

TEMPLE ISRAEL CEMETERY
 OLD CEMETERIES OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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(Jewish Cemetery)

An event of historic interest to Stockton was the unveiling and dedication of a granite marker in the 110-year-old Jewish Cemetery bounded by Poplar, Acacia, Pilgrim and Union Streets. A bronze plaque, mounted on grey granite, reads:

Temple Israel Cemetery

"This hallowed ground was donated by Captain Charles M. Weber in 1851 for use as a cemetery by the Jewish Community of Stockton. It is the oldest Jewish cemetery in continued use in California and West of the Rocky Mountains."

California Registered Historical Landmark No. 765
Plaque placed by the California State Park
Commission in co-operation with Temple Israel,
December 10, 1961

The ground was reconsecrated to its' sacred purpose by Rabbi Bernard Rosenberg of Congregation Temple Israel of Stockton.

Five years ago, Mrs. David Schwartz began the research necessary to the historically correct restoration of the cemetery. Floods in years gone by had displaced headstones. Time and weather had practically erased inscriptions on many of them. Thirteen of these stones are more than one hundred years old. The oldest, marking the grave of Solomon Friedlander, bears the date November 4, 1851. Every monument has been re-set. Mrs. Schwartz had many of these re-engraved, as they were originally, in Hebrew.

This work which went ahead through the effort and financing of interested individuals in the local community, attracted the attention of Hal Altman of Sacramento, who suggested that the cemetery be marked by the State of California as a landmark. It is largely through his effort that this ancient cemetery, now a place of beauty newly planted to grass and cypress trees, will go on California's rolls of Historic Landmarks.

This is the only State Marker in the City of Stockton.

Nathan Wolf, s of Bernard &
Melanie Wolf,
May 8, 1860-Sept 24, 1873
Hattie(Mattie) Wolf, dau of
B & M Wolf, n of S.F., Calif.
Feb 3, 1853(8)-Sept. 8, 1871.
Sophia Wolf, dau of
B & M Wolf,
Dec. 9, 1854-Nov. 20, 1873
Bernard Wolf, n. of France,
d. Aug. 18, 1871, a. 45 yrs.

Eva Kaiser
Nov. 29, 1867-Mar. 28, 1870.

Ulrike Heymaun, n. of
Paswalk, Prussia
Aug. 11, 1859.

Simon Levy, n. of Prussia
Dec. 23, 1841-June 3, 1876.

Armand Cahn (no dates).
E. Katte (no dates).