

# THE HOUSE I LIVE IN



The Spirit of East Harlem, at E. 104th Street and Lexington Avenue, painted by Hank Prussing, 1974.



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Housing has always been about much more than shelter. Our homes can reflect our values and our sense of identity, the economic realities we face and our aspirations. The advocates, policy makers, poets, architects and urban planners quoted in the 2017 CUNY/ New York Times in Education calendar and website illuminate what our homes tell us about where we have been, and where we are going. Look at our homes and how they have changed over the years and you can discover truths

about our family life, our communities and how we are progressing as a society.

*The House I Live In* is the 13th collaboration between The City University of New York and The New York Times in Education, and we're pleased to welcome two new partners this year, the Fund for Public Housing, an independent 501(c)(3) launched by the New York City Housing Authority to improve the lives of NYCHA residents, and the Real Estate Board of New York, founded in 1896 to improve the property market with the professionalization of real estate brokers and agents. We thank Shola Olatoye, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of NYCHA, Rasmia Kirmani-Frye, President of the Fund for Public Housing and John H. Banks, III, President of the REBNY, for their support of this project. For more than 30 years, CUNY's LaGuardia and Wagner Archives has produced calendars on a range of topics, drawing on its extensive collections. These topics include: voting rights and citizenship; women's leadership; immigration; public higher education; the Supreme Court; journalism; the sciences, engineering and mathematics; freedom,

and working people. You can view the most recent calendars online at: [www.cuny.edu/freedom](http://www.cuny.edu/freedom).

The once novel idea that a city government should have a responsibility to provide housing started right here in New York. In 1934, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia established the country's first municipal housing authority. Three years later, U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner (a City College graduate) crafted the federal legislation establishing a housing policy and putting people to work during the Great Depression.

Turn to any page in the calendar, and you'll find striking images and thoughtful viewpoints on housing. April focuses on the "uprooted" — those without homes. As Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez says, "Fair and affordable housing is a basic right for all New Yorkers and all Americans." March, featuring Housing Construction, includes a thought-provoking statement by architect I. M. Pei: "Architecture is the very mirror of life. You only have to cast your eyes on buildings to feel the presence of the past, the spirit of a place; they are the reflection of society."

*The House I Live In* was guided by Jay Hershenson, the University's Senior Vice Chancellor for University Relations, and President Gail O. Mellow of LaGuardia Community College. They relied on Richard K. Lieberman, Director of the LaGuardia and Wagner Archives at LaGuardia Community College, to develop the calendar and plan outreach. This calendar reflects CUNY's long interest in housing policy and the value we place on housing as a means of progress.

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Company housing for cotton workers near Corcoran, Calif., 1936.



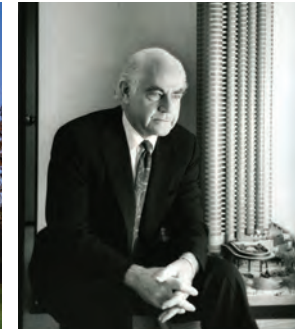
Jerry Shores family sod house, Custer County, Neb., 1887.



Residential development in Marine Park, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1929.



The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at The City College of New York, 2016



Bernard Spitzer graduated from The City College of New York and he and his wife later donated money to the School of Architecture, which was renamed in their honor, 1991.

## Milestones for THE HOUSE I LIVE IN: A history of housing in the United States

### 1600s

**JANUARY 1625** The Dutch West India Company issues rules to Interim Director of New Netherlands Willem Verhulst to administer the types and location of houses in the colony.

**1648** The Dutch colony of New Amsterdam passes the first fire prevention law, banning wooden and plaster chimneys.

### 1700s

**APRIL 1, 1775** New York law aims to prevent fires and limit their damage by regulating where wooden buildings could be constructed. Nevertheless, a great fire in September 1776 destroyed much of the city.

**1791** New York State law mandates the use of fire walls in home construction.

**1799** Philadelphia builder William Sansom constructs what is believed to be the first group of block-long uniform row houses in an American city along Walnut Street.

### 1800s

**1800** New York State Legislature grants power to New York City to “purchase property within designated areas that violated building regulations.”

**MARCH 22, 1811** The Commissioners’ Plan for New York establishes a long-range plan for the city’s growth, dividing the city into a grid of long rectangles consisting of 20 blocks to a mile extending up the island from Houston Street to 155th Street. The plan led to standardized building lots of 25 x 100 feet.

**1817** The West Point military academy offers the first academic program in architecture as part of its civil engineering coursework.

**1820** Hezekiah Pierrepont divides 60 acres in Brooklyn Heights into lots measuring 25 x 100 feet, designed for row houses with backyards. The resulting homes comprised the first New York suburb. He required that the houses be built with brick instead of the more common wood, thus attracting more prosperous residents.

**1832** George Snow, builder, introduces balloon-frame construction in a Chicago warehouse.

**1833** Architect Minard Lafever publishes the influential *Modern Builders Guide* that includes Grecian designs for American row houses.

**1834** New York Sanitary Inspector Gerritt Forbes calls attention to the wretched housing conditions of immigrants on the Lower East Side.

**1841** Catharine Beecher writes *A Treatise on Domestic Economy*, a seminal work on domestic economy.

**1842** Dr. John H. Griscom, housing reformer who serves as City Inspector for New York, writes *The Sanitary Condition of the Laboring Population of New York*, recommending that landlords improve the degree of light and ventilation in housing.

**FEBRUARY 1848** Tenant League of New York City calls for new law to limit rent increases to seven percent of a property’s assessed value.

**1853** Charles Loring Brace and others found the Children’s Aid Society to care for the city’s estimated 30,000 homeless children. The Society initiates the orphan train to shepherd homeless children to farms out west.

**1857** Architect Calvin Vaux publishes *Villas and Cottages*, a work containing 50 home designs that influence residential construction.

**1857** Llewellyn S. Haskell and Alexander Jackson Davis co-design Llewellyn Park in West Orange, New Jersey, to provide luxurious “country homes for city people” on five-to-ten acre lots, incorporating curvilinear streets and a centrally located communal park.

**FEBRUARY 23, 1857** The American Institute of Architects, the first professional association of architects, is founded in New York; Richard Upjohn, first president serves from 1857–1876.

**APRIL 17, 1860** New York City law requires fire escapes on tenement houses.

**MAY 20, 1862** The Homestead Act opens the lands of the public domain to settlers for a nominal fee and five years residence.

**1867** New York State’s first Tenement Act ensures fire escapes in each tenement apartment, a window in each room and a toilet for every 20 residents.



Children in tenement district, Brockton, Mass., 1940.



Houses in Italian immigrant district, Omaha, Neb., 1938.



Families of sharecroppers evicted from homes for membership in Southern Tenant Farmers’ Union, near Parkin, Ark., c. 1936.



John Arbuckle (Arbuckle Coffee) establishes living quarters for low-income working young adults aboard The Stamler, off the New York shoreline, c. 1913.



Winter, Manzanar Relocation Center, Calif., 1943.



Employees’ residences, National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio, c. 1902.





The Wedge House, designed by the San Francisco architectural firm Min/Day for a location in Phippsburg, Me., 2011.



Workmen's houses, Pullman Palace Car Company, Pullman, Ill., c. 2000.



Advertisement for single-family home in Marine Park, Brooklyn, N.Y., c. 1920s.



Families living in housing from the American Bridge Company, Ambridge, Pa., 1938.



Sausalito, Calif., houseboats, 2012.



Double-decker homes in Ambridge, Pa., 1938.

## 1800s

**1868** Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux plan Riverside, a 1,600-acre middle-class utopian suburb outside Chicago.

**1869** The Stuyvesant, the first middle-class apartment in New York City, opens, designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt.

**1869** Catharine Beecher writes *The American Woman's Home*, a manual of domestic life that redefines the kitchen by organizing individual workspaces.

**1872** Philanthropist Alfred T. White hires architect William S. Field to design a model tenement in Brooklyn, the future Home Buildings located at Hicks and Baltic Streets.

**DECEMBER 1878** The Plumber and Sanitation Engineer sponsors a competition aimed at improving standard of planning for tenements. Architect James E. Ware wins the competition with his dumbbell plan that provides light and air to inner bedrooms.

**1880** W.E. Harmon introduces real-estate sales on the installment plan in Cincinnati.

**1880** Chicago builder Samuel E. Gross begins building nearly 10,000 500-square-foot, four-room wooden houses, referred to as "workmen's cottages."

**MARCH 3, 1882** Steam heat is first delivered to homes in New York City.

**OCTOBER 27, 1884** The Dakota Apartment House, designed by Henry J. Hardenbergh for wealthy residents, opens on Central Park West and 72nd Street in Manhattan.



The Bandit's Roost, 59 1/2 Mulberry Street, in New York City, 1888.



Barbed-wire enclosed camp for migrant workers at the Cannon Company, Bridgeville, Del., 1940.



Washington Place, adjacent to Ft. Greene Park, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1974.



Laborers' camp, Aqueduct for New York City water supply, c. 1910.



Floor plan for the Dorilton apartment house, New York, 1902.



Children in Sunday clothes, Dead Ox Flat, Malheur County, Ore., 1939.

**1885** Massachusetts Institute of Technology offers the first academic coursework in architecture.

**1890** The United States Census Bureau compiles homeownership statistics for the first time.

**1890** Jacob Riis publishes *How the Other Half Lives*, a photographic exposé of living conditions among the poor in New York City.

**1891** Roland Park is Baltimore's first residential district to impose lease restrictions to govern the use of the property.

**JULY 1894** Architect Ernest Flagg writes of the evils of tenement housing in *Scribner's*.

**MAY 9, 1895** The New York State Tenement House Act enables the New York City Board of Health to condemn and demolish buildings "declared unfit for human habitation."

**1896** The City and Suburban Homes Corporation is founded by housing philanthropists willing to accept limited dividends and begins construction two years later on 13 model tenements between First and York Avenues on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

**1896** The Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) is created seeking a more efficient and prosperous property market.

**1897** Washington Sanitary Improvement Company completes its first two-story row houses in the nation's capital for working men at reasonable rates.

## 1900s

**1900** Robert W. De Forest chairs the New York State Housing

Commission, which prepares a city ordinance requiring "new law" tenements to provide minimum standards of light and ventilation.

**FEBRUARY 10, 1900** The Tenement House Exhibition opens in New York and attracts 10,000 visitors in two weeks. The exhibition leads to the 1901 Tenement House Act, largely authored by reformers Lawrence Veiller and Robert W. De Forest.

**APRIL 12, 1901** The Tenement House Act of 1901 becomes law in New York State. "New law" tenements are required to provide more light and air in apartments.

**1909** Forest Hills Gardens, America's first garden suburb, is conceived by the landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. and housing reformer and architect Grosvenor Atterbury in Forest Hills, Queens, only nine miles from Manhattan.

**1910** Baltimore becomes the first city in the country to create racially restrictive housing covenants, banning blacks from living on any street on which more than half of the residents are white and vice versa.

**1913** New federal income tax legislation makes interest payments and taxes deductible from income, eventually providing subsidies for homeowners.

**1916** The Federal Farm Loan Act, while lowering the cost of long-term credit to farmers, aids businesses conducting residential financing.

**JULY 25, 1916** New York establishes the first zoning law in the country, requiring new skyscrapers to employ a ziggurat-style setback, enabling light and air to reach cross streets.





Family finishing garments at home, 5 Extra Place, on New York's Lower East Side. They earn \$2 - \$2.50 per week, 1913.



Four-room houses occupied by workers at the Plymouth mines, Eleanor, W.Va., 1935.



Gateway Park, Gary Land Company, subsidiary of U.S. Steel, Gary, Ind., 1906.



Row houses on Shakespeare Street in Fells Point, Baltimore, Md., c. 1933.



Row houses on Shakespeare Street in Fells Point, Baltimore, Md., c. 2010.

## 1900s

**NOVEMBER 5, 1917** In *Buchanan v. Warley* (Louisville), the Supreme Court rules racial segregation by municipal zoning ordinances unconstitutional.

**MAY 16, 1918** Congress authorizes the U.S. Housing Corporation to build housing for war workers in 25 communities.

**1920** New York State adopts Emergency Rent Laws to deal with housing shortage; law expires in June 1929.

**1920** Nationwide housing construction boom sees more than 700,000 housing starts each year during the decade.

**FEBRUARY 21, 1921** The New York City Board of Estimate passes a tax-exemption ordinance that frees all new residential buildings from real estate taxes for a period of ten years, setting off a building boom in the city.

**1922** New York State Legislature passes the Brokers' License Law to take effect October 1 to protect the public from unscrupulous real estate brokers.

**JULY 20, 1922** Responding to complaints about the high costs and inactivity in the building industry, the Building Code Committee, appointed by Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, issues a report recommending minimum requirements for small dwelling construction.

**1923** The Regional Planning Association of America is created; its members include leading architects, engineers, economists and social scientists such as Lewis Mumford, Clarence Stein and Charles Ascher.

**1924** Utilizing the 1922 New York State Metropolitan Bill, which authorizes life insurance companies to own housing developments and receive a ten-year tax abatement, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company opens the Metropolitan Apartments (now Cosmopolitan Houses) in Sunnyside, Queens, 54 five-story buildings for low-income tenants.

**1926** The United Workers Cooperative Colony (The Coops) are built in the north Bronx on Allerton Avenue, largely by and for Jewish Communist garment workers.

**MAY 24, 1926** In *Corrigan v. Buckley*, the Supreme Court refused to hear a case and thus upholds racially restrictive housing covenants.

**NOVEMBER 22, 1926** In *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty*, the Supreme Court upholds the legality of the village's zoning ordinance, setting a precedent for cases involving zoning to regulate land use.

**JUNE 22, 1927** The Municipal Assembly of New York City passes Local Law 9, providing a 20-year tax exemption on buildings approved by the State Board of Housing. In 1933, this exemption is limited to projects eradicating slums. Between 1927 and 1935, 11 large-scale projects are constructed for working people.

**NOVEMBER 1927** Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union opens housing coops in the Van Cortlandt section of the Bronx, financed in part by tenants' down payments and a mortgage from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

**1928** City Housing Corporation begins constructing Radburn, New Jersey, "a garden city for the motor age," incorporating modern design principles by Clarence S. Stein and Henry Wright. Radburn

introduces the "super-block" concept, interior park space and the separation of automobile and pedestrian traffic.

**FEBRUARY 1928** Paul Laurence Dunbar Apartments in Harlem open. Designed by Andrew J. Thomas and financed by John D. Rockefeller Jr., the 511-apartment complex was originally planned as a cooperative for middle-class African-Americans.

**1930** Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments, privately built by philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, open in Chicago's segregated Bronzeville neighborhood as affordable housing for middle-class blacks.

**1931** Prudential Life Insurance Company opens four "model tenements" in Newark, New Jersey, two solely for African-Americans in the Third Ward (demolished in 2010).

**DECEMBER 2, 1931** President Herbert Hoover's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership promotes homeownership through private-sector programs.

**MARCH 22, 1932** The Public Housing Conference in New York City brings together social workers and housing experts to advocate federal and state housing legislation. Its members seek to tear down slum apartments and construct low-cost housing.

**JULY 21, 1932** The Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, the government's first major involvement in housing. Home Loan Discount Banks make loans of \$8,059,000 to construct Knickerbocker Village in New York City, and loans of \$155,000 to finance rural homes in Kansas.

**JULY 22, 1932** President Herbert Hoover signs the Federal Home Loan Bank Act.



One-room hut housing family of nine on top of the chassis of an abandoned Ford, between Camden and Bruceton, Tenn., 1936.



Langston Terrace houses, Washington, D.C., c. 1980.



Back of tenements on Thompson Street, New York City, 1912.



Turtle Bay Gardens, between E. 48th and E. 49th Street, New York City, 1920.



Outdoor toilets used by families living in tenements on East 3rd Street, New York City, property that may have become First Houses in 1935.



Farm Security Administration labor camp, Robstown, Tex., 1942.





Apartment houses near 139th Street and St. Anne's Avenue, the Bronx, New York, 1936.



Farm Security Administration poster, c. 1935.



African-American housing in North Memphis, Tenn., 1940.



New York City apartment living on E. 53rd Street, 1950.



Tenement building kitchen in Bedford-Stuyvesant before construction of Marcy Houses, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1946.



Model homes, Radburn, N.J., 1935.

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**JUNE 13, 1933** Under the New Deal, the Homeowners Loan Corporation (HOLC) provides privatized mortgage refinancing, but also helps lay the groundwork for redlining, a banking practice that denied capital to older (often minority) neighborhoods.

**AUGUST 23, 1933** Created as part of the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Subsistence Homesteads builds 95 communities for relocated poor rural families.

**JANUARY 31, 1934** New York State passes a Municipal Housing Authority Law, which leads to the creation of the New York City Housing Authority.

**MAY 12, 1934** The federal government assumes control of the Penderlea Homestead, a model farm community in North Carolina created for penniless farmers. Only 142 of the planned total of 500 20-acre farms were ever leased.

**JUNE 1934** First homes are completed in Arthurdale, located near Morgantown, West Virginia, a planned community for impoverished coal miners and farmers. Sponsored by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the project proved too expensive to maintain.

**JUNE 27, 1934** The National Housing Act creates the Federal Housing Administration, which helps provide mortgage insurance on loans made by FHA-approved lenders.

**1935** Construction begins on Detroit's Brewster Homes, the nation's first federally funded public housing development for African-Americans. The project opens in 1938 with 701 units and is demolished in 1991.

**JANUARY 1, 1935** Philadelphia's Carl Mackley Houses open, the first Modernist housing project in America. Sponsored by the hosiery workers union with financing by the Housing Division of the Public Works Administration, it provides 284 apartments.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 1935** The YWCA opens a residence in New York City for young women who earn less than \$15 per week. Women pay \$6 per week and donate 12 hours of work at the residence.

**1936** City-wide Tenants League, the first tenants' council in New York City, formed by leaders from Knickerbocker Village.

**MARCH 17, 1936** The New York State Court of Appeals rules in *New York City Housing Authority v. Muller* that the Authority could use its power of eminent domain to demolish slum housing and build its own projects.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 1937** The United States Housing Act of 1937 (Wagner-Steagall Act) creates the United States Housing Authority, a public corporation under the Department of the Interior, which offers \$500 million in loans for low-cost housing.

**FEBRUARY 3, 1938** The National Housing Act Amendments of 1938 creates the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), which provides a secondary market for Federal Housing Administration-backed loans after the private sector fails to create national mortgage associations to buy FHA mortgages.

**FEBRUARY 8, 1938** The New York State Legislature passes the O'Brien-Piper Bill, which enables life insurance companies to invest up to ten percent of their total assets in low-cost housing for a five-year period. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company builds Parkchester, an enormous complex

housing 42,000 people on 120 acres of undeveloped land in the Bronx.

**AUGUST 11, 1939** First Federal Census on Housing authorizes the Bureau of the Census to obtain data on the characteristics of the nation's housing supply and occupancy.

**1940** Rental households in New York City reach 84 percent.

**OCTOBER 14, 1940** The Lanham Act provides for 700,000 units of federal housing for defense workers.

**NOVEMBER 12, 1940** In *Hansberry v. Lee*, the Supreme Court rules that a racially restrictive housing covenant can be challenged in court. Carl Hansberry is the father of playwright Lorraine, future author of *A Raisin in the Sun* (1959).

**JANUARY 30, 1942** The Emergency Price Control Act authorizes federal rent control during World War II. By January 1945, Scranton, Pennsylvania, is the only city of more than 100,000 population not under control.

**FEBRUARY 24, 1942** National Housing Agency is formed by executive order of President Roosevelt, consolidating all agencies and power of the federal government regarding housing under a single agency for purposes of coordinating housing for the war effort.

**DECEMBER 12, 1942** First tenants move into 9,942 apartments of Kaiserville (named after the Kaiser shipyards), the largest wartime housing development, near Portland, Oregon. Racially segregated, Kaiserville instantly becomes the second largest city in the state with 42,000 residents. Flooding in 1948 destroyed the entire complex, killing 15 residents.



Penderlea Farms, resettlement project, N.C., 1937.



Advertising poster for S.E. Gross homes in Chicago, Ill., c. 1900.



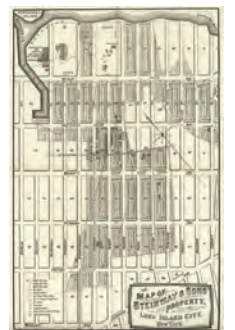
Shaker Heights suburban community, near Cleveland, Ohio, c. 1978.



Youngstown, Ohio, mills and housing, 1954.



Armed guards protect family moving into the Sojourner Truth Housing Project, Detroit, Mich., 1942.



Map of Steinway & Sons property and company town, Long Island City, New York, c. 1900.





Federal Art Project poster offering housing for workers during World War II, c. 1941.



Crowded shanties in sight of Capitol building, Washington, D.C., 1935.



Chinatown children, New York City, c. 1975.



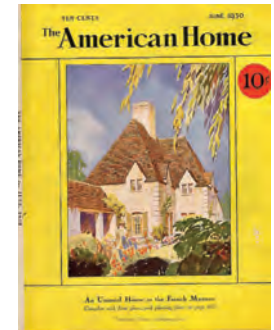
Indian village of Secoton, N.C., c. 1590.



Ruins in Canyon de Chelly, Ariz., 1873.



Coatesville, Pa., home designed by Louis Kahn and Oscar Stonorov, 1943.



The American Home magazine, 1930.

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**JUNE 22, 1944** The Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill) authorizes the Veterans Administration (VA) to guarantee loans with liberal terms for the purchase, building or improvement of homes.

**1947** Levittown, New York, contains 17,000 homes. Construction inverts the assembly line as sites were fixed and crews moved from site to site.

**FEBRUARY 1, 1947** The Federal Housing and Rent Act exempts buildings constructed after this date from rent control. Properties already constructed by this date continue being regulated.

**MAY 3, 1948** In *Shelley v. Kraemer*, the Supreme Court rules that "racially restrictive covenants" in property deeds are unenforceable.

**JULY 15, 1949** The Housing and Urban Redevelopment Act of 1949 aims to eradicate slums and promote community development and redevelopment programs by inaugurating a policy of urban renewal that creates superblocks attractive to investors.

**1951** First New York State rent control law covers all 2.5 million rental units in the state, 85 percent of which are in New York City.

**JUNE 1951** Baltimore is first place in the U.S. to ban lead paint for interior of "any dwelling or dwelling unit."

**AUGUST 2, 1954** The Housing Act of 1954 establishes comprehensive planning assistance and extends funding for the first time beyond new construction and demolition to rehabilitation and conservation of "deteriorating" areas. The Act introduces the term "urban renewal" to refer to efforts to revitalize decaying urban areas.

**NOVEMBER 22, 1954** In *Berman v. Parker*, the Supreme Court rules that private property can be taken for a public purpose if just compensation is awarded, thereby clearing the way for urban renewal projects across the nation.

**AUGUST 7, 1956** The Housing Act of 1956 added provisions giving preference to the elderly and provided for "relocation payments" to those displaced by urban renewal.

**1957** Family of Sonia Sotomayor, future Supreme Court Justice, moves into NYCHA's Bronxdale Houses when she is three years old. Sonia's mom Celina would later graduate with a degree in nursing from Hostos Community College, CUNY, and her younger brother Juan would earn a B.S. degree from the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at the City College of New York, CUNY before receiving a medical degree. In 2010, NYCHA renames the 28-building complex in the Bronx, the Sotomayor Houses.

**NOVEMBER 25, 1958** 128 landlords in Queens are fined for violations as part of New York's anti-slum drive.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 1959** The Housing Act of 1959 allows funds for elderly housing.

**1961** Jane Jacobs writes *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*.

**DECEMBER 15, 1961** Revised New York City Zoning Law takes effect. It divides the city into residential, commercial and manufacturing districts. To gain more public open space, the law permits builders to increase height of buildings.

**1962** Chicago's Robert Taylor Houses, the nation's largest public housing complex containing over 4,300 apartments, open. Later

demolished in 2007.

**NOVEMBER 20, 1962** President Kennedy issues Executive Order 11063, the first major federal effort to apply civil rights to housing.

**NOVEMBER 1963** Jesse Gray, head of the Community Council on Housing (formerly the Harlem Tenants League) organizes rent strikes in a 15-block section of central Harlem.

**JULY 2, 1964** Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 assures nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.

**SEPTEMBER 2, 1964** The Housing Act of 1964 allows rehabilitation loans for homeowners.

**1965** Chatham Towers (New York City) opens as part of the New York State Mitchell-Lama program to provide housing for the middle class.

**AUGUST 10, 1965** A cabinet-level agency for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is created.

**JANUARY 18, 1966** Robert C. Weaver becomes the first HUD Secretary.

**1968** The City College of New York establishes the School of Architecture and Environmental Studies, renamed the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture in 2009.

**APRIL 11, 1968** The Fair Housing Act bans discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin.

**MAY 6, 1969** The New York Rent Stabilization Law introduces rent stabilization to units built after the February 1, 1947 cutoff. Rent control continues for those buildings built before February 1947 and to units occupied by a tenant continuously since before July 1, 1971.



Children on row house steps, Washington, D.C., 1941.



Greenwich Street, New York City, 1810.



The Elephant Hotel, Coney Island, N.Y., 1892.



Houston, Tex., 1943.



Migrant potato picker, Tulelake, Siskiyou County, Calif., 1939.





19th-century African-American community Weeksville, Brooklyn, N.Y., one of America's first free black communities, 2016.



Huts and unemployed, West Houston and Mercer Streets, New York City, 1935.



Tucson, Ariz. home, c. 1950.



Steinway Village, Astoria, New York, c. 1900.



Dunbar Houses, Harlem, New York City, c. 1950.



Brochure advertising Phipps Garden Apartments in Long Island City, New York, c. 1934.

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**DECEMBER 24, 1969** The Brooke Amendment establishes that low-income families pay no more than 25 percent of their income for rent in public housing — raised to 30 percent in 1981. The unintended effect was to drive out working people and create ghettos of poverty.

**JANUARY 13, 1971** The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act prohibits lead-based paint in federally built or subsidized housing.

**1973** HUD creates Office of Policy Development and Research, collecting reliable data on housing for the first time through the American Housing Survey.

**AUGUST 22, 1974** The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 allows community development block grants and help for urban homesteading. The Section 8 Housing Assistance Program provides direct payments from HUD and public housing agencies to private landlords. The Act also bans housing discrimination based on gender, making it easier for women to obtain housing.

**DECEMBER 31, 1975** President Ford signs the Housing Mortgage Disclosure Act, an attempt to reduce discriminatory lending by requiring financial lending institutions to keep a public register of mortgage loan applications including the race, ethnicity and gender of the applicant.

**OCTOBER 4, 1976** The Federal Tax Reform Act includes the first

federal tax incentives for rehabilitating income-producing historic buildings.

**JANUARY 11, 1977** In *Village of Arlington Heights v. Metropolitan Housing Development Corp.*, the Supreme Court rules that proof of racially discriminatory intent is required in claim that race was a motivating factor in a land zoning decision.

**OCTOBER 5, 1977** President Jimmy Carter visits the urban desolation of the South Bronx, exemplified by Charlotte Street. Carter also visits sweat equity rehabilitation projects on Washington Avenue.

**OCTOBER 12, 1977** The Housing and Community Development Act of 1977 sets up Urban Development Grants and continues elderly and handicapped assistance. Title VIII is known as the Community Reinvestment Act, which for the first time seeks to address the damage of redlining and discrimination by demanding banks help meet the credit needs of local communities. Grants end in 1988 after providing \$5 billion in funds.

**NOVEMBER 30, 1983** The Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 creates the Section 8 housing voucher demonstration program, continuing the idea of payment subsidies to renters in private sector buildings, but eliminating Section 8 certificates for new and rehabilitated units.

**APRIL 30, 1986** New York City Mayor Ed Koch proposes a ten-year \$4.2 billion plan to renovate or build 250,000 apartments in the city for low- and middle-income tenants.

**JULY 22, 1987** The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance

Act helps communities deal with homelessness. HUD provides rental assistance to homeless individuals in rehabilitated single room occupancy housing. The federal government also provides money for homeless shelters.

**FEBRUARY 5, 1988** The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 creates the Nehemiah Housing Opportunity Grants (NHOP) program, making federal grants to nonprofit organizations, which would then loan funds to low-income families purchasing homes being built or rehabilitated under an approved program.

**JUNE 29, 1988** The Indian Housing Act gives HUD new responsibilities for housing needs of Native Americans and Alaskan Indians.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 1989** The Fair Housing Amendments Act expands legal protections to families with children, physically handicapped and mentally impaired persons.

**NOVEMBER 28, 1990** The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act emphasizes homeownership and tenant-based assistance for low-income people.

**1992** HUD's Family Unification Program works with local public housing authorities and public child welfare agencies to prevent family separation due to homelessness and to prevent homelessness among aging-out youth.

**OCTOBER 5, 1992** The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight is created as part of HUD to help ensure the financial capability of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.



Frederick C. Robie House, Chicago, Ill., 1963.



American system-built home, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Milwaukee, Wis., 2016.



Jane Addams Houses, Chicago, Ill., c. 1938.



John Hope Homes, Atlanta, Ga., c. 1980.

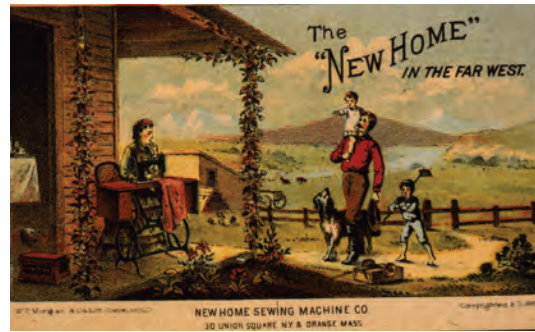


Trailer camp opposite United Aircraft, near Hartford, Conn., 1941.





Atlanta, Ga., homes, photographed as part of exhibit on African-American life shown at Paris Exposition Universelle, in 1900.



Advertising poster for New Home Sewing Machine, 1881.



Latina women plastering an adobe house, Chamisal, N.M., 1940.



Shadow Lawn, N.J., Woodrow Wilson summer White House, 1916.



Mexican migrant housing, Edcouch, Tex., 1939.

## 1900s

**OCTOBER 6, 1992** The HOPE VI program aims to revitalize public housing through a mixed-finance program that combines public, private and nonprofit funds to develop and operate housing developments.

**1996** Homeownership totals 66.3 million American households, the largest number ever.

**MARCH 28, 1996** The Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act gives public housing authorities the tools to evict residents who might endanger other existing residents due to substance abuse and criminal behavior.

**1997** The Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 initiates a series of reforms and cost-saving measures to help maintain and preserve the stock of long-term affordable subsidized housing in the Project-based Section 8 program.

**1998** HUD opens Enforcement Center to take action against HUD-assisted multifamily property owners and other HUD fund recipients who violate laws and regulations.

**1998** The Public Housing Reform and Responsibility Act of 1997 aims to shift primary responsibility for public housing programs from the federal government to states and localities.

**OCTOBER 21, 1998** The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) intends to reduce the concentration of poverty

in public housing by removing disincentives for residents to work and providing rental protection for low-income residents, among other provisions.

## 2000s

**2006–2009** Increased foreclosure rates among U.S. homeowners lead to a crisis that adversely affects home valuations and reverberates throughout the nation's mortgage markets, Wall Street hedge fund investments and the industries of home building, real estate, retail home supply and banking.

**JULY 30, 2008** Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 strengthens regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (government-sponsored enterprises) and the Federal Home Loan Banks. It creates the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which purchases and redevelops foreclosed and abandoned homes, and allows the FHA to guarantee up to \$300 billion in new 30-year fixed rate mortgages for subprime borrowers.

**OCTOBER 3, 2008** The Troubled Asset Relief Program is signed by President George W. Bush allowing the Department of the Treasury to buy up to \$700 billion in troubled assets, including residential mortgages.

**FEBRUARY 17, 2009** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides an economic stimulus bill in response to recession. Housing receives approximately \$14.7 billion of the \$831

billion total planned expenditure.

**MARCH 5, 2009** New York's Appellate Court rules in *Roberts v. Tishman Speyer Properties* that units cannot be removed from rent stabilization regulations if landlords had participated in New York City's J-51 tax abatement program. This decision affects several thousand apartments in Stuyvesant Town in Manhattan.

**JULY 21, 2010** The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act obliges mortgage originators to only lend to borrowers who are likely to repay their loans.

**NOVEMBER 21, 2010** Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program provides emergency mortgage relief to homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed and at risk of foreclosure.

**JANUARY 4, 2011** Section 811 Project Rental Assistance program provides rental subsidies to allow persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible.

**JULY 2, 2013** HUD issues the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), designed to help preserve public housing by providing public housing agencies with access to stable funding to complete necessary improvements to properties.

**JUNE 25, 2015** In *Texas v. Inclusive Communities Project*, the Supreme Court rules that the Texas Department of Housing had allocated tax credits to build low-income housing in predominantly black inner-city areas in such a way as to continue segregated housing patterns.



Housing protest sponsored by Asian Americans for Equality at site of Confucius Plaza, Chinatown, New York City, c. 1974.  
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John E. Amos Power Plant looms over Poca, W.Va., 1973.



Aerial view of Dyckman Houses, along the Harlem River, in New York City, 1951.



Dugout house of homesteader Faro Caudill, Pie Town, N.M., 1940.



Streetcar housing for family of four, outside of Fayetteville, N.C., 1941.



Sylvan Terrace, Washington Heights, New York City, 2016.





# PUBLIC HOUSING



**"A decent standard of housing for all is one of the irreducible obligations of modern civilization."**

**– Mary Simkhovitch  
Settlement House advocate**

**"I shall not rest until my native city is the first not only in population but also in wholesome housing."**

**– Fiorello H. LaGuardia,  
New York City Mayor**

**"Lots of people have gone from public housing to do great things in the world and have a tremendous sense of duty to their fellow man because of it."**

**– Jewel, musician**



**"I am vitally interested in a housing program because it fuses our major and our minor objectives. While providing better living conditions at once, it also offers the most fertile field for the large-scale cultivation of reemployment... Every nail driven in a housing program will serve a useful and permanent purpose."**

**– Senator Robert F. Wagner, 1936**

**"I hope the day is dawning when private capital will devote itself to better and cheaper housing, but we know that the government will have to continue to build for the low-income groups. That is a departure for us, but other governments have done it."**

**– Eleanor Roosevelt 1935**

**Clockwise from left: NYCHA launches first-ever large-scale urban farm at Red Hook Houses, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2013. Sheepshead Bay Houses, Brooklyn, N.Y., playground area, Etti Weinstein, far right and her daughter Iris, in white with her back to the camera showing her new ring, c. 1954. Bushwick Houses residents enjoy an outdoor barbecue, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1973.**



# JANUARY

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<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY <b>KWANZAA ENDS</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY</b> <b>1935</b> Philadelphia's Carl Mackley Houses open, the first Modernist housing project in America. Sponsored by the hosiery workers union with financing by the Housing Division of the Public Works Administration, it provides 284 apartments.	2	3	4	5	6 <b>THREE KINGS DAY, FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b>	7 <b>ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS</b>
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15	16 <b>DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (OBSERVED)</b>	17	18  <b>1966</b> Robert C. Weaver becomes the first HUD Secretary.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST</b>	28 <b>CHINESE NEW YEAR</b>
29	30  <b>1942</b> The Emergency Price Control Act authorizes federal rent control during World War II. By January 1945, Scranton, Pennsylvania, is the only city of more than 100,000 population not under control.	31  <b>1934</b> New York State passes a Municipal Housing Authority Law. The Act led to the creation of the New York City Housing Authority.	 <p>LEFT U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, shown here as a child, grew up in NYCHA housing in the Bronx. The New York City Housing Authority has renamed the Bronxdale Houses and Community Center in honor of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.</p> <p>RIGHT Dr. Juan Sotomayor, a graduate of the Sophie B. Davis School of Medical Education, CUNY, grew up in NYCHA housing in the Bronx with his sister, Sonia, the current Supreme Court Justice.</p>		 <p>LEFT Shola Olatoye, appointed Chair and CEO of NYCHA in 2014, directs the largest public housing authority in the nation. Olatoye has devoted her professional career to providing affordable housing.</p>	

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REAL ESTATE BOARD OF NEW YORK

**fund**  
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**public housing**



# uprooted

**"Fair and affordable housing is a basic right for all New Yorkers and all Americans."**

— Nydia Velazquez,  
U. S. Congresswoman from  
New York City

**"It is just possible that in a future world we may also come to recognize today's squatters as the ones with a more enlightened vision about the urban frontier."**

— Neil Smith,  
Anthropologist, 1996

**"We have not merely a housing shortage, but a broader set of unmet needs caused by the efforts of an entire society to fit itself into a housing pattern that reflects the dreams of the mid-nineteenth century better than the realities of the late twentieth century."**

— Dolores Hayden,  
Urban Historian,  
*Redesigning the American Dream*

**"The cause of homelessness is lack of housing."**

— Jonathan Kozol, author

The painted bus is home, Rifle, Colo., 1972.



Home, Sweet, Home, tenement house at 541 E. 13th Street, East Village, New York City, c. 1995.



Migrants from Oklahoma looking for work in the pea fields of California, 1935.



FEBRUARY

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 <p>LEFT <i>Migrant workers near Marysville, Calif. 1935.</i></p> <p>RIGHT <i>John Mollenkopf, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the CUNY Graduate Center, directs the Center for Urban Research.</i></p>			<b>1</b> <b>VASANT PANCHAMI</b> (HINDU OBSERVANCE)	<b>2</b> <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1938</b> The New York State Legislature passes the O'Brien-Piper Bill, which enables life insurance companies to invest up to ten percent of their total assets in low-cost housing for a five-year period. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company builds Parkchester, an enormous complex housing 42,000 people on 120 acres of undeveloped land in the Bronx.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>1900</b> The Tenement House Exhibition opens in New York and attracts 10,000 visitors within two weeks. The exhibition leads to the 1901 Tenement House Act, largely authored by reformer Lawrence Veiller and Robert W. De Forest.	<b>11</b> <b>TU B'SHVAT</b>
<b>12</b> <b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>	<b>21</b> <b>1921</b> The New York City Board of Estimate passes a tax-exemption ordinance that frees all new residential buildings from real estate taxes for a period of ten years. This law sets off a building boom in New York City.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>1857</b> The American Institute of Architects, the first professional association of architects, is founded in New York; Richard Upjohn, first president serves from 1857–1876.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>MAHA SHIVARATRI</b> (HINDU OBSERVANCE)
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>LENT (ORTHODOX)</b> <b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>28</b> <b>MARDI GRAS (SHROVE TUESDAY)</b>	 <p>LEFT <i>Residents at the Japanese American Resettlement home in Brooklyn, 1945.</i></p>		 <p>LEFT <i>Neil Smith was a Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Geography at the CUNY Graduate Center, and wrote about New Yorkers uprooted by gentrification in the East Village in the 1980s.</i></p>	

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# HOUSING CONSTRUCTION





Let architects sing of aesthetics  
That bring rich clients to their knees  
Just give me a home, in a great circle dome  
Where stresses and strains are at ease.  
– R. Buckminster Fuller, Architect

"Architecture is the very mirror of life. You  
only have to cast your eyes on buildings to  
feel the presence of the past, the spirit of a  
place; they are the reflection of society."  
– I. M. Pei, Architect

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: BRICKLAYING CLASS AT THE ARMSTRONG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D.C., 1942.  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS REPAIRING HOMES AFTER HURRICANE SANDY, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y., 2013.  
BUILDING A BALLOON FRAME HOUSE, OMAHA RESERVATION, NEB., 1877.



MARCH

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 <div>LEFT Volunteer repairing Staten Island home damaged by Hurricane Sandy, 2012.</div> <div>RIGHT Celina Sotomayor, a graduate of Hostos Community College's nursing program, CUNY, raised her two children, Sonia and Juan, in NYCHA housing in the Bronx.</div>			1 ASH WEDNESDAY	2	3  1882 Steam heat is first delivered to homes in New York City.	4
5 2009 New York's Appellate Court rules in <i>Roberts v. Tishman Speyer Properties</i> that units cannot be removed from rent stabilization regulations if landlords had participated in New York City's J-51 tax abatement program. This decision affects several thousand apartments in Stuyvesant Town in Manhattan.	6	7	8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	9	10	11 PURIM (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS PURIM	13 HOLI (HINDU OBSERVANCE)	14	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY  1936 The New York State Court of Appeals rules in <i>New York City Housing Authority v. Muller</i> that the Authority could use its power of eminent domain to demolish slum housing and build its own projects.	18
19	20 VERNAL EQUINOX (SPRING BEGINS)	21	22 1811 The Commissioners' Plan for New York establishes a long-range plan for the city's growth, dividing the city into a grid of long rectangles consisting of 20 blocks to a mile extending up the island from Houston Street to 155th Street. The plan led to standardized building lots of 25 x 100 feet.	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 RIGHT In 2014 John H. Banks, III became president of the Real Estate Board of New York, the city's leading real estate trade association with more than 17,000 members including major commercial and residential property owners and builders, brokers and managers. Banks earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College.	

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# Alternative housing

"WOE TO THOSE WHO ADD HOUSE TO HOUSE, WHO JOIN FIELD TO FIELD, UNTIL THERE IS NO MORE ROOM AND THEY ARE THE SOLE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND." ISAIAH 5:8



YAKIMA OR UMATILLA INDIAN, OREGON, C. 1900.



EARTHSHIP BIOTECTURE, TAOS, N.M., C. 2010.



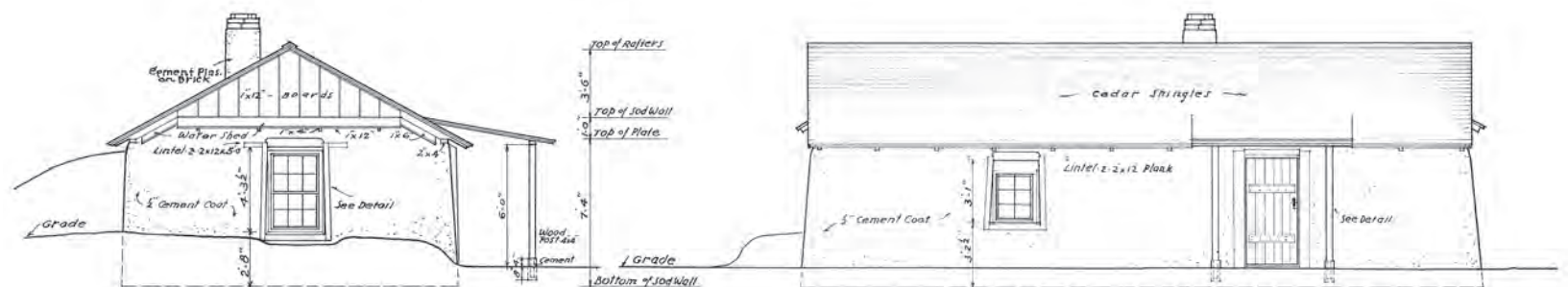
DEE WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTED HER DREAM-HOUSE-ON-WHEELS, 84 SQUARE-FEET, OLYMPIA, WASH., 2007.

"The tipi is much better to live in – always clean, warm in winter, cool in summer, easy to move. The white man builds big house-- costs much money, like big cage, shut out sun, can never move, always sick. Indians and animals know better how to live than white man. Nobody can be in good health if he does not have all the time fresh air, sunshine and good water."

– Chief Flying Hawk, Oglala

"NO HOUSE SHOULD EVER BE ON ANY HILL OR ON ANYTHING. IT SHOULD BE OF THE HILL, BELONGING TO IT, SO HILL AND HOUSE COULD LIVE TOGETHER EACH THE HAPPIER FOR THE OTHER."

– FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, ARCHITECT






SOUTH ELEVATION

EAST ELEVATION

WHAT IS THE USE OF A HOUSE IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A TOLERABLE PLANET TO PUT IT ON? - HENRY DAVID THOREAU, PHILOSOPHER



# APRIL

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	<p>LEFT Tiny House built by Shannon Donahue and Zack Brown in Ulster County, New York, 2016.</p> <p>RIGHT Alexandra Hanson brings years of policy experience to her work developing affordable housing as a member of the BFC Partners team. She graduated from Hunter College's Center for Urban Policy and Planning.</p>			<p>LEFT Laiching Tsui, student, and June Williamson, Professor, Spitzer School of Architecture, The City College of New York, review drawing of "Farm-away" housing plan for Rockaway Beach, Queens, 2016.</p> <p>RIGHT NYCHA Board Member Frank Crosswaith presents key to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie L. Riley at their new apartment at the Lincoln Houses in East Harlem, 1947.</p>		<p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>WORLD HEALTH DAY</b>	8
9 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	10 <b>PASSOVER (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)</b>	11 <b>FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER</b>	12	13 <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	14 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	15
16 <b>EASTER</b>	17	18 <b>LAST DAY OF PASSOVER</b>	19	20	21	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>
23	24 <b>YOM HA'SHOAH (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY)</b>	25	26 <b>ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY</b>	27 <b>TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY</b>	28 <b>ARBOR DAY</b>	29
30 <b>1986</b> New York City Mayor Ed Koch announces a ten-year \$4.2 billion plan to renovate or build 250,000 apartments in the city for low-and middle-income tenants.						

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# Company Towns



ABOVE: KEEPING TIME AT THE AMERICAN BRIDGE COMPANY, AMBRIDGE, PA., 1943.  
BACKGROUND: HOUSES AND STEEL MILLS, AMBRIDGE, PA., 1938.

"IF WE EXCLUDE THE AESTHETIC AND SANITARY FEATURES AT THE PULLMAN RAILWAY CAR MANUFACTURING PLANT COMPANY TOWN, THE RENTS THERE ARE FROM 20 TO 25 PER CENT HIGHER THAN RENTS IN CHICAGO OR SURROUNDING TOWNS FOR SIMILAR ACCOMMODATIONS. THE AESTHETIC FEATURES ARE ADMIRER BY VISITORS, BUT HAVE LITTLE MONETARY VALUE TO EMPLOYEES, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY LACK BREAD.... THE COMPANY'S CLAIM THAT THE WORKMEN NEED NOT HIRE ITS TENEMENTS AND CAN LIVE ELSEWHERE IF THEY CHOSE IS NOT ENTIRELY TENABLE. THE FEAR OF LOSING WORK KEEPS THEM IN PULLMAN...BECAUSE THE COMPANY IS SUPPOSED, AS A MATTER OF BUSINESS, TO GIVE A PREFERENCE TO ITS TENANTS WHEN WORK IS SLACK... WHILE REDUCING WAGES, THE COMPANY MADE NO REDUCTION IN RENTS... NO VALID REASON IS ASSIGNED FOR THIS POSITION EXCEPT THAT THE COMPANY HAD THE POWER AND THE LEGAL RIGHT TO DO IT..."

— UNITED STATES STRIKE COMMISSION, 1894





MAY

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	1MAY DAY	2YOM HA'ATZMA'UT ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY	3WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY  1948 In <i>Shelley v. Kraemer</i> , the Supreme Court rules that "racially restrictive covenants" in property deeds are unenforceable.	4	5CINCO DE MAYO	6
7	8V-E DAY	9	10WESAK (BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY)	11	12	13
14MOTHER'S DAY	15	16  1918 Congress authorizes the U.S. Housing Corporation to build housing for war workers in 25 communities.	17	18	19	20ARMED FORCES DAY  1862 The Homestead Act opens the lands of the public domain to settlers for a nominal fee and five years residence.
21	22	23	24	25ASCENSION THURSDAY	26	27RAMADAN BEGINS
28	29MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)	30SHAVUOT (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)	31FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT	<div><p>LEFT Guard at company town, steel mills in Jefferson County, Alabama, 1937.</p><p>RIGHT Chinatown (NYC) protest against planned 72-story luxury housing development, 2015.</p></div>		

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# Homes Away from Home

"We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"IF YOU GO ANYWHERE,  
EVEN PARADISE, YOU WILL  
MISS YOUR HOME."

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, 1946



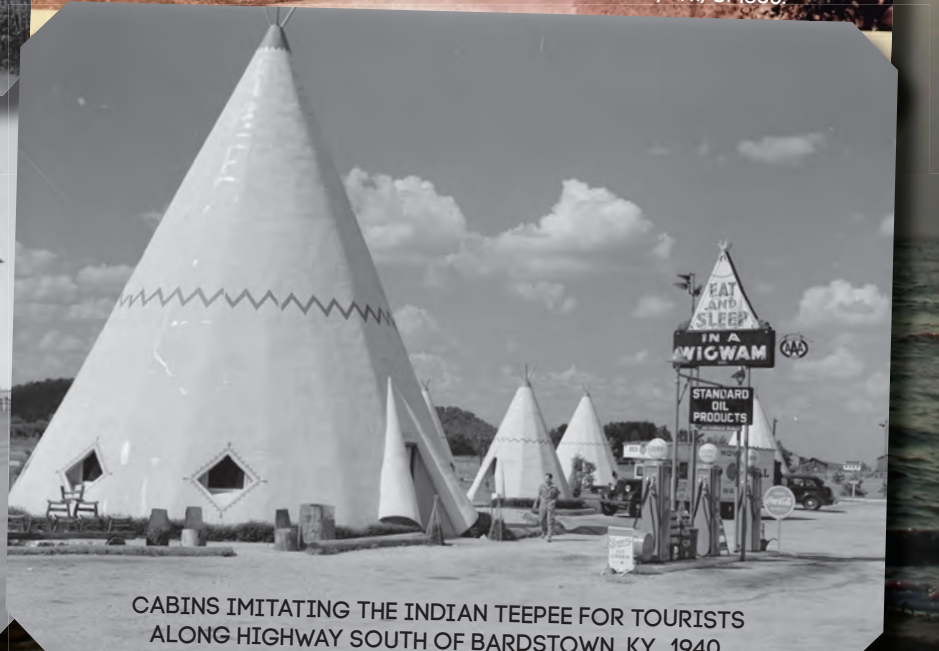
TENT LIFE AT OCEAN GROVE, N.J., C. 1906.



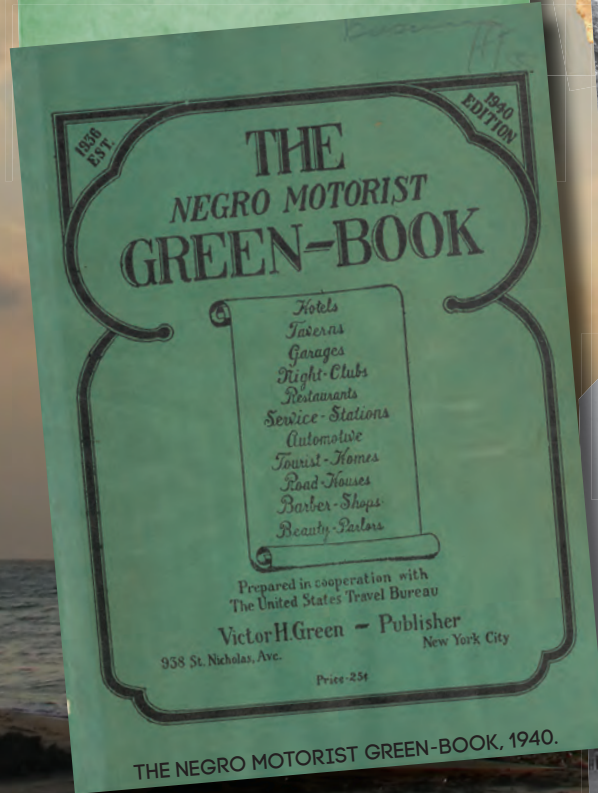
MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE,  
MOHONK, N.Y., C. 1880.



BOARDWALK AND GROUNDS AT THE BRIGHTON  
BEACH HOTEL, BROOKLYN, N.Y., C. 1895.



CABINS IMITATING THE INDIAN TEEPEE FOR TOURISTS  
ALONG HIGHWAY SOUTH OF BARDSTOWN, KY., 1940.



THE NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN-BOOK, 1940.



JUNE

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	LEFT <i>Great Camp Sagamore</i> , located in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State.  RIGHT <i>Yvette Andino</i> , Director for Employee Engagement and Special Assistant to the Chair, NYCHA, earned an M.A. in Urban Policy and Public Administration from Brooklyn College.			I ANNIVERSARY DAY (BROOKLYN-QUEENS DAY)	2	3
4 PENTECOST	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY	13  1933 The Homeowners Loan Corporation (HOLC) provides privatized mortgage refinancing, but lays the groundwork for redlining, a banking practice that denies capital to older (often minority) neighborhoods.	14 FLAG DAY	15 FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY	19	20 WORLD REFUGEE DAY SUMMER SOLSTICE/ SUMMER BEGINS	21	22  1944 The GI Bill authorizes the Veterans Administration (VA) to guarantee loans with liberal terms for the purchase, building or improvement of homes.	23	24
25 EID AL-FITR (RAMADAN ENDS)	26	27  1934 The National Housing Act creates the Federal Housing Administration, which helps provide mortgage insurance on loans made by FHA-approved lenders.	28	29	30	  RIGHT <i>Sagamore Hotel</i> , Lake George, New York, 1907.

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# Suburbs

“Each suburban wife struggled with it alone. As she made the beds, shopped for groceries, matched slipcover material, ate peanut butter sandwiches with her children, chauffeured Cub Scouts and Brownies, lay beside her husband at night, she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question---Is this all?”

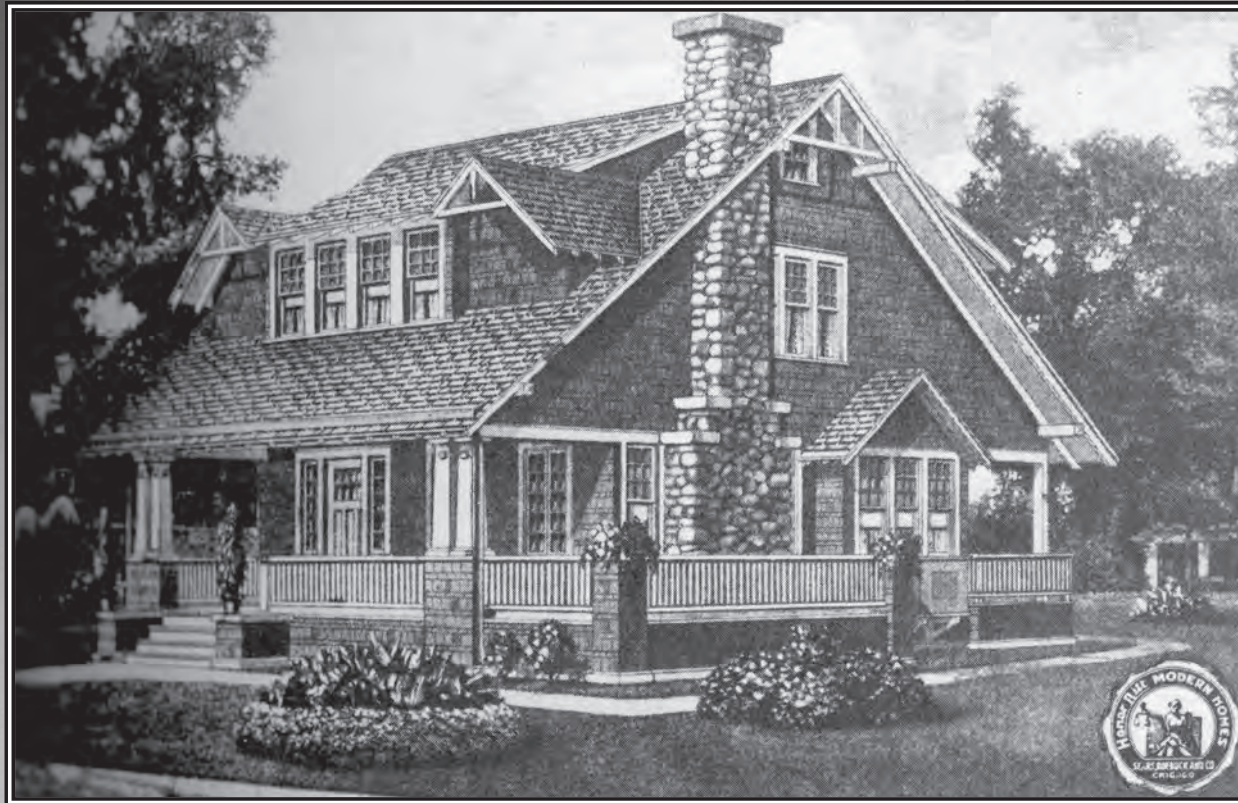
—Betty Friedan, author and activist

**Suburban houses “are all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same.”**

**—Malvina Reynolds, singer-songwriter, 1962**

“Slums may well be breeding-grounds of crime, but middle-class suburbs are incubators of apathy and delirium.”

—John Kenneth Galbraith, economist



Sears, Roebuck and Company standardized model home, c. 1900.



The Country Home, advertisement, c. 1904.



Open house at Levittown, Pa., housing development, c. 1953.

**Levittown is “not just a collection of houses. Our purpose is to make a complete, integrated, harmonious community [that is] a tribute to our American way of life.”**

**— Arthur Levitt, builder**



Aerial view of tract housing, Levittown, N.Y., 1949.



# JULY

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 <p>LEFT Senator Robert F. Wagner (N.Y.) is surrounded by a group of New York Lower East Side residents who support the Wagner-Steagall housing bill, 1937. Wagner graduated from The City College of New York.</p> <p>RIGHT Cinderella Homes built by Vandruff, Orange County, California, 1950s advertisement.</p>		 <p>your every wish for a home... come gloriously true.</p> <p>Cinderella ESTATES VANDRUFF</p>	 <p>LEFT Map of the "town for the motor age," Radburn, New Jersey, 1929.</p> <p>RIGHT Shaker Heights Rapid Transit Line links the suburbs to Cleveland, c. 1980.</p>			<p><b>CANADA DAY</b></p>
2	3	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	5	6	7	8
<p><b>1964</b> Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 assures nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs.</p>						
9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>BASTILLE DAY</b>	15
						<p><b>1949</b> The Housing and Urban Redevelopment Act of 1949 aims to eradicate slums and promote community development and redevelopment programs by inaugurating a policy of urban renewal that creates superblocks attractive to investors.</p>
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						<p><b>1987</b> The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act helps communities deal with homelessness. HUD provides rental assistance to homeless individuals in rehabilitated single room occupancy housing. The federal government also provides money for homeless shelters.</p>
23	24	25 <b>PUERTO RICO CONSTITUTION DAY</b>	26	27	28	29
<p><b>30</b> <b>2008</b> Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 strengthens regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (government-sponsored enterprises) and the Federal Home Loan Banks.</p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>FAST OF TISHA B'AV (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)</b></p>	<p><b>1916</b> New York establishes the first zoning law in the country, requiring new skyscrapers to employ a ziggurat-style setback, thereby enabling light and air to reach cross streets.</p>				

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# FARMS



“A FARMER DEPENDS ON HIMSELF, AND THE LAND AND THE WEATHER. IF YOU’RE A FARMER, YOU RAISE WHAT YOU EAT, YOU RAISE WHAT YOU WEAR, AND YOU KEEP WARM WITH WOOD OUT OF YOUR OWN TIMBER. YOU WORK HARD, BUT YOU WORK AS YOU PLEASE, AND NO MAN CAN TELL YOU TO GO OR COME. YOU’LL BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT, SON, ON A FARM.”

— LAURA INGALLS WILDER, AUTHOR

“A FARM IS AN IRREGULAR PATCH OF NETTLES BOUNDED BY SHORT-TERM NOTES, CONTAINING A FOOL AND HIS WIFE WHO DIDN’T KNOW ENOUGH TO STAY IN THE CITY.”

— S. J. PERELMAN, AUTHOR

TOP LEFT: MOUNTAIN MILK MAIDS, C. 1900.  
TOP RIGHT: BUNKHOUSE FOR STRAWBERRY FIELD WORKERS, NEAR HAMMOND, LA., C. 1939.  
BACKGROUND: RED BARN ON A TIDY AMISH FARM IN ST. MARY’S COUNTY, MD., C. 1990.



# AUGUST

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 <small>LEFT Pumping water, Pie Town, New Mexico, 1940.</small>		1 <small>TISHA B'AV</small>	2  <small>1954 The Housing Act of 1954 extends funding for the first time beyond new construction and demolition to rehabilitation and conservation of "deteriorating" areas. The Act introduces the term "urban renewal" to refer to efforts to revitalize decaying urban areas.</small>	3	4	5
6 <small>HIROSHIMA DAY</small>	7 <small>RAKSHA BANDHAN (HINDU OBSERVANCE)</small>	8	9	10  <small>1965 A cabinet-level agency for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is created.</small>	11  <small>1939 First Federal Census on Housing authorizes the Bureau of the Census to obtain data on the characteristics of the nation's housing supply and occupancy.</small>	12
13	14 <small>V-J DAY</small>	15 <small>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY</small>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22  <small>1974 The Housing and Community Development Act allows community development block grants and help for urban homesteading. The Act bans housing discrimination based on gender, making it easier for women to obtain housing.</small>	23 <small>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION</small>	24	25	26 <small>WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY</small>
27	28	29	30	31	 <small>LEFT Housing for migrant farmers, Belle Glade, Florida, 1941.</small>	

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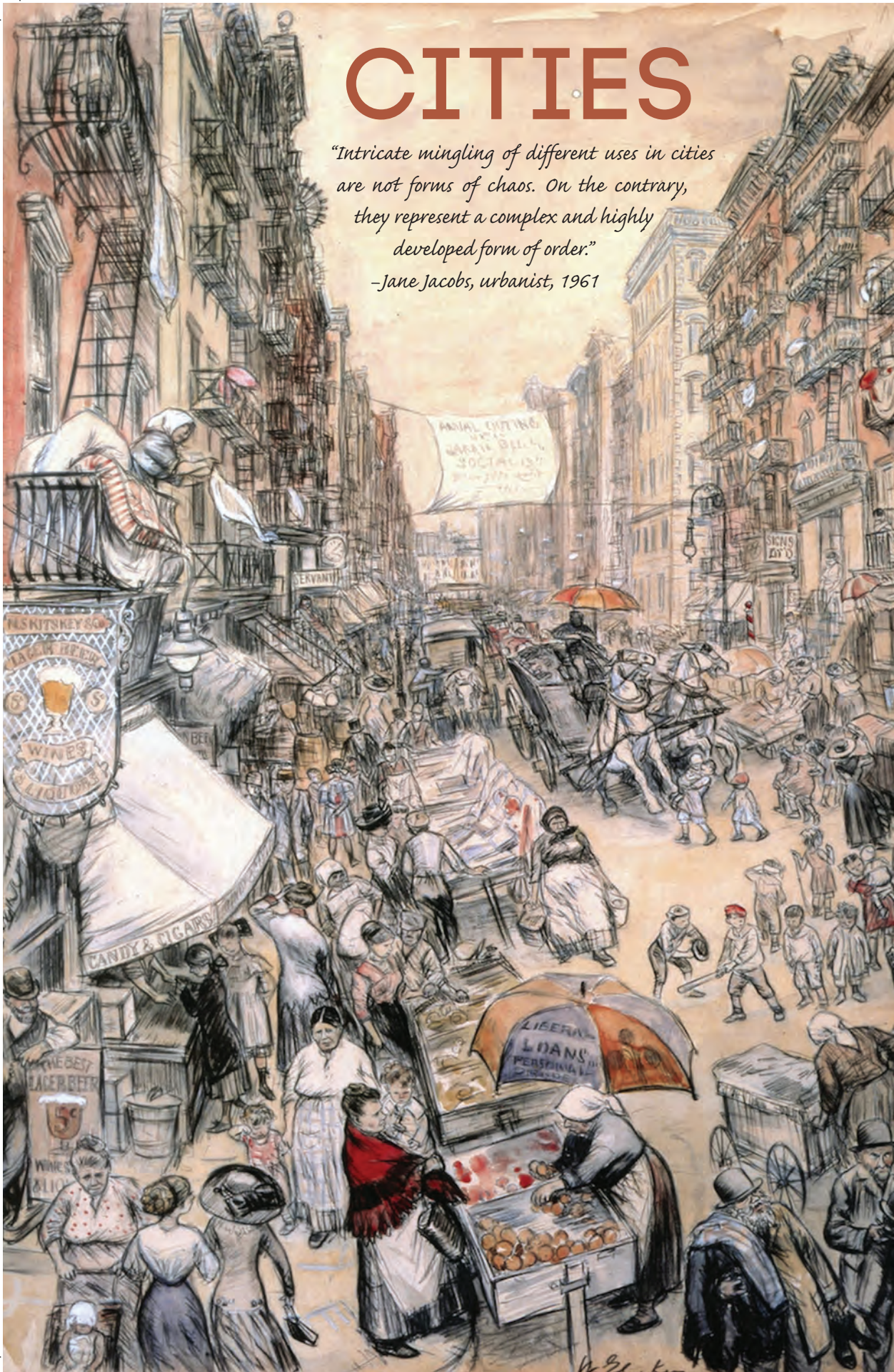
*"Intricate mingling of different uses in cities are not forms of chaos. On the contrary, they represent a complex and highly developed form of order."*

*—Jane Jacobs, urbanist, 1961*

*"New York City has the smallest per-capita carbon footprint of any American community—just 7.1 metric tons of greenhouse gases per resident per year, compared with a national average of 24.5. . . .*

*The reason is population density."*

*—David Owen, journalist 2010*






*A small, garden community like Sunnyside is "necessary for renovating our great overgrown metropolises, with their overpowering impersonality and loneliness. [It offsets] the crime-inviting emptiness of high-rise housing projects...or the dreary down-to-earth blankness of the Levittowns. In contrast, Sunnyside enhanced its human character."*

*— Lewis Mumford, urbanist*

Left: William Glackens, *Far From the Fresh Air Farm: The Crowded City Street*, 1911.  
Above: *The Fletcher Mansion, Fifth Avenue and E. 79th Street*, 1899.



SEPTEMBER

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 <p><b>Affordable Housing in New York</b> The People's Policies That Transformed a City</p>	<p>LEFT Matthew Lasner, professor at Hunter College, researches housing and urban renewal in the U.S. and is co-author of a major study on Affordable Housing.</p> <p>RIGHT Gerald Markowitz, John Jay College, and David Rosner, a graduate of City College, and professor of History, Columbia University, have collaborated on multiple books including Lead Wars, a study of low-level lead exposure in housing.</p>	 <p>RIGHT Robert C. Weaver, part of FDR's "black cabinet" during the New Deal, was appointed the first Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon Johnson, 1966. He later served as president of Hunter College (1969) and as professor of Urban Affairs at Hunter College.</p>		<p><b>I</b></p> <p><b>1937</b> United States Housing Act of 1937 (Wagner-Steagall Act) creates the United States Housing Authority, a public corporation under the Department of the Interior, which offers \$500 million in loans for low-cost housing.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>EID AL-ADHA (FEAST OF SACRIFICE)</b></p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>GRANDPARENTS DAY</b>	<b>11</b> <b>WORLD TRADE CENTER REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY IN CENTRAL AMERICA</b>	<b>16</b> <b>EL GRITO DE DOLORES (MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY)</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>CITIZENSHIP DAY (CONSTITUTION DAY)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>ROSH HASHANAH (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)</b>	<b>21</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH MUHARRAM (ISLAMIC NEW YEAR) INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE</b>	<b>22</b> <b>AUTUMNAL EQUINOX/AUTUMN BEGINS NATIVE AMERICAN DAY</b>	<b>23</b> <b>GRITO DE LARES (PUERTO RICO)</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>YOM KIPPUR (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)</b>	<b>30</b> <b>YOM KIPPUR</b>

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# PRISONS

"IN ITS INTENTION I AM WELL CONVINCED THAT IT IS KIND, HUMANE, AND MEANT FOR REFORMATION; BUT I AM PERSUADED THAT THOSE WHO DESIGNED THIS SYSTEM OF PRISON DISCIPLINE, AND THOSE BENEVOLENT GENTLEMAN WHO CARRY IT INTO EXECUTION, DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT THEY ARE DOING....I HOLD THIS SLOW AND DAILY TAMPERING WITH THE MYSTERIES OF THE BRAIN TO BE IMMEASURABLY WORSE THAN ANY TORTURE OF THE BODY; AND BECAUSE ITS GHASTLY SIGNS AND TOKENS ARE NOT SO PALPABLE TO THE EYE,... AND IT EXTORTS FEW CRIES THAT HUMAN EARS CAN HEAR; THEREFORE I THE MORE DENOUNCE IT, AS A SECRET PUNISHMENT IN WHICH SLUMBERING HUMANITY IS NOT ROUSED UP TO STAY."

— CHARLES DICKENS



AN INMATE AT EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY WORKS ON A PORTRAIT OF HIS WIFE IN HIS CELL, PHILADELPHIA, PA., 1952.

"ANY PERSON WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE DEEP FEELINGS FOR OTHER HUMAN BEINGS SHOULD THINK A LONG, LONG TIME BEFORE HE VOTES TO HAVE OTHER MEN KEPT BEHIND BARS—CAGED. I AM NOT SAYING THERE SHOULDN'T BE PRISONS, BUT THERE SHOULDN'T BE BARS. BEHIND BARS, A MAN NEVER REFORMS. HE WILL NEVER FORGET. HE NEVER WILL COMPLETELY GET OVER THE MEMORY OF THE BARS."

—MALCOLM X, AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADER



BARBERS GIVE HAIRCUTS AND SHAVES INSIDE EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY AS A GUARD STANDS WATCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA., C. 1935.



OCTOBER

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1	2	3 CHUSEOK (KOREAN HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL)  2008 Troubled Asset Relief Program is signed by President George W. Bush allowing the Department of the Treasury to buy up to \$700 billion in troubled assets, including residential mortgages.	4 SUKKOT (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)	5 FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT  1977 President Carter visits the urban desolation of the South Bronx, exemplified by Charlotte Street. Carter also visits sweat equity rehabilitation projects on nearby Washington Avenue.	6	7
8	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10	11 SHEMINI ATZERET (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN) LAST DAY OF SUKKOT (HOSHANAH RABBAH)	12 SHEMINI ATZERET SIMCHAT TORAH (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)  1977 The Housing and Community Development Act of 1977 addresses the damage of redlining and discrimination by demanding banks help meet the credit needs of local communities. Grants end in 1988 after providing \$5 billion in funds.	13 SIMCHAT TORAH	14
15	16 NATIONAL BOSS'S DAY	17	18	19 DIWALI (HINDU FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS)	20 LAST DAY OF MUHARRAM (FIRST MONTH OF ISLAMIC CALENDAR)	21  1998 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) intends to reduce the concentration of poverty in public housing by removing disincentives for residents to work and providing rental protection for low-income residents.
22	23	24 UNITED NATIONS DAY	25	26	27  1884 The Dakota Apartment House, designed by Henry J. Hardenbergh for wealthy residents, opens on Central Park West and 72nd Street in Manhattan.	28
29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	 <p>LEFT T.M. Osborne was appointed warden at Sing Sing prison in 1914, c. 1914.</p>		 <p>LEFT Solemn Prayer, painted by inmate Rafael DeJesus.</p>	

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# GATED COMMUNITIES

"WE CAN SOLVE THE HOUSING PROBLEM OR WE CAN SOLVE THE RACIAL PROBLEM, BUT WE CANNOT COMBINE THE TWO."  
—WILLIAM LEVITT, BUILDER

"WE URGENTLY NEED TO BRING THE NEIGHBOR BACK INTO OUR HOODS, NOT ONLY IN OUR INNER CITIES BUT ALSO IN OUR SUBURBS, OUR GATED COMMUNITIES, ON MAIN STREET AND WALL STREET, AND ON IVY LEAGUE CAMPUSES."  
—GRACE LEE BOGGS

"AT THE VERY LEAST, THE FREEDOM THAT CONGRESS IS EMPOWERED TO SECURE UNDER THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT INCLUDES THE FREEDOM TO BUY WHATEVER A WHITE MAN CAN BUY, THE RIGHT TO LIVE WHEREVER A WHITE MAN CAN LIVE."  
—THE U. S. SUPREME COURT

"WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE WHITE LANDLORDS WILL NOT GIVE DECENT HOUSING TO OUR BLACK COMMUNITY, THEN THE HOUSING AND THE LAND SHOULD BE MADE INTO COOPERATIVES SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY, WITH GOVERNMENT AID, CAN BUILD AND MAKE DECENT HOUSING FOR ITS PEOPLE."  
—HUEY P. NEWTON



BACKGROUND: NICOLAS AND STELLA ORTIZ WITH ETHEL KOSMINSKY LOOKING THROUGH THE FENCE AT SEA GATE, CONEY ISLAND, NEW YORK'S OLDEST GATED COMMUNITY, 2016.

RIGHT: SIGNS POSTED ON SEA GATE ENTRANCE, 2016.



NOVEMBER

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	<p>LEFT Paul Davidoff founded the Hunter College program in Urban Policy and Planning in 1965, and was strong advocate of pluralism in planning. Later taught at Queens College.</p> <p>RIGHT Sandra Wilkin, CUNY Board of Trustee member, is founder and president of the Bradford Construction Company.</p>		1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 ALL SOULS' DAY	3	4
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	6	7 ELECTION DAY	8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY
12 <p>1940 In <i>Hansberry v. Lee</i>, the Supreme Court rules that a racially restrictive housing covenant can be challenged in court. Carl Hansberry is the father of playwright Lorraine, future author of <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>.</p>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 'DISCOVERY' OF PUERTO RICO DAY	20 <p>1962 President Kennedy issues Executive Order 11063, the first major federal effort to apply civil rights to housing.</p>	21	22 <p>1954 In <i>Berman v. Parker</i>, the Supreme Court rules that private property can be taken for a public purpose if just compensation is awarded, thereby clearing the way for urban renewal projects across the nation.</p>	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 <p>1983 The Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 creates the Section 8 housing voucher demonstration program, continuing the idea of payment subsidies to renters in private sector buildings, but eliminating Section 8 certificates for new and rehabilitated units.</p>	 <p>LEFT Turnberry Townhomes, Aventura, Florida, 2015.</p>	

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# Domesticity

"Home, sweet home has never meant  
housework, sweet housework."  
- Charlotte Perkins Gilman,  
feminist reformer



Woman living at the Casa Grande Valley Farm,  
Pinal County, Ariz., removing the cover from her  
electric washing machine, 1940.



Canning English peas with pressure cooker in kitchen,  
Hint River Farms, Ga., 1939.



Advertisement for home washing machine and wringer, c. 1869.



Bathroom interior built by the J.L. Mott Iron Works, 1891.

"The private home was the spatial boundary of women's sphere, and the unpaid domestic labor undertaken in that sphere by the isolated housewife was the economic boundary of woman's sphere. 'A women's place is in the home' and 'a woman's work is never done' were the usual, basic definitions of woman's sphere. Above all, woman's sphere was to be remote from the cash economy."

- Dolores Hayden, historian


"Technology freed [women] from the menial labor that had dominated the lives of their mothers, and offered them opportunities to go outside the home. But it did not free them from the commitment and obligation to the home that had structured their mothers' aspirations and choices."

- Sheila M. Rothman, historian

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# DECEMBER

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 <p>LEFT <i>Housewife ironing, Caruthersville, Missouri, 1938.</i></p>					<b>1</b> MAWLID AL-NABI (MUHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY) WORLD AIDS AWARENESS DAY	<b>2</b>  <b>1931</b> President Hoover's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership promotes homeownership through private-sector programs.
<b>3</b> FIRST DAY OF ADVENT	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> PEARL HARBOR DAY	<b>8</b> FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> CHANUKAH (BEGINS AT SUNSET) FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  <b>1942</b> First tenants move into 9,942 apartments of racially-segregated Kaiserville (named after the Kaiser shipyards), the largest wartime housing development, near Portland, Oregon.	<b>13</b> FIRST DAY OF CHANUKAH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>1961</b> Revised New York City Zoning Law takes effect. It divides the city into residential, commercial and manufacturing districts. To gain more public open space, law permits builders to increase height of buildings.	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> WINTER SOLSTICE/ WINTER BEGINS	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	<b>26</b> KWANZAA BEGINS BOXING DAY	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> NEW YEAR'S EVE						

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## OUR BEST FRIENDS



Buddy the dog and Socks the cat in the outer Oval Office of the White House, Washington, D.C., 1998.



Chicken outside a house dome, 2015.

"I love cats because I enjoy my home; and little by little, they become its visible soul."  
— Jean Cocteau

"Pets devour the loneliness."  
— Nick Trout, veterinarian and author



Horse inside stockade-looking barn made of pine poles, Sturgis, S.D., c. 1980.



# JANUARY 2018

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	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> <b>KWANZAA ENDS</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY</b> <b>1935</b> Philadelphia's Carl Mackley Houses open, the first Modernist housing project in America. Sponsored by the hosiery workers union with financing by the Housing Division of the Public Works Administration, it provides 284 apartments.	2	3	4	5	<b>6</b> <b>THREE KINGS DAY, FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b>
<b>7</b> <b>ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	<b>15</b> <b>DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (OBSERVED)</b>	16	17	18 <b>1966</b> Robert C. Weaver becomes the first HUD Secretary.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	<b>27</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST</b>
28	29	<b>30</b> <b>1942</b> The Emergency Price Control Act authorizes federal rent control during World War II. By January 1945, Scranton, Pennsylvania, is the only city of more than 100,000 population not under control.	<b>31</b> <b>TU B'SHVAT</b> <b>1934</b> New York State passes a Municipal Housing Authority Law. The Act led to the creation of the New York City Housing Authority.	 <p>LEFT Birdhouse for piper martins, Ulster County, New York, 2016.</p>		

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Peter L. DiCapua, the founding chairman of the LaGuardia Community College Foundation, was an officer at ATCO Properties and Management for forty years. He received the 2006 REBNY Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award and was honored here in 2009 at the LaGuardia Foundation Innovative Leadership Reception.



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In 2014 John H. Banks, III became president of the Real Estate Board of New York, the city's leading real estate trade association with more than 17,000 members including major commercial and residential property owners and builders, brokers and managers. Banks earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College.



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New York City builders, Lewis Rudin, William C. Rudin, and Jack Rudin at a Real Estate Board of New York banquet, 1995. Jack Rudin graduated from The City College of New York.



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