

ROBERTSON

Robertson
1997
For Jewish Committee
Beit Hachofetz

Earliest Jewish Presence: Early 1890's

Last Jewish Presence: 1997 (Current)

OVERVIEW

Robertson is a picturesque town in the south west Cape, east of Worcester and the hub of a cluster of small towns in the area. It is principally a farming and wine producing area.

The first Jewish settlers are thought to have come to the town before the end of the last century. The Jewish population peaked in 1904 with 140 Jewish people and then declined steadily. There is one Jewish couple left there. The community was a close-knit one and apparently enjoyed good relations with the non-Jewish population. There is no record of anti-semitism.

Apart from farming, many Jews were active in business and the professions. They appeared to have been generally prosperous.

The synagogue was built and consecrated in 1896. The Talmud Torah and the cemetery also served the needs of neighbouring communities (e.g. Montagu). Jewish cultural and Zionist societies also flourished. Many Robertson Jews made a significant contribution to both Jewish and secular life in the town and beyond.

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### A: LOCATION AND ORIGIN OF SETTLEMENT

Part of Other Centre:

Geographic Description: Situated in the western Cape.

Geographic Coordinates: P.04; 3319

Nearby Major Centre/Large Town: 178 km north east of Cape Town; 46 km south east of Worcester.

Origin of Settlement: Robertson was established in 1853 on the farm "Over het Roode Zand". The town attained municipal status in 1902 and is named after Dr William Robertson, first minister of the Dutch Reformed Church in Clanwilliam and minister of Swellendam from 1834 to 1871. Robertson is situated in a fertile valley and is one of the most important wine growing districts, known for its sherry, dessert wines and liquors. Other crops grown here are fruit, lucerne, almonds, coriander, vegetables and wool. The De Jong Typo Press has operated in Robertson since 1875 and is one of the oldest printing works in South Africa. Robertson was a thriving centre of ostrich farming from the late 1880s till approximately 1914, when World War I broke out.

Neighbouring Towns where Jews lived: Ashton, Bonnievale, Bredasdorp, McGregor, Montagu, Swellendam, Worcester.

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Common Name of Jewish Congregation: Robertson Hebrew Congregation

Formally Affiliated Jewish Congregations:

Association with Jews in neighbouring places: Jews from the surrounding towns of Montagu, Buffeljagsrivier, Heidelberg, Bredasdorp, Swellendam, Bonnievale, Ashton and McGregor belonged to the Robertson Hebrew Congregation.

### B: ORIGIN OF JEWISH POPULATION

### Early Settlers in ROBERTSON

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| Community | Last Name    | First Name   | Date of Arrival                      | Country of Origin   | Occupation before Coming Here                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Occupation Here                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Reason for Moving                                                                          |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ROBERTSON | Abramowitz   | Sam          | 1902 to SA; c. 1909 to Robertson     | Russia              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Behrman      | Louis        | c.1902 to SA                         | Mihan, Poland       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Produce buyer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Comay        | Alexander    | 1903 to Cape Town; 1909 to Robertson | Subotsh, Lithuania  | Mr Comay started out as a "smous" in Cape Town with a £10 loan from the Standard Bank and a credit limit of an additional £10 from the wholesale firm J W Jagger & Co. In later years he owned a greengrocer store in Harrington St, Cape Town. | Mr Comay was involved in the ostrich feather industry and owned two farms and a large flock of ostriches. The feather industry collapsed and in 1916 with the outbreak of World War I, and in 1916 he decided to move to George. His wife and children followed him in 1917. | He came to Robertson because he wanted to become involved in the ostrich feather industry. |
| ROBERTSON | Marks        | Mr I         | c.1889 to SA                         |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Feather buyer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Rosenzweig?? | David        |                                      |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Sandler      | Guttel       | c.1899 to SA                         | Ponevezh, Lithuania |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Produce and feather buyer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Sandler      | Hessel Moses | 1907                                 | Lithuania           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Schachat     | Perez        | c.1900 to SA                         | Kovno, Lithuania    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General dealer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Solomon      | Harry        | c.1902 to SA                         | Goldingen, Latvia   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Watchmaker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                            |
| ROBERTSON | Zurnamer     | Marcus       | c.1899 to SA                         | Shavli, Lithuania.  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | General dealer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |

## C: JEWISH POPULATION FIGURES

### OFFICIAL CENSUS DATA

|       | Jews | Whites | Total | Jews  | Whites | Total | Jews  | Whites | Total | Jews  | Whites | Total | Jews  | Whites | Total |
|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1904: | 40   |        |       | 1936: | 110    |       | 1951: | 58     |       | 1980: | 14     |       | 1991: | 13     |       |

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## COMMUNITY RECORDS

Rabbi Duschinsky 1964: 31

Rabbi Engel 1980/1:

Matzo: 75

SAJBD: 104

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA

The Jewish community grew with the ostrich feather boom and reached its peak at the start of World War I. Community records indicate that there were 150 Jews in Robertson in 1912; 110 in 1917-19; 60 in 1956 until about 1965; 26 in 1967-68; 15 in 1976-77. (The SAJBD survey of 1953 included the Jews from Montagu.)

## D : INFORMAL COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

Religious Services Prior to  
Establishment of Jewish Institutions:

Cultural / Social /  
Recreational Activities:

Lay Officers and Leaders:

## E : FORMAL COMMUNAL INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES

Synagogue ☒ Communal Hall ☐ Congregation ☒ Minister's House ☒ Cemetery ☒ Shechita ☒ Jewish Education ☒ Mikveh ☐

## Jewish Institutions in ROBERTSON

### Robertson Hebrew Congregation

#### Paid Officials

Rev B Klein: c.1895, was the shochet, cantor, and mohel until c. 1912.  
Rev J I Levine: appointed c. 1912 until 1922  
Rev M L Mazur 1922  
Rev Shmuel Yehuda Josefowitz: 1922 until the mid 1970's.

#### Type

Congregation

Year Est. 1895

Date  
ceased to  
exist

Late 1960's

#### Lay Officers

In 1896 Mr A Buirski (of Swellendam) was President of the Robertson Hebrew Congregation.

The Jewish Year Book, London, 1897/98 lists the following committee:

President: Mr A Rosenthal

Treas: Phillip Buirski

Sec: Mr Eli Buirski (of Swellendam)

Jewish Chronicle London, 31 Dec 1897 lists the following committee:

President: Mr L Rosenzweig

Treas: Mr Eli Buirski

Committee members: Messrs J Johansberg, M Cornick, S Cohen, L Silbert.

#### Miscellaneous

The Robertson Hebrew Congregation was founded around 1895. It was represented at the first congress of the SAJBD in 1912 in Bloemfontein.

Robertson was regarded as the religious centre of the district and Jews from surrounding towns, eg Swellendam, Montagu, Ashton, McGregor, Buffeljagsrivier, Heidelberg, Bredasdorp and Bonnievale belonged to the congregation and attended services here. Children from the surrounding area attended boarding school in Robertson and also received training for their barmitzvahs. From about 1954 the Robertson Hebrew Congregation was referred to as the Robertson & Districts Congregation. From the mid 1960's it was noted as the Robertson & Swellendam Hebrew Congregation. The congregation remained fairly active until the late 1960's. By 1973 discussions were

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underway with the SAJBD with regard to the disposal of congregational assets and the adoption of a constitution.

### Robertson Synagogue

#### Paid Officials

#### Miscellaneous

On the 23 March 1896, Rev A P Bender, of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, consecrated the synagogue which had been designed by H C Marcus and built by Solomon Zurnamer. He was assisted by Rabbi B Klein and the ceremony was attended by leading public men representing the different denominations. The following day the ministers of the Protestant Church of England and the Wesleyan Church visited Rev Bender.

On 19 August 1896 Rev A P Bender dedicated a torah to the congregation. In 1900 a ladies' gallery was built as an addition to the synagogue at a cost of £60. In 1987 Rabbi Zaiden arranged for prayer books and other religious articles to be buried in the "geniza" grave in the Montau cemetery. The sifrei torah were donated to Herzlia School and to the Jewish Aged Home in Cape Town. Some of the books were given to the Claremont Hebrew Congregation in Cape Town. At this time the affairs of the synagogue were handled by Leslie Saacks and Louis Rosenzweig. In 1996 the synagogue was reported to be extremely old and in poor condition. Since then it has been used as a talmud torah once a month.

Type Synagogue

Year Est. 1896

Date  
ceased to  
exist

#### Lay Officers

### Robertson Jewish Cemetery

#### Paid Officials

#### Miscellaneous

On 20 August 1896 Rev A P Bender consecrated the new burial ground. Members of other churches were present at the ceremony. The first grave is that of an infant, David Rosenzweig who died on 5 Jan 1898. The cemetery has a Taharah house.

The cemetery was visited by Rabbi Zaiden in 1988, 1989 and 1991. He reported that it was in good condition. The cemetery is currently (1998) maintained by the Saacks family and the Robertson municipality.

Type Burial Ground

Year Est. 1896

Date  
ceased to  
exist

#### Lay Officers

### Ritual slaughtering

#### Paid Officials

#### Miscellaneous

Shechita was performed by the resident reverend of the time.

Type Shechita

Year Est.

Date  
ceased to  
exist

#### Lay Officers

### Robertson Hebrew School / Talmud Torah

#### Paid Officials

#### Miscellaneous

A Hebrew School (Talmud Torah) operated from 1895, with 20 scholars. In 1920 there were 37 pupils. Children, especially boys, from neighbouring communities came to school in Robertson to attend Talmud Torah classes in the afternoon. Rev & Mrs Josefowitz took in boarders from the surrounding villages and settlements until 1941 when young Ralph Abramowitz from Montagu was drowned. For approximately 30 years the Robertson Hebrew School lay dormant until it was re-established by the Cape Board of Jewish Education in 1996. Cantor Stuart Serwator travels from Cape Town once a month to give classes, which are held in the old synagogue, to the children of four families in the district which incorporates Robertson, Ashton, McGregor, Bonnievale and Montagu.

Type Jewish Education

Year Est. 1895

Date  
ceased to  
exist

#### Lay Officers

### Robertson Jewish Burial Society

#### Paid Officials

#### Miscellaneous

Type Burial Society

Year Est. 1896

Date  
ceased to  
exist

#### Lay Officers

President & Treasurer (1903) - Mr L Rosenzweig

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## Roberston Zionist Association

### Paid Officials

| <u>Type</u>         | <u>Communal Organization</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <u>Year Est.</u> | <u>Date<br/>ceased to<br/>exist</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Lay Officers</u> | On 27 Oct 1912 a committee of nineteen members was formed.<br><br>Committee of the Zionist Association and Debating Society (1917):<br>President & Treas.: Rev J I Levine<br>Sec. & Treas.: Miss J Sandler<br><br>Committee of the Zionist Association (1929):<br>President: Rev S Josefowitz<br>Hon. Sec: M Schachat | 1912             |                                     |

### Miscellaneous

The Roberston Zionist Association was established on Sunday, 27 October 1912. Advocate Morris Alexander and Messrs Schwartz and Zuckerman travelled from Cape Town to form the association. Zionists from Robertson participated in various fundraising campaigns. The association was represented at the annual Zionist conferences from 1912. The last mention of the Zionist Association was in 1945.

During the years 1917 until 1928 mention is made of the Zionist Association and Debating Society, but it is unclear whether it was a separate society from the Zionist Association.

## Jewish Philanthropic Society

### Paid Officials

| <u>Type</u>         | <u>Communal Organization</u>                                                                                            | <u>Year Est.</u> | <u>Date<br/>ceased to<br/>exist</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Lay Officers</u> | First committee (1909):<br>President: Mr L Rosenzweig<br>Treas.: Mr J Goldberg<br>Hon. Sec.: Rev B Klein & George Marks | 1909             |                                     |

### Miscellaneous

The Jewish Philanthropic Society was founded in 1909.

## Young Israelite Club & Literary Society

### Paid Officials

| <u>Type</u>         | <u>Youth Organization</u>                                                                                                  | <u>Year Est.</u> | <u>Date<br/>ceased to<br/>exist</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Lay Officers</u> | 1917 committee:<br>Hon. Pres. & Lecturer: Rev J I Levine<br>Chairman: J Radomski<br>Treas.: Miss R Tieger<br>Sec.: H Hirsh | c. 1917          | 1920                                |

### Miscellaneous

The first reference to this society is in 1917 and the last in 1920. Thereafter it would appear that the name of the society changed to the Young Israel Society.

## Robertson Junior Zionist Society

### Paid Officials

| <u>Type</u>         | <u>Youth Organization</u>              | <u>Year Est.</u> | <u>Date<br/>ceased to<br/>exist</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Lay Officers</u> | Chairlady (1934): Miss Esther Goldberg |                  |                                     |

### Miscellaneous

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## Robertson Young Israel Society

### Paid Officials

| <u>Type</u>         | <u>Youth Organization</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Year Est.</u> | 1917 | <u>Date</u><br><u>ceased to</u><br><u>exist</u> | 1938 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------|------|
| <u>Lay Officers</u> | Committee (1921):<br>Hon. Pres.: Rev J I Levine<br>Chairman: S Hoffman<br>Treas.: Miss E Sandler<br>Sec.: Miss E Hirsh                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |      |                                                 |      |
|                     | On 11 April 1926 a general election was held and the following committee was formed:<br>President: Mr I Groll<br>Vice President: Mr W Stupel<br>Hon. Secretary: Mr P Goldberg<br>Hon. Treasurer: Mr K Sandler<br>Committee members: Miss R Kushner<br>Messrs S Schachat, D Sandler & M Goldberg. |                  |      |                                                 |      |

### Miscellaneous

Rev Levine formed the Young Israel Society which was one of the first in SA.

It would appear that the Young Israelite Club and Literary Society was the forerunner to the Young Israel Society. The first mention of the Robertson Young Israel Society is in 1917 and the last reference in 1938. The society was represented at the annual Zionist Conferences from 1924.

In 1922 Rev Levine published "The Robertson Quarterly", the mouthpiece of the Young Israel movement.

## Minister's house

### Paid Officials

| <u>Type</u>         | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Year Est.</u> | <u>Date</u><br><u>ceased to</u><br><u>exist</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Lay Officers</u> |                  |                  |                                                 |

### Miscellaneous

Rev & Mrs Josefowitz lived in a house next to the synagogue. In 1964 this house was let by the congregation for £15. (Rev Josefowitz was then living at the Commercial Hotel.) In 1981 the house was still being let. The proceeds were applied towards the payment of rates and the maintenance of the house, the synagogue and the cemetery.

## : ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF JEWISH POPULATION

A community grew with the ostrich feather boom and there were several feather buyers among the early settlers until the feather industry collapsed around 1916. In the late 1940's most of the Jews were engaged in commerce, with some farmers, several hoteliers, a tailor, a doctor, a bookkeeper, a cinema owner and a clerk. Other activities included: a wagonmaker, a tinsmith, a school teacher, produce dealers and butchers.

## : SOME JEWISH PERSONALITIES

## Prominent Jews in/from ROBERTSON

| <u>Community</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>First Name</u> | <u>Prominent in Local</u><br><u>Jewish Affairs</u> | <u>Prominent in Local</u><br><u>Secular Affairs</u> | <u>Prominent Elsewhere in</u><br><u>Jewish Affairs</u> | <u>Prominent Elsewhere in</u><br><u>Secular Affairs</u> |
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| <u>Community</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>First Name</u> | <u>Prominent in Local Jewish Affairs</u> | <u>Prominent in Local Secular Affairs</u> | <u>Prominent Elsewhere in Jewish Affairs</u> | <u>Prominent Elsewhere in Secular Affairs</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ROBERTSON        | Blaiberg         | Dr Philip         |                                          |                                           |                                              | Recipient of the second heart transplant performed world-wide. Ther operation was performed at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town in 2 January 1968. Mr Blaiberg lived in Robertson for 6 years, c. 1933-39.                                                                                                                        |
| ROBERTSON        | Fleischmann      | David             |                                          |                                           |                                              | During the Second World War, David Fleischmann, born in Robertson and later of Bulawayo, was part of a group of Rhodesian soldiers who fought in a campaign which resulted in the temporary evacuation of British Somaliland. He was awarded the Military Medal and was probably the first Rhodesian Jew to be decorated in the war. |
| ROBERTSON        | Josefowitz       | Mr A              |                                          | Deputy Mayor c. 1960-62                   |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| ROBERTSON        | Lazarus          | Sydney            |                                          |                                           |                                              | He was the first South African to fall in action in the Second World War. He was shot down by the Italians near El Wak.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| ROBERTSON        | Sklaar           | Monty             |                                          |                                           |                                              | Born in Roberston in 1921. Mayor of Johannesburg 1976-77.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## H : ANTI - SEMITISM

## I : COMMUNITY TODAY

Number of Jews Living in the Community as of 1997  Where do they Attend Synagogue?

Is the Community Formally Organized / Miscellaneous Association with Jews in neighbouring places: In 1997 there were 11 Jews living in Robertson and the surrounding districts.

## J : LIST OF RESIDENTS (FORMER AND PRESENT)

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## Residents of ROBERTSON

| <u>Last Name</u> | <u>First Name</u>        | <u>Occupation</u> | <u>First Ref</u> | <u>Last Ref</u> | <u>Xref Place</u> | <u>Comments</u>                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Abramowitz       | Mr & Mrs A               |                   | 1924             |                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Abramowitz       | Mr & Mrs Sam & family    | General dealer    | c. 1909          |                 |                   | Married Cissie Cohen and had two children: Donald & Roselyn. Had a third child, Mary, with his second wife Rose.                                                                     |
| Abramowitz       | Donald & Lucia & family  | General dealer    |                  | 1975            |                   | Son of Mr & Mrs Sam Abramowitz. Donald took over his father's shop and lived in Robertson for 50 years. Three children: Joseph, Sorrel, Rael.                                        |
| Ansell           | Mr "Cookie"              | Bank clerk        |                  |                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Behrmann         | Mr & Mrs Louis & family  | Produce Buyer     | c.1902           |                 |                   | Came from Mihan, Poland and had been in SA for about 3 years when he applied for naturalization in 1904-5. Also lived in Nuy and Worcester.                                          |
| Belonsky         | Mr & Mrs                 | Hoteller          |                  |                 |                   | Lived at Ashton.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Berman           | Mr                       | Watchmaker        |                  |                 |                   | Moved to Cape Town.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Bernstein        | Mr & Mrs B               |                   |                  |                 |                   | Married Janie Lewin.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Bialberg         | Dr Phillip & Eileen      | Dentist           | c. 1933          | c. 1939         |                   | Lived in Robertson for about 6 years.                                                                                                                                                |
| Blumberg         | Meyer & Lena & family    | Hoteller          | 1930             | c.1965          |                   | Came from Swellendam in 1930. Four children born in Swellendam: Naomi, Louis, Kayda and Sylvia. Ran the Commercial Hotel until 1945. Moved to Cape Town c. 1965. Meyer died in 1968. |
| Blumberg         | Mr & Mrs Jonathan        |                   | 1995             |                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Blusger          | Solomon & Sarah & family | Shopkeeper        | 1919             | 1921            |                   | Previously lived in Stellenbosch. Five children: Ann (b 1899), Sophy, Ray, Miriam & Izak.                                                                                            |
| Bulrski          | Phillip                  |                   | c.1897           |                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Chait            | Mr                       | Hoteller          |                  |                 |                   | Moved to Bredasdorp.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Cohen            | Mr & Mrs Wolf & family   |                   | 1914             |                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| ohen       | S                               |                               | 1897   |      | In partnership with one of the Zurnamer's.                                                                                                                                     |
| ollitz     | Mr                              |                               |        |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| omay       | Aaron                           |                               | 1912   |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| omay       | Alexander & Clara & family      | Ostrich feather industry      | 1909   | 1916 | Three children: Michael, Harry & Gerald.<br>Moved to George.                                                                                                                   |
| ornick     | Mr & Mrs M                      | General dealer                | 1897   |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Daniels    | Mr                              |                               |        |      | Lived at Ashton.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Doms       | Diane                           |                               | 1995   |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Drusinsky  | Mr & Mrs G & family             | Shopkeeper                    | 1919   | 1921 | Children: Frank & Blanche.                                                                                                                                                     |
| Dvortz     | Mr & Mrs M                      | General dealer; produce buyer | 1921   |      | Two daughters.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Elkin      | Mr & Mrs G & fam                |                               | 1919   |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Epstein    | Mr & Mrs Ivan                   |                               | 1995   | 1997 | Lived at McGregor. Moved to Cape Town.                                                                                                                                         |
| Epstein    | Reuben & Ettie & family         |                               | 1964   | 1986 | Ettie was the daughter of Rev & Mrs<br>Josefowitz. Rubie was the co-owner of<br>Commercial Hotel with Abe Josefowitz, his<br>brother-in-law. Children: Issy, Solly &<br>Chano. |
| Epstein    | Solly & Valerie & family        | Hoteller                      | 1978   | 1986 | Son of Reuben & Ettie Epstein and<br>grandson of Rev S J Josefowitz. Married<br>Valerie Neckridge. Children: Gordon &<br>Martin. Came back to live in Robertson in<br>1978.    |
| Fleischman | Mr & Mrs & family               |                               |        |      | Went to Bulawayo and son David served<br>in the armed forces in the Second World<br>War.                                                                                       |
| Franco     | Rachel                          |                               |        |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Friedman   | Mr & Mrs & family               | Shopkeeper                    |        |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Gluckman   | Joseph                          | Farmer                        |        |      |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Goldberg   | Mr & Mrs Jacob (Japie) & family | Farmer                        | c.1918 |      | Married Ray Tieger. Five children: Percy,<br>Mokkie, Willie, Esther & Joyce. Moved to<br>Pretoria to join their children.                                                      |

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| Soldman    | Lionel                 |                                 |        |        | Converted to Christianity and became a Methodist minister.                                                                                                                        |
| Goldstone  | Mrs                    |                                 | 1933   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Greenwall  | Edward                 |                                 | 1912   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Greenwall  | Joseph                 |                                 | 1912   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Greenwall  | Mr & Mrs               | Shopkeeper                      |        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Groll      | Hyman & Sarah & family | Tailor                          | 1918   |        | Children: Isaac, Edie & Becky.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Groll      | Isaac                  | Bookkeeper                      | 1926   |        | Son of Mr & Mrs Hyman Groll.                                                                                                                                                      |
| Groll      | Mr J                   |                                 | 1947   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Hessel     | Moses & Ann & family   |                                 |        |        | Nee Blusger                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Hirsch     | Mr & Mrs & fam         |                                 | 1917   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Hirshowitz | Mr                     |                                 |        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Hoffman    | Mr & Mrs S & family    | Café owner                      | 1921   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Hotz       | Mr & Mrs L & fam       | Hotelier                        | 1919   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Hurwitz    | Mr P                   |                                 |        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Israelsohn | Dr & Mrs Moses         | Doctor; Mrs - elocution teacher | 1930's |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Jacobs     | Isaac                  | Shopkeeper; farmer              |        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Jacobs     | Mr A                   |                                 |        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Johansberg | Mr & Mrs J             |                                 | 1897   |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Josefowitz | Rev & Mrs S J & family | Minister                        | 1922   | 1975   | Two children: Abe & Ettie. Rev Josefowitz continued to live in Robertson after the synagogue had stopped functioning. He died in the late 1970's in Cape Town where he is buried. |
| Josefowitz | Mr Abe S               | Hotelier                        | 1964   |        | Son of Rev & Mrs Josefowitz. Joint hotel owner with brother-in-law, Reuben Epstein.                                                                                               |
| Kirstein   | Ernst                  | Barman                          |        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Klein      | Rev & Mrs B            | Minister                        | c.1895 | c.1912 | First reverend in Robertson.                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Cramer    | Mr & Mrs Sol            | Tailor?                              | 1964   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Cushner   | Mr & Mrs A & fam        |                                      | 1919   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Cushner   | Mr & Mrs S & family     | Shopkeeper                           | 1930   |               | Children: Mathas, Isaac, Ray, & ?                                                                       |
| La Cock   | Mr & Mrs & fam          | Shop assistant                       |        |               |                                                                                                         |
| Laich     | Elia                    | Owner of mineral water works         | 1933   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Lazarus   | Mr & Mrs Lewis & fam    | Farmer                               |        |               | Son Sydney?????                                                                                         |
| Le Grange | Mr                      |                                      |        |               |                                                                                                         |
| Leuw      | Louis                   | Hotelier                             | 1937   |               | Ran the Masonic Hotel                                                                                   |
| Leuw      | Mr & Mrs Arthur Gerald  |                                      | 1939   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Levine    | Mr I (Sonny?)           |                                      | 1921   |               | Son of Rev & Mrs J Levine. Also became a minister.                                                      |
| Levine    | Rev & Mrs J I & family  | Minister                             | c.1912 | c.1922        |                                                                                                         |
| Lewis     | Mr & Mrs & family       |                                      | 1900   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Lipschitz | Moshe                   | Butcher, skin & hide merchant        | 1926   | 1934          |                                                                                                         |
| Lipshitz  | Mr & Mrs Harry & fam    |                                      | 1923   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Lisus     | Brian                   | Maker of string musical instruments. |        | 1998 (Current | Currently (1998) living in Robertson.                                                                   |
| Marks     | Mr & Mrs Isaac & family | Feather buyer                        | c.1889 |               | Children: Sam, George, David, Abe, Rosie & Katie.                                                       |
| Marks     | George                  |                                      | 1909   |               | Son of Mr & Mrs I Marks.                                                                                |
| Mazur     | Rev & Mrs M L           | Minister                             | 1922   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Millin    | Harry & fam             |                                      | 1913   |               |                                                                                                         |
| Millin    | Mr & Mrs & family       |                                      |        |               | Mrs Rosie Millin was born Zurnmer. Children: Jane, Louis (Boet), Esther, Ethel, Harry (Kaiser) & Enoch. |
| Moss      | Mr & Mrs & family       |                                      |        | 1986          |                                                                                                         |
| Movshon   | Mr & Mrs & family       |                                      |        |               | Daughter Rosaline, a musician c.1938, was born in Robertson.                                            |

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| ck                          | Mr & Mrs & family              |                              |        |                | Lived at Ashton.                                                                                                            |
| lenaar [previously Lapiner] | Mr & Mrs B & fam               | Shopkeeper                   | 1933   |                | Came from Port Elizabeth in mid 1930's. Three children: Alec, Lionel (Tussie) & Joyce.                                      |
| into                        | Norbert & Ilse & family        | Butcher                      | c.1935 |                | Refugees from Germany. Married Ilse Straus. Two children: Ralph & Inge.                                                     |
| lehn                        | Isidore & Pauline              | Hotelier                     | 1921   |                | Married Pauline Silbert. Children: David, Kalie, Joan & "Ounooi". Mrs Plehn married Mr Isaac Schatz, also of Robertson.     |
| Prisman                     | Mr                             |                              |        |                | Lived at Ashton.                                                                                                            |
| Radomski                    | Mr J                           |                              | 1917   |                |                                                                                                                             |
| Rom                         | Mr                             |                              |        |                |                                                                                                                             |
| Rosenthal                   | Mr & Mrs A                     |                              | 1897/8 |                |                                                                                                                             |
| Rosenzweig                  | Louis                          |                              |        | 1997(Current)  | Still living in Roberston (1997). Son of Asher & Janie Rosenzweig.                                                          |
| Rosenzweig                  | Asher & Janie & family         | Cinema owner; hotelier       | 1912   | 1986           | Son of Mr & Mrs Lewis Rosenzweig, born in Robertson. Married Janie Millin. Son: Louis.                                      |
| Rosenzweig                  | Lewis & Hannah & family        |                              | 1897   |                | Children: Asher, Rachel, Esther & Mabel.                                                                                    |
| Rosenzweig ????             | David                          |                              |        |                | ????early settler - Romi Kaplan video??????                                                                                 |
| Saacks                      | Leslie & Becky & family        | Land surveyor                |        | 1997 (Current) | Brother of Dr Harry Saacks. Married Becky Franco. Children: Lionel & Mark. Still living in Roberston (1997).                |
| Saacks                      | Dr Harry & Stella & family     | Doctor; district surgeon     | c.1951 |                | Brother of Leslie Saacks. Married Stella Myers. Children: Phyllis & Dennis. District surgeon from 1951. Moved to Cape Town. |
| Sandler                     | Morris & Stiera & family       | Commercial traveller (skins) | 1919   | 1921           | Brother of Guttel and Hessel Sandler. Five children: Janie, Yetta, Esther, Kalmon (Kalie), Rosie.                           |
| Sandler                     | Kalmon (Kalie) & Nora & family | Accountant; farmer           | 1909   |                | Son of Morris & Stiera Sandler. Married Nora Hammerschlag. Two children.                                                    |

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| Sandler  | Hessel & Ann & family           | Shopkeeper                | 1907    | c.1917 | Brother of Morris and Guttel Sandler. Married Ann Blusger, daughter of Mr & Mrs Solomon Blusger. Three children: Ephraim Mordechai (Max), Norman Sydney & Leonard Julian.                                                                     |
| Sandler  | Guttel & Deborah & family       | Produce and feather buyer | c. 1899 |        | Came from Ponevezh, Lithuania and had been in SA for about 6 years when he applied for naturalization in 1904-5. Brother of Morris and Hessel Sandler. Lived at McGregor. Four children: David (born in McGregor in 1910), Eli, Louis & Leah. |
| Schachat | Mr & Mrs Benzion & family       | General dealer            | 1921    |        | Brother of Peretz & Chona Schachat. Seven children: Israel, Sam, Harry, Tsiepkie, Bessie, Annie & Rosie.                                                                                                                                      |
| Schachat | Mr & Mrs Chona (Hyman) & family | Produce dealer            | 1933    |        | Brother of Benzion & Peretz Schachat. Five children: Max (Morris), Israel (Riley), Louis, Molly & Maisie. Mrs Schachat was a sister of Deborah Sandler.                                                                                       |
| Schachat | Mr & Mrs Perez & son            | General dealer            | 1923    |        | Came from Kovno, Lithuania and had been in SA for about 5 years when he applied for naturalization in 1904-5. Brother of Benzion & Chona Schachat. Children: Milly, Hessie & Hymie.                                                           |
| Schatz   | Mr & Mrs Isaac & family         | Produce dealer; hotelier  | 1926    |        | Mrs Schatz was the widow of Mr Isidore Plehn.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Schkolne | Mr L                            |                           | 1927    |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Shorkend | Mr & Mrs R                      |                           | 1930    |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Silbert  | Mr & Mrs Louis & fam            |                           | 1897    |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sklaar   | Monty                           |                           |         |        | Son of Mr & Mrs B Sklaar, born in Robertson in 1921. Became mayor of Johannesburg.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Sklaar   | Mr & Mrs B & family             | Hotelier                  | 1924    |        | Ran the Masonic Hotel. Six children: Solly, Max, Monty, Dolly, Poppie, Esther.                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Solomon    | Mr & Mrs Harry & family          | Watchmaker; produce dealer | c.1902 |              | Came from Goldingen, Latvia and had been in SA for about 2 years when he applied for naturalization in 1904-5. Seven children: Mendel, George, Sam, Abe, Simon, Ellie & Pearly.        |
| Solomon??? | R                                |                            | 1921   |              |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Straus     | Mr & Mrs S                       |                            |        |              |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Stupel     | Mr & Mrs M & family              | Produce dealer             | 1926   |              | Children: Willie, Ettie, Clara, Joseph & Ada?                                                                                                                                          |
| Swelling   | Mr                               |                            |        |              | Lived at Ashton.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tieger     | Mr & Mrs & family                |                            | 1917   |              | Parents of Mrs Ray Goldberg.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Urdang     | Mr B                             |                            | 1905   |              | [sajchron 8-12-05]                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Well       | Mr & Mrs Arthur                  |                            | 1964   |              |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Weinstein  | Mr & Mrs Dave                    |                            | 1939   |              |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Welse      | Mr & Mrs Ernie & family          |                            | 1995   | 1997 (Curren | Live at McGregor.???????checkmoshe if this is the Weis from bonnievale??????                                                                                                           |
| Witsteyn   | Levi                             | School teacher             | c.1857 |              | A converted Jew who became one of the first school teachers in Robertson.                                                                                                              |
| Woolf      | Cyril                            | Electrician                |        |              | Son of Mr & Mrs F M Woolf.                                                                                                                                                             |
| Woolf      | Mr & Mrs F M & family            | Hoteller                   | 1930   | 1936         | Owned the Grand Hotel. Four children: Felix, Cyril, Maletta & Theo.                                                                                                                    |
| Woolf      | Simon                            |                            |        |              |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Zurnamer   | Mr & Mrs Solomon & family        |                            | 1896   |              | Children of Solomon's first marriage: Japie, Marcus & Rosie. Children of his second marriage: Lena, Fanny & Kalie (Kalman).                                                            |
| Zurnamer   | Mr & Mrs Kalman (Kalie) & family | Hotelier; farmer           | 1924   | 1936         | Married Jane Friedland and had a son, Joseph. Married Minnie Myers and had two children: Leone & Zalmin.                                                                               |
| Zurnamer   | Mr & Mrs Marcus and son          | General dealer; hotelier   | 1924   |              | Came from Shavli, Lithuania and had been in SA for about 6 years when he applied for naturalization in 1904-5. In later years owned the hotel and shop in Storms Vlei, near Robertson. |

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Zurnamer

Mr & Mrs Sam & fam

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## K : CEMETERY LIST

### Jews Buried in ROBERTSON

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|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Abramowitz       | Abraham           |                      | 22 Oct 1930          | 82         |                       |                                                                   |
| Abramowitz       | Chaie Hinde       |                      | 10 May 1939          | 92         |                       |                                                                   |
| Abramowitz       | Cissie            |                      | 29 Sept 1931         | 29         |                       | First wife of Sam Abramowitz                                      |
| Abramowitz       | Harris            |                      | 12 April 1958        | 72         |                       |                                                                   |
| Abramowitz       | Ralph Leonard     |                      | 4 Dec 1941           | 13         |                       | Drowned as a young boy. Son of Harry & Annie Abramowitz, Montagu. |
| Bronstein        | Mr Jacob          |                      |                      |            |                       |                                                                   |
| Buirski          | Harry             |                      | 8 Sept 1925          |            |                       |                                                                   |
| Buirski          | Philip            |                      | 16 Oct 1918          | 62         |                       |                                                                   |
| Buirski          | Rebecca           |                      | 18 Feb 1905          | 49         |                       | Wife of Philip Buirski.                                           |
| Chait            | Aaron Abraham     |                      | 26 Aug 1942          | 59         |                       |                                                                   |
| Cohen            | Woolf             |                      | 25 Mar 1915          |            |                       |                                                                   |
| Cornick          | Morris            |                      | 30 May 1937          | 85         |                       |                                                                   |
| Cornick [Corn?]  | Bertha Rebecca    |                      | 1 June 1909          | 50         |                       |                                                                   |
| Dvortz           | Pesha Riva        |                      | 1 Dec 1933           | 56         |                       |                                                                   |
| Fleishman        | Mina              |                      | 30 Oct 1913          | 38         |                       |                                                                   |
| Friedland        | Jacob Joel        |                      | 7 July 1929          | 63         |                       |                                                                   |
| Friedland        | Shonia            |                      | 11 Sept 1926         | 60         |                       |                                                                   |
| Friedman         | Rachel            |                      | 29 June 1929         | 40         |                       | Born Rosenzweig.                                                  |
| Gluckman         | Joseph            |                      | 16 Aug 1937          | 80         |                       |                                                                   |

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|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Goldstone        | Fanny             |                      | 26 Sept 1936         | 79         |                       |                             |
| Goldstone        | Maurice           |                      | 9 Oct 1918           |            |                       |                             |
| Groll            | Hyman             |                      | 21 July 1937         | 64         |                       |                             |
| Groll            | Isaac             |                      | 8 Nov 1947           | 42         |                       |                             |
| Groll            | Sarah             |                      | 4 Oct 1920           | 49         |                       |                             |
| Horwitz          | Reuben            |                      | 21 June 1924         |            |                       |                             |
| Hugo             | Esther            |                      | 12 July 1983         |            |                       | Born Millin.                |
| Hurwitz          | Phillip           |                      | 16 July 1918         | 54         |                       |                             |
| Johansberg       | Joseph            |                      | 25 Jan 1930          |            |                       | Wife of Rev S J Josefowitz. |
| Johansberg       | Julie             |                      | 11 Mar 1911          | 7          |                       |                             |
| Johansberg       | Kate              |                      | 22 Jan 1930          |            |                       |                             |
| Josefowitz       | Rosie Gittel      |                      | 10 Nov 1954          |            |                       |                             |
| Klein            | Rachel            |                      | 7 March 1907         | 66         |                       | Mother of Rev B Klein.      |
| Koningsberg      | Michael           |                      | 3 July 1908          |            |                       |                             |
| Kushner          | Abraham           |                      | 8 April 1923         |            |                       |                             |
| Levine           | Lena              |                      | 4 Sept 1920          |            |                       | Wife of Rev J Levine.       |
| Lipschitz        | Ruben Moses       |                      | 19 Jan 1970          | 79         |                       |                             |
| Manchester       | Jeanetta          |                      | 22 April 1914        |            |                       |                             |
| Marks            | Isaac             |                      | 1 Oct 1933           | 75         |                       |                             |
| Millin           | Ethel             |                      | 1 Nov 1944           |            |                       |                             |
| Millin           | Harry Abraham     |                      | 9 July 1963          |            |                       |                             |
| Millin           | Rosie             |                      | 9 Dec 1912           | 30         |                       |                             |
| Nathan           | Abraham           |                      | 28 Dec 1952          |            |                       |                             |

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|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| ohn            | Isidor            |                      | 1 March 1921         | 39         |                       |                |
| ble            | Gerson Abraham    |                      | 16 Mar 1935          |            |                       |                |
| ble            | Muse              |                      | 18 Oct 1930          |            |                       |                |
| rn             | Moses             |                      | 22 July 1907         | 50         |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | Asher             |                      | 10 Dec 1977          | 90         |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | David             |                      | 5 Jan 1898           |            |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | Esther            |                      | 22 Aug 1915          | 20         |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | Hannah            |                      | 7 March 1964         |            |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | Janie             |                      | 12 Nov 1986          | 89         |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | Leon              |                      | 11 May 1902          | 8          |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | Lewis             |                      | 9 June 1926          | 73         |                       |                |
| nsenzweig      | Rachel            |                      | 26 Sept 1929         | 40         |                       |                |
| andler         | Aaron Maurice     |                      | 12 Sept 1932         | 56         |                       |                |
| andler         | Deborah           |                      | 12 May 1932          | 51         |                       |                |
| andler         | Gittel            |                      | 6 April 1944         | 64         |                       |                |
| andler         | Rose              |                      | 7 Aug 1905           | 82         |                       |                |
| andler         | Stella            |                      | 21 Nov 1930          | 58         |                       |                |
| chachat        | Benzion Jacob     |                      | 25 Sept 1958         |            |                       |                |
| chachat        | Golda Judith      |                      | 3 Dec 1942           | 73         |                       |                |
| chachat        | Hyman             |                      | 5 Feb 1945           | 64         |                       |                |
| chachat        | Peretz            |                      | 7 Feb 1929           | 54         |                       |                |
| ichatz         | Isaac             |                      | 24 April 1950        | 68         |                       |                |
| ilbert         | Louis             |                      | 20 July 1938         | 90         |                       |                |

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|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Thorpe           | Samuel Frederick  |                      | 18 Dec 1948          | 68         |                       |                 |
| Woolf            | Simon Henry       |                      | 11 May 1930          | 64         |                       |                 |
| Zacks            | Gershon           |                      | 4 May 1938           |            |                       |                 |
| Zneimer          | Edward            |                      | 2 July 1943          |            |                       |                 |
| Zurnamer         | Jane              |                      | 14 Apr 1925          | 30         |                       | Born Friedland. |
| Zurnamer         | Marcus            |                      | 17 Feb 1944          | 60         |                       |                 |
| Zurnamer         | Meyer             |                      | 15 Jan 1956          | 74         |                       |                 |
| Zurnamer         | Rachel            |                      | 18 April 1939        | 81         |                       |                 |
| Zurnamer         | Solomon           |                      | 26 June 1927         | 79         |                       |                 |

## L : TRANSITION PERIOD

## M : MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The first Jewish wedding in Robertson was solemnised by Rev Rabinowitz of Cape Town in 1895. The bride and groom were Miss Ellen Buirski and Mr Maurice Greenwall.

In 1905 a meeting of the Jewish community was held in the synagogue to protest against Russian atrocities. A resolution to that effect was duly passed.

In 1915 it was reported that Jewish children from Robertson were admitted to the new Jewish Orphanage in Cape Town.

According to an oral interview, there was a good relationship between the Jews and gentiles of Robertson and cricket matches between the Cheder (Jews) and the Christians took place. Many Jewish families were said to have used Afrikaans as their home language.

## XREF PLACES

XREF PLACE 1 McGregor

XREF DETAIL The town was established in 1861, was run by a village management board from 1894 and attained municipal status in 1907. It was named after Andrew McGregor, who was the Dutch Reformed Church minister of Robertson from 1862 to 1902.

XREF PLACE 2 Ashton

XREF DETAIL Nineteen km east of Robertson situated at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains. It has the largest canning and food processing plant in SA (Langeberg Co-op.) Fruit and vegetables are grown here as well as rose bushes.

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### XREF DETAIL

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