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Dear Mr. Sorkin:  
Your kind letter of Febr. 27.1990, addressed to our editor, Mrs. Renate Spiegel, was turned over to me. I very much appreciate the interest you are showing to our New Light Society. We will try to support you in your endeavor, with all possible materials.

In the enclosure you will find some material, which should help you somehow in describing the functions of the New Light Society.

THE NEW LIGHT SOCIETY INC. has been founded in the year 1895 by a group of immigrants from the Southern part of Germany. The original name was CHEVRAH OR CHODOSH. Originally the cemetery was in the midst of prairie, there were no streets and the caskets had to be carried from the Lincoln Ave, to the cemetery.

The Charter of the Society was in the year 1905, the individual members are not known to us. You will find a copy of our bylaws, which should give you some kind of an idea about the Functions of the New Light Society. There is also a sheet, which gives you the present actions and the cost of the lots, membership etc. The Society is fully administered by volunteers with one exception, the caretaker.

We do have an annual luncheon for our members, with general meeting and election of officers. Our this years meeting will be a special since we are celebrating our 95th anniversary. Our other annual event is the Memorial service at the time of our high holidays on our cemetery. on which the founders, the past presidents and the members who have passed on during the year will be mentioned.

There is a festivity at the time of Decorationday, which is arranged by the American Legion of Lincolnwood. The parade of this organization will end up at our cemetery since there is not other cemetery in that town. After memorial speeches by the local dignitaries, they are decorating the grave of one of our warveterans. Among all the papers, you will find a newspaper cutout from this event. Another newspaper clipping shows the dedication of the memorial of the 6 millions, which died under Hitler. The Rabbi at the time was Rabbi Eric Friedland of Temple Sholom, in the year 1974.





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Also included is a listing of the founders of the cemetery in the year 1905, there names are on the cornerstone of the house at the cemetery. On the same page are also the names of our past presidents, as far as they are known to us. Our present President is Prof. Fred A. Turner.

I also include the bulletins which you requested. The bulletin have been newly installed under the editorship of Mrs. Renate Spiegel.

All this material should give you some kind of a story about our Cemetery Organization.

Sorry, we dont have any pictures. Our Minute books are some heavily bound books, which we cannot give out.

Should you need any more information, please get in touch with me, and I will be happy to assist you in anyway.

And where will all this material be displayed? If you have any printed material, we will be happy to receive a copy.

I will try to give you all the cooperation possible.

Sincerely yours,  
Charles K. Adler secr.

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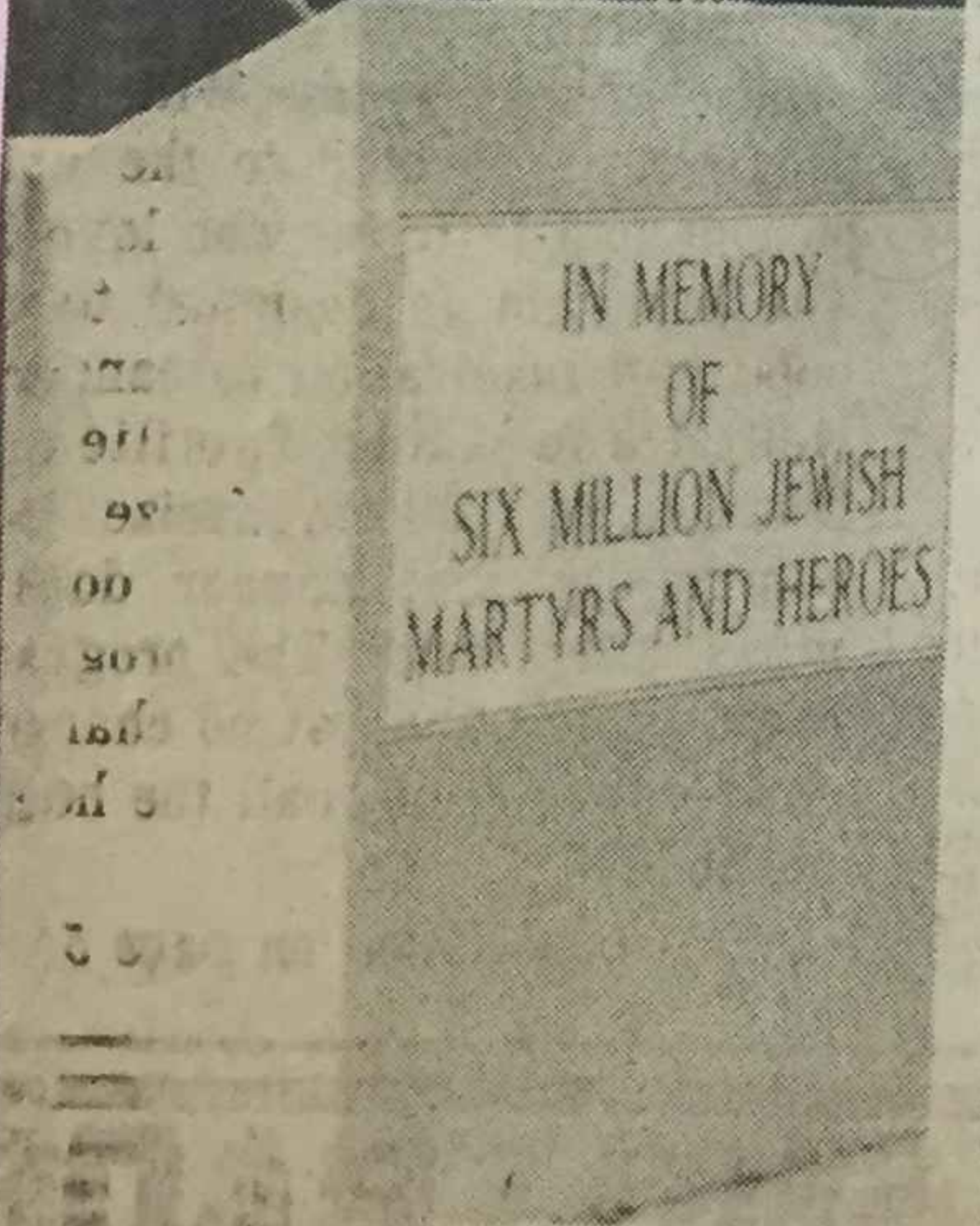
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THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1984

A LIFE NEWS



## On parade!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE in Lincolnwood featured (clockwise from top left) marching bands, the landing of Army helicopters and a speech by Mayor John Porcelli. (Photos by Ann Begam)



# NEW LIGHT SOCIETY

## Staying In Touch With Our Organization

### Second Edition

We had a great response from our first bulletin. If this continues, we may consider issuing three a year.

As previously mentioned, we are working hard on our 95th Anniversary party which will be held on April 29, 1990 at the Knickerbocker Hotel. This will be a great event for you to come and enjoy.

Ms. Shari Thau suggested, after she visited the Memorial Service and read the bulletin, that we should add a Mogen David or Menorah to the monument at the cemetery. We discussed the matter at our Board meeting and the Board thought that this was an excellent idea. We are contacting a person who will do this for us. When you come to visit the cemetery next spring or summer you will see the addition.

The Board is open to suggestions. It is no empty talk. Please come forward with new ideas and mail them to me so that they will be read and discussed at the next Board meeting. In this way we all can help and do the best for the organization.

Other suggestions that were made are that we should meet during the year for a trip with the culture bus, or lectures, games or book reviews. We also could get together for cancer or Red Cross work.



In addition, Mrs. Brenda Turner came up with another idea. She thought we should have our own message cards which can be used for any purpose. The cards show "THE NEW LIGHT SOCIETY" on the front, the inside can be used for your own messages. This card could be sold for a reasonable amount and at the same time it would benefit the organization. We are going to be discussing these and other suggestions in the future.

We received two letters which I want to share with you. Rabbi Shlomo Levine, "Please accept my thanks and in turn convey them to the leadership of the New Light Society for your thoughtfulness. It was a privilege to be able to officiate at the memorial service on September 17th. My best wishes to you and your's and all the members of the New Light Society for a good and sweet year."

Another letter from Mr. Robert Mills, Executive Director of Temple Sholom. "Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending a copy of a picture of Rabbi Eric Friedland. Rabbi Friedland meant so much to the Jewish Community and to Temple Sholom specifically. His memory is truly a blessing for all of us."

MAIL your responses. No phone calls please.

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REVISED CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

NEW LIGHT SOCIETY - CHEVRAH OR CHODOSH  
(founded in 1895)

TITLE & MEETINGS:

- 1) The name of the Society shall be:  
THE NEW LIGHT SOCIETY - CHEVRAH OR DHODOSH
- 2) The object for which it was founded:
  - a) to provide burial places for the members.
  - b) to contribute to philanthropic and cultural causes.
- 3) The annual meeting of the Society shall take place between March 15th and April 30th of each year in Chicago, Illinois.
- 4) Special meetings may be called by the President, when in his judgement, the welfare of the Society shall necessitate same or on written request of 10 members, who are in good standing. No other business shall be transacted at such meeting except as specified in the announcement for such meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FEES & DUES:

- 1) There are two groups of membership:
  - a) Family membership
  - b) Single membership (both, single men and women have the right to full membership).
- 2) Candidates for membership must be in sound health and good moral character, of Jewish faith and not under 21 years of age. The yearly membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved at the annual meeting. Membership dues are payable in advance. Members, who fail to pay the arrearages during the year, are automatically suspended and shall forfeit their rights and privileges. They may be reinstated if they pay their indebtedness within 90 days of suspension.
- 3) The price of regular lots and permit fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved at the annual meeting.
- 4) Members are granted the privilege to have non-members of the Society but of Jewish faith, belonging to their family, buried on their lot. For such burials a permit fee must be paid promptly to the Society. This charge shall be waived in the case dependents such as parents or parents-in-law.

DEATH BENEFIT:

~~In case of death of a member, the surviving spouse shall receive the sum of \$50.00. In case of death of an unmarried member this sum shall be paid so as to help defray the funeral expenses. These benefits are due only if the deceased had joined the Society before the age of 50.~~



### COMMITTEES:

The President shall appoint an auditing committee consisting of at least two members to examine the books of the treasurer and secretary of the Society at the end of each of their terms of office and they shall make a report of their findings at the annual meeting.

### OFFICERS:

- 1) The officers of the Society shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two Trustees. These officers together constitute the Board of Directors of the Society.
- 2) The President represents the Society, presides at the meetings and appoints committees, except when members are elected by motions. He counter-signs all orders of the Secretary and the Treasurer and signs all documents which require signatures.
- 3) The Vice President shall preside at the meetings when the President is absent. If the President is prevented from discharging his duties, it is the duty of the Vice President to act in his stead.
- 4) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Society, to counter-sign all orders of the Treasurer, to issue membership cards, certificates and reports requiring his signature and imprint of the seal of the Society, wherever it is required. He accepts all moneys due to the Society and receives the Treasurer's receipt for same. He shall keep an accurate account of all members financial standings. He shall furnish a list of the receipts and disbursements to the President. At the end of his term he shall deliver all books, records and other papers to his successor. He has charge of all documents, books and papers belonging to the Society and shall perform such duties as are required of him. He shall keep an accurate account of all payments made by the members. He must attend all the meetings of the Society.
- 5) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to attend all the meetings of the Society, to receive all the money from the Secretary, to pay all orders drawn on him by the President and attested to by the Secretary and such other duties as are part of his office. He is to submit quarterly financial statements to the President and the Secretary and a complete inventory and financial report at the end of each year.
- 6) All officers shall hold their office until their successors have been duly elected, qualified and installed into office. Any member aspiring to office must be in good standing as to dues and assessments.
- 7) In case there is only one nominee for the office, election for said office can be made by acclamation or majority vote.
- 8) A nominating committee consists of the Board of Directors and three members of the membership at large, appointed by the President. The acting chairman of the nominating committee shall not cast a vote except in case of a tie.
- 9) Officers shall receive expenses and such compensation as the Society deems proper.



OFFICERS: (cont.)

- 10) In the event of any officer being unable to perform his duties, the President shall appoint a temporary replacement.

RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES & DUTIES:

- 1) All members in good standing shall be entitled to equal rights, benefits and privileges.
- 2) The Society shall maintain and manage the burial grounds for the benefit of the members.
- 3) All members must procure a lot in the cemetery of the Society within the first three years after obtaining membership.
- 4) Petitions of 10 members in good standing for the purpose of amending any provision of the constitution or by-laws shall be sent to all members in good standing, the amendment is to be voted on at the next annual meeting.
- 5) The Board of Directors may change such rules and regulations as they deem proper as to style the graves, monuments, price of lots, burial regulations and fees.
- 6) In the absence of any specific rules, ROBERT RULES OF ORDER shall prevail.
- 7) Members having a lot at the cemetery of the Society may return the unused part of the same to the Society only for a pro-rata portion of the original price less administrative expenses. No other disposition can be made.
- 8) The surviving widow, who does not select to continue the membership, can retain the right to the balance of the lot by paying an annual assessment fee which is to be established by the Board of Directors.
- 9) In the event all the annual assessments are not paid by the surviving spouse or widow, the balance of the lot cannot be used in case of death until the delinquent payments are made. However, the Board has the right to waive this provision.
- 10) If a member has passed away, one of his children, who has to be a member, can take over any remaining graves in the family lot. If the survivors are minors, their guardian may elect to continue the rights to future membership by paying an annual due, to be established by the Board of Directors.
- 11) Any matter not specifically included in this constitution shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors.



## New Light Society

Staying in touch with our organization.

### An introductory issue

Our bulletin will come to you twice a year for a start. You will find up to date information ,re?."THE NEW LIGHT"

This organization was founded in 1895 as the Chevrah Or Chodosh. Many yeras ago the name was changed to the New Light Society. Dresently ,we have a membership of 300 families. We were joined during the past yera by 10 new members.

On April 29. 1990 we will celebrate the 95th anniversary with a special party and hope you will mark this date on your calender already now. Details will reach you in plenty of time. Hopefully you will bring some new members to us before the party.

We will have our memorial Service on Sept. 17. 1989 as usual, but this time ,you will hear Rabbi Dr. Shlomo D. Levine and Cantor Jerome Paddor, both of Congregation Ezra- Habonim officiating. While at the cemetery you will see the new extended road, which is a big improvement.

You will be given a chance in this bulletin to express your opinion, give us new ideas and recomandations for the improvement of the organization, you may contact me by mail please.

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