

Aug. 6, 2012

Dr. Barbara E. Wilhelm
Temple Israel
406 West Main St.
Uniontown, PA 15401

Dear Dr. Wilhelm:

The enclosed check for \$350 will help to cover costs of closing Temple Israel. The closing marks the end of an era. It is an event of great personal sadness.

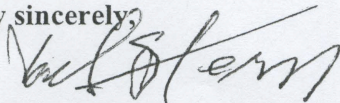
It's my hunch that you have been instrumental in keeping the Temple going for this long in the face of a dwindling membership. Please accept my sincere thanks for all you have done.

Except for the Sterns buried in Hopwood, it is the end of the family's century and a half connection with Uniontown and its Jewish community and Jewish institutions, dating from the arrival of Henrietta (Jette) Stern Fell, my Grandfather Julius Stern's sister, in 1859. Someone with the Stern surname has lived in Uniontown from the arrival of Grandfather Julius in 1867, to the death of Aunt Rose in 1953. The Sterns were among the founding members of Temple Israel; Lees Stern, my father, was President for several years in the late 1920's, and possibly, the early 1930's; my two, now deceased, older brothers, Julius (Jay) and Gates, and I, were Br Mitzvah there. Since leaving Uniontown, Julius (Jay) gave the Temple \$2,500 annually for many years and I've made very modest gifts over the years.

Please send me the memorial plaques for the following: Julius Stern, Rebecca Stern, Lee Stern, Etta Barnet Stern, Samuel Stern, Joseph Stern, Bertha Stern, Henrietta Stern, and Rose Stern. If there are any other plaques bearing the Stern surname, please advise me of the full name(s), in case I've missed someone.

On a related matter ... Is Deborah David still looking after the Hebrew Cemetery in Hopwood? On the assumption that she is not, what is the name and address of her successor? Have any provisions been made to look after the Cemetery in the event that there is no Jewish person available to do so. I'm concerned because I'm in charge of a small Trust established to look after the care and upkeep of the Stern Family plot in the Cemetery. Any information and help you can give me will be very much appreciated.

Very sincerely,



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scans to: Roger, Carla, Rebecca Stern Howell, Lee Stern, David Stern