

Corner-Stone Exercises for Squirrel Hill Synagogue

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The corner-stone for the proposed Beth Shalom Synagogue and Community Center, at Shady Avenue and Beacon Street, Squirrel Hill, will be laid with appropriate exercises this Sunday afternoon, June Eleventh, at 2 o'clock. An elaborate program of local speakers and entertainment has been prepared by the Arrangements Committee, and the entire Pittsburgh Jewish Community is invited to participate in the ceremony.

The leading local rabbis and others prominent in the religious and charitable life of the community will have a part in the program.

An event of conspicuous importance in the life of the Pittsburgh Jewish Community, the cornerstone ceremony is certain to attract thousands. The entire

Orthodox community of Squirrel Hill has been advised, and the residents of that section will probably attend en masse.

The erection of a modern Orthodox synagogue and center has been the purpose and hope of thousands of Jews of the traditional faith in the East End and Squirrel Hill sections for many years, and the realization of that hope in the latter section of the city will necessarily arouse enthusiasm and interest of the Orthodox group to the extent that there will be little delay in the complete construction and equipment of the buildings.

The plans for the contemplated synagogue and center, now so well known to the Community, have elicited the admiration and praise and even sur-

prise of Jew as well as non-Jew. The erection of a beautiful structure such as shown by the architect's drawing must certainly win whole-hearted support of the Orthodox Jews in the Squirrel Hill. The synagogue and center will be the most beautiful buildings in that section of the city, and this without a single doubt.

Leaders in the Community have joined with the officers and members of the Beth Shalom Congregation in thanksgiving and rejoicing. A number of years and much effort and energy have been spent in interesting sufficient residents of the Squirrel Hill section in such a project. The result, far in excess of the anticipations of the pioneers in the work, has brought

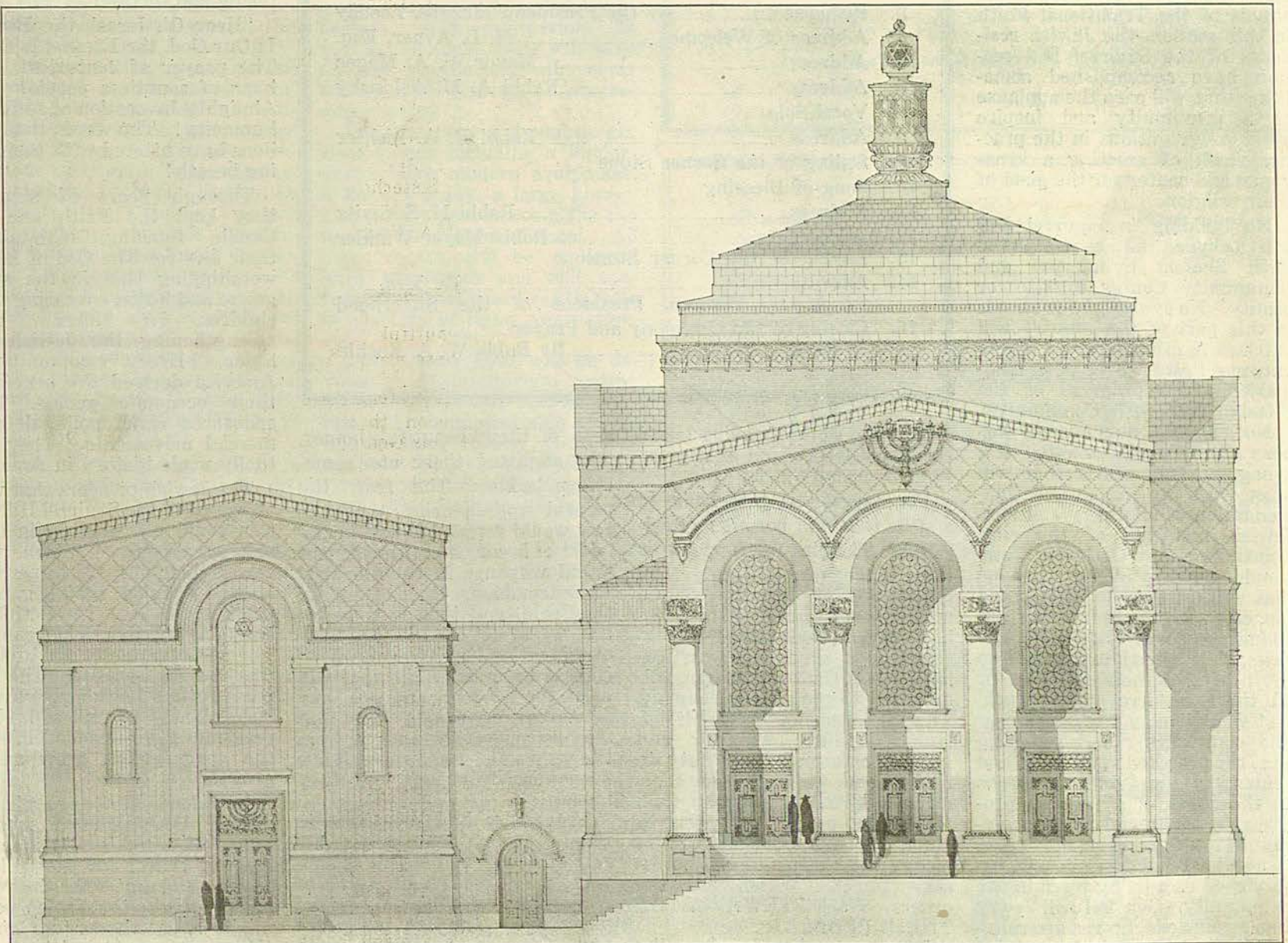
far greater response from the people than expected.

Convinced that the Orthodox faith can survive only through its liberal interpretation and its application to present day demands of the younger generation, the members of the Shalom Congregation undertook the work of building an imposing synagogue and center that will insure the perpetuation of the Traditional Faith for all time.

Worshipping in a rented hall, they concluded, was a logical reflection upon the Jewish people. Squirrel Hill residents are certainly capable of financing the construction of a great synagogue and community center.

The indifference of the Jewish men and women to the lack of interest of their children in Hebrew and Jewish History has

PROPOSED SYNAGOGUE AND COMMUNITY CENTER



Sharove & Friedman, Registered Architects—Henry Hornbostel, Consultant

The architect's plan for the contemplated Beth Shalom Synagogue and Community Center at Shady and Beacon. The buildings will be the most attractive in the Squirrel Hill section.