children according to her religion. The family lived in Crested Butte for most of Block's life. In early Denver, where Block was a butcher, he took no part in the activities of the small Jewish group. Yet he gave employment to at least one Jew. He never denied being a Jew and was on friendly terms with the Jews. The brith milah (traditional ceremony of circumcision) of a son appears in Dr. John Elsner's record book, with the notation "5 years old for Joseph Block, Nov. 27, 1869, Isaac ben Joseph, chloroform." He also buried a child in the Jewish cemetery.

FOOTNOTES

1 Paul Masserman and Max Baker, The Jews Come to America; Peter Wier- niki, History of the Jews in America, p. 111.
3 The fine line of distinction between the Central European Jews and East European Jews, was not the boundaries of divided Poland, but the simple test of language. "German" Jews did not speak Yiddish, East European Jews did. This book follows the common (and incorrect but convenient) usage.
4 Denver Republican, Nov. 3, 1888, Obituary.
5 RMN, Oct. 27, 1859.
6 RMN, Nov. 17, 1859.
7 RMN, Dec. 8, 1859.
8 RMN, Feb. 23, 1860.
9 RMN, Oct. 27, 1859.
10 RMN, Aug. 13, 1859.
11 RMN, May 21, 1859.
12 RA, Oct. 9, 1907, p. 10, col. 3.
13 Ibid. Almost all sources agree, except Republican, Jan. 1, 1911, p. 6: "First meeting of Jews ... on a summer evening of 1860."
14 RA, p. 10, col. 1.
16 RA, op. cit., p. 48, col. 3. The name of Henry was supplied by his daugh- ter-in-law, Mrs. Sam Goldsmith.
17 RMN, Nov. 3, 1859.
18 Denver Lodge No. 5, "Fiftieth Anniversary."
20 RMN, Sept. 30, 1859.
21 RMN, Jan. 25, 1860.
22 "Town Record" of Auraria Town Company, Oct. 15, 1859.
23 "BB" minutes, Apr. 2, 1873.
24 Joel Gottlieb may have been related by marriage to Grumppert Goldburg. His wife, Flora, was the daughter of Mrs. Esther Morris, and sister of David Morris of Helena, where Goldburg lived. Both Gottlieb and Goldburg are mentioned in Leon Watters' book, The Pioneer Jews of Utah. Watters does not indicate that the city of Helena was named after Mrs. Goldburg.
25 Louis Anfenger received his first job from Block as a bill collector.
26 Mrs. Augusta Hauck Block. Joseph Block's daughter-in-law, agrees that a son was buried in the Temple Emanuel cemetery, because it was the best one in the area. She is certain that no brith was ever performed for his sons.