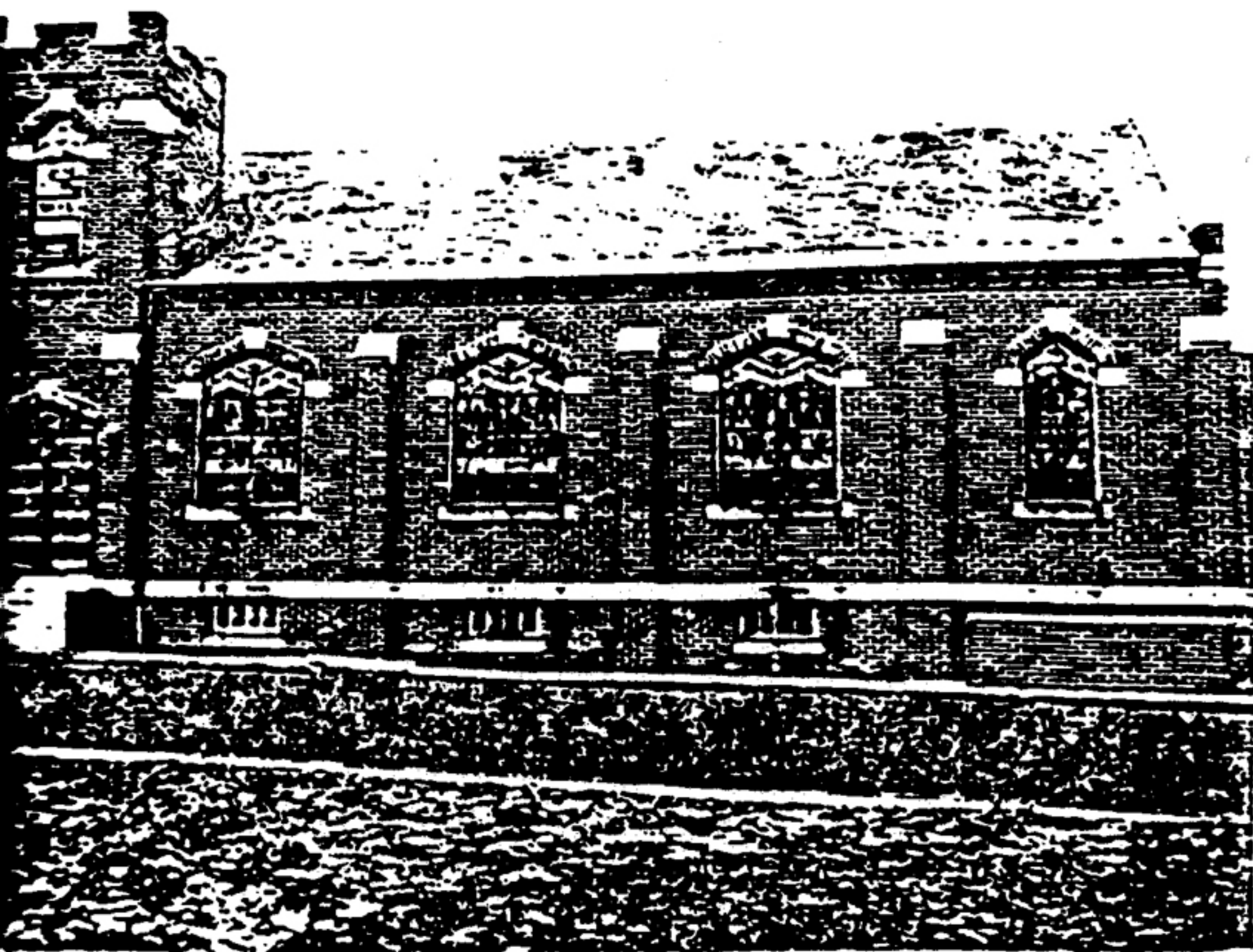


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Sunday, December 2, 1951

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Today We Are Dedicating a Dream

We are proud and humble in our achievement, for it is not often that man dreams and has his dreams come true.

For many, many years we of the Jewish faith in Freeland have dreamed of having a house of worship of our own. Today that dream is a reality.

For two thousand years in the most remote corners of the world Jews have clung to their faith whether there were one or many. It is part of our heritage to worship in our faith regardless of circumstances and always to dream of a Temple.

We are grateful to our great country which gives us Freedom of Worship. This is one of the tangible evidence of the American Freedoms. May they never cease to endure.

We appreciate the help of our Christian friends and neighbors without whose encouragement and support we could not have achieved our goal.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the warm cooperation of all our members who gave so unstintingly of their time and their patience, all of which made this undertaking a success.

To our friends in nearby communities we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for their sincere interest and support.

It is our fond hope that our Jewish house of worship in Freeland will take its place as another moral and spiritual pillar in the community.

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"Hope is the dream of a waking man"

For many years the dream of the first Jewish settlers in Freeland—the dream of having their own house of worship—a Shul which would stand long after they were gone and would be used by their children and their children's children was unfulfilled.

In the year 1951 the dream became a reality and hope became endeavor—the synagogue came into being in Freeland.

On January 31, 1951, the first meeting of the Beth Sholom Congregation was called to order by the temporary chairman, Irving Abrams. The first officers were elected. President, Philip Abrams; Vice President, Louis Nassan; Treasurer, Joseph Kimmelman; Secretary, Roselyn Franklin.

The membership consisted of the families living in Freeland and one family living in Upper Lehigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Abrams

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Abrams

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Abrams

Dr. and Mrs. Abe Ackerman

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Skop

The junior congregation—those for whom they built and those who inspired the building:

Edward Abrams

Jere Abrams

Ann Abrams

Richard Abrams

Dianne Abrams

Roxanne Abrams

Jamie Ackerman

Susan Hurwitz

Marc Hurwitz

Joanne Kahn

Gerrie Kimmelman

Lynn Refowich

Harold Refowich

Grace Skop

How did all this come about? True there had been hope, but that isn't enough. There had to be opportunity and endeavor. The opportunity came when Mr. Philip Abrams heard that the building, in which we are now situated, was for sale. The endeavor came with the enthusiasm shown by the Jewish Community in Freeland—who gave money, time and effort—to secure the building—and from the Jewish community of Hazleton, who recognized our need and gave their moral and financial support.

And so it came to pass that in the year 1951 a Synagogue was dedicated to Judaism, in the town of Freeland.

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DEDICATION PROGRAM
BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION
FREELAND, PENNSYLVANIA

December 2, 1951

Third Day of Kislev 5712

2:30 p.m.

Ceremony attending Opening of Edifice

Cutting of Ribbon to Entrance.....*Mr. Philip Abram*
President

Chanting of "Matovu".....*Cantor M. Kerpe*

Congregation and Friends Enter Synagogue

Chanting of "V'ayhi Bi'nesoah Ha-arón".....*Cantor M. Kerpe*

Procession bringing Torahs to the Ark:

Mr. Morris Levin

Mr. Hyman Kline

Mr. Louis Nassan

Mr. Max Besbris

Mr. Abe Refowich

Mr. Sam Kimmelman

Opening and Closing of Ark:

Mr. Hyman Hurwitz

Mr. David Grossman

Congregation is to remain standing for the singing of
America and Invocation.

"America".....*Audience*

Invocation.....*Rabbi Camillus Angelo*

Welcome.....*Mr. Philip Abram*
President

Master of Ceremonies.....*Attorney Samuel Land*

Welcome.....*Mrs. Abe Ackerman*

Greetings.....*Rev. G. W. M. Koble*

Greetings.....*Attorney G. J. Brugg*

Greetings.....*Burgess James Ferdinand*

Vocal Solo—"Mizmor Shir Chanukah Ha-Bayis".....*Cantor M. Kerpe*

Dedicatory Address.....*Chief Rabbi I. M. Davidson*
of Wilkes-Barre and surrounding

Benediction.....*Rabbi Camillus Angelo*

"Hatikvah".....*Audience*

