

New Light Synagogue Leaves Hill

Temporary headquarters of the New Light (Oher Chodesh) Synagogue, for 53 years located in the Hill District, will be at the Wendover Apartments home of Sam Nymen, honorary president of the congregation. The announcement was made by Major Irving Sand, one of the five living founders of the synagogue who broke ground for the Roberts Street building in 1902.

Oher Chodesh had a charter membership of 125 Pittsburghers of Roumanian origin, but over the years the death and moving away of members left the synagogue with a roster of 60 last year. The location of the synagogue was no longer convenient to the members, most of whom had long ago moved from the Hill District.

Now the congregation, enriched by the addition of 75 new and younger members admitted last year, is planning under the presidency of Sam Haimovitz a drive for funds and search for a new location. Until permanent headquarters are reestablished, Oher Chodesh' 11 Torahs are in the safekeeping of Knesseth Israel Synagogue, 1112 Negley Avenue.

In addition to Major Sand, William Sigman, Chaim Friedman, Sam Gelberg and Moishe Kohen are the congregation's remaining original founders.