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## *New Kensington Jewry Formally Dedicates New Synagogue*

Sunday afternoon, June 6, the Beth Jacob Congregation of New Kensington, Pa., dedicated their new synagogue at a formal ceremony. Rabbi Goodman A. Rose, of the Beth Shalom Synagogue of Pittsburgh, Benjamin Lencher, Esq., of Pittsburgh, and Rabbi Mendelsohn, minister of the new synagogue, were the speakers of the afternoon. Local talent, under the tutelage of Rabbi Mendelsohn, furnished an enjoyable program. Mrs. Ida Cohen, in memory of her husband, the late Isaac Cohen, bought the key entailing the privilege of formally opening the doors of the synagogue. The scrolls were carried to the arc by Isaac Claster, Jacob Margolis, and T. Meyers.

Following the ceremony, a banquet was held in the assembly room of the synagogue. The banquet committee consisted of Mrs. Max Schwartz, Mrs. I. Fisher, Mrs. Benjamin Meyers, Mrs. L. Weinberg, and Mrs. G. Gottschall. The management of the affair was entrusted to Louis Claster, toastmaster, and to the officers of the congregation: Meyer Hart, president; Davis Miller, vice president; Max Schwartz, treasurer, and H. A. Westerman, secretary.

The new synagogue is built in one of the most attractive residential districts of the town. It contains the Beth Hamedresh, a lesser auditorium to be used on the Sabbath and for daily use; five class rooms and an assembly for the use of the Sunday school and

the Hebrew school; and an auditorium with a balcony, the main room of the building, which is to be used for holidays and special occasions.

A long felt want in the community has been filled by the completion of this synagogue. The Beth Jacob congregation was founded in 1903, when there were but 14 Jewish families in New Kensington. Isaac Claster was elected president, and a small frame house of worship was built. By 1922, the community had far outgrown these crowded quarters. Under the leadership of Jacob Margolis, then president, a lot was bought for the new synagogue and a community home was purchased to serve until its completion. A building committee was appointed, bids were given out, and the work begun in earnest. Marks and Kahn of Pittsburgh were selected as the architects and Powell Bros. of New Kensington contracted the work.

On October, 1924, Sybil Margolis, young daughter of Mr. Margolis, formally broke ground for the foundations. The cornerstone was laid by Davis Miller. From that time on the work went rapidly ahead, and the building was completed in September of the following year.

The building committee, on whose untiring efforts the success of the work depended, consisted of Julius Eiges, chairman, I. Claster, J. Margolis, M. Schwartz, H. A. Westerman, Davis Miller, I.

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Fisher, T. Meyers, H. Harris, S. Haimowitz, M. Per, I. Miller, B. Cohen and M. Miller. The interest and never flagging assistance of the Beth Jacob Sisterhood was also an important factor in the success of the building.

#### World Congress of Jewish Musicians To Be Held In Palestine

#### Honor Work of Jewish Composer, Engel

Jerusalem, June 11 (J. T. A.)—A concert hall will be erected in Tel Aviv through the efforts of Palestinian Jewish musicians as a commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the musical work of the composer Engel. The site for the proposed hall was donated by the Tel Aviv municipality.

A world congress of Jewish musicians is planned to take place in Jerusalem during Passover of 1927. Prominent Jewish musicians from various European countries and America have announced their intention of participating in the Congress.

#### CHAIM SALOMON MEMORIAL IS PLANNED IN PHILADELPHIA

#### Robert Morris Note Given Salomon Found In Philadelphia

Philadelphia, June 15 (J. T. A.)—A movement to erect a statue to Chaim Salomon, Jewish banker who helped finance the American Revolution, is being discussed in this city as a consequence of the preparations being made for the unveiling here on Friday of a statue of Robert Morris, Revolutionary War financier who obtained a great deal of his funds from Salomon.

Salomon died in this city in 1785 at the age of 45, after he had given in excess of \$650,000 to Morris to aid the stricken colonies. At least \$400,000 of the sum never was repaid.

In connection with the proposal to erect a statue to Salomon a Philadelphian has revealed one of the few existing notes that were passed in the Morris-Salomon transactions. Many of the notes given to Salomon by Morris were unsecured, and many vouchers were lost in the destruction of records by the British when they invaded Washington in 1814. Affairs were further complicated by the bankruptcy of Morris.

Few records of the transactions are extant, but Richard L. Binder, of this city, is the possessor of a note that proves Salomon's career was not legendary. This note is for 4,000 "livres," then about \$970, negotiated through a French bank and signed with Morris' signature. It has never been honored, and if redeemed today,

would bring, with the accumulated interest, a sum running well into six figures. It was given to Salomon in 1782. It is yellow with age, and torn in a few places, but the writing is legible.

Among other patriots whom Salomon assisted financially were Madison, Jefferson, Lee, Steuben, Mifflin, St. Clair, Blond, Jones, Monroe, and Wilson, all of whom are mentioned as being indebted to the Jewish patriot, in a Senate report on the case submitted in 1865 by the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

#### 1500 STUDENTS LEAVE HANOVER COLLEGE AS PROTEST AGAINST JEWISH PROFESSOR

Hanover, Germany, June 8 (J. T. A.)—Fifteen hundred students left the Technical College of Hanover following the measures taken by the College Senate against the anti-Semitic agitation directed at Professor Theodor Lessing. The students left for the Braunschweig Technical College. This move was a demonstration against the Government's action through the Minister of Education, Dr. Becker, of expelling ten students for preventing Lessing from delivering his scheduled lectures by hissing, shouting and other forms of rowdiness.

Affair have been rapidly developing to a crisis for the last ten days, though hatred for Professor Lessing by the reactionary student body has been brewing for more than a year. The students held a secret meeting yesterday and decided to declare an eight days' strike, meanwhile sending a committee of twenty-five to Braunschweig to confer with the chiefs of the students' council, which has its headquarters in that city.

The Hanover students were received by the Braunschweig student body with acclamation and for several hours both bodies paraded through the streets.

That the students have influential political backing is an open secret. Though a special train was at first refused, the student council did not show the slightest alarm, but distributed tickets free to all wishing to join in the demonstration, and at the desired hour a train was placed at their disposal.

Meanwhile Professor Lessing delivered today's scheduled lecture, though his audience consisted only of his wife. From Berlin comes word that the Government will order the College closed for the semester unless the students return immediately and accept the action against the ten who were ordered expelled.

Professor Lessing, with the support of the institution and the government, refuses to leave his post, declaring that he will hold out against all attacks.

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