

# Memorial Garden tree is dedicated to Isabel Seigal

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A downpour turned into a drizzle Monday as approximately two dozen people gathered in Mobile Municipal Park to plant the first tree in the Mobile Jewish-Christian Dialogue Garden.

The third of an acre is across from the area where the Fine Arts Museum holds its arts fair each year. The site was donated by the city to the organization for the memorial garden.

Max McGill, superintendent of the parks for the city, said he hopes that a grove of dogwood trees can be established in the now open spot.

"Any time you have something or a person to commemorate, let us know," he said.

The first tree was dedicated to Isabel Seigal, one of the founders of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue. Her family is moving to Birmingham where her husband will be chief of the division of gerontology in geriatrics at the University of Birmingham's School of Medicine.

Mrs. Mary Filben, another of the cofounders with her husband Paul, said a plaque noting the dedication to Mrs. Seigal will be placed near the tree. It reads "Planted in honor of Isabel Seigal for her years of dedication to the Jewish Christian Dialogue of Mobile."



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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Filben who helped establish the Mobile Jewish Christian Dialogue in Mobile take a turn at shoveling dirt on the first tree planted Monday in the Jewish Christian Dialogue Garden in Mobile Municipal Park. In the background is Mrs. Isabel Seigal, another cofounder of the organization, to whom the tree was dedicated Monday.