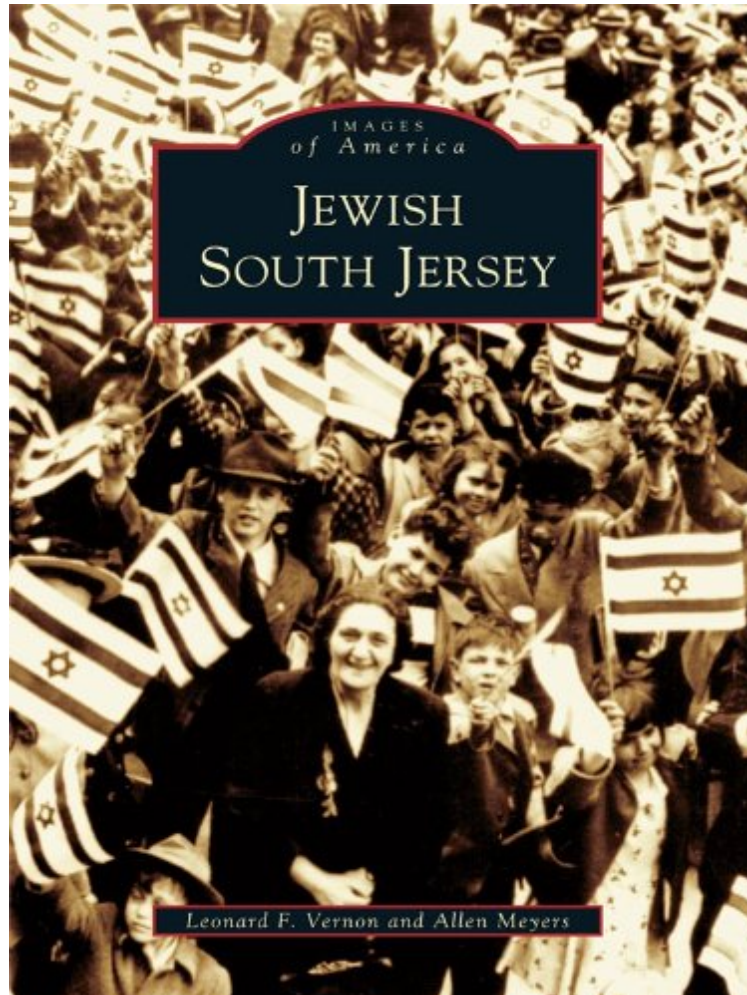


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Leonard F. Vernon, Allen Meyers : Jewish South Jersey (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jewish South Jersey (Images of America):

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. HUGE project with some inaccuracies By Samuel W. Feinstein I applaud the authors for attempting to chronicle the history of Jews and Judaism in South Jersey. The strong point of this work is obviously the rich collection of photographs that would otherwise remain in family archives, never to be seen again. A weak point is that some of the information presented as facts are in error to a degree that it makes one question what can and can not be trusted from this source. For example, it is stated that the "Beth Hillel Synagogue" in Carmel "is believed to be the only Orthodox synagogue in South Jersey and Cumberland County [in 2007] that is still being used regularly throughout the year for religious worship." The truth is that Temple Beth Hillel has been a Reform congregation for over 20 years now. Sons of Jacob in Vineland (shown five pages later in the book) is a well-known Orthodox congregation that recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. Sons of Jacob holds regular services,

including DAILY Minyans. Hundreds of Jewish families are represented merely by the words, "The success of the Alliance settlement prompted the establishment of nearby towns or Norma, Brotmanville, Rosenhayn and Carmel..." My city of Bridgeton has had perhaps a thousand Jewish residents and we are represented by three photographs. This points out the superficial nature of the book. It would be impossible to do justice to a topic so broad in scope without committing some errors. I am only pointing this out so that the book will not become accepted as the benchmark for historically accurate information about Jewish South Jersey. It is a nice collection of photographs with some interesting anecdotes and it is worth buying for that reason alone. It just can not be used a reference for future works. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lots of good memories of the area By Andrea Bjerger Alan Meyers and Leonard Vernon have so many local Jewish history books to their credit. This one is just crammed full of pictures. Lots of good memories of the area. Again, another author that chose to omit the Jewish agricultural colonies in Atlantic County. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Photos By South Jersey Girl I bought this book as a gift for my parents. They both really enjoyed it. It's mostly pictures but it brought back lots of memories for them and even had pictures of people they knew from when their synagogue was being built. Lots of photos from local South Jersey synagogues.

Initial Jewish settlements in South Jersey emerged in the mid-19th century and offered a safe haven for people to recreate strong families and practice religion freely, without fear of government-sponsored violence. Looking for work, German Jews first migrated from their community in Philadelphia to Trenton, and then spread south to Wildwood. Although Jewish settlers were mainly known as merchants and shop owners, many towns also boast the development of the Jewish farmer. While agriculture would eventually be abandoned in favor of manufacturing, there were many extremely successful and historically significant Jewish farms that flourished in the south. Now, of course, people of the Hebrew faith are productive players in every walk of life. Jewish South Jersey touches on the many contributions made by Jewish people in the southern part of the Garden State.

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