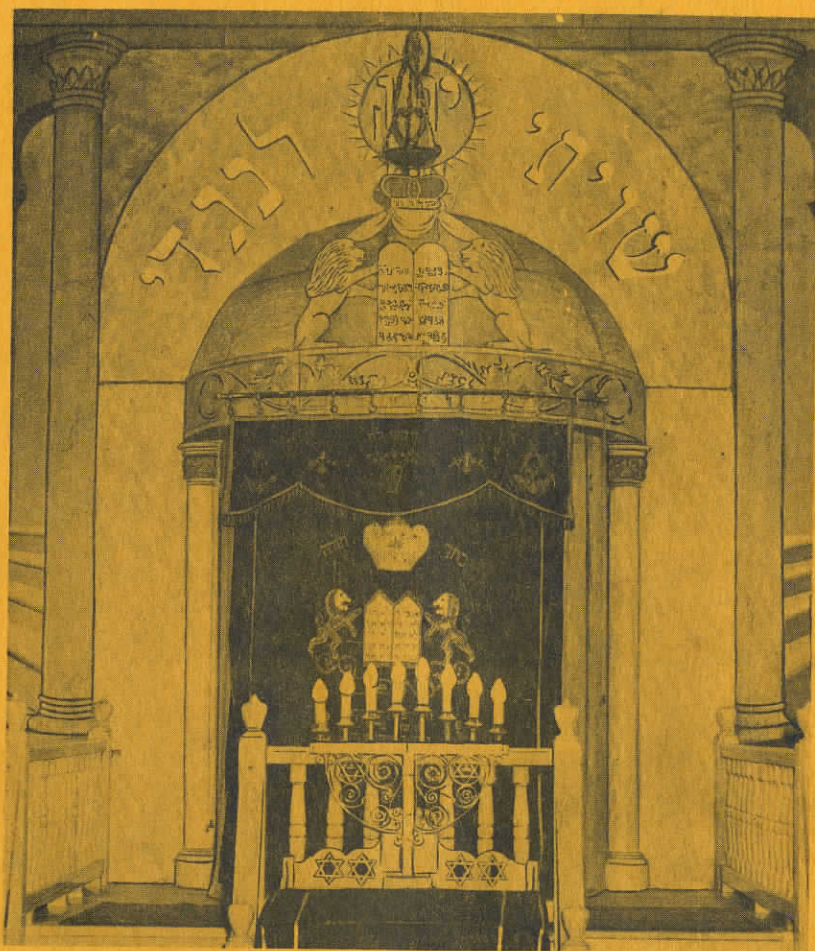


Farewell Service

Gemilas Chesed Synagogue

McKeesport, Pa.



October 30, 1960

Cheshven 9, 5721

A Tribute

To those of us who have attended no other synagogue since our childhood days, the passing of our beloved Gemilas Chesed Synagogue fills us with an incalculable sadness as it marks the end of an era.

It is a certainty that no matter whatever the future might bring or the magnificence of any future House of Worship which will serve our religious needs, no place will ever replace our original hallowed Gemilas Chesed synagogue.

It will forever be enshrined in our hearts as the haven where we first entered as bright-eyed eager youngsters, learning more and more with every visit about the greatness and simplicity of our blessed religion.

It was the sacred goal where we first entered manhood when we became Bar Mitzvah, and added the many responsibilities which come with the arrival of age.

It brings back a flock of unforgettable memories to every individual, whether it be the joys of a Simchath Torah celebration or the solemnity of a Yom Kippur. To many of us, the Gemilas Chesed synagogue marked the occasion of a "Bewarfung", the day before a marriage and to others, it may mean, the peace of mind brought on by the praying of "Tehillim" for a loved one in danger of dying.

To all of us, the lovely Synagogue must bring back many memories of time spent there in meditation and prayer, a blessed spot where we might reflect and gain courage to face the seemingly unsurmountable problems which confront us.

In that hallowed atmosphere, most of us find at least a partial solution to perplexing difficulties, strengthening us with the will to go on and cope with our sorrows, anxieties and fears. It is a sure fact that no one emerged from the Gemilas Chesed synagogue on such occasions without the moral stamina to carry on.

However, the die is cast and we must move on to whatever the future might have for us. The Gemilas Chesed synagogue might be demolished, the wreckers might crush its walls, but the memory of it will never die for any of us, who might have lived with it since its erection in 1904, or even for those who have been unfortunate enough to have known it for only a small span of years.

It has enriched all of our lives, and its memory should forever serve us as a beacon to cherish and treasure the rest of our days.

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Arnovitz, Morris
Auslander, Herman

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Burnstein, Ezekiel

Destler, Ben

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Einzig, Max
Elias, Kane

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Feldman, Louis
Filip, Morris
Findling, Harry
Findling, Robert
Firestone, Henry
Friedman, Adolph
Friedman, Geza Gezel
Friedman, Henry

Goldberg, Joseph
Goldblatt, Leopold
Goldblatt, Victor
Gottlieb, Ignatz
Greenfield, Samuel N.
Gross, Edward
Gross, Sam
Gusky, Joseph

Haberman, Samuel
Harris, J. Samuel
Heisler, Samuel
Herzog, Herman

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Jacobowitz, Herman
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Janovitz, Morris

Kaufman, Joseph
Kepets, Jacob

Klein, Elek
Klein, Nathan
Kohn, Morris
Krow, Adolph
Krause, Herman B.

Lebowitz, Jonah
Lebowitz, Leopold
Lefkowitz, Herman
Lefkowitz, Max
Lichtenstein, Max

Maltz, Joseph
Mandel, Aaron
Mandel, Adolph
Markovitz, Max
Mendlovits, Simon
Mendlovits, Meyer

Mendlowitz, Harry
Meyerowitz, Morris
Moskowitz, Israel
Moskowitz, Jacob
Moskowitz, Joseph

Prizant, Ignatz

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Rosenberg, David
Rosenfield, Joseph
Rosner, Max
Roth, Joseph
Roth, Samuel

Safer, M. B.
Schwartz, David
Schwartz, Edward
Schwartz, Herman
Schwartz, Max
Schwartz, Morris
Schulhof, Samuel
Shermer, Henry
Stark, Samuel
Stern, A. J.
Stern, Mandel

Ungar, Bernard

Wallach, David
Weinstein, Harris
Weinberger, Naphtali
Weiss, Ben
Weiss, Emanuel
Weiss, Moses
Weiss, Rev. Simon B.
Weissberger, Pincus
Winter, Harry

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Angerman, M. H.
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Berger, William
Berkowitz, Adolph
Berkowitz, Kalman
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Birnkrant, Jacob
Blattner, I. S.
Blau, Jacob
Breyer, Alexander
Breyer, Elmer
Breyer, Martin
Broder, Morris
Brown, Alexander
Brown, David
Brown, Eugene
Brown, Jacob
Buchman, Berti

Chaimowitz, Herman

Davis, A. L.
Deutsch, Aaron
Drexler, Sam

Ehrenreich, Jacob
Ehrenreich, Max
Erde, Louis

Farkas, M. B.
Farkas, Max
Farkas, Morris
Feldman, Ignatz

Feldman, Joseph
Feldman, Joseph N.
Firestone, Bernard
Firestone, Jacob
Firestone, Samuel
Fogel, David
Fried, Henry
Friedman, Elijah
Friedman, Joseph
Friedman, Morris
Friedman, Dr. Nathan
Friedman, Sam
Friedman, William

Gelb, Herman
Gerendash, Herman
Glick, Adolph
Glick, Samuel
Goodman, Max
Gottlieb, Emanuel
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Greenfield, Jacob, #2
Greenfield, Max D.
Greenfield, Nat. J.
Greenfield, Sam
Greenstein, Benjamin
Greenwald, J. B.
Gross, Joseph
Gross, Lazar
Grossman, Emanuel
Guttman, Jacob
Guttman, Samuel G.
Greenfield, Jos.
Haberman, Edward
Haberman, Morris
Halpert, Harry
Harris, Morris
Hartstein, Simon

Heimlich, Joseph
Herman, Solomon
Heron, Paul
Herskowitz, Ben
Hershowitz, David
Hershowitz, Israel
Hershowitz, Sam

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Itzkowitz, Adolph
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Iszauk, Ignatz
Ilkuvitz, Chaim Y.

Jacobowitz, Adolph
Jacobowitz, Sam
Josowitz, Joseph
Judkowitz, Louis

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Kessler, Max
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Klein, David
Klein, Ignatz
Klein, Jacob
Klein, Judah
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Klein, Louis, #2
Klein, Dr. Wm. H.
Klein, Sigmund
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Krigstein, Harold

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Markowitz, B. B.	Samuels, Bernard B.	Weiss, Joseph, #2
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