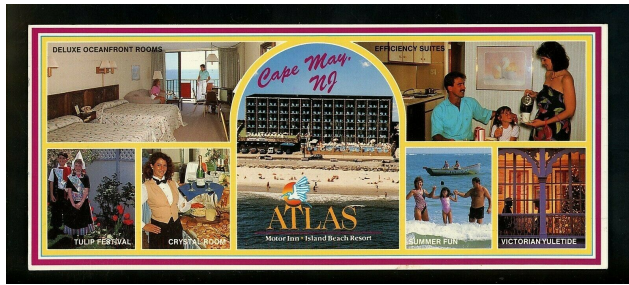


# Atlas Motor Inn

## Harry & Ruth Satt

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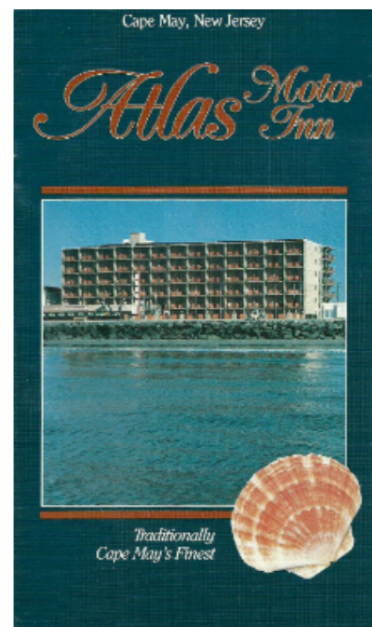
1035 Beach Ave  
Cape May, NJ 08204  
Cape May County

### Years Active

Open 1969  
Additional construction 1969-71  
Owned and operated by the Satt family 1971-2012  
Sold in 2010 to Ocean Club

### About Harry & Ruth Satt

Harry (Herszel) Satt was born in Belchatow, Poland in 1924. He was one of eleven children, seven of whom did not survive the Holocaust. Ruth Bockisch Satt was born in Gleiwitz, Germany (today Gliwice, Poland) in 1929. She was the oldest of eight children. At the start of the Holocaust, Ruth and her family hid in a farmer's home and cellar in Boryszew, Poland. All of Ruth's family survived the war, mainly in hiding. Ruth Bockisch and Harry Satt met after the war in a displaced persons camp in the American occupation zone of Germany, and they married there in 1948. Their first child, Henry, was born in Germany in 1949. The Satt family immigrated to America in 1950, first living in Brooklyn, New York. They bought a poultry farm in Woodbine, New Jersey in the early 1950s. Two more children, Goldie, and Helen, were born in the United States. After



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retiring from poultry farming, which was no longer profitable, they purchased real estate in Wildwood, on which they opened a store that sold fresh chicken and eggs. This was a logical sequel to poultry farming.

## **The Atlas Motor Inn**

Harry and Ruth Satt entered the hospitality business when they opened the Atlas Motor Inn on the Cape May oceanfront in 1969 as a three-story hotel on land they had purchased in the mid-1960s. Their two daughters worked at the motel when they were growing up. The Satt family added an additional three stories in 1971. The Satts operated the six-story hotel for 41 years, from 1971 to 2012. The oceanfront resort provided lodging to visitors of Cape May's beaches. The family sold the property to the Ocean Club in 2012, a year before Ruth Satt's death. In addition to the Atlas, Harry and Ruth Satt worked hard to build other businesses, notably Seashore Food Distribution in Rio Grande and Hen House Restaurant, spin-offs of the chicken and egg store in Wildwood.

After 36 years of marriage, Harry Satt passed away in 1984. Ruth and her children maintained ownership of the Atlas Inn until 2012, when they sold it to the Ocean Club. Ruth passed away in 2013.

## **Cape May Hotels established by Holocaust Survivors**

There were four Holocaust Survivor owned hotels in Cape May: Montreal Inn (Hirsh Family, next door to the Atlas Inn (Satt family), the Camelot Motel (Kejzman Family), and the Victorian Motel (Kejzman Family)

## **For more information see**

South Jersey Holocaust Survivor Digital Archive, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton University.

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