

# THANK YOU!

## TOURING HISTORIC SEPHARDIC SEATTLE WALK, BIKE, HIKE, or BROWSE

You can “*Take a Walk Through History*” with The Washington State Jewish Historical Society. Visit the Washington Jewish Museum to take The Seattle Sephardic Tour, the society’s first digital map tour of Seattle’s historic Jewish neighborhood.

Jewish families settled in what is now known as the Central District and built synagogues, schools and a mikvah. Once the peddlers moved into storefronts, they patronized several Jewish businesses all within a few blocks. All of the Jewish synagogues and businesses are included in the tour.

With help from the Seattle Sephardic Network, community members who grew up in the neighborhood provided stories, videos, and photographs of the historic Jewish neighborhood which are included in the tour. Their memories paint a picture of the neighborhood — mothers walking to the kosher butcher shop with a few coins to buy food for their

families... teenagers visiting the soda fountain... youth groups... a coffee shop... religious and secular schools – these are just a few of the memories that are included in the tour.

**These stories are treasures that have been saved because of the support of WSJHS members, like YOU!**

When you take the tour and watch the video memories, you are drawn into a world where entire extended families lived within a few doors of each other. From this closeness grew today’s community.

The tour can be taken from your home computer or your smart phone, or you can visit the neighborhood in person.

In the old days, Seattle’s Jewish residents used to take a “shabbat stroll” and walk from synagogue to home and visiting with families along their route. Take your own shabbat stroll and learn the history you helped to save.

[wsjhs.org/sephardic-tour](http://wsjhs.org/sephardic-tour)



Top: Congregation Machzikay Hadath c.1910s , Jew2337

Middle: Sephardic Bikur Holim Junior League c.1930

Bottom: Dedication of the Talmud Torah building, October 25, 1930, Jew 1613

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# You Joined Us

## Making Our History Hours Happy

### Mission Moments, Relevant History, Reunions

This year, you have supported an amazing array of events. Together we saved history that affects countless groups across the state. We have engaged with other ethnic and historical based organizations to understand the trends of historical preservation and work collaboratively.

*You helped host multiple History Happy Hours* focused on preserving family history, culture around food and listening and viewing the history

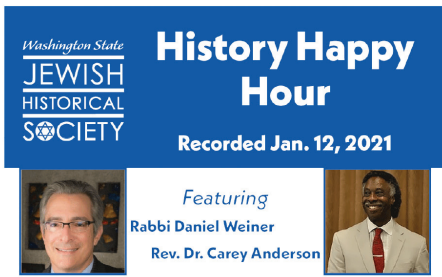
of supporting civil rights and racial equality in our state. Additionally, you helped support a phenomenal Sephardic tour showcasing a minority within a minority — a group that has such rich history in the Seattle area. Because of YOU that history can be not only shared but also experienced by generations to come.

We are so proud of the work that has been done this year and we know the next year will not only match this

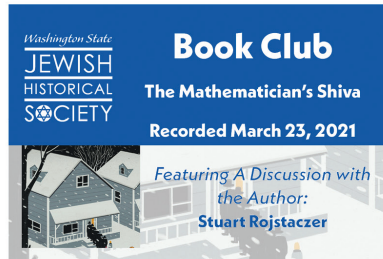
but go further and deeper than ever before. And it's all because of YOU and your continual support through the years and into the future so that we can look into the past.

Even through the trying times you have supported the never-ending mission to preserve the Jewish impacts in Washington State. **You are making history every day.**

Learn more and find recordings of previous programs at: [wsjhs.org/HHH](http://wsjhs.org/HHH)



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Take A Walk  
Through History



# "I Knew From Day One": Rear Admiral Herb Bridge

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## Remembering Herb Bridge (1925-2018)



Herb Bridge in 2010. Photo courtesy Bridge Family.

Herbert "Herb" Marvin Bridge (March 14, 1925 - April 2, 2018) was born in Seattle, Washington, the first child of Benjamin "Ben" and Sally (Silverman) Bridge. In 1948, Herb married Shirley Selesnick and raised a family, introducing his two sons to the jewelry business that spanned both branches of the family tree.

For six decades, Herb and Shirley were active civic leaders and philanthropists - driven to action with a desire to heal, improve, and repair what is wrong.

This exhibit brings together oral histories, photographs, and most vividly, digitized Bridge family home movies, providing a



Rear Admiral Herb Bridge in Uniform. Photo Courtesy Bridge Family.

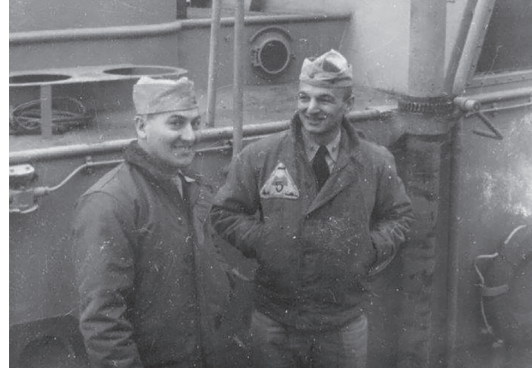


Top: Bridge Family in the Herb Bridge Welcome Hall and exhibit launch, MOHAI Sunday, October 17, 2021

Left: Washington Jewish Museum exhibit screen shot



Far Left: Ben Bridge Jeweler interior. Image Courtesy Bridge Family.



Left: Herb, on the right, with a friend while on Reserve Duty in 1963. Image Courtesy Bridge Family.

## The Rear Admiral Herb Bridge Welcome Center at MOHAI

### Features the Washington Jewish Museum Front and Center

This biographical exhibit brings together oral histories, photographs, and digitized home movies to tell the story of Herb Bridge's life and lasting impact. The exhibit title was inspired from a quote by Herb Bridge about his upbringing, "I knew from day one there was a lot riding on me. That was perfectly fine." Herb Bridge understood and respected his family's expectations which resonated in every aspect of his life.

For six decades Herb was an active civic leader and philanthropist,

focused on the concept of Tikkun Olam: Repair the World.

"*I Knew From Day One*" is featured as part of MOHAI's Rear Admiral Herb Bridge Welcome Hall. The digital exhibit and the Welcome Hall were launched with a dedication event at MOHAI on October 17, 2021. Visitors to MOHAI view the exhibit through video and interpretive panels that link directly to the *Washington Jewish Museum*.

You can see the exhibit in-person at MOHAI, or view it now on

the Washington Jewish Museum: [wsjhs.org/herbbridge](http://wsjhs.org/herbbridge)

Your desire to experience these projects shows how critical it is to preserve Washington State Jewish history.

*And it all started with YOU* – when we needed support for these programs, you joined us as members. You make this community participation possible!

# HELP NOW!

You can save  
a story for just  
\$6 per day

The lives and memories  
of our people need to  
be preserved... and  
we're losing valuable  
memories each day!  
But you can help.

It costs an average of just \$6 per day to preserve our stories and heritage. Your gift will make it possible to save an oral history with a photograph.

It costs so little to help in historic preservation – will you please provide at least one month of support for a saved memory?

Yes! Use my gift to save a story:



Your gift ensures that stories, in the Narrator's own words, are saved and available to you and the community.



Behind the scenes with Sprince Arbogast, left, and Lisa Kranseler, right, on the steps of the former Sephardic Bikur Holim and current Tolliver Temple while filming for the 2021 WSJHS virtual gala event fundraiser and exhibit release for the Seattle Historic Sephardic Jewish Tour held on Thursday, June 3, 2021.



Cut and return with your gift to 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Thank you!

## My Gift to Save a Story

Yes! I want to preserve the stories of our Jewish Community!

\$180  \$360\*  \$720  \$1800  \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*Will you consider saving stories for 2 months?

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