

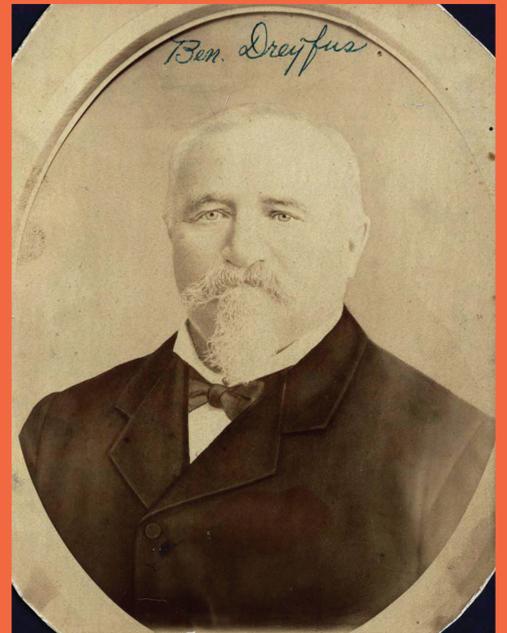
# JEWES OF ORANGE COUNTY

## OUR STORY

# ORANGE COUNTY'S JEWISH PIONEERS 1857-1870

Orange County's Jewish pioneers came from many different countries: Germany, France, Poland, Prussia, and Africa (Algeria), settling mostly in Anaheim and Santa Ana, but also in San Juan Capistrano, Orange, Fullerton, Yorba Linda, and Tustin.

Benjamin Dreyfus immigrated to the U.S from France and arrived in Anaheim in 1858, making him the first Jewish citizen of Orange County. He is listed as a California Pioneer in the Library of Congress, along with fellow Jewish pioneers Alphonso Steinhart, Levi Gildmacher, and Gustav Davis. Dreyfus was co-founder of Anaheim's first general store with August Langenberger, Anaheim's largest wine producer, an Anaheim city council member in 1880, mayor of the city in 1881 and 1882 (making him the first Jewish mayor in OC), first president of the Anaheim Union Water Company, and one of the first oil refiners in the Southland.



# 1858

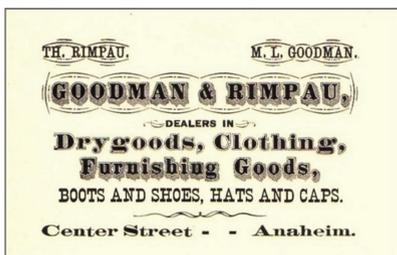
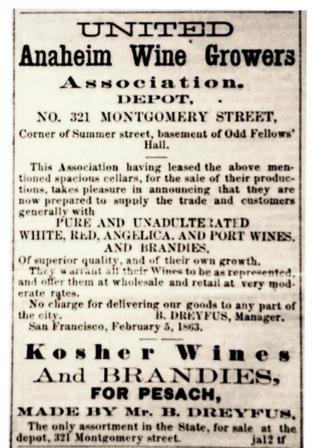
This store was co-owned by Benjamin Dreyfus and August Langenberger. Dreyfus was Jewish and Langenberger was Catholic. Business partnerships between people of different faiths was very uncommon in the U.S. at the time, but was typical in the west, demonstrating a lack of prejudice not typically seen elsewhere in the country (or the world) at the time.

In 1863, B. Dreyfus & Co. produced the first nationwide kosher for Passover wine and brandy sold in the United States—all right here in Orange County.

# 1863



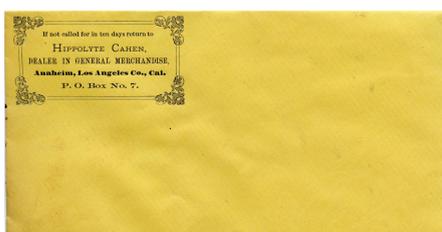
Morris L. Goodman, a Jewish businessman originally from Germany, was a Los Angeles merchant who moved to Anaheim in 1872 and opened the Goodman & Rimpau Dry Goods Palace in partnership with Theodore Rimpau; yet another example of a store run by people of different faiths.



Typical newspaper ad of the 1800s, from the *Anaheim Gazette*.

# 1878

Hippolyte (pronounced "Hippo-leet") Cahen was born in Africa (Oran, Algeria) in 1847 and emigrated to San Francisco as a young man. After moving to Anaheim in 1878 he quickly rose to a position of prominence. His 1882 Queen Anne Victorian house was completely restored to its original condition in the 1980s, and is now part of the Anaheim Colony Historic District and is host to many local events and historical tours.



A classic and very well preserved envelope with Cahen's logo.

Gustav and his brother Philip were Polish Jews who arrived in Anaheim in 1870. Their original name was Chorinsky but they changed it to Davis to avoid antisemitism. Gustav joined Philip in Anaheim in 1870; in 1878 they founded the grocery and hardware business of P. Davis & Bro.

