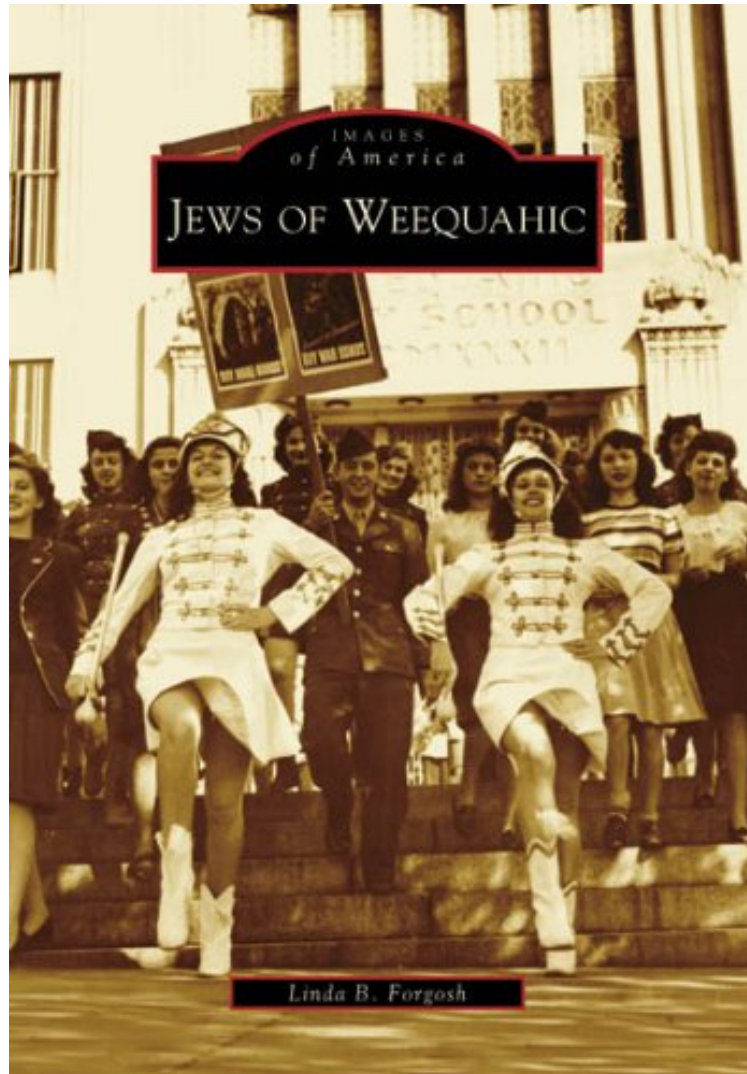


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Linda B. Forgosh : Jews of Weequahic (Images of America: New Jersey) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jews of Weequahic (Images of America: New Jersey):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Lost CommunitiesBy Herman Rosenfeld"Jews of Weequahic" documents - in both text and photos - the heyday of the Jewish community of Newark, New Jersey. Covering the immediate pre- and post-war era and ending in 1967, this description of the life of a community centered in a given section of New Jersey's largest city is a deliciously nostalgic trip. Many such ethnic communities thrived in the post World War 2 boom period and then disappeared as a result of the upward social mobility of the professional and entrepreneurial classes among them, racism (which motivated them to move away from the "others" and kept the latter

from adopting the suburban dream), the decay of urban life and the earliest stages of neoliberalism and de-industrialization (described in Philip Roth's "American Pastoral"). For those who lived in such communities, such as me, it was a wonderful and heartening trip. But while it warmed the heart, it provided little illumination for the head. What it lacks is the kind of economic and political analysis that might help those who didn't live in such places - and the sons, daughters and grandchildren of those who did - try to make sense of the shell of urban life that marks the remains of these places, in cities across the US. I lived in Weequahic from my birth in 1949, until I went to college in the midwest in 1967 - two months after the riots ended Jewish life in that community. Living in a large Canadian city, Toronto, I still miss the life that this community offered and that is described in this photo essay. Herman Rosenfeld, Toronto
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By TIRED OF INSINKERATOR
Great book about my high school and neighborhood. of course I love it.
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By Zostar
I was a little disappointed in this book, in that I had hoped for more photographs of places, and less of people.

Known as Newark's Jewish Frontier, Weequahic was home to 35,000 Jewish residents from the 1930s to the 1960s. Homes built on farm lots, known as Lyons Farms, attracted the city's upwardly mobile Jewish families. Weequahic High School still remains at the heart of the community, drawing generations of alumni for annual reunions and events. Pulitzer Prizewinning author Philip Roth, a Weequahic High School graduate, found inspiration in the community, documenting its intricacies in his work. The high school still houses a mural, The Enlightenment of Man, painted by New Deal painter Michael Lenson. This mural is regarded as one of the most important pieces of public art in the state. Jews of Weequahic captures the life of this vibrant community that has become one of Newark's legendary neighborhoods.

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Linda B. Forgosh is the curator and outreach director at the Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest. This collection of vintage images comes from residents who wish to share and preserve the historic legacy of their community.