



CONGREGATION OHEB ZEDEK

THE PLACE OF worship of the Oheb Zedek Congregation in the 300 block of Electric Avenue was built in 1912 under the leadership of Rabbi Silverman. Prior to that time the group had been meeting at available locations in the Third Ward and the erection of their own building was a forward step, to enable the Congregation to carry on extensive activities. The high point in membership in the early thirties was about 125 or more families. One of their activities was the work of the Sisterhood which contributed a great deal to the work of the Congregation. A Hebrew School and a very good Sunday School were also maintained.

Members of the Jewish Congregation contributed a great deal in the life of the Community, not only in business but also in the government and in the educational programs in East Pittsburgh.



GOSPEL HALL

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There are four families represented at the Gospel Hall Assembly, which has been located at 817 Main Street in Bessemer Terrace since 1907. It was organized in Turtle Creek with ten members around 1877. Over the years, the membership increased to seventy but was slowly decreased.

Every Sunday, the members break bread and drink wine to celebrate the Lord's Supper, attend Sunday School, discuss Bible readings and gather for a Gospel Meeting. Prayer and Bible readings also take place on Wednesdays.

No denominational name is accepted and men who want to become members must be examined by the fellowship. Women are silenced in this assembly in accordance with biblical beliefs adhered to by the membership.

Herbert Peterson and Jack Roberts are two active members in this ministry that is known for its missionary work.

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The Congregation Oheb Zedek had a synagogue on Electric Avenue and was organized in 1912.

The congregation had a Hebrew School and a Ladies Aid Society and were noted for their charitable institutions.

Some of the names of the Jewish families in East Pittsburgh were: Stern, Glucs, Jaffe, Slessinger, Moskowitz, Weiss, Goodman, Kessler, Shindler, Rosenfeld, Ronin, Ginsburg, Blaufeld, Goldhammer, Perlman, Cirola, Whitman, Chetlin, Honig, Fine, and Shapiro.

