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The Cloud City Social Club was a Jewish founded social organization that held dances featuring the Great Western Orchestra conducted by Professor Henry Simon.¹ Many recognizable couples from the Temple Israel congregation were present at the club's first function on January 23, 1885, including the Hirschs, Baers, Kahns, Blumbergs, and Simons. The singles on hand were also notable and included Carrie and Emma Kahn, Mannie Hyman, Theresa, Hattie and Jennie Schoenberg.² The club met on Friday nights every other week until 1890 when the parties had become quite popular on the entire Leadville social circuit, and began to hold their parties every week.³ By 1894, the organization had grown to forty regular members and altered its schedule by moving their dances to every Saturday evening.⁴

In 1895, the Cloud City Social Club moved to a regular venue by voting to attend Professor Martine's weekly socials held Saturday nights at Armory Hall.⁵ The club is less frequently mentioned in newspapers after 1895 and was likely absorbed into the Friday Night Social Club, which began to hold regular dances at the Armory Hall in 1900.⁶

¹ "A Neat Job". Leadville, CO; USA. *Carbonate Chronicle*. February 7, 1885. P1.

² "Cloud City Social Club". Leadville, CO; USA. *Carbonate Chronicle*. January 24, 1885. P8.

³ "The Cloud City Club". Leadville, CO; USA. *Herald Democrat*. January 25, 1890. P8.

⁴ "Dancing On The Domes". Leadville, CO; USA. *Herald Democrat*. September 16, 1894. P4.

⁵ "Bricklayers Strike". Leadville, CO; USA. *Herald Democrat*. April 24, 1895. P2.

⁶ "Of Interest To Women". Leadville, CO; USA. *Herald Democrat*. October, 7, 1900. P6.



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