

16. Original **Charlotte Greenberg** stone, was the 4-year-old daughter of Phillip & Mollie Greenberg. Sister of Isreal Greenberg. A Folk Art native fieldstone marker, 1902-1906. A carved inscription of the Yiddish or Hebrew epitaph of “Peh Nun” and a carved image is barely legible being worn away by time & the elements.

17. **Anna Canter**, 1902-1914. She was the 12-year-old sister of Joseph Canter (#9). The tombstone has four flowers, two of which are upside down.

18. **Simon Ettinger**, died in 1889, just 6-months after gaining free title to 160 acres. The marker is constructed of metal sheet with name and date crudely cut into and attached with barbed wire, surrounded by moss-covered rocks. His tombstone is the earliest marked gravesite in the cemetery. (A former wood plank, once attached to the marker is now located at the Lake Region Heritage Center Museum in Devils Lake. It has “SM ETTINGER 188” carved into it.)

19. **Unidentified** burial mound (next to Simon Ettinger’s gravesite) with six moss-covered rocks detected which possibly outlined/covered the grave.

20. **M. Slumezon**, died in 1900, the grave is in the northwest corner of the cemetery, separated from the other graves. The reason for the location of this grave is unknown.

***“Peh Nun” means “here lies buried” in English terms.



This monument on one side lists the 104 names of the original Jewish homesteaders - referred to as Garske Colony and the other side has “script” about these brave immigrants. This cemetery contains the remains of those settlers. The monument was placed and dedicated in a ceremony September 2006.

“Those men, women and children who settled near where this cemetery stands left Europe during the pogroms of 1880s. They were attracted to the prospect of free land in the Territory that included North Dakota and came to look for their piece of the American Dream. As with all communities, there were successes and failures, life and death.”

The Sons of Jacob Cemetery is the only physical reminder of the Ramsey County Jewish farming community, and is the oldest Jewish homesteader cemetery in North Dakota. It was the second Jewish rural area of the state with Jewish pioneers arriving in 1882.

Others are believed to be buried at or near the cemetery giving the property significance from 1888, the estimated date of the first burial of a Jewish homesteader’s 19-month old child, Joseph Kaufman, through 1935, the year of the last homesteader’s burial in the cemetery.



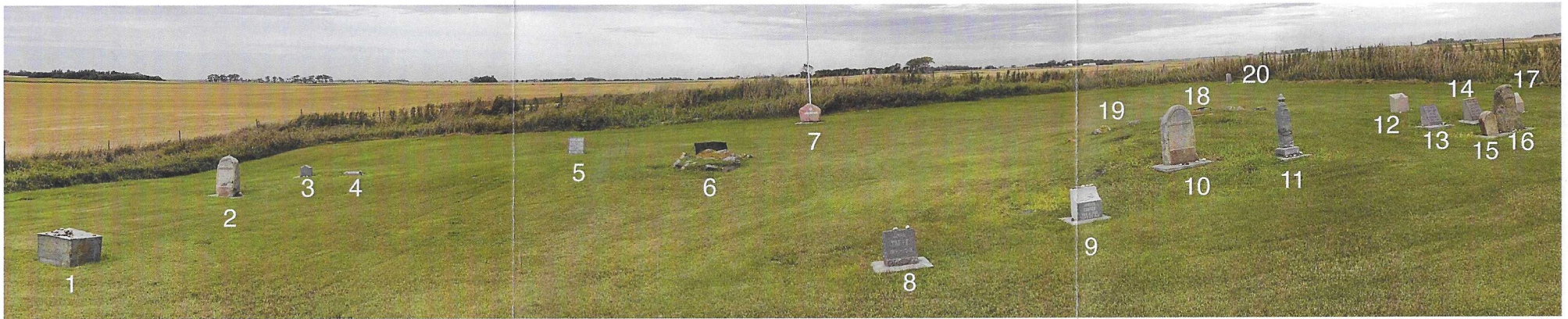
Established 1885

The Sons of Jacob Cemetery has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the US Department of the Interior since June 5, 2017.

The Sons of Jacob Cemetery contains tombstones that are clearly distinct including natural field stones with carved art, one of the most notable expressions of traditional Jewish art.

This unique culture of stone carving, reached a particularly high level of development in the Pale of Settlement, where the tombstones were honored as sacred relics in cemeteries, and was brought to America by the Eastern European Jews.

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1. **Joseph Adelman**, (Yosef Eidelman) born Aug. 14, 1907, Son of Benjamin and father of 1896 Ramsey County pioneer Abraham Eidelman. A tin punched Hebrew inscription including "Peh Nun" on the back side resulted in being upside down after being blown 1-1/2 miles away in a storm.

2. **Unknown Person**, has Folk Art native fieldstone with worn and weathered Hebrew epitaph, including date and carved "Peh Nun" letters on the sides of an image on top portion of headstone.

3. **Benny Parks**, infant son of Charles and Fannie Parks, was born Jan. 31, 1910, and died at two weeks of age Feb. 13, 1910.

4. **Schwartz Baby**, New marker in 2021 for infant son of Cecilia & Sam Schwartz (who owned a clothing store in Cando, ND) He died close to his birth in 1925.

5. **Manacha or Mandel Mill**, 1860 - June 2, 1935, Includes Hebrew epitaph, "Peh Nun", also the abbreviated inscription of the first book of Samuel 25:29: "May his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life." At the age of 75, he was the last burial at the cemetery. The eldest son of Israel Mill, he arrived in ND to take over his father's farm after his death.

6. **Unknown Person**, Marked by a weathered rectangular sheet of tin attached with barbed wire and surrounded by native fieldstones.

7. A native fieldstone donated in 2012 engraved with the words "**Unknown**" and the Star of David to be a memorial for all unknown gravesites at the cemetery.

8. **John Yaffe**, 1891 - 1918, Died at the age of 27 during the year of the Spanish Flu epidemic.

9. **Joseph Canter**, Dec 11, 1905 - Sept. 27, 1918. He was the brother of Anna Canter and died during the Spanish Flu epidemic. Since Judaism considers a 13-year-old boy to be a full-fledged adult, that may be the reason his site is located away from the other children in the cemetery.

10. Folk Art native fieldstone of unidentified person, but thought to be the site of **Isaac Slemerson**, who arrived in 1886-1887. It was told he left home one morning in the fall of 1902 with a wagon load of hay and a few chickens which were to be slaughtered in Devils Lake. On the way, the load tipped over and Mr. Slemerson was later found with a broken neck. It was reported that his tombstone could be seen at the Sons of Jacob Jewish Cemetery. The Hebrew phrase "Peh Nun" is located with image at the top of epitaph, carved possibly as the Tree of Life.

11. **Solomon Kalov**, born Jan. 2, 1825 and died Mar. 1, 1909; father-in-law of Rachel Calof. An obelisk tombstone identified by "Calof" in English on bottom. The Hebrew epitaph includes the phrase "here lies," and two descriptive terms, "precious" and "Our Teacher Shalom." The deceased's name of his father, Shaul; date of death with year, day and month in Jewish calendar, and artwork symbolism of a standing carved flower, and a design of flowers and leaves near the bottom of the tombstone.

12. **Unidentified Child**, June 20, 1902, - Dec 4, 1906. Has a tombstone with both Hebrew and English inscriptions. Artwork symbolism consists of what may be a palm branch across the top center and two flowers laying on their sides.

13 & 14. Israel & Charlotte Greenberg's newer headstones with Hebrew & English inscriptions on the front. "**GREENBERG**", names & dates on the back side of the tombstones. They are located behind Israel & Charlotte's native fieldstone markers.

15. Original **Israel Greenberg** stone, was the 11-year-old son of Phillip & Mollie Greenberg, and brother of Charlotte Greenberg. A native fieldstone marker, possibly once encrypted with Yiddish or Hebrew, but carvings have all worn off.