

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.²⁵ He never denied being a Jew and was on friendly terms with the Jews. The *b'rith 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.²⁶

FOOTNOTES

¹Paul Masserman and Max Baker, *The Jews Come to America*; Peter Wiernik, *History of the Jews in America*, p. 111.

²Hall, *History of Colorado*, II, p. 551. H. Z. Salomon gave the date of his arrival as February 15, 1859.

³The 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. 31, 1908, 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.

¹⁵Henrietta Bromwell, "Fifty-Niners Directory," p. 110.

¹⁶*RA*, *op. cit.*, p. 48, col. 3. The name of Henry was supplied by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sam Goldsmith.

¹⁷*RMN*, Nov. 3, 1859.

¹⁸Denver Lodge No. 5, "Fiftieth Anniversary."

¹⁹Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, p. 45.

²⁰*RMN*, Sept. 30, 1859.

²¹*RMN*, Jan. 25, 1860.

²²"Town Record" of Auraria Town Company, Oct. 15, 1859.

²³BB minutes, Apr. 2, 1873.

²⁴Joel Gottlieb may have been related by marriage to Grumpert Goldberg. His wife, Flora, was the daughter of Mrs. Esther Morris, and sister of David Morris of Helena, where Goldberg lived. Both Gottlieb and Goldberg are

mentioned in Leon Watters' book, *The Pioneer Jews of Utah*. Watters does not indicate that the city of Helena was named after Mrs. Goldberg.

²⁵Louis Anfenger received his first job from Block as a bill collector.

²⁶Mrs. 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 *b'rith* was ever performed for his sons.