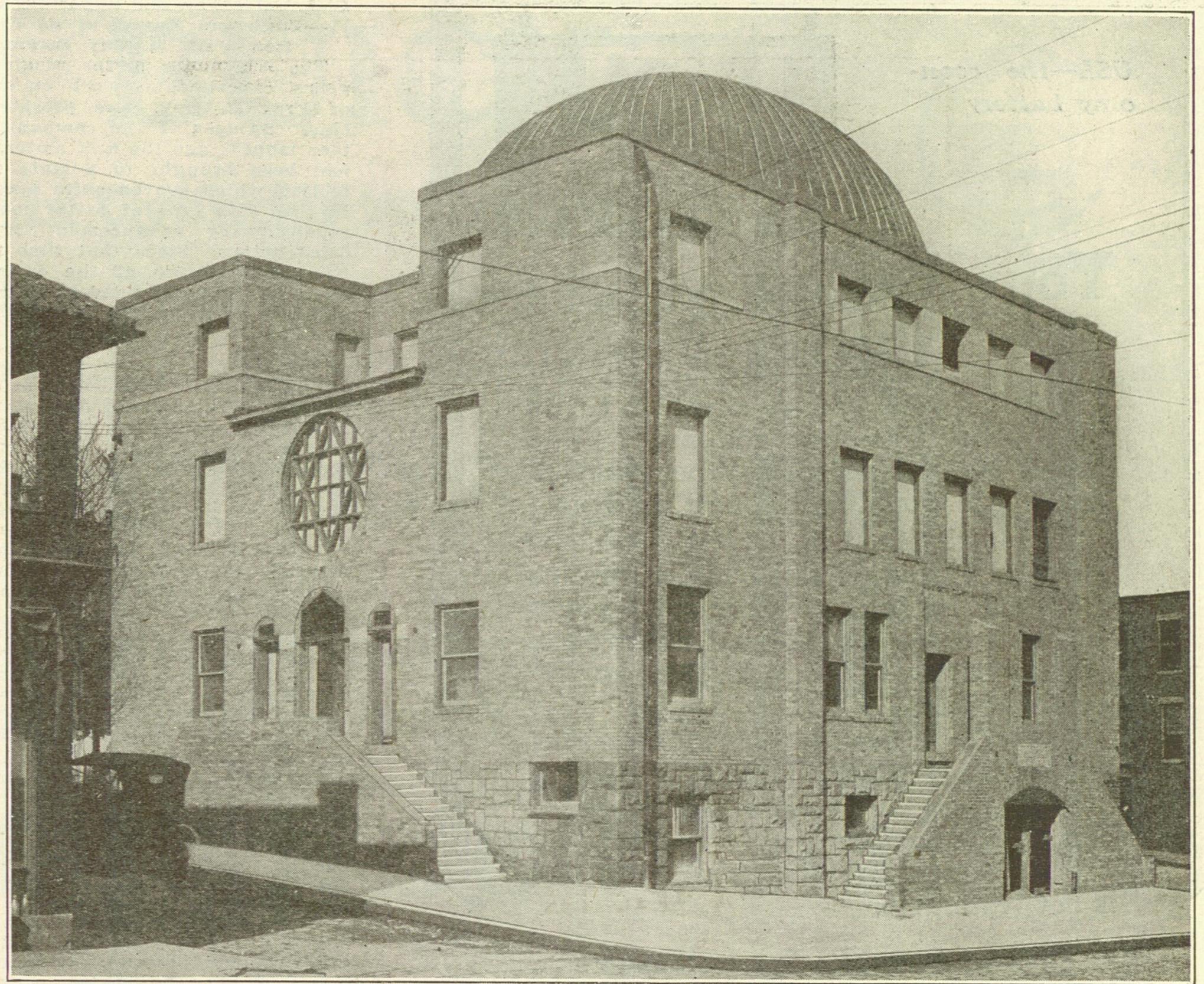


AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE JEWISH PUBLIC

Hundreds of Pittsburgh Jews have been solicited through the mails for help in behalf of a newly erected synagogue at Webster Avenue and Erin Street, and known as the Kether Torah. This synagogue was built by a group of men of the Hill District, who by the closest economy and self-sacrifice accumulated sufficient funds to begin the work. It was their opinion that a new house of worship in their own neighborhood would stimulate interest in things essentially Jewish among the younger folk. A synagogue closer to their homes would afford them more opportunity to worship, inasmuch as their working hours sometimes interfered with prayer time. They visioned in a complete, modern synagogue an enterprising start in stimulating the community spirit in that section.

The work was started in January of 1920. They were confident the synagogue could be built with their own funds. Unfortunately, business reverses of the past year disrupted their plans. The synagogue was completed, but the congregation cannot meet its debt of \$15,000. The contractor is insistent. Foreclosure is threatened. Foreclosure means the destruction of all their hopes; the end of all their plans, and a heart-breaking conclusion to all their toil and labor, sacrifice and deprivation. They could not imagine such an end, and frantically decided to appeal to the Jewish public, their co-religionists.

Mr. Sol Rosenbloom and Prof. I. A. Abrams, of the Hebrew Institute, were asked to assist. Mr. Rosenbloom consented to act as treasurer of the appeal committee. All Pittsburgh rabbis and a number of leading laymen have signed a petition asking for the support of the public.



New Synagogue About Complete at Corner of Webster Avenue and Erin Street