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CHURCH ARCHIVES INVENTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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(ORTHODOX)

ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, 1921--, 3257 Ward Street, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Organized 1921 and received charter 1924. Services were held in private homes of members of congregation 1921-1923. Services were held at the home of Mrs. Bella Fenstersheib, 3225 Ward Street, 1923-1924. Purchased red brick edifice at 3257 Ward Street, in 1924. Congregation held services at present location in the same year. Congregation never had a resident rabbi. Individual members of congregation officiate at regular services. The congregation engages a Cantor to conduct services on High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper. Services on High Holy Days were held in rented Lecture Hall of Carnegie Library in Oakland section of city, 1924--.

Minutes of Congregational Meetings incorporated in minutes of the Board of Directors, 1934--, 1 vol., handwritten in Hebrew, in custody of secretary, Abraham Berlin, 3235 Ward Street. Financial records, and Membership List, 1926-1931, (1932-1934 missing.) 1934--, 2 vols., handwritten in Hebrew, in custody of secretary, Abraham Berlin. Minutes and Membership List records of Ladies' Auxiliary, 1936--, each 1 vol., in custody of secretary, Mrs. Rosaline Zucker, 13 Oakland Square. Sunday School and Hebrew School records are incorporated in records of Ladies' Auxiliary. Financial and Membership List records of Men's Class For Reading Of The Torah, 1928--, 1 vol., handwritten in Hebrew, in custody of secretary, David Lasofsky, 3266 Ward Street. Deed Book of Allegheny County, Vol. #2289 and page #323.

*Must be by Sheriff sale - Congregation reformed and reorganized  
etc. and reorganized 1935 - and re chartered*

(c) Date dedicated or consecrated

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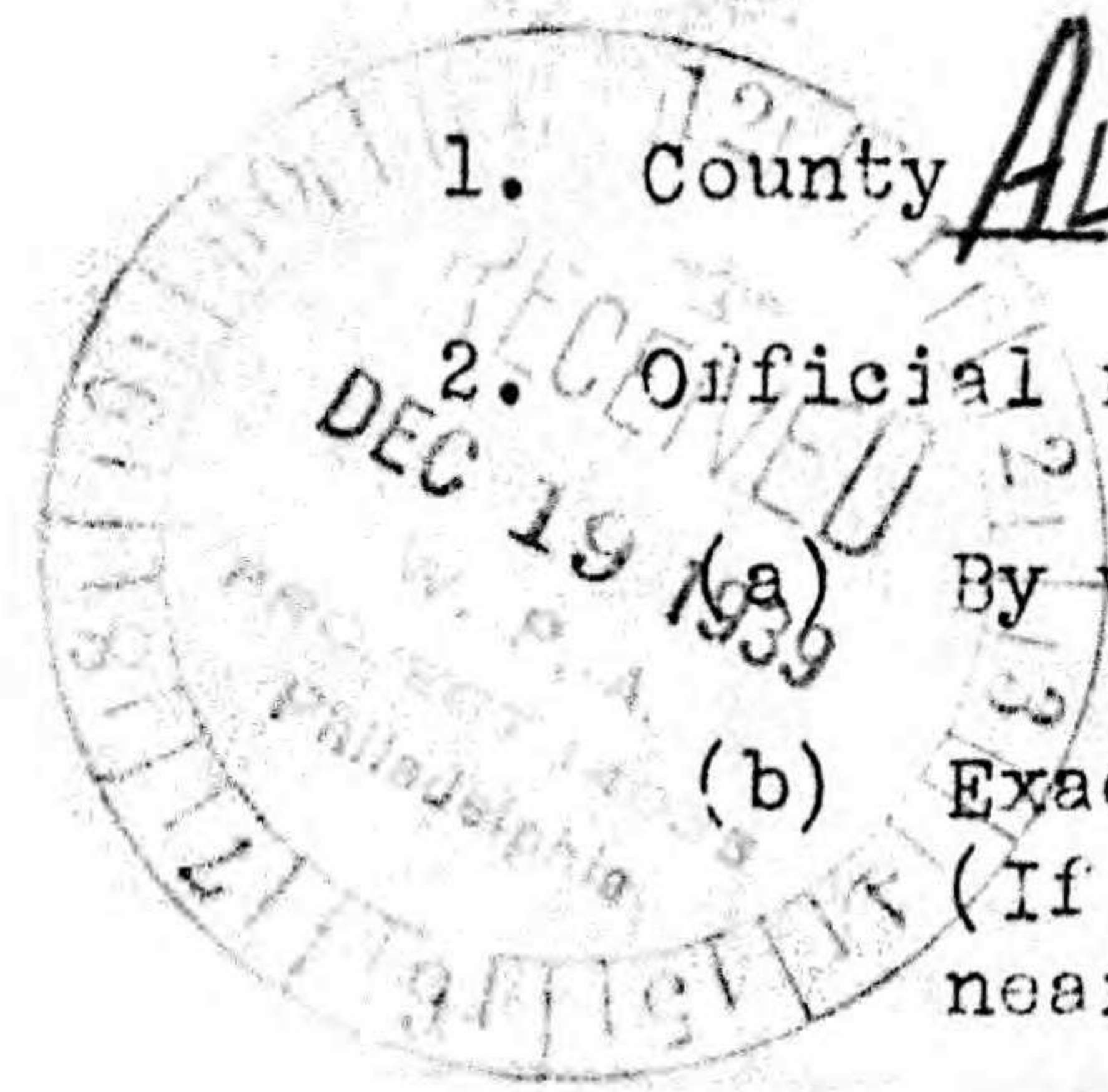
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- County ALLEGHENY City or town OAKLAND, FORMERLY KNOWN AS OAKLAND TOWNSHIP
- Official name of church in full ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF OAKLAND (JEWISH)  
By what name is church known in community WARD STREET CONGREGATION  
(b) Exact street address 3257 Ward St.  
(If rural give state road number, and direction and miles from nearest town)
- (a) Date congregation first began to meet 1921  
(b) Date officially organized or recognized by higher church body 1924  
(c) If church was chartered, give date 1924 Date of lapse if defunct NEVER  
(d) Reasons for lapse if available (merged with another church, people left community etc.) NONE  
(e) If church is defunct give disposition of property NO
- (a) What church may be considered the founder or mother church of this church? NONE  
(b) Has the name of this church been changed? Give former names and dates for each NEVER  
(c) Did congregation originate as a mission or Sunday school, or in what way BY THE DESIRE AND THE NEED OF SUCH A HOUSE OF PRAYER IN THIS COMMUNITY - A BAND OF MEN ORGANIZED THIS CONGREGATION -
- Name of denomination in full JEWISH CONGREGATION ORTHODOX  
Name of higher regional and district bodies (Synod, Province, Convention, Diocese, Presbytery, Association) NONE  
(a) If church was previously affiliated with regional bodies other than the present one give names of bodies and dates of these affiliations NONE  
(b) If ever affiliated with another denomination give date, name of denomination and other pertinent data NONE

6. Give address and time occupied for all regular meeting places of congregation from original to present building.

Meeting place and address	Dates occupied
<u>PRIVATE HOMES OF MEMBERS - NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN</u>	<u>1921 - 1923</u>
<u>MRS BELLA FENSTERSHEIB - 3225 WARD ST. OAKLAND -</u>	<u>1923 - 1924</u>

(a) If congregation owned any of these places of worship give also kind of material of which constructed, from whom purchased (or donated) and to whom sold.

(c) Date dedicated or consecrated

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Bought from and date \_\_\_\_\_ Sold to and date \_\_\_\_\_ Stone, brick, frame \_\_\_\_\_  
*None.*

7. For present edifice give:

- (a) Year ~~erected~~ \_\_\_\_\_ (b) If purchased, give year and from whom *-1924 b) GIRLS ORPHAN HOME, NO FURTHER DETAILS KNOWN AUTHORITY SOLOMON LINDER, PRESIDENT*
- (c) Date dedicated or consecrated *NEVER-*
- (d) Frame, brick, or stone? *BRICK* Exterior color *RED*
- (e) Architectural style *NO PARTICULAR STYLE*
- (f) Note any unusual features *NONE*
- (g) Church rebuilt, or major repairs? Give particulars with dates  
*NO*

8. If church owns a parsonage or any other building used in the activities of the church, give for each separate building the following: *NONE*

- (a) Name of building \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Address \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Used for what purpose \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Year erected or purchased, state which \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Constructed of \_\_\_\_\_ (f) Exterior color \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) Stories high \_\_\_\_\_

9. If congregation at present rents other buildings used for church activities, give:

- (a) Name of building *LECTURE HALL* (b) Address *CARNEGIE LIBRARY, OAKLAND-*
- (c) Year first rented *1924* (d) Used for what purpose *RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON HIGH HOLIDAYS - (3 days ONLY)*

10. First settled pastor. Give full name, (not initials) and tenure of service.

- NONE. THIS CONGREGATION WAS NEVER ABLE TO MAINTAIN A PERMANENT RABBI - (PASTOR) (SEE ATTACHED SHEET-)*
- (a) Graduate of what colleges or seminary \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Was there a part time pastor before the first settled pastor, give full name, and tenure of service *NO*
- Secular occupation? *NONE*  
*SEE FURTHER EXPLANATIONS ON SEPARATE SHEET*

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(c) Prior to the first settled or part time minister did the Church have spiritual guidance from laymen? Give names, and dates covered. No

11. Name of present pastor (full name, not initials) NONE - SEE ATTACHED SHEET

(a) Year he began to serve congregation \_\_\_\_\_ If there is no parsonage give his exact address \_\_\_\_\_

12. Records

A. For each church body concerned in the government of the local church, and which keeps records, give the following:

(a) Name of body (Trustees, vestry, directors, elders, consistory, church council, etc.) BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES COMBINED

(b) Number of volumes and years covered by each vol. 1, 1934 - - PREVIOUS BOOKS LOST OR TAKEN AWAY BY OTHER SECRETARIES - AUTHORITY MR. ABRAHAM BERLIN, SECRETARY

(c) Where records are stored (if with church official give name, title, and address) MR. ABRAHAM BERLIN - SECRETARY, 3235 WARD ST.

(d) Are records handwritten or typed? HANDWRITTEN

In English? No or what language? JEWISH

B. Finance records (Give same information as under 12 A.)

(a) MEMBERSHIP BOOK AND DUES BOOK - COMBINED

(b) 2, 1926-1931, 1934 - - PREVIOUS BOOKS (1924-1926, 1932-1934) ARE MISSING, LOST THROUGH CARELESSNESS OF PREVIOUS SECRETARIES - AUTHORITY MR. ABRAHAM BERLIN, SECRETARY

(c) MR. ABRAHAM BERLIN - SECRETARY - 3235 WARD ST.

(d) HANDWRITTEN JEWISH -

Use supplementary sheets if space is insufficient, but carefully number by items and letters. Account for all missing records. If records are in custody of more than one individual, give custodian's name and address for each.

13. For each register (Baptisms, confirmations, membership lists, marriages, deaths) give the following:

(a) Name of register NONE Number of vols. and years covered by each. NONE

(b) Where stored. (If in house of church official give name, title, and address.) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Handwritten or typed? \_\_\_\_\_ English or what language \_\_\_\_\_

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

Use supplementary sheets if necessary THERE  
NO KIND OF REGISTERS ARE KEPT - BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SUCH FUNCTIONS (RITES) - IN THIS CONGREGATION -

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14. For each auxiliary organization which keeps records (Sunday school, young people's groups, Christian Endeavor, ladies aids etc.) give the following:

- (a) Name LADIES AUXILIARY (SISTERHOOD) Date organized 1923
- (b) Name of each type of record MEMBERSHIP- DUES- COMBINED
- (c) Volumes and years covered by each vol. 1, 1936 -- PREVIOUS BOOKS LOST OR TAKEN AWAY BY PREVIOUS SECRETARIES - AUTHORITY MRS. ROSALINE ZUCKER, SECRETARY - AND CONCURRED BY MRS. A SEGALL, PAST SECRETARY
- (d) Where stored MRS. ROSALINE ZUCKER, SECRETARY - 13 OAKLAND SQ.
- (e) Handwritten or typed HANDWRITTEN What language ENGLISH-  
Use supplementary sheets if necessary. (SEE ATTACHED SHEET

15. Historical material. NONE

A. Manuscripts. Give titles, names of authors, and dates written of all historical material in manuscript form. \_\_\_\_\_

Where stored \_\_\_\_\_

B. Printed. (Books and pamphlets) NONE

- (a) Name of author \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Title of book \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) City where published \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Name of publisher \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Date of publication \_\_\_\_\_ (f) Number of pages \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) If only part of book deals with church, give page references: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Newspaper and Magazine articles. NONE

- (a) Name of author \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Title of article \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Name of newspaper or magazine \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Date of issue of newspaper or magazine \_\_\_\_\_

16. If church owns or has equity in a cemetery give: NONE

- (a) Date acquired \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Size \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Has additional ground been added at any time? Give size and dates \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Location \_\_\_\_\_

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- (e) Burial records **NONE**
  - (1) Number of volumes, and years covered by each \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Where stored \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Handwritten or typed \_\_\_\_\_ What language \_\_\_\_\_

17. If this church is a member of a circuit give: **No**
- (a) Official name of circuit \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Year joined it \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) If available give names and locations of all churches in this circuit.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. If this church is now an independent congregation, but was formerly a member of a circuit, give a, b, and c as above. **NEVER**
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) Date when circuit affiliation was changed to the present circuit \_\_\_\_\_

19. Is there a circuit parsonage? If so give: **NONE**
- (a) Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date erected \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Material of construction \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Owned by one church or entire circuit? \_\_\_\_\_

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1. ALLEGHENY

2. ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF OAKLAND - (JEWISH)

10. AND 11. ACCORDING TO THE RITES OF THIS DENOMINATION  
THE SERVICES OF A RABBI ARE NOT NECESSARY. AT HIGH  
HOLIDAYS SERVICES A CANTOR IS HIRED WHO CHANTS THE PRAYERS.  
FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE JEWISH RELIGION, THIS  
CONGREGATION HAS TWO ORGANISATIONS AS FOLLOWS: "MENS CLASS FOR  
READING OF THE TALMUD (DISCUSSION OF THE LAW) FOR YOUNG; SUNDAY  
SCHOOL" AND HEBREW CLASSES (BOYS AND GIRLS TAUGHT TO READ AND WRITE  
HEBREW, MAINTAINED BY THE "LADIES AUXILIARIES SISTERHOOD". AUTHORITY MR.  
SOLOMON LINDER, PRESIDENT <sup>OF THIS CONGREGATION</sup> AND MR. SAMUEL LEVIN, TREASURER OF "MENS  
CLASS FOR READING OF THE TALMUD - AND MRS. MAX LEVENTON, PRESIDENT, "LADIES  
AUXILIARY SISTERHOOD" -

- 14. a) LADIES AUXILIARIES SISTERHOOD ORGANIZED: 1923
- \* b) SISTERHOOD MEETING MINUTES c) 1, 1936 -- PREVIOUS BOOKS LOST OR TAKEN BY FORMER SECRETARIES, AUTHORITY - MRS ROSALINE ZUCKER, SECRETARY - d) MRS. ROSALINE ZUCKER, SECRETARY - 13 OAKLAND ST.
- e) HANDWRITTEN IN ENGLISH.

- \* a) MENS CLASS FOR READING OF THE TORAH - ORGANIZED 1928
- b) MEMBERSHIP AND COLLECTION - COMBINED - (NO MINUTES ARE KEPT)
- c) 1, 1928 -- d) MR DAVID LASOFSKY - SECRETARY - 3266 WARD ST.
- e) HANDWRITTEN IN JEWISH

PLEASE NOTE: NO BOOKS ARE KEPT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL OR HEBREW CLASSES - ACTIVITIES FOR <sup>THESE</sup> TWO FUNCTIONS ARE REPORTED IN SISTERHOOD MEETING MINUTES AND SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP BOOK RESPECTIVELY - AUTHORITY MRS MAX LEVENTON, PRESIDENT OF SISTERHOOD

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