

Young People's Synagogue Formed

A new communal activity has been growing up unobtrusively during the past few weeks in Squirrel Hill. The Hapoel Hamizrachi Zionist Youth organization, in association with the Hebrew Institute, has recently organized a Young People's Synagogue and has been holding services every Saturday morning in the main auditorium of the Hebrew Institute.

This new synagogue is founded on the premise that a religious Jewish form of service can and should be made attractive to the modern American youth and is dedicated to the proposition that such a religious service can be modernized without detracting from the basic Jewish traditions.

The services are patterned after those of the Young Israel movement whose branches have been spreading throughout the U. S. during the past two decades and whose services attract hundreds of young people on Saturday mornings in many outlying sections of the country where formerly the only synagogue goers were older people, mostly of European background.

The particular features which make these services outstanding are those of congregational singing in which everyone participates, and the leading of the services and preaching by a member of the group.

In the six weeks of its embryonic existence, the group has been expanding and great interest has been demonstrated in its welfare by prominent members of the community. Many have been impressed by the sight of young American people sincerely endeavoring to promulgate religious observance in a delightful and traditional manner.

Young women, as well as young men, are urged to attend the services.
