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## *The Next Meeting*

will be held on Monday, June 1, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Clinton County Government Center, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh. The topic will be **The Jewish Presence in Clinton County: From Generation to Generation**. Dr. Henry Freedman will present the history of the Jewish community here and their involvement in the county. Dr. Freedman has written a book on the subject entitled, *From Generation to Generation, The Jewish Congregations of Plattsburgh, N.Y.*

## *New Exhibit Opens May 31, 1998*

The Clinton County Historical Association and Temple Beth Israel present an extensive exhibit of families, professions, businesses, civic and political involvement of the Jewish citizens of Clinton County, throughout the years. A reception will be held at the museum at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 31, 1998, and the public is invited. This exhibit is made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. We are also grateful for the support of The Institute of Museum and Library Services, a Federal agency serving the public by strengthening museum and libraries.

## *The board of directors*

welcomes Noel Stewart, newly elected board member. Noel lives in Peru with his family.

*Bennie I. Allen a descendant of Jabez, early settler of Peru, New York, was 12 years old when he kept this diary, "A Christmas present from Set," Dec. 25, 1894. Transcribed, edited, and contributed by Bennie's second son, Fuller Allen of Plattsburgh. Here is exactly what Bennie recorded for the month of June 1895.*

Wed. May 29, 1895

One bushel of Sheled corn ground

Fri. May 31, 1895 Went to Cumberland head Rained Ginger (a carriage horse) come very ne(a)r getting the gost (ghost) of his ass in a nother world (killed)

Sat. June 1 Wed onions Went to Peru to practis for childrens day

Sun. June 2, 1895 Went to Church Frank Ella and I Friday got my hair cut 20 cents put 5 cents in church .25 in all

Monday 3 Went to School rained Frank painted the wagon oiled the harnesses

Tues. June 4, 1895 Went to School Examen yesterday and today passed in them Ari(th). 76 spelling 84 Reading 88 spelling writing geog 79

Wednesday 5 Went to School Got excused at 2 o'clock Went to S(unday) School practised for childrens day rained soundly home(ward) horse must go

June 6, 1895 39 chickens died weasle got after them got pretty nere a wood chuck with my gun loded cocked

Friday 7 Friday bad day went back on me (he vomited)

Sat. June 8, 1895 We(e)d two rows of onions. Hunted crows with Seth & Frank got a crows nest and 4 crows one alive Frank knocked down Went to Peru rehursed for childrens day

Sunday 9 Went all right dandy Spoke goog(good) Bessie all right by Childrens Day

Mon. June 10, 1895 We(e)d tow (two rows of onions and went swimming (Ben went bathing but never learned to swim) in the river Dident hitch up (go) to School Hotter than things 103 degrees

Tuesday 11 Shit We(e)d onions Went to Seths Lawn party and woo(e)d Fengt(?)

Wed. June 12, 1895 15 chickens killed by a weasel I gess and the trap we set for him got a chicken in it Shot 3 crows and a chip manck at 3 (o'clock) shot gun is mine

Thursday 13 Dident amount to much

Fri. June 14, 1895 Seth came home from Syranac School out at two oclock went bare foot had a good time

Saturday 15 Wed (weeded) and hoed my onions chased sheep Frank and I killed dogs Seth went to Plattsburgh (and) got me some (due to lack of space this entry was not completed - see next entry.)

Sun. June 16, 1895 Went to Church Seth got me some shintto (a shinny was the curved stick used by the schoolboys in playing field hockey) from Plattsburgh layed around

Monday 17 We(e)ding onions over again Went to school

Tues. June 18, 1895 Went to Port Kent carr(i)ed mother and Seth down to the boat to go to Boston Went to sleep in school Earl and I there later than 6 O(clock)

Wednesday 19 Got some (decorative ribbons for my horse dark blue \$.15. beginning (?) Gerta gain

Thur. June 20, 1895 Frank got a hundred pound of meat had it ground awhile again had ground 1 bushel of corn

Friday 21

Rained hard a good time rode horseback Went up to Tom Daverns to see oxen (Horses first came to outnumber oxen in the county in 1817)

Sat. June 22, 1895 One bushel of Shelled corn for hens finished onions

Sunday 23 I went to Chirch had childrens day over to the other church (the stone church, which is still in use as the Community Church at the intersection of Elm and Pleasant streets in the hamlet of Peru.) drove mas carrege

Monday June 24, 1895 I went to school

Thursday 27 rained

Fri. June 28, 1895 rained

Saturday 29 I went with Snuff (a carriage horse) after seth at Port Kent from BostonSun. June 30, 1895 went to Chuirch with Ella Shit (defecate - considered vulgar)

Tues. July 2, 1895 got 3 bunches of fier crackers 5 cents a bunch 12 boxes of little caps 1 cent apiece and one box of big ones

Wednesday 3 \$.30 fier wor(k)s Sam came down

## VINTAGE CAR SHOW - and CRAFT SHOW

June 14, 1998

**HISTORIC OLD BASE OVAL, - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** There will be a record number of vintage cars. Many crafters from the surrounding area and away, clowns, carriage rides, blacksmith demonstrations, cotton candy, refreshments by The Comfort Inn, tours of the old base, an indoor cafe by Stewarts, Flanagan's Milk delivery wagon, Lozier Engine display, spinning demonstrations, Champlain Valley Model Club model train layout, Constance Anchor information, hammock raffle, courtesy of Lorraine's Tents and Tours of Saranac Lake, NY. Come join us in the spirit of celebration of Clinton County History - and **Flag Day!** There will also be a display of flags from the Museum collection.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES:** Did you know? ..... that Alder Bend in Clinton County was called Alder Brook and Palmerston in days past, or that Altona was formerly known as Sand Pit, and Aaronsburg? Submitted by Phyllis Wells.

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