

BEYOND THE CATSKILLS:

Jewish Life in Binghamton, New York

1850-1975

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Southern Tier Jewish History Project

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Welcome to "BEYOND THE CATSKILLS."

"Beyond the Catskills: Jewish Life in Binghamton, New York, 1850-1975," an historical exhibiton of original photographs, documents and artifacts, represents the completion of the first phase of the Southern Tier Jewish History Project [STJHP]. Developed and sponsored by the Judaic Studies Program at the State University of New York at Binghamton, the STJHP is designed to study various aspects of Jewish life in this region of upstate New York. Long neglected by historians, the Southern Tier has had a rich Jewish past which reflects both local conditions as well as general patterns of development in American Jewish history.

The current exhibit displays approximately 130 original photographs and documents as well as five cases of artifacts. It is arranged chronologically into four periods and depicts a variety of themes in the development of the local Jewish community. Specifically, the exhibit illustrates the economic, religious and social life of Binghamton Jewry.

"Beyond the Catskills" will be displayed at the Studio Art Gallery on the campus of the State University of New York at Binghamton from May 17 to May 26, 1989. Gallery hours are weekdays, 10 am-noon and 2-4 pm; weekends, 1-4 pm.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Guided tours are available upon request. Please feel to ask members of the gallery staff for further information.

A remarkable number of people and institutions were involved in developing this exhibit. Approximately thirty individuals actually worked on the project and three times that number contributed archival items and artifacts to it. More than fifty foundations, individuals, institutions and organizations have supported "Beyond the Catskills" financially.

The names of all those who worked on or supported the current exhibit are listed below. If your name has been omitted, please accept our sincere apologies for the oversight.

Finally, if you would like to participate or support the next stage of the STJHP, please speak to one our staff members.

Thank you for coming to "Beyond the Catskills"! I hope you enjoy the exhibition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lance J. Sussman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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