

The Congregation Ahavath Achim,
Braddock, Pa., was organized in 1904
by a group of loyal Jews who felt
the need of another synagogue
in the community where they could
worship their God in the manner
of their forefathers.

At the first meeting the following
gentlemen were elected officers:

Adolph Hecht - President

Charles Klein - Vice President

M. Lucoff - Secretary

H. Magidson - Treasurer

They rented a hall for the High Holidays on Braddock Ave. and Eighth Street. At the conclusion of the Ne'ilah services twenty-men answered the call for membership. Various localities were used temporarily as places of worship, and finally a Swedish Church which was abandoned by its original worshippers, was purchased and remodeled to satisfy the requirements of the Shulchan Aruch (Jewish Code of Laws).

The purchase price was eighty-five hundred dollars.

Ten years later a gallery was added at the cost of twenty-four hundred dollars.

In 1920 the congregation decided to have a cemetery of its own. A lot was purchased on Forest Hill Borough at the cost of eight hundred dollars.

A beautiful chapel was erected at the entrance, costing ninety-eight hundred dollars, nine thousand dollars of which were donated by the members.

On November first of the same year (1920), the congregation celebrated the Burning of its Mortgage. Two of the foremost Rabbis of Pittsburgh participated.

In order to repair the foundation of the structure of the Synagogue, nine thousand dollars were spent by the congregation in 1923.

About six years ago, an accident caused a serious fire in the Synagogue. Within a brief space of time repairs were made and our House of Worship was re-dedicated amid great celebrations.

The present Burning of the
Mortgage signifies the abolishment
of the obligation we incurred by
rebuilding the foundation of the Synagogue

The officers of the congregation
at the present time are:

S. E. Podolsky - President
Louis Apter - Vice President
Max Hoffman - Financial Secretary
A. Gerson - Recording Secretary
Herman Litman - Treasurer
Board of Directors