

A Living Legacy

THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE EDWIN A. MALLOY EDUCATION BUILDING



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In the first sobering years following the Holocaust, there was the realization that the preservation of the continuity of Jewish life and learning in the aftermath of World War II was the urgent responsibility of the Jews of America – now the largest and most influential community in the world.

It was the vision of Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus – esteemed scholar, rabbi and teacher – whose idea it was to document, collect, and preserve the history of Jews and Jewish communities in the Western Hemisphere. With a focus on the American Jewish experience, Dr. Marcus dreamed that the new center, the American Jewish Archives, would one day become one of the world’s largest repositories of materials documenting the history and experience of the North American Jewish community. And so it has.

Through the years, Dr. Marcus’ vision has been wholly embraced, cultivated, and sustained by legions of scholars, researchers, and lay leaders who keenly understood the profound impact this institution would have on the Jewish world – and on the world at large.

One such leader was Edwin A. Malloy – a devoted Vice Chair and long-time member of the HUC-JIR Board of Governors who passed away in 1998. His lifelong love of the College-

Institute, of higher Jewish learning, books, and libraries will be memorialized in perpetuity upon the construction and establishment of the Edwin A. Malloy Education Building at the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives. A \$2 million gift from the Malloy Family’s Sun Hill Foundation will enable The Marcus Center to erect a peerless new academic and educational home.

So now, in 1999, as we stand on the threshold of a new century, Dr. Marcus’ vision will blossom anew – in ways perhaps he himself never imagined.

“Edwin was a great friend of Jacob Marcus and served on the board in New York for many, many years,” notes Susan Malloy, Edwin’s wife and an active member of the New York School’s Exhibitions Advisory Committee. “His involvement with the College-Institute’s Board of Governors was

so important to him that we, his family, wanted to memorialize his name in some meaningful way. The new Education Building seems like the perfect way to do that.”

Ground was broken on Sunday, November 7, 1999, for both the Edwin A. Malloy Education Building and a new archival repository building (which will be funded by the Jacob Rader Marcus Endowed Trust). These two new structures will provide desperately needed space for the institution’s archival collections as well as for a new educational center, seminar room, and exhibition gallery. This will enhance The Marcus Center’s ability to welcome the hundreds of scholars and students who visit the American Jewish Archives annually; to hold The Marcus Center’s Fellowship Seminars and community lectures; to feature compelling exhibits; and to do the critical work of preservation and conservation.

“This wonderful gift from the Malloys and their family foundation, Sun Hill, constitutes a philanthropic landmark for the American Jewish Archives,” said Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center. “With the advent of the Edwin A. Malloy Education Building,



Plans for the new Edwin A. Malloy Education Building at the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

our institution will be literally transformed. This building will enable us to bypass the hindrances of limited space and overcome the impediments of outmoded facilities.”

Edwin A. Malloy's leadership and impact on the College-Institute will resonate for generations. A Reform Jew, Malloy looked to HUC-JIR to provide a foundation for his faith in Judaism and to satisfy his perennial thirst for Jewish knowledge and learning. He was unfailing in his support of the College-Institute, and exhorted others tirelessly to this same ideal. As chairman of the Building Committee for the construction of the New York School, he carefully steered his hard-working committee through a maze of difficult decisions. The new building took shape under his quiet, but forceful, leadership in record-breaking time for a New York construction project. His service on the Board of Governors was characterized by the unselfish giving of his time, knowledge and experience.



Susan and Timon Malloy

“Edwin was a loyal and caring Jew. He worked hard to ensure the presentation of the past, the needs of the present, and the vision for our future.



(L-R) Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Executive Director, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives; Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman; Dr. Ronald B. Sobel, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York; Susan Malloy, wife of Edwin A. Malloy; Timon Malloy, son of Edwin A. Malloy; Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, Chancellor; Burton Lehman, Chair, Board of Governors

Ever an optimist, he affirmed his very being as an American and as a Jew. As congregational leader and as an active Governor and Overseer of the College-Institute, he has bequeathed a unique and singular legacy of loyalty and devotion,” stated Rabbi Zimmerman, HUC-JIR President.

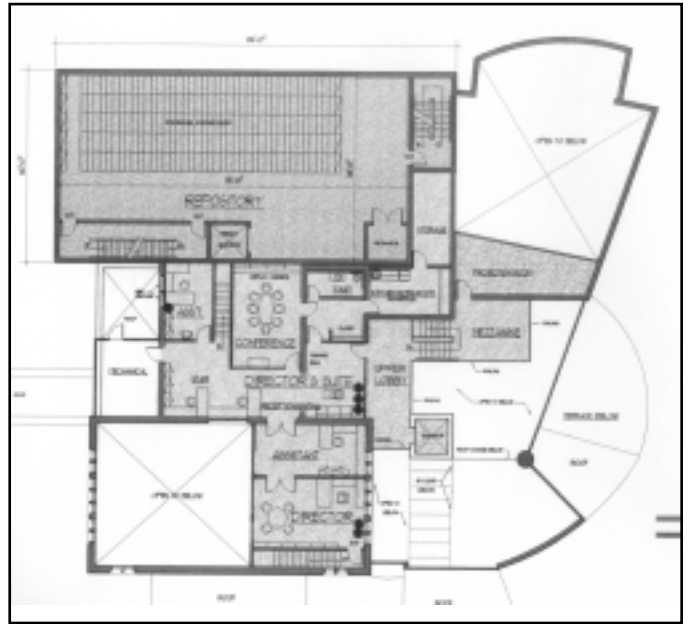
Edwin Malloy's compassionate brand of service to the Jewish community was extended even beyond the College-Institute. He served as President of the Board of Trustees of Temple Emanu-El in New York City. He also rendered board service to Temple Israel in Westport, Connecticut.

Together with his wife Susan, and children Jennifer and Timon, Edwin cultivated his abiding love of art, theater, and music. The Malloys supported numerous arts organizations including the Whitney Museum of American Art in Stamford, Connecticut and the Tudor Foundation.

“I think my father would be pleased to have his name attached to the new building at the American Jewish Archives,” says Jennifer. “He was very interested in history and libraries and was involved for so long with The Marcus Center.”

According to son Timon, “Dad was a modest person. He wouldn't have asked to name a building after himself but he would indeed be proud to be remembered in such a special way.”

Professionally, Edwin A. Malloy was



Chairman of the Board and President of Fred R. French Investing Company. A member of the Real Estate Board of New York, Edwin received the prestigious “Man of the Year” award from the Realty Foundation of New York in 1975.

“I knew Edwin Malloy as both a good friend and respected colleague,” said Aaron Levine, Executor of the Jacob Rader Marcus estate and former financial officer of HUC-JIR. “His dedication to the College-Institute and to the American Jewish Archives was inspiring – and evident to me throughout his entire life and career.”

“The Edwin A. Malloy Education Building will be part of a world class home for what is probably the largest cataloged collection of source materials documenting the history of United States Jewry,” said Dr. Zola. “The Education Building and the new repository are rightful tributes to both Ed Malloy and to Dr. Marcus, whose friendship Edwin cherished and whose vision he unfailingly supported. The American Jewish Archives will now be properly fitted to fulfill its unique mission as we enter the 21st century.”

The Edwin A. Malloy Educational Building will serve as a perpetual memorial for a dedicated benefactor of the American Jewish Archives and a lifelong friend of its revered founder, Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus.