

Joseph L. Cohen (January 18, 1907 – June 13, 1991) is on our Yahrzeit list for June. He was president of the congregation from 1961-1964. Mr. Cohen founded Robert's Jewelers on March 1, 1946. The original store was the cornerstone of the downtown area for many years. Mr. Cohen was from Nashville and was a graduate of Vanderbilt University. In the early 1940s, as a licensed pilot, he served on the home front as a Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol. Mrs. Cohen was the former Florence Koenisberg of St. Louis.

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COHEN NAMED MAN OF YEAR BY EXCHANGE

The Jackson Exchange Club named Joseph L. (Joe) Cohen "Man of the Year" for 1964. Mr. Cohen was cited for his work with the area Chamber of Commerce and for his active participation in many of the civic organizations in the community. Jackson Mayor George Smith read the following citation:

As one who came from another city and selected our community as the place to work and to live and to serve his fellow man. Quiet, unassuming, and yet diligent in his business and in promoting the betterment and welfare of his adopted home town. For almost a quarter of a century this man has worked faithfully and generously for those things which he believed were good for the people about him.

It has been said that if one is to be great in the true sense of the word, he must possess four qualities--goodness, usefulness, courage, and wisdom. If such be true, as surely it must, then we may apply that to this man, for in all these things, he has set a shining example. And so it is with pride, sincere affection, and appreciation that we name as "Man of the Year" for 1964 you, Joseph Leon Cohen, and decree that your name be enrolled in the Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds as a permanent testimony to your place and worth in our community.

The article cites the following achievements:

- Chairman of the Jackson-Madison County Library Board
- YMCA Board of Directors
- Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Jackson Lion's Club, United Fund, Community Concert Association
- Co-chair of United Jewish Appeal
- Treasurer of Congregation B'nai Israel for 5 years, Vice President for 3 years, President for 3 years



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Zichrono Livracha
May his memory be for blessing.

