

ALUMNI PROJECT
JEWISH CHILDREN'S REGIONAL SERVICE
JEWISH CHILDREN'S HOME

I shall be glad to participate in the project to gather the recollections of alumni of the Jewish Children's Home.

I am willing to be interviewed.

I am willing to interview other alumni.

I plan to write to you about my recollections.

I have old photographs and/or memorabilia that I will lend to be copied and returned.

I prefer not to have my name used in any publication of the memoirs.

I do not wish to participate in the project.

COMMENT: I am 91 1/2 yrs old and find it necessary to have a neighbor friend write these recollections for me. They are herewith enclosed and I hope will be helpful to you.

Miss Libbie Butler
(Name)

May 15, 1983

Mrs. William Leon, Board Member
Jewish Children's Regional Service
of the Jewish Children's Home
5342 St. Charles Ave - P.O. Box 15225
New Orleans, La. 70175

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Dear Mrs. Leon:

I was a cripple when I came to the Jewish Children's Home about 1899. I only stayed one year when you sent me to the Tours Infirmary. I was there 2 years, but I remember well the year I was in the Home and my two brothers, Leo & Jake Butler, who have passed away. My brother Jake was younger than me and my brother Leo was older. He was your office boy when he left there in 1902 (July). All three of us left together to rejoin our father who had remarried.

My remembrance of the Home for the one year I was there was wonderful. I remember Mama & Poppa Hyman & all the lovely things they did for the children. I remembered the gate between the boys and the girls departments. When I was able to walk my brother Leo came to get me to spend the day on Sunday at the Home. My recollections ^{and} of all the lovely things they did on the Jewish holidays.

I was born November 12, 1891. I was in the hospital as a child and required four operations on my hip. I was 7 years old at the Home and could not attend school because of my infirmity. Old Dr. Coleman was a doctor there and Dr. Newman, his Assistant, took care of me every day.

I went to Temple services whenever I could walk - at other times I required the use of a wheel chair. I remember you had an Auditorium up high in the Administration Building where so many lovely activities for the children were held. The dormitories were also very lovely. I remembered the breakfasts where each child received a piece of fruit and peppermint candy on Sukkos. My brothers were very proud of their time spent at the Home and when they were grown they frequently sent donations of money to the Home. I remembered the beds in the dormitory and how all the little girls lined up and marched to take care of their toilet needs and their grooming. I guess I could go on praising the Home, but I think I have given you enough impressions to show you how much I and my brothers appreciated it all. I am glad to let you know the happiness you gave to the children there. Sincerely,
Lillian Butler