:	\$48.66

Al Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

⁶² The minute book only gives "March 1947" as the date of this meeting, but it must be a Sunday after Thursday, March 13, when "Barry" Nadelman was born. I've arbitrarily selected March 16, 1947.

⁶³ The David Saul MITTMAN family file records that **Betty** NADELL was born on March 13, 1947. Dave and Belle's second child, **Barry** NADELL was born on February 6, 1950. I can't account for this inconsistency.

April 26, 1947

The 67th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called by our president at 8:45 p.m. at the home of Rose and Jay Mazursky. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The general complaint at the opening of the business meeting was the laxness of the committee functions. It was moved to dispose of the committees, but that motion was overruled. The president then selected a new Sunshine Committee of Al Greenberg, Sylvia Kozak, and Bernard Mittman. The Aid to Europe Committee then had little to report other than the news that the money sent via bank and HIAS was of no practical value to our European cousins. Rose Mazursky promised to write, asking all vital questions with the hopes of having some information about what we can do for them at the next meeting. Al Greenberg to send \$50.50, collected for a party to the European cousins. Second by Bernard, carried unanimously. Plans were then made for summer picnics. The tentative dates were July 13 and August 10. Al is to procure the permits. Bebe Kozak appealed to the club to provide items of interest to the younger elements of our club. Esther Nadelman volunteered to have a trip to the aquarium on May 13th, and a schedule for then will be made. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$6.25
Expenses:	\$11.16
Balance:	\$43.75

Al Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

May 25, 1947

The 68th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called by Al Kozak, president *pro tem*, at 9:00 p.m. at the home of Norman and Esther Kozak. Minutes were read and accepted. Al Greenberg reported for the Sunshine Committee that since our last meeting, Dave Mittman and Lynne Ann Kozak have been ill but are now well. To date, from the Aid to Europe Committee, we find that since our money to them is of very little value because they have returned most of it sent to them by way of regular channels, we must wait until they send further word as to what further means must be taken to help them successfully. So, we must continue keeping up our pledges. We were informed of Harold Shachner's recent engagement to be married, and the entire family sends all the Shachners a *mazel tov*. We were fortunate to have Sol Engel with us at this meeting, and he told us that his family is all in good health and sends regards to us. Esther Nadelman reported that extracurricular activities were canceled due to a lack of enthusiasm and attendance. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$7.25
Expenses:	-
Balance:	\$51.00

Al Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

June 23, 1947

The 69th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was held at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. The meeting was called by our president at 9:00 p.m. The minutes were read and accepted. Becky Nadelman received a letter from a friend of Willy Schilder's wife. The letter described the conditions under which they lived and the hardships they endured and are enduring now. Sylvia Kozak sent out four letters with postage coupons, and Becky sent a letter with \$10.00 to Willie. It was suggested and approved to send money each week to the cousins, plus packages with the postage to be paid by the club. It was also recommended that the Sunshine Committee begin functioning instead of just existing. This being our last meeting until Fall, everyone should know that the only summer activity will be our picnics. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Al Greenberg,
Secretary

Given the extended time between the above meeting and the 70th, a written memo of family events are as follows: Esther Kozak's illness and recovery; Sol Shachner's accident; Norman Kozak's operation; Esther, Ruth, and Harvey's vacation; Dave and Shirley Greenberg's visit; Leo's vacation; Ruth and Al's new home;⁶⁴ Rosalie, Sol, and Sheldon Engel's visit; Jay and Rose's new son, Gordon Chad; Ralph's birthday party; Esther Nadelman's vacation; Sachs refurnishing; Shachner's visit from Harold and fiancé, and their visit to New York; Milt's new car and business; Lil Nadelman's trip; Bernard and Sylvia Mittman's vacation.

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⁶⁴ Al and Ruth Greenberg lived at 9643 S Euclid Ave, Chicago in the 1950 United States Federal Census.

October 12, 1947

The 70th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at the home of Rose and Jay Mazursky per Becky Nadelman at 9:00 p.m. Minutes were read and accepted. The Sunshine Committee reported that all in the family are well. The club welcomed visitors Howard and Selma Shapiro,⁶⁵ and Joanne Levy.⁶⁶ Money expended for picnics was refunded from the treasury. Bernard Mittman moved that we stop collecting money to be sent to Europe until we need it, and the present amount is expended. From hereon in, packages instead of one should be sent. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Kozak and carried by the club vote. The question of a New Year's Eve party was brought up, and through lack of interest, it was suggested it be discussed later. Bernard then moved that we send \$25.00 to the Jewish Welfare Fund, seconded by Ruth Greenberg, and carried by club vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Dues Collected:	\$29.00
Expenses:	\$5.00
Balance:	\$81.75

Al Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

⁶⁵ This refers to Howard's sister, Selma SHAPIRO (1914-2003).

⁶⁶ Joanne Levy will be introduced on November 23, 1947, as Leonard Kozak's fiancé.

November 23, 1947

The 71st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was held at the home of Ralph and Jennie Mittman. The meeting was opened at 9:00 p.m. Minutes were read and accepted. Before the regular business meeting, the president, in memory of our deceased cousin Yetta,⁶⁷ called for a few moments of silent devotion to her memory.

The club decided to send \$25.00 to the Jewish Welfare Fund. We were notified that three cousins in Europe have received aid packages from us, and three more are to be sent by Sylvia Kozak for us. The Sunshine Committee reported on Ben Greenberg's illness, who has recuperated. Also, Annette Mittman's recent illness. She thanked the club for her flowers. The club congratulated the Kozaks on Leonard's engagement to Joanne Levy. Their wedding date has been set as February 8, 1948.⁶⁸ The next order of business was election of officers. Officers elected are as follows:

President:	Al Kozak
Vice President:	Leonard Kozak
Recording Secretary:	Jay Mazursky
Financial Secretary:	Ralph Mittman
Treasurer:	Bernard Mittman
Trustee:	Al Greenberg

After the payment of dues, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Al Greenberg,
Secretary

Draft

⁶⁷ Ethel (née Winkler) Shachner died November 1, 1947.

⁶⁸ They have a Cook County marriage certificate dated February 6, 1948, but in the 1950 census, Leonard lives with his parents and brother, Burt. I have not yet found evidence that they ever married.

December 14, 1947

The 72nd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Milt Nadelman, at the home of Sam and Lena Sachs at 9:00 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected. To be read as four packages to Europe instead of the previously read amount of three. The Sunshine Committee reported that, to date, all members are well. A letter from the Jewish Welfare Fund thanking us for our contribution but notifying us that there is a great need for more. CARE⁶⁹ returned the money for the four packages they were to send because the European governments, where our cousins live, are uncooperative and stand in the way of CARE's work. Bernard moved that \$25.00 be sent to all our cousins, omitting Willie, and after much discussion, he withdrew his motion to make way for Esther Nadelman's motion, seconded by Sam Sachs, to send \$20.00 to each with no exceptions. The money is to be sent through the bank. It was passed by club vote. It was announced that Annette and Howard will be married on January 17th at the Belden-Stratford Hotel.⁷⁰ After payment of dues, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Al Greenberg,
Recording Secretary

Draft

⁶⁹ The "CARE" package started with the "Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe" charity in 1945 but has since become a generic term for a parcel of food or supplies sent for relief or comfort purposes. See [Wikipedia](#).

⁷⁰ The Belden-Stratford Hotel is now the Belden-Stratford apartment building.

January 25, 1948

The 73rd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by Vice President Al Kozak at the home of Ben and Esther Greenberg at 7:45 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ben Greenberg was appointed installing officer for the newly elected officers. The following were installed for the 1948 term:

Al Kozak:	President
Leonard Kozak:	Vice President
Jay Mazursky:	Recording Secretary
Ralph Mittman:	Financial Secretary
Bernard Mittman:	Treasurer
Al Greenberg:	Trustee

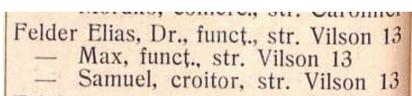
No Sunshine Committee report. All is well. Esther Nadelman was appointed Sunshine Committee in 1948. Sylvia Kozak reported that \$20.00 was sent to each European cousin through the Liberty National Bank. A receipt for the \$25.00 to the Jewish Welfare Fund was presented. Sylvia Kozak read a letter from cousin Max Felder.⁷¹ A motion was made by Bernard Mittman, seconded by Sylvia Kozak, that \$20.00 be sent to each cousin in Europe and that at the next meeting, contributions toward the European fund would be started again and passed unanimously. President Al Kozak expressed best wishes to Ralph and Jennie Mittman on the marriage of Annette to Howard Shapiro. The Sunshine Committee was instructed to present wedding gifts to Harold and Natalie Shachner and Howard and Annette Shapiro.

Bernard Mittman spoke on behalf of the Palestine Labor Campaign.⁷² A motion was made by Bernard Mittman, seconded by Al Greenberg, that the club give \$15.00 to the Palestine Labor Campaign. Passed. An appeal for personal contributions to the Palestine Labor Campaign to be given through the club was made by Al Greenberg. \$50.00 was collected. Jay Mazursky was appointed to present the money to the Campaign organization and present a receipt for the \$65.00 at the next meeting. Ralph Mittman thanked the family for attending his children's wedding and wished the family much happiness.

Previous Balance: \$57.50

⁷¹ The Czernowitz phonebook, ca 1924-25, lists Dr. Elias Felder, Max, and Samuel/Schmiel (probably sons) at "str. Vilson 13." The old name for *Vilson* was *Liliengasse*, and the new name was *Constantin Brancoveanu*. The street may also be referred to as *Synagogengasse* or *Sinagogei*. The Romanian word "croitor" means tailor. I believe "funct." is an abbreviation for the Romanian word "funcționar," which means "clerk."

The renaming of streets in Chernivtsi primarily reflected the political and ideological changes occurring in the region after World War I, as different powers sought to assert their influence over the area.



Documents from Yad Vashem indicate that Elias, Max, and Samuel were all sent to forced labor camps in the 1942-43 timeframe. Samuel/Schmiel was murdered in the Shoah.

⁷² I have yet to locate authoritative information on the Palestine Labor Campaign. There are many references to it, but not much about its charter.

Dues Collected: \$6.50
Expenses: \$25.00
Balance: \$39.00

Motion by Leonard Kozak, seconded by Al Greenberg, was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Recording Secretary

Draft

February 21, 1948

The 74th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Al Kozak at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak at 8:00 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The Sunshine Committee reported Sol Shachner was operated on and is fully recovered. A refund of \$60.00 from CARE was returned to be added to the European Fund. A receipt for \$65.00 from the Palestine Labor Campaign was presented. Dave Mittman and Al Kozak will visit Sol Shachner and ask him to attend the club meetings. President Al Kozak welcomed Howard Shapiro as a new member. Howard thanked the club for accepting him as a member. A thank you note was received from Natalie and Harold Shachner in Baltimore.

A motion was made by Al Greenberg, seconded by Bernard Mittman, that the Sunshine Committee send a card to ill members. Passed. A motion by Bernard Mittman, seconded by Al Greenberg, that \$20.00 each be sent to cousins Elias, Max, and Fritz in Europe. Passed.

Rose Mittman will receive \$15.00 from the European Fund for her cousin. Contributions toward the European Fund were postponed to the next meeting.

Previous Balance:	\$39.00
Dues Collected:	\$9.25
Expenses:	\$6.00
Balance:	\$42.25

A motion by Norm Mittman, seconded by Al Greenberg, for adjournment. Passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Vocal solo: *Too Fat Polka*,⁷³ by Harvey Greenberg.⁷⁴

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Jay Mazursky,
Recording Secretary

⁷³ *Too Fat Polka* written by Arthur Richardson, and Ross MacLean, was first released in August 1947. Performed, recorded, and released by the Arthur Godfrey Orchestra in September 1947.

⁷⁴ Harvey Greenberg, born September 10, 1943, was four-and-a-half years old. Good boy, Harvey!

March 28, 1948

The 74th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Al Kozak at the home of Norman and Esther Kozak. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Sunshine Committee reports that all is well. Dave Mittman and Al Kozak could not visit Sol Shachner but will do so before the next meeting. A thank you note was read from Howard and Annette Shapiro. A motion was made by Milt Nadelman, seconded by Dave Mittman, that the club have two picnics on June 27 and July 18 in Garfield Park. Passed. Annette Shapiro is to get permits for the picnic. The following were appointed for the picnic committee: Bernard Mittman, Annette and Howard Shapiro, Dave Mittman, Ben Greenberg, Sam Sachs, and Bebe Kozak.

Previous Balance:	\$42.25
Dues Collected:	\$6.75
Balance:	\$49.00

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Recording Secretary

Draft

May 16, 1948

The 76th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Al Kozak at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Annette Shapiro reported obtaining permits for both picnics on June 27 and July 18. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the picnic; it was then turned over to the committee for arrangements. A motion was made by Bernard Mittman, seconded by Al Greenberg, that the club contribute \$25.00 from the treasury toward the Haganah; passed unanimously. Jay Mazursky to turn over the contribution to the Haganah.

A letter from the Engel family was read.

Previous Balance:	\$49.00
Dues Collected:	\$14.50
Expenses:	\$30.00
Balance:	\$33.50

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

Draft

September 19, 1948

The 77th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Al Kozak at 7:40 p.m. at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ben Greenberg reported on the picnics and thanked the Al Kozak family for using their home for the 1st picnic. The Sunshine Committee reported that a few members were ailing and now are fully recovered. A receipt for the \$25.00 to the Haganah was presented. A letter from Cousin Fritz in Europe was read.

Previous Balance:	\$33.50
Dues Collected:	\$23.00
Expenses:	\$21.19
Balance:	\$35.31

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

Draft

October 24, 1948

The 78th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by Vice President Leonard Kozak at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Dave and Rose Mittman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved—no report from any committees. A motion was made by Bernard Mittman, seconded by Al Greenberg, that the club contribute \$25.00 to the Jewish National Fund. Passed. Dave Mittman thanked the members for attending the meeting in his new apartment. A lengthy, heated discussion was held regarding the attendance at the meetings. A motion by Howard Shapiro that members bring ideas for social activities to the next meeting and that they be acted on at the next meeting for the next fiscal year. Seconded by Annette Shapiro. Passed. A discussion for a New Year party was held. A roll call was held and approved by the membership. The place for the New Year party was tabled to the next meeting.

Previous Balance: \$35.31
Dues Collected: \$11.25
Expenses: \$25.00
Balance: \$21.56

Europe Fund
Previous Balance: \$36.83
Collected: \$46.00
Expenses: \$15.00
Balance: \$67.83

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

November 21, 1948

The 79th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Al Kozak at the home of Ralph and Jennie Mittman at 7:50 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There were no committee reports. A motion by Howard Shapiro, seconded by Al Greenberg, that the business of the social committees be tabled for the next meeting so that the election of officers and New Year's party be attended. Passed.

A motion by Al Greenberg, seconded by Leonard Kozak that the New Year's party be held in a home or not at all. Passed. Becky Nadelman volunteered her home for the New Year's party—the arrangements for the party to be at the next meeting.

Nominations and election of officers for the 1949 term were held. The following were elected:

Dave Mittman:	President
Howard Shapiro:	Vice President
Joanne Kozak:	Recording Secretary
Milt Nadelman:	Financial Secretary
Rose Mazursky:	Treasurer

Ralph Mittman read two letters from Fritz Roll in Europe.

Treasury

Previous Balance:	\$21.56
Dues Collected:	\$7.50
Expenses:	\$4.75
Balance:	\$24.31

European Fund

Previous Balance:	\$67.83
Collected:	\$71.00
Expenses:	\$42.87
Balance:	\$95.96

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Recording Secretary

December 19, 1948

The 80th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Al Kozak at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky at 9:00 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Final arrangements for the New Year's Eve party to be held at the home of Becky Nadelman were completed.

A motion by Howard Shapiro, seconded by Annette Shapiro that the business of the social committees is tabled to the next meeting. Passed.

An addition to the family, Stephen Mitchell Greenberg, was born to Dave and Shirley Greenberg on November 28th—the usual gift to be sent to the newborn.

Treasury

Previous Balance:	\$24.31
Dues Collected:	\$5.25
Expenses:	\$5.00
Balance:	\$24.56

European Fund

Previous Balance:	\$95.96
Collected:	\$58.00
Expenses:	\$57.44
Balance:	\$96.52

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Draft

Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

January 16, 1949

The 81st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Al Kozak at the home of Sam and Lena Sachs. The meeting came to order at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ben Mittman⁷⁵ was appointed installing officer for the newly elected officers. The following were elected for the 1949 year:

Dave Mittman:	President
Howard Shapiro:	Vice President
Joanne Kozak:	Recording Secretary
Milt Nadelman:	Financial Secretary
Rose Mazursky:	Treasurer

The Sunshine Committee reported all is well. Dave Mittman, President, graciously donated a treasured gavel to the Schilder Cousin Club.

A report was given on the New Year's Eve party by Milt Nadelman. "Everyone had a good time."

The unfinished business concerns the social agenda for 1949. Quite a few suggestions were brought forward, and four were chosen. The four that were chosen are as follows:

Purim Party
Theater Party
Chanukah Party
Thanksgiving Dinner

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The first event will be the Purim party; Sam and Lena Sachs donated their home.

Two motions were brought forth. Norm Mittman motioned that four social events besides our meetings should take place. Howard Shapiro seconded the motion. Howard Shapiro proposed that the four events be in addition to our New Year's Eve party; 10 regular meetings and two picnics should also occur. Ben Mittman seconded the motion. Both were voted upon and passed.

New business: nothing was discussed.

Good and Welfare meeting had nothing to report.

Esther Nadelman read a letter regarding the shipments to Europe. It was decided that there would be no money collected until this money was sent to Europe through the Moss Export Service.⁷⁶

Dues Collected: \$6.25
Balance: \$30.81

⁷⁵ This is the first mention of Ben MITTMAN in the meeting minutes. The original text indicated Ben GREENBERG, but the GREENBERG was struck out and overwritten with MITTMAN.

⁷⁶ I've been unable to locate any information about a "Moss Export Service."

Expenses: \$1.00
Liquor: \$12.92
Balance: \$16.89

Annette Shapiro motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Leonard Kozak seconded it.
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Joanne Kozak,
Secretary

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February 20, 1949

The 82nd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Dave Mittman at the home of Al and Sylvia Kozak. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Unfinished business were the plans for our Purim⁷⁷ party. We waited for Howard Shapiro's call for the committee report. It was decided that everything would be a "Dutch Treat."

For Good and Welfare, the discussion for the evening was that of the Greenberg family. A vote was taken to decide whether a committee would go up and determine their grievance toward the club. The majority ruled, and a Volunteer Committee will go up. Those on the committee are Dave Mittman and Jay and Rose Mazursky.

Rose Mazursky read a thank you card from Dave Greenberg.

Money was sent to the European relatives by Moss Export Service. \$82.50 was sent. We decided to wait until we heard from them before collecting more money.

Dues Collected:	\$5.25
Balance:	\$22.14
European Fund:	\$14.02

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Joanne Kozak,
Secretary

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⁷⁷ Purim began on Monday, March 14, 1949.

March 20, 1949

The 83rd meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Dave Mittman at the home of Esther and Ben Greenberg. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Sunshine Committee reported that there had been a few colds; otherwise, all is well. There was no unfinished business.

Congratulations were given to Jay and Rose Mazursky on their new home.⁷⁸

New business concerns our next social event on our planned agenda. It is a theater party. A volunteer committee is to bring in suggestions on different types of plays. The committee is:

Esther Nadelman
Milt Nadelman
Howard Shapiro

President Dave Mittman moved that Happy Birthday should be sung to our members and cards should be sent to those out of town and those in Chicago. Joanne Kozak seconded the motion. Ben Greenberg suggested that a list of the members' addresses and telephone numbers should be given to each member. It was decided upon to do so.

The Good and Welfare Committee had nothing to report.

Balance:	\$22.14
Dues Collected:	\$6.00
Expenses:	\$20.00
Balance:	\$8.14

European Fund: \$14.02

Two letters were read from our European relatives by Ralph Mittman. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Joanne Kozak,
Secretary

There will be no meeting in April 1949 due to the "Pesach" holidays.

Dave Mittman,
President

⁷⁸ Jay and Rose Mazursky lived at 7650 S Merrill Ave, Chicago, in the 1950 United States Federal Census.

May 15, 1949

The 84th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our president, Dave Mittman, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Al and Ruth Greenberg. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Sunshine Committee reported as follows:

Harvey Greenberg: tonsils removed and German measles.
Ben Mittman: tonsils removed.
Bebe Kozak: cyst operation.
Ben Greenberg: cold.

Thank God all were feeling fine; all were at the meeting except Bebe Kozak, who was still at the hospital.

The Theater Committee reported on various plays. Ben Mittman moved that the theater party be tabled until the Fall to avoid going to the theater during the summer months, seconded by Annette Shapiro. Passed.

Bernard Mittman suggested that the picnics be held at Jackson Park—no further discussion. The president asked for volunteers for the Picnic Committee. Milt Nadelman volunteered to get permits and all the necessary information and will report at our June meeting.

Harvey Greenberg thanked the president and the club for coming to his new home for the meeting. Good boy, Harvey!⁷⁹

The outstanding scholar Ralph Mittman read the letters from our European cousins Elias and Max. They received \$25.00 each, which was sent in January.

After the meeting, President Dave Mittman (who was in fine voice) sang Happy Birthday greetings to all deserving members with the help of the members present.

Bernard Mittman suggested sending \$25.00 to each of the three cousins.⁸⁰ Total amount is \$75.00

Previous Balance:	\$8.14
Dues Collected:	\$17.00
Expenses:	\$14.16
Balance:	\$10.98

European Fund

Previous Balance:	\$14.02
Collected:	\$72.00
Expenses:	\$86.00
Balance:	\$0.02

⁷⁹ I have no idea what this is about. Oh, yes. I get it. Harvey Greenberg was born in Sep 1943, so he's all of five-and-a-half years old here.

⁸⁰ The "three cousins" refer to Dr. Elias Felder, Max Felder, and Fritz Roll.

Esther Kozak motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Bernard Mittman.
The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Milt Nadelman,
Secretary *pro tem*

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June 19, 1949

The 85th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Dave Mittman at 9:00 p.m. at the home of Jay and Rose Mazursky. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Dave Mittman wished a Happy Father's Day to all the fathers. No report from the Sunshine Committee. All are well. Milt Nadelman reported on the picnic.⁸¹ The picnic is to be held Sunday, July 10, in Jackson Park, weather permitting. In case of postponement, the picnic will be held the following Sunday, July 17. The August picnic will be held in Jackson Park on the second Sunday in August. In case of postponement, the third Sunday in August. The following were appointed to the Picnic Committee:

Milt Nadelman
Ben Mittman
Ben Greenberg

The club will pay the children's expenses for the picnic—expenses to be reasonable, as the committee sees fit.

The club wishes Al and Leo Greenberg luck in their new business location. Charles Mittman graduated from grammar school.

Previous Balance:	\$10.98
Dues Collected:	\$5.50
Balance:	\$16.48

European Fund

Previous Balance:	\$0.02
Collected:	\$41.00
Balance:	\$41.02

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

⁸¹ A home movie, likely taken at the July or August 1949 picnic in Jackson Park, is available for viewing. See [Appendix J: Celebrations and Parties](#).

October 16, 1949

The 86th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Dave Mittman at the home of Bernard and Sylvia Mittman at 8:15 p.m. A moment of silence to respect our late member, Becky Nadelman.⁸² The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Congratulations to Howard and Annette Shapiro on the birth of their daughter, Janet Terry, on October 1, 1949. No other report from the Sunshine Committee.

A report on the picnics was given. Both picnics were very successful. A discussion was held regarding a Thanksgiving dinner or a theater party. After much discussion, a vote was taken, and the theater party was approved—the theater party was to be held on a Saturday evening for members who wished to attend. Esther Nadelman is in charge of securing tickets.

A letter from the Engels in Arizona was read.

Previous Balance:	\$16.48
Dues Collected:	\$22.00
Expenses:	\$17.21
Balance:	\$21.27

European Fund

Previous Balance:	\$41.02
Collected:	\$50.00
Expenses:	\$1.50
Balance:	\$89.52

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

⁸² Rebecca (née YERES) NADELMAN (19 Mar 1895 – 29 Aug 1949)

November 20, 1949

The 87th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by our President, Dave Mittman, at the home of Dave and Rose Mittman at 8:30 p.m. The minutes were read and approved as read.

There was no report for the Sunshine Committee because the chairman was absent.

Dave Mittman reported on the theater party held Saturday evening, November 12. We saw "At War With the Army," and a good time was had by all who attended.⁸³ Ralph Mittman suggested another theater party, but the discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

The club congratulated Al and Sylvia Kozak on the wedding of Bebe and Freddie Mandel. Sylvia expressed her thanks to all the members for attending the wedding.

Ralph read a letter from Fritz Roll from Europe.

Nominations and elections for officers for the 1950 term were held, and the following were elected:

Bernard Mittman:	President
Esther Nadelman:	Vice President
Rose Mazursky:	Recording Secretary
Dave Mittman:	Financial Secretary
Jay Mazursky:	Treasurer
Annette Shapiro:	Trustee

Ralph Mittman welcomed Freddie Mandel as a new member of the club. Freddie thanked the club for accepting him as a new member. President Dave Mittman presented Bebe and Freddie with a wedding gift from the Schilder Cousin Club. Bebe thanked the club on behalf of Freddie and herself for attending their wedding and the wedding gift.

Dave Mittman congratulated Ben, Al, and Leo Greenberg on their new business and wished them all the luck and success in the world.

Jay and Rose Mazursky volunteered their home for the New Year's Eve party. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Previous Balance:	\$21.27
Dues Collected:	\$8.25
Expenses:	\$10.00
Balance:	\$19.52

European Fund

Previous Balance:	\$89.52
Collected:	\$39.00
Expenses:	\$64.68

⁸³ The stage play "At War With the Army" ran for 151 performances on Broadway from March 8, 1949, through July 16, 1949. The Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis film adaptation was widely released on January 17, 1951. The Chicago production of the stage play that the club attended was at the Harris Theater, part of the 1922 Harris and Selwyn Theaters, in the Loop. Both theaters were converted into movie theaters in the 1950s.

Balance: \$63.84

A motion for adjournment was made by Howard Shapiro, seconded by Ben Greenberg. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

Rose Mazursky,
Scribe

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December 11, 1949

The 88th meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Dave Mittman at the home of Jennie and Ralph Mittman at 8:00 p.m.

Report of Sunshine Committee: all is well.

Arrangements for the theater party were tabled for the next meeting. The New Year's party is to be held at the home of Rose and Jay Mazursky. Rose Mazursky will care for all arrangements for the party. Outsiders are invited. "Dutch Treat." Liquor to be furnished by the club.

On behalf of Janet Terry, Howard Shapiro thanked the club for her gift.

Congratulations to Bernard and Sylvia Mittman on the engagement of Norm to Marilyn and Ben Mittman to Barbara.

Congratulations to Ben and Esther Greenberg on the engagement of Leo to Mildred.

Previous Balance: \$19.52
Dues Collected: \$5.25
Balance: \$24.77

European Fund

Previous Balance: \$63.84
Collected: \$40.00
Balance: \$100.84

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

January 15, 1950

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March 19, 1950

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April 23, 1950

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May 28, 1950

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April 17, 1955

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May 22, 1955

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October 16, 1955

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November 20, 1955

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January 15, 1956

The 131st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by our president, Leonard Kozak, at the home of Ruth Greenberg. There was a moment of silence to the respect of our late member, Jennie Mittman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Dave Mittman was appointed by our president, Leonard Kozak, to act as installing officer. The new officers installed were:

President:	Bernard Mittman
Vice-President:	Esther Nadelman
Recording Secretary:	Jeanne Nadelman
Financial Secretary:	Bebe Mandel
Treasurer:	Jay Mazursky
Trustee:	Freddie Mandel

Esther Nadelman again took over the work of the Sunshine Committee, and she reported that the Chanukah money was sent out, and we received thank you notes from most of the children, which were read at the meeting.

The \$100.00 bond won by Al Greenberg was then presented to his grandfather, Ben Greenberg, in lieu of his parents' absence.

We were all very happy to learn that Ben Mittman has been released from service, and Barbara and he are traveling through Europe and Israel.

Discussion arose about Al and Sylvia Kozak's anniversary, which unfortunately had to be delayed, and it was decided to wait a while before making plans for it.

Also, the Special Fund came up for discussion regarding the raising of additional monies, and because no further information has been received to help us determine what project our money will be used on, it was decided to table this issue for the time being.

Esther Nadelman agreed to take on the job of sending out birthday and anniversary cards once more.

Previous Balance:	\$68.43
Dues Collected:	\$24.00
Expenses:	\$22.85
Balance:	\$69.58

No money was collected for the Special Fund.

European Fund

Previous Balance:	\$0.47
Collected:	\$28.00
Expenses:	\$20.66
Balance:	\$7.81

Our president then adjourned the meeting after a motion was made by Bebe Mandel and seconded by Freddie Mandel.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Nadelman,
Secretary

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June 22, 1958

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October 19, 1958

The 151st meeting of The Schilder Cousin Club was called to order by President Freddie Mandel at 9:30 p.m. at the home of Norman and Esther Kozak.

The minutes were read and approved. Ralph Mittman gave the Sunshine Committee report. Ralph Mittman Mittman reported on the Kehillath Israel Hebrew School's dedication on June 29, 1958.

Congratulations were given to the grandparents and parents of new baby Scott Harvey Mittman, son of Charles and Ilene Mittman.

A discussion of a Chanukah party was held, and Norman and Marilyn Mittman volunteered their home for the Chanukah party to be held on December 7. Marilyn Mittman and Bebe Mandel are on the committee to work on plans.

A motion by Bernard Mittman, seconded by Al Kozak, that \$30.00, \$15.00 to each family in Israel, be sent from the treasury funds. Passed.

Previous Balance:	\$88.04
Dues Collected:	\$47.00
Expenses:	\$62.50
Balance:	\$72.54

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Jay Mazursky,
Secretary

November 16, 1958

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January 18, 1959

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May 15, 1959

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December 20, 1959

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January 24, 1960

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Mr Ralph Mittman

2801 W Summerdale Ave

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⁸⁴ A partial list of members is on page 293 of the minute book, including a section at the bottom for “Out of Towners.” The list provides validation for some of the address information in the family tree from other sources, such as census records. The list contains many revisions. The original list was likely created after November 28, 1955; Mr Ralph Mittman is listed without any revision, indicating that Jennie Mittman had already died.

Appendix A: Club Members

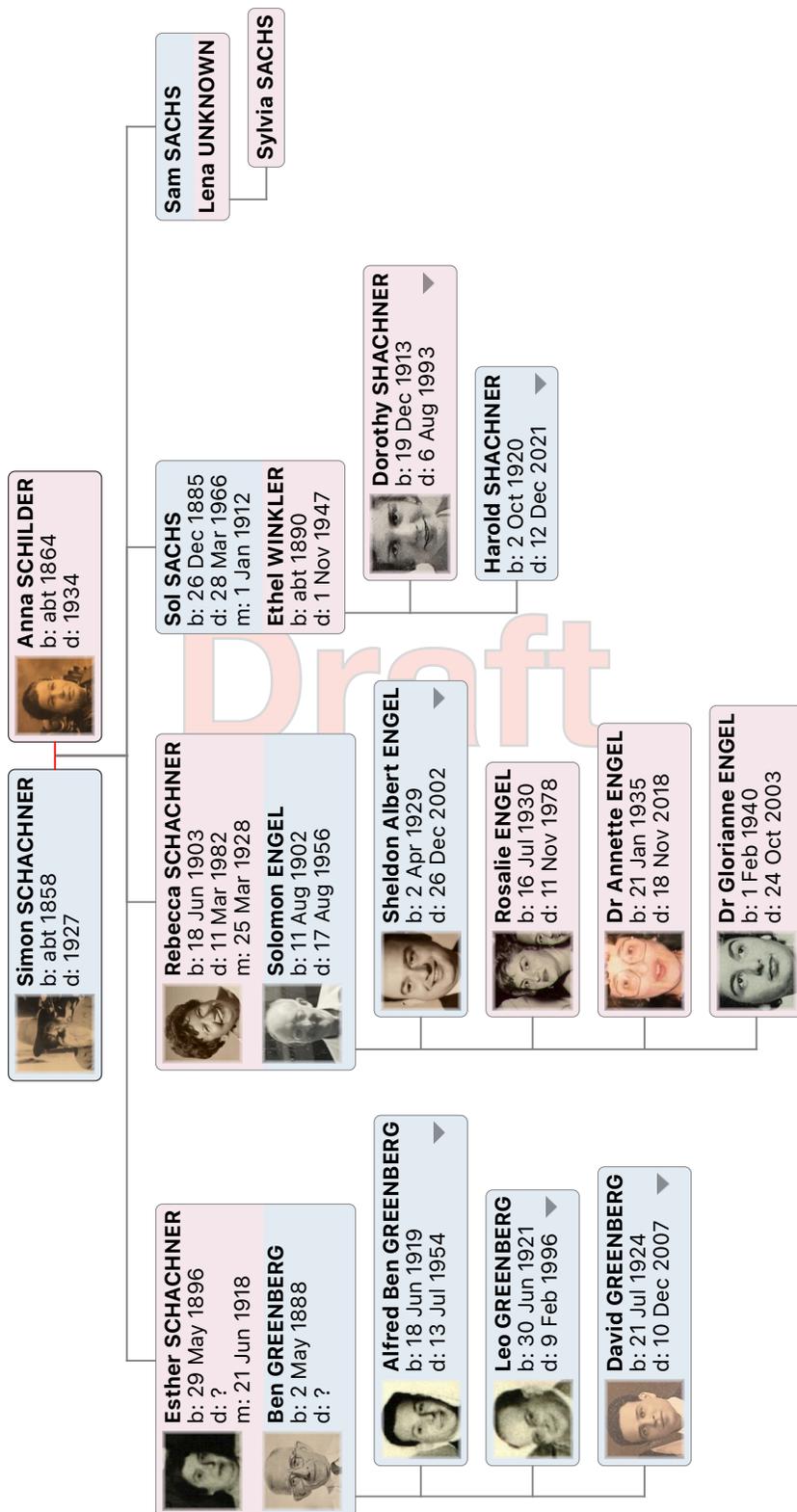
To better understand the Schilder Cousin Club members, I've included the following table showing each member's name (including maiden name, where appropriate), their age at the start of The Schilder Cousin Club, and birth and death years. Those born into membership or who died when the club operated have their birth and death dates shaded green. Finally, to aid in finding members in the family tree, I've included their branches (descended from Anna, Bertha, or Goldie) and whether they're first-, second-, or third-generation descendants. Members are listed in their order of appearance in the minute book.

Following the table is a series of simplified family trees showing the descendants of Anna, Bertha, and Goldie Schilder.

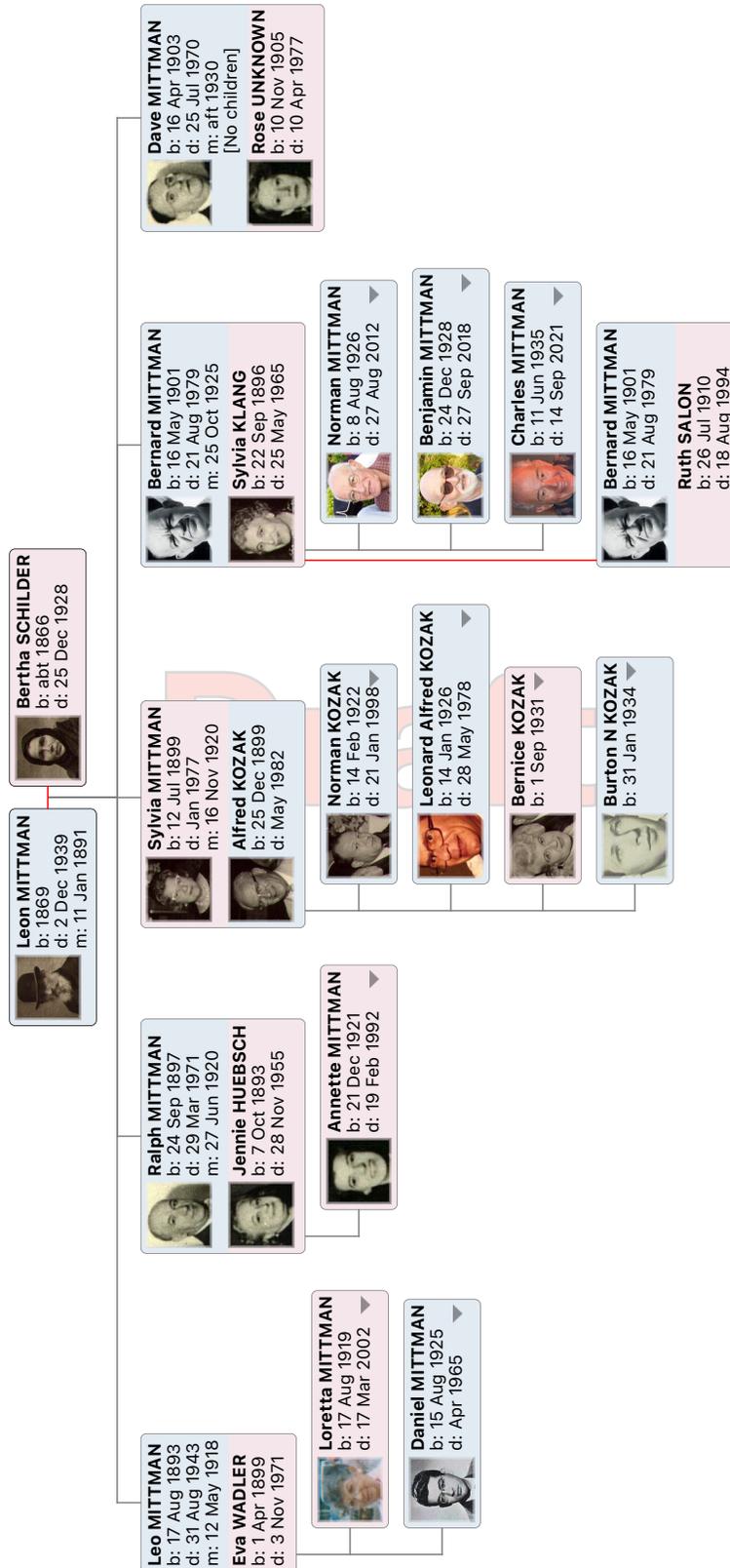
#	Name	Birth	Death	Branch / Generation	Photo Index
1	Becky Nadelman, née Yeres, age 44	1895	1949	Goldie / First	
2	Ralph Mittman, age 42	1897	1971	Bertha / First	3
3	Al Greenberg, age 20	1919	1954	Anna / Second	8
4	Milt Nadelman, age 25	1914	1986	Goldie / Second	4
5	Bernard Mittman, age 38	1901	1979	Bertha / First	2
6	Esther Nadelman, age 24	1916	1998	Goldie / Second	16
7	Esther Greenberg, née Schachner, age 43	1896	?	Anna / First	26
8	Annette Shapiro, née Mittman, age 18	1921	1992	Bertha / Second	24
9	Becky Engel, née Schachner, age 36	1903	1982	Anna / First	-
10	Rose Mittman, née Unknown, age 34	1905	1977	Bertha / First	25
11	Dave (Nadell) Nadelman, age 16	1923	2007	Goldie / Second	
12	Leo Greenberg, age 16	1921	1996	Anna / Second	15
13	Rose Mazursky, née Nadelman, age 22	1917	2000	Goldie / Second	17
14	Ben Greenberg, age 51	1888	?	Anna / First	9
15	Leonard Kozak, age 14	1926	1978	Bertha / Second	12
16	Sol Engel, age 37	1902	1956	Anna / First	
17	Jay Mazursky, age 25	1914	1985	Goldie / Second	18
18	Dave Mittman, age 36	1903	1970	Bertha / First	7
19	Norman Kozak, age 17	1922	1998	Bertha / Second	10
20	Leo Mittman, age 46	1893	1943	Bertha / First	
21	Sol Shachner, age 54	1885	1966	Anna / First	-
22	Sylvia Kozak, née Mittman, age 40	1899	1977	Bertha / First	28
23	Lena Sachs, age unknown	?	?	Anna / First	
24	Jennie Mittman, née Huebsch, age 42	1898	1955	Bertha / First	22

#	Name	Birth	Death	Branch / Generation	Photo Index
25	Loretta Grigg, née Mittman, age 20	1919	2002	Bertha / Second	
26	Eva Mittman, née Wadler, age 40	1899	1971	Bertha / First	
27	Glorianne Engel	1940	2003	Anna / Second	
28	Sam Sachs, age unknown	?	?	Anna / First	
29	Al Kozak, age 40	1899	1982	Bertha / First	14
30	Norm Mittman, age 13	1926	2012	Bertha / Second	1
31	Dave Greenberg, age 15	1924	2007	Anna / Second	
32	Charles Mittman, age 4	1935	2021	Bertha / Second	5
33	Lil Dubin	?	?	Goldie / Second	
34	Yetta Shachner	1890	1947	Anna / First	-
35	Danny Mittman, age 13, age 14	1925	1965	Bertha / Second	
36	Sheldon Engel, age 10	1929	2002	Anna / Second	
37	Ruth Greenberg, née Glazer, age 18	1921	2002	Anna / Second	30
38	Shelby Mazursky	1943		Goldie / Third	35
39	Harvey Michael Greenberg	1943		Anne / Third	39
40	Lynne Ann Kozak	1944		Bertha / Third	40
41	Bebe Kozak, age 8	1931	?	Bertha / Second	34
42	Dorothy Zukerman, 26	1913	1993	Anna / Second	-
43	Harold Shachner, 19	1920	2021	Anna / Second	-
44	Belle Nadelman, 17	1923	2005	Goldie / Second	-
45	Rosalie Engel, 9	1930	1978	Anna / Second	-
46	Shirley Greenberg, née Klein, 15	1924	2019	Anna / Second	-
47	Joanne Kozak, née Levy	?	?	Bertha / Second	-
48	Stephen Mitchell Greenberg	1948		Anne / Third	-
49	Ben Mittman	1928	2018	Bertha / Second	-
50	Janet Terry Shapiro	1949		Bertha / Third	36
51	Marilyn Mittman, née Minkus	1928		Bertha / Second	19
52	Barbara Mittman, née Golden	1930		Bertha / Second	-
53	Mildred Greenberg, née Cowen	1924		Anna / Second	-
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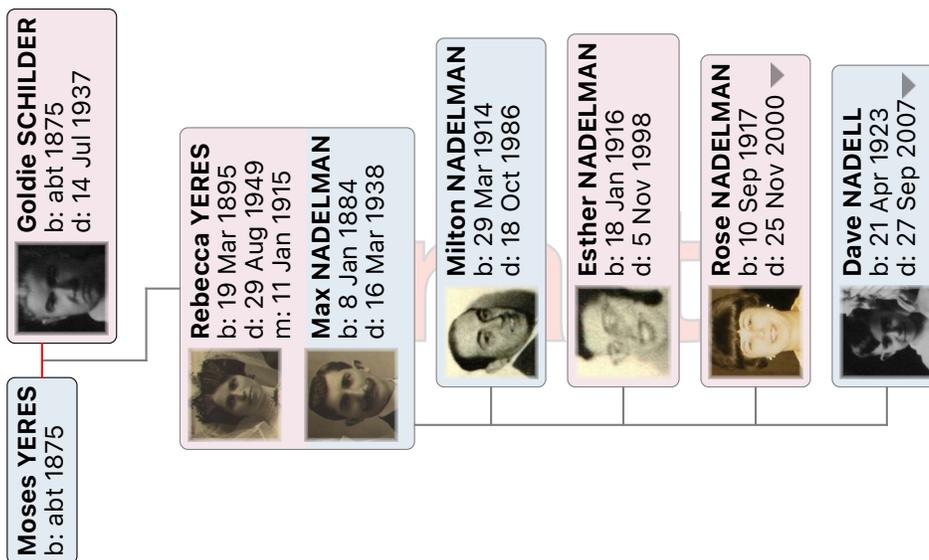
Descendants of Anna Schilder



Descendants of Bertha Schilder



Descendants of Goldie Schilder



Appendix B: Distribution

The Schilder Cousin Club and its minute book is a legacy for all Schilder sister descendants. I intend to distribute a transcription of the minute book — and an ebook containing high-quality scans of the original book — to all living descendants for whom I have an email address. If you know of a descendant who is not on this distribution list, please contact me at dmittman@pacbell.net.

I have documented 183 direct-line (no spouses) descendants of Anna, Bertha, and Goldie Schilder, of which 140 are alive today; of those, I have email addresses for 37 descendants. Most of my email contacts are with my Bertha branch; I could use more contacts in the Anna and Goldie branches.

#	Name	Branch / Generation	Email
1	Shari Kozak Askow	Bertha / Third	shari.combined@gmail.com
2	Nader Bayomi	Anna / Fourth	nbayomi1@gmail.com
3	Shari Bayomi	Anna / Third	sharibayomi@gmail.com
4	Saundra Bromberg	Anna / Third	sbromberg@capconcorp.com
5	Aliza Crook	Bertha / Fourth	aliza.crook@gmail.com
6	Rivka Friedman	Bertha / Fourth	rluvsscience@gmail.com
7	Sima Gleicher	Bertha / Fourth	simzims@gmail.com
8	Jared Iveson	Anna / Fourth	jtiveson@gmail.com
9	Stacy Iveson	Anna / Third	siveson@arizona.edu
10	Burt Kozak	Bertha / Second	burtkozak@gmail.com
11	Floyd Kozak	Bertha / Third	floydk@evanstonpaper.com
12	Carolyn Liljewall	Bertha / Third	cliljewall@gmail.com
13	David Liljewall	Bertha / Fourth	davidliljewall96@gmail.com
14	Errol Mazursky	Goldie / Fourth	errol@elpnet.org
15	Gordon Mazursky	Goldie / Third	gmaz2000@yahoo.com
16	Shelby Mazursky	Goldie / Third	smazur1000@ameritech.net
17	Joseph McCarthy	Bertha / Fourth	jd.mccarthy@sbcglobal.net
18	Aaron Mittman	Bertha / Fourth	amittman@sbcglobal.net
19	Brian Mittman	Bertha / Third	bmittman@sbcglobal.net
20	David Mittman	Bertha / Third	dmittman@pacbell.net
21	Ellen Mittman	Bertha / Third	readysbrother@yahoo.com
22	Jeffrey Mittman	Bertha / Third	jmittman@nelahq.org
23	Joanna Mittman	Bertha / Third	joannamittman@yahoo.com
24	Karen Mittman	Bertha / Third	kamslpd@outlook.com

#	Name	Branch / Generation	Email
24	Lauren Mittman	Bertha / Fourth	laurenmittman@gmail.com
25	Les Mittman	Bertha / Third	lmittman@sbcglobal.net
26	Robert Mittman	Bertha / Third	mittman@southcoast.net
27	Scott Mittman	Bertha / Third	scott.mittman@jhmi.edu
28	Tamara Mittman	Bertha / Fourth	tmittman@gmail.com
29	Yigal Mittman	Bertha / Fourth	yigalmitt@gmail.com
30	Zalman Mittman	Bertha / Third	zalmmit@gmail.com
31	Barry Nadell	Goldie / Third	bmnadell@sbcglobal.net
32	Talia Nathan	Bertha / Fourth	tal82@sbcglobal.net
33	Sandy Ozimek	Goldie / Fourth	sozimek@aol.com
34	Cierra Rogstad	Bertha / Fourth	cierra.rogstad@gmail.com
35	Zach Rogstad	Bertha / Fourth	elduderino08@gmail.com
36	Janet Schuchman	Bertha / Third	janshuch2@zoominternet.net
37	Chava Silver	Bertha / Fourth	iluvemath@yahoo.com

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Appendix C: Research Topics and Suggested Reading

There are several open questions concerning the contents of the minute book, including:

- Where are the letters received from our European cousins?
- My research into Lillian Dubin is sparse: I only have an index entry for her marriage to Milton Nadelman. There's a reference to her living in Washington in the minutes from June 21, 1942.
- The June 17, 1945 minutes offer a tantalizing clue, but I've been unable to identify Rose Mittman's (1905-1977) maiden name. Rose's mother was also mentioned on October 15, 1944.
- There are online references to a Blue Inn **Cafe** at 3847 W Roosevelt Road; I'm unsure if that represents a second location or a relocation. Google Street View does show a three-story building at 3414 W Roosevelt Road.

Cutler, I. (1996). *The Jews of Chicago: From Shtetl to Suburb*. University of Illinois Press.

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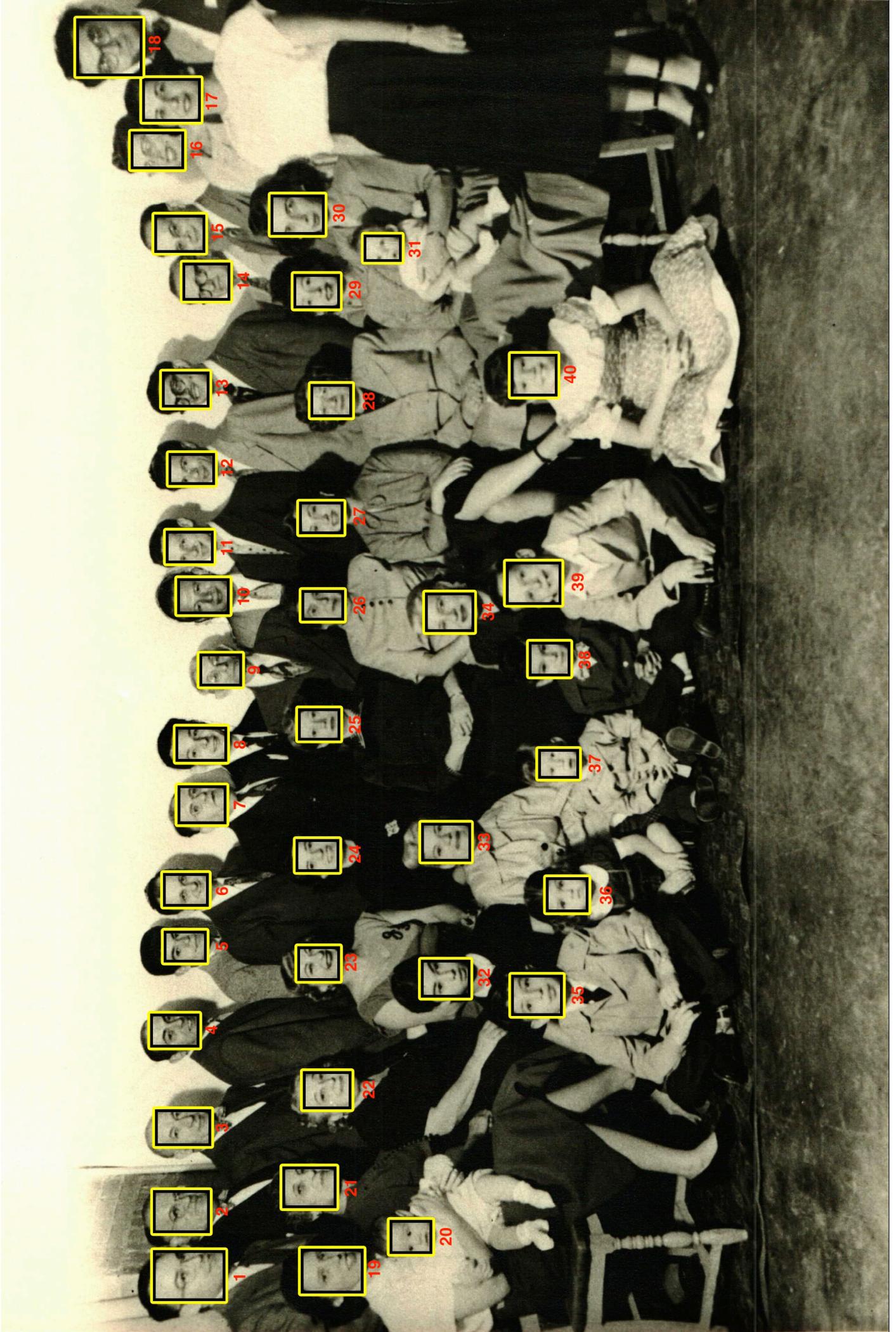
Appendix D: Schilder Cousin Club Photograph

The Schilder Cousin Club Photograph on subsequent pages was taken on Sunday, October 12, 1952. The table below is indexed by the number shown on the second following page. The table includes the name of the person pictured, their relationship to another major figure in the club, and their age at the time of the photograph.

Index	Name	Relationship	Age
1	Norm Mittman	Bernard Mittman's oldest son	26
2	Bernard Mittman	Bertha (née Schilder) Mittman's third son	51
3	Ralph Mittman	Bertha (née Schilder) Mittman's second son	55
4	Milt Nadelman	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's oldest son	38
5	Charles Mittman	Bernard Mittman's youngest son	17
6	Howard Shapiro	Ralph Mittman's son-in-law	30
7	Dave Mittman	Bertha (née Schilder) Mittman's youngest son	49
8	Al Greenberg	Esther (née Schachner) Greenberg's oldest son	33
9	Ben Greenberg	Esther (née Schachner) Greenberg's husband	64
10	Norman Kozak	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's oldest son	30
11	Burt Kozak	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's youngest son	18
12	Leonard Kozak	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's middle son	26
13	Freddie Mandel	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's son-in-law	21
14	Al Kozak	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's husband	52
15	Leo Greenberg	Esther (née Schachner) Greenberg's middle son	31
16	Esther Nadelman	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's oldest daughter	36
17	Rose Mazursky	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's youngest daughter	35
18	Jay Mazursky	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's son-in-law	37
19	Marilyn Mittman	Bernard Mittman's daughter-in-law	26
20	Les Mittman	Marilyn Mittman's oldest son	<1
21	Sylvia Mittman	Bernard Mittman's wife	56
22	Jennie Mittman	Ralph Mittman's wife	54
23	Jeanne Nadelman	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's daughter-in-law	41

Index	Name	Relationship	Age
24	Annette Shapiro	Ralph Mittman's daughter	30
25	Rose Mittman	Dave Mittman's wife	46
26	Esther Greenberg	Anna Schilder's oldest daughter	56
27	Ina Graynor	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's future daughter-in-law (Burton)	18
28	Sylvia Kozak		53
29	Millie Greenberg	Esther (née Schachner) GREENBERG's middle daughter-in-law	27
30	Ruth Greenberg	Esther (née Schachner) GREENBERG's oldest daughter-in-law	31
31	Neil Greenberg	Ruth (née GLAZER) GREENBERG's youngest son	<1
32	Maxine Mazursky	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's oldest granddaughter	12
33	Esther Kozak	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's oldest daughter-in-law	30
34	Bebe Mandel	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's daughter	21
35	Shelby Mazursky	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's grandchild	9
36	Janet Terry Shapiro	Ralph Mittman's grandchild	3
37	Keith Mandel	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's grandchild	1
38	Gordon Mazursky	Becky (née Yeres) Nadelman's grandchild	5
39	Harvey Greenberg	Esther (née Schachner) GREENBERG's grandchild	8?
40	Lynn Ann Kozak	Sylvia (née Mittman) Kozak's grandchild	8





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Appendix E: Story Threads

A “story thread” is a narrative technique that aims to tell a story by connecting historical facts related to a specific theme, for instance, by focusing on the foods mentioned when the club members celebrated together. It stitches together events and places, vividly portraying our ancestors and their customs. This approach provides a unique lens to view the past, offering a more engaging and comprehensive understanding of our collective heritage.

The table below lists my current story thread ideas. Each story thread has a corresponding bookmark at the right margin. Pages that contribute to the story have the appropriate bookmark, and clicking the bookmark will take you to the story page’s appendix.

I’m exploring different story threads in this appendix; let me know your thoughts.

Story	Description	Appendix
Food and Restaurants	The dishes mentioned in the minutes and historical information about the restaurants used for celebrations.	F
Internal Migration	The full internal migration history of select club members, highlighting events related to the minutes.	G
Czernowitz	Where we came from in the “old country.” Including old street maps and listings from the Czernowitz City Directory.	H
Businesses	Who owned what, and when. I have photos of some businesses.	I
Celebrations and Parties	The picnics, theater parties, and holiday gatherings. This section will include a link to a color movie from the Schilder Cousin Club picnic in July or August 1949.	J
Charitable Giving	Learn about the club’s charitable causes.	K
Military Service	Several members served in the military during and after World War II.	L

Appendix F: Food and Restaurants

There's an old saying used to describe the basic outline of Jewish holidays: *They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat.* Perhaps because every gathering of Jews symbolizes survival, our gatherings invariably involve food. The Schilder Cousin Club is no different, as food and restaurants feature prominently throughout the minute book.

The Blue Inn

First mentioned on October 20, 1940, as a potential site for the club's first Thanksgiving⁸⁵ dinner, the Blue Inn played a significant role in Chicago's Jewish life. Here's an article from the April 18, 1930 issue of *The Sentinel*, page 34:

"Meet me at the Blue Inn" — The Slogan of Chicago Jewry

During the four years of its existence, the Blue Inn has become an unusually unique enterprise in the social and intellectual life of Chicago Jewry. Its present location, 3414 Roosevelt Road, where it occupies a complete three-story structure, is the very heart of Chicago's great Jewish West Side.

The ground floor, with its comfortable and commodious appointments, is the dining room of the restaurant. The second floor is beautifully decorated with eccentric paintings of Jewish life, copied after Ribak, the famous Vilna Jewish artist,⁸⁶ and after our own Todros Geller.⁸⁷ It is here, in this most fitting atmosphere, that the lectures, musicales, and concerts that have made the Blue Inn the talk of the town take place. The second and third floors are devoted primarily, however, to the excellent catering service of the establishment. On these floors, the Blue Inn serves numerous weddings, banquets, and social functions.

The Blue Inn is not a restaurant in the mean sense of the word. It specializes in fresh, savory Jewish dishes and in service that satisfies at most reasonable prices. It has, moreover, become the home of Jewish businessmen, newspapermen, actors, artists, and intellectuals. Every evening, in the crowded dining room, over the delicious Blue Inn coffee and strudel, the problems of art, literature, politics, and Jewish life in general are earnestly and interestingly discussed.

Ultimately, the Blue Inn⁸⁸ was not the final selection for the Thanksgiving dinner of 1940; that honor fell to Carl's Restaurant. The Blue Inn got a second chance for the Thanksgiving dinner scheduled for November 20, 1941 (see October 19, 1941). However, unlike other parties

⁸⁵ It wasn't until December 26, 1941, that Thanksgiving in the United States was set at the Federal level to be the fourth Thursday of November. See [Wikipedia](#).

⁸⁶ I'm not sure who this is. There's a [Zvi Ribak](#), but I don't see his life intersecting with Vilna. There are many famous Jewish artists from Vilna that aren't named Ribak.

⁸⁷ Todros Geller (1889 – 1949) was a Jewish American artist and teacher best known as a master printmaker and a leading artist in Chicago's art community. See [Wikipedia](#).

⁸⁸ See "[Appendix C: Research Topics](#)."

and celebrations, there is no record of “everyone having a good time” at Thanksgiving 1941, perhaps because the meeting following the Thanksgiving dinner was December 14, 1941, and the club had the start of World War II on their minds.

Carl's Restaurant and Delicatessen

The Blue Inn lost out to Carl's Restaurant as the location of the first Schilder Cousin Club Thanksgiving dinner. For \$1.35 per plate for adults and 75¢ for children, Thanksgiving dinner in their private dining room “was a success, with everyone having a good time.”

Here's a remembrance of Carl's, along with other Jewish eateries in the Lawndale neighborhood:

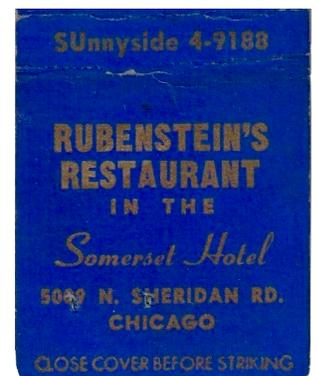
At the intersection of Kedzie Avenue and Roosevelt Road was a cluster of prominent Jewish restaurants—Carl's at 3211, Gwitz, Zweig's, and Joe Stein's Romanian Restaurant. Carl's was the most popular of these four restaurants, owned by Samuel J. Cohen. Carl's menu attracted people from distant areas and executives and workers from the huge Sears Roebuck complex just a few blocks away.⁸⁹



Mrs. Rubenstein's Restaurant at the Somerset Hotel

Thanksgiving 1942 was held at Mrs. Rubenstein's Restaurant at the Somerset Hotel with a menu of chopped liver, noodle soup, tomato and lettuce salad, mashed potatoes, turkey, and dessert. It “was a huge success, and everyone had a very good time.” (See December 13, 1942.)

A small advertisement for Mrs. Rubenstein's Restaurant:



The Somerset Hotel is now Somerset Place Apartments at the same address. You can read about the Somerset Hotel at the Jazz Age Chicago website.

Chez Paree

Although never held, the boys' homecoming was planned at one time for Chez Paree. More to come...

Varenikes

Varenikes are staples of Russian and Ukrainian cuisines but seem present throughout Ashkenazi Jewish cuisine. Varenikes are mentioned in the context of a Purim party on February



⁸⁹ Cutler, Irving, “Going Out to Eat along Jewish Lawndale’s Roosevelt Road,” Chicago Jewish History, Spring 2019, page 13.

12, 1941, and in the context of a homecoming for one of the boys in the service on October 21, 1945.

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Appendix G: Internal Migration

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Appendix H: Czernowitz

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Appendix I: Businesses

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Appendix J: Celebrations and Parties

Card Parties

The history of card parties as fundraisers is murky, but it's clear they were a popular way of socializing and raising money for charity.⁹⁰ Card playing has been a popular pastime in many Jewish communities for generations, particularly in those with Eastern European roots. It was a common form of entertainment in Jewish households and social gatherings. Card games are versatile and can be adapted to suit different group sizes and preferences. They can be played in intimate settings or larger groups, making them suitable for various celebrations.

The Schilder Cousin Club card parties were open to non-members. Whether or not members of the general public were allowed to attend is unknown. The card parties were sometimes called “unprofitable” and, at other times, profited hundreds of dollars. The club decided early that funds raised from the card parties would be for charity and not for the club's use; the decision was made because the club wasn't formed to make money but to “keep the family together.”⁹¹

A card party was first mentioned at the March 17, 1940, meeting, which was just the third meeting of the club. Since I haven't transcribed all the minutes, I can't attest to when the last card party was mentioned.

See Appendix K: Charitable Giving for more about how the money raised from the clubs' card parties was distributed.

New Year's Parties

New Year's parties are mentioned during these meetings: December 15, 1940.

Purim Parties

Purim parties were one of the four regular celebrations mentioned in 1949; the other three were Theater and Chanukah parties and Thanksgiving Dinner. Although the minutes mention the planning of the parties, there's very little about the results.

Purim parties are mentioned during these meetings: February 12, 1941, and February 20, 1949.

Picnics

Summer picnics were a major feature of the Schilder Cousin Club from 1940 until the last picnic in July 1957. Two picnics were held most summers in Douglas, Garfield, or Jackson parks. Anyone wishing to view a home movie likely taken at the July or August 1949 picnic in Jackson Park, please get in touch with the author. A free Plex.tv account is required to stream the moving to the device of your choice.

Henry Horner Chapter invites members and guests to their meeting and card party (admission free) to be held on December 16th, at the Windermere West Hotel, 8:30 P.M. Mrs. Irving

The Annual Card Party and Dance given by the Emma S. Haskell Club for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Camp in Browns Lake, will be held Sunday, November 29, at the Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams Street, from 3 to 12 p. m.

Gail-Marks Memorial Foundation—
The annual card party and luncheon will be held Sunday, December 13, at the Albany Park Masonic Temple, 4660 N. Kedzie Avenue.

⁹⁰ The three snippets to the right are all from The Jewish Sentinel, circa 1940s.

⁹¹ See February 20, 1944 and March 10, 1946.

Appendix K: Charitable Giving

Although the club “was built to keep the family together and not for money,”⁹² charitable giving became a significant focus for the club’s outlays of money collected through activities and dues. This story thread contains an alphabetical list of organizations that received donations from the Schilder Cousin Club.

Community and War Fund — See Community Fund.

Community Chest — See Community Fund.

Community Fund — The Community Fund began life in 1930 as a Depression-era unemployment relief organization named the Emergency Welfare Fund. After various name changes and mergers, it now exists at United Way of Metropolitan Chicago.

The organization adopted the Community Chest model of funding other nonprofit agencies in 1932. In 1934, the organization changed to Community Fund of Chicago, continuing to focus on fundraising and allocations. During World War II, the Community Fund joined forces with the Community and War Fund to aid communities affected deeply by the Holocaust and the aftermath of warfare.

These meetings mentioned these charities: October 15, 1944, November 12, 1944, October 21, 1945, and September 22, 1946. The club and its members donated at least \$35.00 (approximately \$600 in 2023) to these charities.

Haganah — Haganah (“The Defense”) was the main Zionist paramilitary organization that operated for the Jewish residents in Palestine before the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. It was founded in 1920 to defend its presence in the region and was formally disbanded in 1948 when it became the core force integrated into the Israel Defense Forces shortly after the Israeli Declaration of Independence.

Haganah is mentioned on May 16, 1948, and September 19, 1948.

Palestine Labor Campaign — TBD

Jewish National Fund (JNF) — The Jewish National Fund is a non-profit organization founded in 1901 to buy and develop land in Ottoman Syria (later Mandatory Palestine, subsequently Israel and the Palestinian territories) for Jewish settlement. See Wikipedia.

Only the October 24, 1948 meeting mentions the Jewish National Fund.

Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago (JWF) — Now known as the Jewish United Fund (JUF), the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago was organized in 1936 as Chicago Jewry’s conduit for overseas relief and rescue operations and the funding of Jewish education.

These meetings mentioned the Jewish Welfare Fund: March 17, 1940, May 18, 1941, September 22, 1946, October 12, 1947, November 23, 1947, December 14, 1947, and January 25, 1948. The club donated \$125.00 (approximately \$2,700 in 2023) to the Jewish Welfare Fund.

⁹² See February 20, 1944 and March 10, 1946.

See [A Century of Caring](#) by Harold Rosen for more JUF history.

Matzos for the Poor — This is probably not the name of an organization. Jewish communities have a long history of providing for the poor at Passover so they can follow the laws.

The National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) — The Jewish Welfare Board was formed on April 9, 1917, three days after the United States declared war on Germany, to support Jewish soldiers in the U.S. military during World War I. The Board and other affiliates established the Bureau of War Records (BWR) during WWII to document the role of Jewish-American service personnel during a conflict that saw approximately 550,000 Jews serve. See [Wikipedia](#).

Red Cross — The International Committee of the Red Cross was founded in 1863 and has been the subject of significant controversy and criticism for its response to the Holocaust.

These meetings mentioned the Red Cross: [January 18, 1942](#), [March 19, 1944](#), [June 18, 1944](#), [March 18, 1945](#), [May 20, 1945](#), [October 21, 1945](#), and [February 10, 1946](#). The club donated \$75.00 (approximately \$1,230 in 2022) to the Red Cross.

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Appendix L: Military Service

Milt Nadelman, Al Greenberg, Leonard Kozak, Dave Greenberg, etc., served in the military before, during, and after World War II. Their service is documented throughout the minute book and gathered here to tell their story better. Letter writing features prominently in the narrative, with letters sent, received, and read. To support the letter-writing, the club sent stamps to the boys. For a short while, cigarettes were also sent. The minute book also includes happy moments with visits home and poignant moments after the war's end, waiting to be discharged.

Members are listed in the order their service is mentioned in the minute book.

Milt Nadelman (1914-1986) registered for the draft on October 16, 1940, and enlisted on January 7, 1941. He was discharged from the Army on October 23, 1945, having served in the Coast Artillery Corps, Anti-Aircraft Units. He was admitted to an Army hospital in May 1944 for a fever of unknown origin and was discharged back to active duty in June 1944.

To see Milt's service in context, see [January 19, 1941](#); [February 12, 1941](#); [March 16, 1941](#); [June 16, 1941](#); [September 14, 1941](#); [April 9, 1943](#); [February 18, 1945](#); [March 18, 1945](#); [June 17, 1945](#); [October 21, 1945](#); [November 18, 1945](#); and [March 18, 1945](#).

Al Greenberg (1919-1954) registered for the draft on October 16, 1940, and enlisted on April 10, 1941; he was in the Army, stationed in Germany. Al was wounded and treated at O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, in January 1945, then returned to combat. Al received the Purple Heart and left the Army as a first lieutenant. Al took advantage of his furlough opportunities, marrying Ruth Glazer in 1942 and having their first child, Harvey, in 1943.

To see Al's service in context, see [April 20, 1941](#); [May 18, 1941](#); [September 27, 1942](#); [December 13, 1942](#); [January 23, 1943](#); [May 21, 1944](#); [January 21, 1945](#); [February 18, 1945](#); [June 17, 1945](#); [October 21, 1945](#); [November 18, 1945](#); and [December 23, 1945](#).

Dave Nadelman (1912-2007) registered for the draft on June 27, 1942, while attending Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical University flight school on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Dave left Chicago to work at Patterson Field, Ohio and was then reported as going to South Carolina, then Delaware, before being discharged in early 1946.

To see Dave's service in context, see [September 27, 1942](#); [October 21, 1945](#); [November 18, 1945](#); [December 23, 1945](#); [February 10, 1946](#); and [March 10, 1946](#).

Leonard Kozak (1926-1978) registered for the draft on January 14, 1944 — his 18th birthday — and enlisted in the Navy on April 18, 1944. He was discharged on June 17, 1946. Besides his World War II draft card and Department of Veterans Affairs Death File, I don't have any military records for Leonard. From the context, I assume he was deployed on the USS Kephart and discharged as a Sailor First Class.

To see Leonard's service in context, see [April 16, 1944](#); [June 18, 1944](#); [February 18, 1945](#); [March 18, 1945](#); [June 17, 1945](#); [November 18, 1945](#); [December 23, 1945](#); and [February 10, 1946](#).

Dave Greenberg (1924-2007) registered for the draft on December 11, 1942. He was in Saipan on deployment in late 1945. Unfortunately, I don't have any additional information about Dave's service.

To see Dave's service in context, see June 18, 1944; February 18, 1945; March 18, 1945; October 21, 1945; November 18, 1945; December 23, 1945; February 10, 1946; and March 10, 1946.

Harold Shachner (1920-2021) registered for the draft on February 16, 1942.

To see Harold's service in context, see January 21, 1945; March 18, 1945; October 21, 1945; November 18, 1945; December 23, 1945; and March 10, 1946.

Norm Mittman (1926-2012) registered for the draft on August 8, 1944, his 18th birthday. He is reported as going to Honolulu, Okinawa, and Korea. Unfortunately, I don't have any additional information about Norm's service.

To see Norm's service in context, see February 18, 1945; March 18, 1945; October 21, 1945; and November 18, 1945.

Ben Mittman (1928-2018) registered for the draft on December 26, 1946, his 18th birthday. His only service-related entry in the minute book notes his release from service in 1956. In 1952 or 1953, Ben was stationed at the Army Language School in Monterey, California. Unfortunately, I don't have any additional information about Ben's service.

To see Ben's service in context, see January 15, 1956.

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Appendix M: Constitution of the Schilder Cousin Club

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the Schilder Cousin Club.

ARTICLE II

It shall be the purpose of this organization to cultivate friendly and social relations among its members and to further worthy charitable causes.

ARTICLE III

The officers of this organization shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee.

- Sec. 2 (a) It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all regular meetings.
- (b) It shall be the Vice-President's duty to perform the President's duties in the event of his absence. He shall be chairman of all committees.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to issue notices of all meetings and to record the proceedings of all meetings.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to record all the revenue and expenditures of the organization.
- (e) It shall be the duty of the Trustee to audit the financial records from time to time and see that they are in perfect order.
- (f) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep the organization's funds in his custody.

ARTICLE IV

The regular meetings of this organization shall be held on the third Sunday of each and every month of the year.

Sec. 2 Meetings shall be held at each married member's home in scheduled order.

Sec. 3 All meeting expenses are to be met by that member at whose home the meeting is held.

ARTICLE V

The Schilder Cousin Club members shall be the children of Goldie, Anna, and Bertha Schilder and their respective families.

Sec. 2 Members of this organization shall become active at 13 years, entitling them to a vote and to voice an opinion at all proceedings. These members shall be known as junior members.

Sec. 3 At the age of 18 years, a member becomes a dues-paying member and shall be known as a senior member.

Sec. 4 Any member of the Schilder Cousin Club who intermarries, they and their children shall be excluded from this organization.

ARTICLE VI

The dues of the Schilder Cousin Club shall be Three Dollars (\$3.00) a year for senior members.

Sec. 2 All monies of this organization shall be held in a bank account in the name of the Schilder Cousin Club, in a joint account between the Treasurer and Trustee.

ARTICLE VII

The President shall appoint all committees.

- (a) Ways and Means Committee
- (b) Social Committee
- (c) Junior Activities Committee
- (d) Sunshine Committee

and any other committee that the President deems necessary to appoint.

ARTICLE VIII

The nomination and election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting in November of each year, and the new officers shall take over their offices at the meeting of the following January.

Sec. 2 All officers shall be elected for a term of one year and shall not succeed himself for a period of one year.

Sec. 3 No member shall be eligible to vote or hold office unless they are paid-up members.

Sec. 4 All elections of officers shall be held by closed ballots.

Sec. 5 No elections shall be held by proxy.

Sec. 6 No junior members can hold an office.

ARTICLE IX

The procedure of regular meetings,

- Sec. 1
- (a) Call to order
 - (b) Reading of minutes
 - (c) Reports of committees
 - (d) Unfinished business
 - (e) New business
 - (f) Good and Welfare
 - (g) Dues
 - (h) Bills and Receipts

(i) Adjournment

Sec. 2 No meeting shall be legal, or the business conducted therein be binding without a quorum consisting of seven senior members.

ARTICLE X

The constitution can only be amended by the vote of a majority of two-thirds of the entire membership, present at a regular or special meeting.

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