

# JHSGNH NEWS

Keeping our Membership Informed With What's Been Happening Spring 2021

## Strategic Planning

Through the generosity of The Community Foundation and CT Humanities grants we have been working with Mr. Robert Serow of RLS Consulting to create a strategic plan to then implement in the coming years.

## Our Archives

We recently acquired material from the Jewish Home for the Aged and through a generous grant from The Jewish Federation will be processing and creating a collection of the material.

## Upcoming Events

- Lenders Bagel with Taste of New Haven's Colin Caplan 3/7/21 (See flier on last page)
- **Great Give Early Donations begin April 2021\***
- Virtual Annual Meeting 6/6/21\*
- \* watch for more information to follow



## We Have a New Website

You will be impressed with our new look! Visit us at

[jewishhistorynh.org](http://jewishhistorynh.org) and access interesting resources and keep

informed about our latest happenings.

## JHSGNH Mission:

*The mission of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven is to collect, publish, and preserve archival materials, and to serve as a research and educational center documenting the history of the civic, cultural and religious contributions of the greater New Haven Jewish community.*

## Ways You Can Stay Involved

- Join a Committee: we have a need for volunteers for our fundraising and membership committees
- Make a donation of materials: as you clean out your records and family memorabilia, consider donating to the archives
- Make a donation to the Great Give, that will be happening 5/5/21
- Make a donation on our website or by mail.
- Participate in upcoming programs such as Taste of New Haven's Lender Bagel Event 2/7/21. This program is to benefit JHSGNH. <https://tasteofnewhaven.com/tours/lenders-bagels-history/>

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## From Russia to New Haven.....The Podoloff Family

(This article appeared in Shalom New Haven March 2021)

Abraham and Dora Podoloff left their small town of Podol, south of Kiev in the Ukraine after a pogrom in 1888 made them realize it was time to leave. Life under Czarist Russia was becoming increasingly difficult for Jews who were targeted after Czar Alexander II was assassinated. Although the assassin was not believed to be a Jew, the anti-Semitism that arose was given legitimacy by the Russian government during this time. Life became hard as attacks that destroyed property and threatened lives of Jews became frightening and dangerous. Many Jews were forced to leave Russia.

Abraham and Dora emigrated to America, in 1890 to seek a better life, and arrived in New York where they would remain for 4 years, living in Sautucket, a small town near Port Jefferson, New York. Abraham had a connection there and found employment. After the birth of their first child and some health issues the baby had, they decided to take the ferry across Long Island Sound to the city of New Haven, home of Yale University. There, they settled and raised their family of four children.

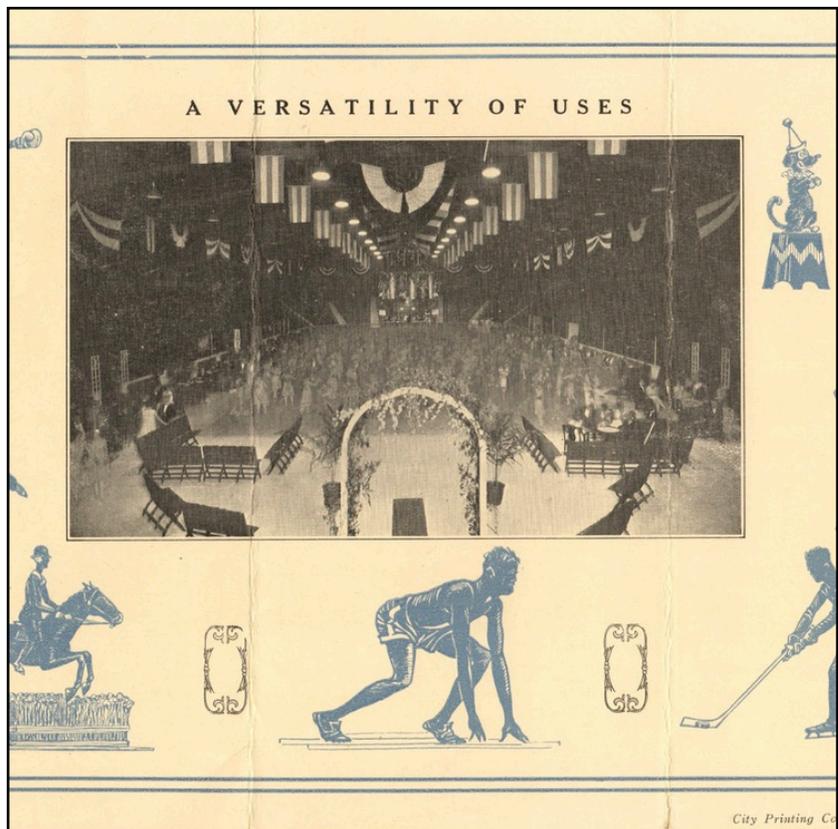
Their impact on early Jewish New Haven was broad and, through a series of ventures, they eventually acquired the land to build the New Haven Arena. The Arena opened in 1927 and was an entertainment venue that held sports, musical and other cultural events. It was the largest auditorium in the state of CT and was New Haven's showcase for entertainment and sporting events for people of all ages up until it closed in 1972.

The source for this information comes from the publication, "Jews in New Haven" Volume VII and can be accessed digitally on The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven's website [jewishhistorynh.org](http://jewishhistorynh.org).

Visit the site to read more about this important New Haven family.

Adapted by Marjorie Drucker Co-President of JHSGNH from Jews in New Haven Volume VII "The Arena Lit Up New Haven: A Century of Podoloffs" written by Hilda Myers Podoloff (pages 171 - 182)

The Arena (Photo Below from our Archives)

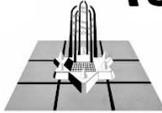


# Lender's Bagels History

Sunday March 7 - 4 PM EST

Presented by Taste of New Haven

TasteOfNewHaven.com



Percentage of proceeds  
benefit the Jewish  
Historical Society of  
Greater New Haven



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professor & food guru  
historian, author,  
Colin M. Caplan



Q&A with Marvin Lender afterwards!

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