

THIS IS FOR THE BUS DRIVERS

LEAVE WESTIN HOTEL GO FIFTH AVE. SOUTH

RIGHT ON UNION STREET TO FIRST AVENUE TURN RIGHT

RIGHT ON VIRGINIA ST, TO FOURTH AVENUE LEFT TO CLAY ST.

LEFT TO ALASKAN WAY LEFT ON JACKSON ST.

LEFT ON TWELFTH AVE. RIGHT ON SPRUCE ST.

RIGHT ON 14th AVE. LEFT ON FIR ST.

RIGHT ON 15th AVE. LEFT ON YESLER WAY

LEFT ON 16th & YESLER TURN RIGHT ON FIR ST.

TURN LEFT ON 20th AVE. TURN RIGHT ON SPRUCE ST.

RIGHT ON 23rd. AVE. LEFT ON YESLER

LEFT ON 25th. AVE. TO CHERRY ST.

RIGHT ON CHERRY ST. TURN RIGHT ON 29th AVE.

~~RIGHT ON~~ ^{LEFT ON YESLER} 32nd. FOLLOW THE WINDING BLVD. TO 35th. AVE.

RIGHT ON 35th. to LAKESIDE SO. UNDER NEW FLOATING BRIDGE

RIGHT ON 50th. AVE SO. RIGHT ON SO. MORGAN ST.

LEFT ON SO MORGAN YOU COME BACK ON SEWARD PARK SO.

RIGHT ON SEWARD PARK SO. TO THE KLINE GALLAND HOME ON 75th.

enter THE KLINE GALLAND HOME AND MAKE A CIRCLE BACK ON SEWARD PARK AVE.

RIGHT ON SEWARD PARK AVE. ALL THE WAY TO THE LAKE (LAKE WASH. BLVD.

~~RIGHT~~ ^{LEFT} ON LA KE WASH. BLVD. ALL THE WAY TO MASSASUCHETTES ST.

LEFT ON MASSASUCHETTES TO I 90 ^{RIGHT} TO BRIDGE -

EXIT 8 to JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER MAKE CIRCLE OF THE J.C.C.

TA KE A RIGHT TO DETOUR OF ISLAND CREST WAY. *Right on Island Crest Way -*

Seattle West -

BACK TO FLOA TING BRIDGE TO I5 to WESTIN HOTEL

FOR GUIDES

By Isaac Maimon

BUS TOUR TUESDAY MAY 30th 11:45 a.m. STARTS FROM THE WESTIN

THE GUIDE SHOULD START WITH AN INTRODUCTION OF HIMSELF. NAME, PLACE OF BIRTH, PIONEER RELATIVES? IF ANY, WHAT YEAR THEY ARRIVED IN SEATTLE.

GUIDE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING THEM ON A BUS TOUR OF SEATTLE BUT ON A BUS TOUR OF SEPHARDIC HISTORIC PLACES. WHEN GUIDE DESCRIBES A LOCATION PLEASE MENTION TO MY LEFT OR TO MY RIGHT.

GUIDE SHOULD BRIEFLY DESCRIBE SEATTLE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR CITY . IT IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES WITH MANY FAMOUS SCENIC SITES. THE ENTIRE WEST COAST OF OUR CITY IS BOUND BY THE WATERS OF PUGET SOUND, WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. THE EAST SIDE OF OUR TOWN IS BOUND BY LAKE UNION AND LAKE WASHINGTON, AND THAT IS WHERE OUR THREE ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUES ARE LOCATED , CLOSE TO THE LAKE. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF BEACHES , SALT WATER AND FRESH WATER.

BELLEVUE AND MERCER ISLANDS WHERE A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF OUR SEPHARDIC PEOPLE LIVE.

ON THE RETURN BETWEEN BELLEVUE AND THE WESTIN HOTEL THE GUIDE SHOULD ASK ALL TOURISTS FROM OUT OF TOWN TO GIVE THEIR NAME AND WHERE THEY COME FROM.

CLOSE TO THE END OF THE TOUR THE GUIDES SHOULD ASK IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS THEY WANT ANSWERED , IF GUIDE CAN FURNISH THAT INFORMATION.

1. Pike Place Market - there were several of our pioneers both from the Island of Rhodes and the Island of Marmara who as young men in their native lands were acquainted with the fish business, and four of these Sephardic Jews, Solomon Calvo, Jack Policar, Nessim Alhadeff, and David Levy started making a living with a pushcart going around the neighborhoods selling fish from house to house. Calvo and Alhadeff after a few years of struggle started retail and wholesale fish places on the waterfront. David Levy decided to open up a fish market in this location, and his children and grandchildren still run this place. Jack Amon started a fish market about 65 years ago and his children are still running it. Many of our pioneers started out by opening up a fruit and vegetable stand in this Pike Place Market and when they were doing better they hired many Sephardic young men to work for them. They had a very hard time at the beginning working 16 hours a day. This market used to open at seven in the morning until eleven at night (closed on Sundays). Some of the names of our pioneers who worked in the market or owned a place were: Marco Franco, Dr. Harry Tarica, Joseph Caston, Morris Hanan, Paul Caraco, Harry Mizrahi, Menashe, Almeleh, Rousso, Muscatel, Solomon Adatto ~~Carpets~~, Isaac Altaras, Mossafer. There were at least five kosher restaurants run by Sephardic people (not at the same time). The names Baba Alhadeff, Akrish, Tacher, Altabet, and Marco Levy would be very familiar to our old pioneers. Let's not forget that sandwiches did not exist in those days, and almost everyone who worked downtown used to go and have lunch in one of these restaurants. Avicas con aroz; carne de codredo. *Savith*
2. Western Avenue - there were two of our pioneers who started a wholesale fruit and vegetable establishment. The Capeloto brothers were kitty-corner from John Calderon's on Western Avenue. Both of these families started out by opening a small fruit stand on First Avenue.
- * 3. Waterfront - as we mentioned there were two gentlemen (Alhadeff and Calvo) who started retail and wholesale fish businesses on this waterfront. Their establishments were on a dock, and the boats loaded with fish used to unload their goods. Both of these fish brokers used to hire many Sephardic people as their workers. Boats with four or five kinds of fish, salmon, halibut, snapper, sole, etc., used to come either from Puget Sound or Alaska, and in the old days, they used to have big holes in the dock where all the heads and unwanted parts of the fish were dumped into the water. Ecology in those days??
4th & Jackson - railroad depots; almost all the Sephardic Jews came through these two railroad stations in the early 1900's. Kingdome: 65,000 spectators. *12th + Jackson restaurant: Baba Alhad#ff*
- * 4. 12th & Yesler - Papoo Aronin Furniture; this Papoo Aronin was a good soul and many of our pioneers furnished their houses with furniture (mostly used) purchased from this old Ashkenazic gentleman. Dollar down, dollar a week; he trusted them all; Candiotti's Candy Shop.

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5. 13th & Washington - Sephardic Bikur Holim purchased the synagogue from the Ashkenazim who built a new one on 17th & Yesler in 1914. There was a big parade carrying the Sefer Torah to the new synagogue. The Sephardim stayed in this Kal until 1929. Now it's a school named after an old Jewish Seattle pioneer, Bailey Gatzert, mayor of Seattle 1888.
6. 14th & Yesler - grocery owned by Morris Tacher and restaurant by Isaac Altabet; avicas con aroz always on the menu.
- * 7. 14th & E. Fir - Washington Hall, all the old Ladino plays; grocery of Israel Fis (one of the first).
- * 8. 15th & E. Fir - Congregation Ezra Bessaroth; built in 1915 by Sephardic Jews from the Island of Rhodes.
9. 15th & Yesler - Reverend Behar, Rabbi Abraham Maimon, David Levy
- * 10. 16th & E. Fir - Romey's Butcher Shop; Rabbi Shapiro's synagogue, now a church.
11. 17th & E. Fir - Ahavath Ahim Congregation, mostly from Marmara and Galipoli and a few from Stanbul; started 1924 to 1942.
12. 18th & Yesler - Brenner's fist bakery.
13. 19th & E. Fir - Avram Barlia lived here; he was the Shamash of the Sephardic Bikur Holim for 50 years.
- * 14. 20th & E. Fir - Bikur Holim sanctuary built in 1929, sold in 1962; very tough time to pay the mortgage during the depression of the early 1930's.
15. 20th & E. Spruce - Herzl Synagogue built by orthodox Jews but later became Conservative.
16. 23rd & Yesler - Lippman's Bakery; Alhadeff Bakery; drugstore
17. 24th & Yesler - 24th Avenue Market started in 1933 until 1965; Jack Funes and Sam Maimon, then Isaac Maimon. Romey's Butcher; Cornell Butcher; Varon Butcher; Swans Auto Repair.
- * 18. 25th & E. Fir - solid block of Sephardic Jews; Reverend Scharhon built a couple of extra rooms in back and he used to conduct a Talmud Torah.
19. 26th & E. Fir - Rabbi Shapiro's synagogue Mahazike Adath
- * 20. 23rd & E. Spruce - Reverend Behar's Talmud Torah
21. 23rd & Jefferson - Garfield High School; many of the sons and daughters of our pioneers graduated from this institution; some of us remember when this building was a bunch of bungalows.

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- * 22. 25th & E. Cherry - Seattle Talmud Torah
- 23. 27th & E. Cherry - White Kosher Market; Brenner's second location
- 24. 28th & E. Cherry - Kosher butchers Nessim Azose, Chiprut, and Varon's Kosher Meats; drugstore.
- * 25. To Seward Park via Lake Washington Blvd; three orthodox synagogues: Congregation Ezra Bessaroth, Sephardic Bikur Holim, Ashkenazic Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath Congregation. We have hundreds of people who come to services in each one of these orthodox synagogues on Saturdays. Each synagogue has its own social hall where Kiddush and banquets are held.
RESTROOM STOP
- * 26. Caroline Kline Galland Home for the Aged
- * 27. Lake Washington Blvd to Floating Bridge (probably the longest floating bridge in the world) to Mercer Island: Stroum Jewish Community Center; Herzl Ner Tamid Synagogue; Bellevue: Brenner's.
- 28. Evergreen Bridge - UW Stadium 72,000 capacity; UW 35,000 to 40,000 students; Museum of History and Industry.
- 29. Return to Westin Hotel

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3. Waterfront - Palace Fish and Whiz Fish Co. ^{owner} Nessim Alhadeff was the sole owner. There were eight brothers in that family and Nessim Alhadeff put all of his brothers to work in these two fish establishments. Two of the sons of Nessim Alhadeff are with us and retired gentlemen.
4. Condiotti's Candy Shop - Bohor Condiotti in 1915 opened up an Oriental type of candy shop. He used to make his own halvah, sujuk, mavlaches. He used to roast his own pipitas and bilibizes. Yogurt, sutlach, and almost anything that our pioneers used to eat in the Old Country. Later, he moved his shop to 20th & Yesler.
7. Washington Hall - In the late 1910's and 1920's there were a lot of new Sephardic immigrants who did not speak any English, especially the married ladies who stayed home all day cooking, washing, and cleaning house, so all they spoke was Ladino, so our pioneers used to give plays in Ladino in this hall to audiences of 300-400 people. There was a Mr. Leon Bahar who brought many Ladino stories and plays with him from Stanbul and they used to call him "El Director." He produced many of these plays.
8. Congregation Ezra Bessaroth - Built in 1917 by members who came from the Island of Rhodes. In the early 1900's they were all together worshipping with those who came from Turkey, but in 1910 each one of those two groups decided to have a place of their own mainly because of their customs, traditions, and the manner in which they conducted their religious services. This building was sold and the Ezra Bessaroth built in Seward Park, first a Social Hall then a sanctuary.
10. Joseph Romey was probably the first Sephardic butcher in Seattle. He used to raise goats in the backyard which sometimes were slaughtered in the back of the butcher shop. Rabbi's Shapiro's members built a large sanctuary called Herzl which later split into Orthodox and Conservative. Rabbi Shapiro who was very orthodox moved into a home to pray with his members who later built their own synagogue on 26th & E. Fir.
14. Sephardic Bikur Holim cost of building in 1929 was \$28,000. Sold in 1962 for \$85,000.
18. 25th & Yesler - all the way to Cherry Street almost all Sephardic Jews in the 20's, 30's, and 40's. To mention a few: Haim Leon, Piha, Scharhons, Benezra, Tarica, Mayos, Muscatel, Capelotos, Baroh, Azose, Babani, Calderon, Barokas, Eskenazi.
20. Rev. David Behar served as spiritual leader of the Ezra Bessaroth for over 50 years. He raised a family of eleven and besides being the Hazan, Shohet, and official of weddings, he had to have a supplementary income in order for him to support a large family, so he operated a Sephardic Talmud Torah for many years.
22. Seattle Talmud Torah - many of our young men and women received their Jewish education in this institution which later became the Seattle Hebrew Day School. Now we have a Seattle Hebrew Academy where a good per-cent of the students are Sephardic. This academy has a high school and a Yeshiva Or Hasafon where they go for higher learning.

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25. On the way to Seward Park on Lake Washington Blvd, several Seattle residents built homes on the Lake. Some of these are Solomon Calvo, John Calderon, Nessim Alhadeff, Morris Israel, etc. Congregation Ezra Bessaroth - over 300 families - Rabbi William Greenberg, Hazan Isaac Azose. Puts out a monthly newsletter, the Clarion. Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation - over 300 families - Rabbi Simon Benzaquen from Venezuela and Hazan Frank Varon. Puts out a monthly newsletter La Boz with a circulation of over 600. Many members who move out of town want news from home so they get La Boz mailed to them.
26. one of the cleanest and best old-age homes. It has received many awards for its programs and services. Strictly kosher.
27. Stroum Jewish Community Center has a branch in North Seattle and serves the entire Jewish population of greater Seattle. They have classes for the school children, and all the Seattle sponsored programs are held here.