



Temple Israel FOUNDATION

Biographical Information

Mitchell

Parents: Louis Mitchell and Nina (Katie Mitchell)

Siblings: David and Florence

Born: May 16, 1885

Death: May 17, 1885

Infant Mitchell was born on May 17, 1885 and sadly only lived a single day. The infant is buried in the Leadville Hebrew Cemetery¹ and its parents are uncertain. It is possible that the infant was the child of Louis and Nina Mitchell.² In 1885, Louis worked as a saloonkeeper at 316 Harrison Avenue at a well-known Jewish entrepreneur's, Mannie Hyman, establishment, Hyman's Saloon.³ At this time the Mitchell family lived at 201 West 5th Street (previously occupied by Moses Shoenberg and family) and they remained at this address until they left the city that same year. Louis worked as a faro dealer for Hyman although he is listed as a saloonkeeper in the 1885 census.⁴

After leaving Leadville in 1885, the Mitchell family's whereabouts are unknown until they resurface in Denver, Colorado, in 1910.⁵ Unfortunately, their time in the public eye while in Denver was not flattering and resulted in the death of Katie (*Nina*) Mitchell. On May 18, 1920, *The Herald Democrat* reported that upon "[l]earning that her daughter, who was constant companion to her, had been married secretly six months ago, Mrs. Katie Mitchell locked herself in her room and fired a bullet into her left breast tonight. She was taken to the county hospital where it was said that she would not live."⁶ Where Katie Mitchell was buried remains unknown nor are the whereabouts of the subsequent Mitchell family known.

¹ Hebrew Cemetery of Leadville (Leadville, Lake County, Colorado), Infant Mitchell, Headstone, 2016

² 1885 U.S. census, Lake County, Colorado, Leadville, pg. 1b, dwelling 220, Louis Mitchell, Nina Mitchell, Florence Mitchell and David Mitchell.

³ City Directroy, 1885, pg. 182.

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⁵ *Herald Democrat*, May 18, 1910, pg. 1.

⁶ *Ibid.*