

## SYNAGOGUES DEFINITELY IN EXISTENCE IN 1923

### 1. Congregation Anche Russia

**Congregation Russia (Anche Russia)** December 15, 1886

1886-c. 1905 Springfield Avenue, Newark

1905-c. 1955 224 W. Kinney Street, Newark

\*\*1945- merged with Congregation **Tifereth Zion** to become **Congregation Anche Russia-Tifereth Zion** 176 Clinton Place, Newark

1923 Rabbi Rev. Hyman Brodsky

See: #12 **Anshe Sfarad Linas Hazedek**

# 27 **Tifereth Zion**

\*\* no mention of this merger. **Tifereth Zion** was independent until c. 1970 when it joined **AABJ&D**

### **Congregation Anche Russia**

“A History of Events and Activities of **Congregation Anche Russia** During the First 25 Years of Its Existence 1885-1910”. Originally in Yiddish. Translated by Harry M. Rosenthal

May 1885 Mr. Harry Konviser invited to his home countrymen to establish a sick benefit organization and to conduct Shabbos and Holiday services. Rented 121 Market Street, Newark for High Holy Day services.

December 1885- Secured a Charter. Officers were: Meyer Konviser, Pres., Mr. Belamowski, Financial Secretary, Mr. M. Meizel, Treasurer

July 1888- Rented 97 Prince Street as a permanent House of Prayer. Dues: \$6 per year which covered expenses and a fund for a cemetery, sick benefits: \$5 /wk for 6 weeks, \$2.50/ wk for 6 more wks.

November 1888- a cemetery was bought on Grove Street consisting of 4 lots.

July 27, 1893- a new synagogue was purchased at 130-32 Prince Street, Newark. It was decided that the shul would be “strictly orthodox”.

August 21, 1896- Congregation was moved to the corner of Prince and Morton Streets.

July 25, 1907- dues were raised to \$ 9 per year.

September 1, 1901- Congregation moved to a new building at 224-228 West Kinney Street, Newark

September 7, 1923 The Jewish Chronicle- synagogue’s main sanctuary seats 1,100 and the basement, which is used for daily services seats 600.

March 1, 1923 The Jewish Chronicle- “**Congregation Anche Russia** took title to a new plot located at Schuyler and Shepard Avenues. Hopes to build a \$300,000 synagogue to replace the one on West Kinney, where it had been for 27 years. Before the West Kinney location the shul was at Prince and Morton Streets for about 13 years”.

November 30 1923- Jewish Chronicle reports that Rabbi Hyman Brodsky retired last week after 25 years of service to **Anche Russia**.

Rabbi Brodsky was succeeded by Rabbi Joseph Konvitz.

“The Essex Story”- Upon Rabbi Konvitz’s death, **Anche Russia** combined with **Ein Jacob** to form **Knesseth Israel** on Bergen Street.

January 17, 1967 Jewish News- **Anche Israel Ein Jacob** merged with **Anche Russia** in 1948 to form **Congregation Kneseth Israel** at 882 Bergen Street. The name **Knesseth Israel** was adopted to commemorate the founding of the State of Israel.

1977- **Knesseth Israel** moved to Springfield to form **Congregation Israel** ( after plans for the synagogue were approved. Cornerstone laying and construction began in 1978).

## 2. Morristown Jewish Center

January 5, 1899- **The House of Israel** was incorporated. The location was 3 Race Street, Morristown where religious services and the Hebrew School were conducted. Later, c. 1899 the rented Eureka Hall on Spring Street was used for worship.

1903- the old Masonic Hall on the corner of Schuyler Place and Washington Street was rented.

1907- Lippman Hall on High Street

1910- Miller Hall on South Street was rented

1918- Ladies Auxiliary of the House of Israel was organized

1921-1924 Rabbi Singer

September 14, 1927 Beth Israel Cemetery Association

March 3, 1929- The cornerstone for a new building was laid down. The building was dedicated on November 24-29, 1929. It had a library, gym, Ladies’ lounge, Hebrew school rooms, Board of Directors’ room. The building was located on the corner of Speedwell Avenue and Sussex Avenue.

July 27, 1995- Jewish News-Up until the 1950’s, **MJC ( Morristown Jewish Center)** was the only Jewish house of worship in the town. To accommodate the growing community, the center offered

Orthodox, Conservative and Reform services. In 1954 11 families broke away to form a Reform congregation. In 1958 construction was completed on **Temple B'nai Or**.

Currently affiliated with the Conservative Movement. Located at 177 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown.

### 3. **B'nai Israel, Millburn**

“History of **Congregation B'nai Israel**, Millburn, New Jersey 1925-1965” from **B'nai Israel** Archives

1910-early 1920's Jewish families for Millburn, Springfield, Union and Vauxhall met at William Polansky's home in Millburn.

1920s- services conducted in Hyman Buncher's apartment above his hardware store on Millburn Avenue.

1923-1924- a store was rented for services. Reverend Hugh H. Dickerson allowed them to conduct High Holy Day services at the St. Stephen's Church Parish House.

1923- 12 families decided that the time had come to build a synagogue.

April 29, 1924- incorporated under the name **Congregation B'nai Israel**. Harry Marks, president. Ground was purchased on Lackawana Place. The building was completed just before the High Holy days in 1925. They didn't have a Rabbi. The synagogue was originally unaffiliated and considered itself Orthodox.

September, 1942- Rabbi Melvin Kieffer was appointed the first Rabbi. Kieffer's appointment led the congregation to affiliate with the Conservative Movement ( Kieffer was a graduate of The Jewish Theological School).

September 10, 1946- Rabbi Dr. Max Gruenwald was installed as Rabbi.

May 14, 1950- groundbreaking for shul at 160 Millburn Avenue.

May 12, 1950- Jewish News- Ground breaking for new synagogue on Millburn Avenue between Ridgewood Road and locust Avenue. New building will contain a sanctuary with 582 seats, social hall, stage, classrooms, offices, study and library.

April 18, 1951 moved into new building at 160 Millburn Avenue. The architecture and art of the synagogue was featured in Time Magazine, Sunday New York Times, Herald Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, Newark News, Art Digest The Reconstructionist, etc. and on radio and television.

### 4. **B'nai Israel, Kearny**

“A Brief Outline of the Jews of Kearny and North Arlington”

1910- services for High Holy Days are conducted at the library which Ephraim Dienard had constructed at 18 Arlington Avenue. Deinard had offered to build a synagogue on his land but the community refused his offer. Services were held in many places: Israel Goldstein's home on Midland Avenue, Fine's Hall, the Masonic Temple, Davis' Hall on Kearny Avenue.

1913- 19 Jews led by Israel Goldstein formed an organization incorporated under the name Congregation B'nai Israel of Kearny-Arlington. The temple was of a "temporary nature" until the influx of Jews to Kearny-Arlington after WWI. Hyman Katz was the first president of the Congregation. It was an Orthodox congregation.

December 1922- Ground was broken for a synagogue at 443 Chestnut Street

August 1923—Synagogue was dedicated. Rev. Boris Aronson was the first Rabbi appointed. He also served as the Hebrew school teacher and as Shochet. He served until 1925. the Hebrew school opened in October 1923.

1954 The congregation moved to a new building at 774-8 Kearny Avenue. The synagogue is still located there ( as of 1997) and is affiliated with the Conservative Movement.

## **5. Temple B'nai Israel, Irvington**

February 5, 1926 Jewish Chronicle- " The actual beginnings of the present structure can be traced to a memorable gathering of a few men in the home of Max LeBow, the present temple president, in 1922. Previous to this the Jews of Irvington had been accustomed to meet on the occasion of the High Holy Days at Lemmerman's Farm, on the outskirts of the city, where services of a fashion were led by volunteers of the group. The men who gathered at Mr. LeBow's home were alike inspired by a will to give the Jewish children of their community an adequate training in the religion of their fathers, realizing that if some steps were not made to remedy the state of affairs, that their sons and daughters would reach maturity either with a feeling of religious indifference or of ignorance. That meeting, tiny though it was, laid the foundation of **Congregation B'nai Israel**". In November they had a dinner which 150 Irvington Jews attended and \$10,000 was raised. In February 1923 the congregation took possession of the house at its present location, 706 Nye Avenue near Stuyvesant Avenue. In February 1925 construction began on a new building at the same location.

March 28, 1982-**Temple B'nai Israel**, Irvington merged with **Congregation Ahavath Achim Bikur Cholim**, also of Irvington and founded in 1930, to form **Ahavath Achim B'nai Israel**.

## **6. Ahavas Achim Anshe, Belleville 317 Washington Street**

October 21, 1921 Jewish Chronicle

A meeting was held at the home of Charles Stamberg ( 102 Washington Avenue, Belleville) to organize a congregation of the Jews of Belleville. The organization arose as a result of the success of the High Holy Day services that were held in the Town Hall. Among the purposes of the congregation are: arranging for services on Sabbath, festivals and holidays; maintenance of a Hebrew school; conducting of a welfare center.

August 28, 1959 Newark Evening News

...“the old congregation **Ahavath Achim Synagogue**, 317 Washington Avenue”... The building in 1951 was used for Sunday School.

September 10, 1971 Jewish News

...says **Ahavath Achim** of Belleville “ began as a small synagogue on Washington Avenue in 1919 and moved to its new building at 125 Academy Street in 1955”. The congregation currently has a Conservative affiliation.

April 12, 1973 Jewish News

Ahavath Achim of Belleville is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **7. B’nai Israel, Harrison**

November 25, 1921 Jewish Chronicle

The Ladies’ Auxiliary of Congregation B’nai Israel of Harrison had a meeting at the synagogue on Cleveland Avenue. A Hebrew School also existed. The same column talked about a Congregation Israel of Harrison which met and discussed plans for a “proposed new synagogue”. No indication as to whether these are the same synagogues.

According to Edith Saletan there was a synagogue in Harrison until about 10 or 15 years ago ( 1987 or 1982) at which point many of its members joined the Kearny shul.

## **8. Free Synagogue of Newark**

July 18, **1921 Free Synagogue of Newark**, Southwest corner of Broad and Marshall Streets. Listed in 1926 at 104 Clinton Avenue. Never listed again.

February 16, 1921 Jewish Chronicle

Location of synagogue: Clinton Avenue and Parkhurst Street

October 6, 1922 Jewish Chronicle

Holiday services held at the Down Town Club. Dr. Sidney Goldstein conducted services and was assisted by Rabbi Maintain Band and his choir.

“For Special Occasions” by Dore Schary. Published by Random House, New York, 1961

There was a period when the congregation met at the Scharey Manor. From 1924-1926 the rabbi was Lewis Browne. According to the article, Browne was a very controversial figure and he was forced to resign after delivering a sermon entitle “ The Life of Jesus”. According to Nat Dunetz, this was a very liberal Reform synagogue. It ran a Hebrew School which his sister attended.

May 4, 1923 Jewish Chronicle

**Free Synagogue** moved to 616 High Street which will become the Community Center and where services will be conducted. “Two years ago with Julius F. Kaufman as president, the Free

Synagogue had its inception with the auditorium of the Down Town Boys' Club of Broad Street... They decided that they would follow in every way the precepts of Rabbi Wise's (Steven) institution in New York, and adopted the policies which he fought to introduce: free pews, a free pulpit and freedom in paying dues....this house of worship is always open to all and all members pay according to the dictates of their own conscience, as much as they can".

Opened a community center on Somerset Street in a small store and organized the boys and girls of the area into clubs. There are 16 senior clubs of both sexes. Organized under " the Associated Clubs of the **Free Synagogue of Newark Community Center**".

### **9. Congregation Adath Israel of Dover**

Ladies' Auxiliary was founded as Ladies' Aid Society in 1915. Ida Harris was the first president. Meetings were held at members' homes for 20 years during which time they solicited members. **The Dover Jewish Center** was dedicated on May 10, 1936.

October 5, 1995 Jewish News

**Mt. Sinai Cemetery** in Dover was founded in 1899 as a resting place for Jews of Dover, who came there in search of business opportunities. The town's organized Jewish community dates back to the 1880's. The first meeting of the **Dover Hebrew Association** was on October 4, 1882. They met the first Sunday of each month. The name of the **Dover Hebrew Association** was changed to the **Hebrew Literary Society** in 1897. In 1883 a Hebrew School was started. It met at McDavid's Hall with 22 children enrolled. In 1898 the Hebrew Literary Society purchased a sefer Torah. A Reform Hebrew School opened in 1883 by Hannah Schwartz for her sons and neighborhood children.

"Sometime around 1915, the ledger mentions a Rabbi Heller, who was involved in the planning of a Jewish community center. The group devised a list of ways to raise \$20,000, the approximate cost of land and building, and, in 1917, Congregation **Adath Israel** was formally established. Services were held in a variety of places- unoccupied stores and rented halls- and construction for Dover's first synagogue building began in 1934".

The building on Orchard street was completed and formally dedicated in 1936 with a membership of 40 families. The congregation outgrew the Orchard Street building and in 1959 construction was begun on the Thompson Street property. The new Jewish Center **Adath Israel Congregation** was dedicated in 1965. A new sanctuary was dedicated in 1980.

On March 6, 1988 **Congregation Adath Israel** of Dover merged with **Temple Beth Shalom** of Boonton to form **Adath Shalom**, located in Dover. The congregation moved to Parsippany in the Spring of 1997.

The old synagogue on Orchard Street is now a Baptist Church. Mt. Sinai cemetery is still there. There is a picture of the old building in the 10/5/95 Jewish News.

From unprocessed records "Synagogues- extra files"

"40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Journal of Ladies' Auxiliary of Adath Israel"- the Ladies' Auxiliary of Adath Israel, Dover, was founded in 1915 as 'The Ladies' Aid Society' by a small group of women who felt the

need and necessity for a permanent House of God". First president was Ida Harris. Meetings were held in Halls and houses of members.

#### **10. Tifereth Israel Anshe Brisker D'litta, Newark**

Congregation Tifereth Israel d'Brisk Delito, November 18, 1916 242-244 Prince Street, Newark. Merged with Congregation Beth Joseph Lev Tov in 1946 to form Congregation Brisk Beth Joseph Lev Tov at 294 Hawthorne Avenue.

September 7, 1923 Jewish Chronicle

**Tifereth Israel of Brisk D'Litto** at 242-44 Prince Street under the leadership of Rabbi Jacob Ben Zion Mendelson, President Max Fast. Congregation was formed at the same location in 1914. Present structure seats 800.

#### **11. Adas Israel and Mishnayes, Newark**

**Congregation Adas Israel**- September 12, 1910. Was the result of merger between **Congregation Agudas Achim** and **Congregation Anshe Wolochis Benevolent Association**.

1882-1912 47 Bedford St. **Congregation Adas Israel**

1910-1912 47 Jones Street **Congregation Chevra Mishnayes**

1912-1941 32-34 Prince Street

1941-1968 248 Shepard Avenue (corner of Schuyler Ave)

In 1924 merges with **Mishnayes** to form **Adas Israel and Mishnayes**. In 1965 it is no longer listed.

At 32 Prince Street in 1923 Zindel Levine was the Rabbi.

December 6, 1968 Jewish News

**Congregation Adas Israel and Mishnayes** and **Congregation Knesset Israel** officially merged after conducting services together since February 1968. New congregation was called **Congregation Israel** and was located at 882 Bergen Street, Newark. **Adas Israel and Mishnayes** traces its roots all the way back to **Congregation Shomrei Shabbos** ( 1882). **Congregation Israel** began as **Congregation Ein Jacob** ( 1884). Rabbi Israel E. Turner will be the spiritual leader.

September 7, 1923 Jewish Chronicle

Joseph Mann, president

March 15, 1929 Jewish Chronicle

**Adas Israel and Mishnayes** will begin construction of a new building at 82-4-6 Osborne Terrace. The congregation was originally at 47 Bedford Avenue for 30 years after which it moved to its current location on 34 Prince Street, where it has been for 18 years.

May 13, 1966 Jewish News

In 1913 **Adas Israel** joined with **Congregation Chevra Mishnayes** which was on Jones Street. This synagogue was known as the “home of famous cantors” because cantors such as Berle Chaggy, Moshe Genchoff, Samuel Vigoda and Jacob Silverman all served there.

May 12, 1967 Jewish News

**Adas Israel's** origins are with **Chevra Shomrei Shabbos** which was incorporated January 1, 1882. **Adas Israel's** present location is Shepard Avenue

From the “Essex Story” Started in 1873. Congregation consisted of mainly Galician Jews but also had lots of Russians and Poles. It combined with several smaller congregations, including **Chevra Mishnayes** in 1911.

## 12. Agudath Achim Anshe Orange ( Brotherly Love of the People of Orange)

July 7, 1950 Jewish News

The name of **Congregation Agudath Achim** was changed to **Congregation Beth Torah** in 1950. the synagogue moved to a new building on Reynolds Terrace on September 10, 1950. The old building was on Park and Williams Street.

March 24, 1983 Jewish News

On April 13, 1983 **Beth Torah** of Orange will merge with **Oheb Shalom**. **Beth Torah** was established in 1898.

March 24, 1983 News Record, Maplewood & South Orange

**Beth Torah** had been in Orange for nearly 80 years until December 1982. It was organized in the late 1890's when Marks Weinberg began having Shabbos services in his home on Elm Street. They later met in the rear of a tavern. Formally incorporated August 16, 1904 under the name **Agudath Achim**. From 1908-1917 services were held in a 3 story house on Center Street under the name **Agudath Achim Anshe of Orange**. In 1917 the congregation moved to its own building at the corner of Park and Williams Streets. The building was used for 35 years. On December 11, 1949 ground was broken at the Reynolds Terrace property. At this time the congregation changed its name to **Beth Torah**. Formal dedication of the building took place on March 1, 1952. From this article it appears that Nachman Heller was the Rabbi in 1923.

May 13, 1976 Jewish News

While at the Park Street building ( where it had moved in 1917) the congregation voted to affiliate with the Conservative movement. The synagogue maintained a Hebrew School.

April 22, 1976 West Orange Chronicle

When the synagogue was started in the late 1890's, “ the only Jewish house of worship in the area was **Temple Sharey Tefilo**, then located on Cleveland Street, Orange”.

From “ The Essex Story”

Marks Weinberg started **Agudath** because **Sharey Tefilo** was leaning towards Reform and Weinberg and others wanted a more traditional service. Incorporated in 1904. In 1907 they moved to a 3 story building on Center Street near the Lackawana Railroad. In 1917 the congregation



merged with another congregation and purchased a building at the corner of Park and Williams Streets.

### **13. Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell**

May 7, 1971 Jewish News

The conservative congregation was founded in 1920 on Washington Place, Caldwell. The current building at 20 Academy Road was erected in 1951, where it remains today.

April 24, 1985 Caldwell Progress

Congregation was started by approximately 30 families in 1919. Ground breaking ceremony took place on March 13, 1922 for the Washington Place building.

### **14. Ahavas Shalom**

Established on June 26, 1918. From 1918-1927 145-147 Belleville Avenue.

From 1927- present 145 Broadway. This conservative synagogue is Newark's oldest operating synagogue. It has an historic ark.

September 22, 1918 Jewish Chronicle

**Ahavas Shalom** had a cornerstone laying of a new synagogue at 145 Belleville Avenue. Miss Louise Kleine, attorney at law, recounted the struggles of this congregation since its organization twenty years ago. She also explained the plans of the building. "About 20 years ago, she said, a handful of Jews gathered together in a flat on the top floor of an apartment house near the present building and started a congregation. From the very beginning they dreamed of having a beautiful synagogue of their own. For eight years the little children of the neighborhood climbed the rickety stairs of the building to receive instruction in Judaism. Then a part of the dream was realized. They had enough money to purchase the lot on which the present building is situated, with a small frame dwelling. Here they remained until last year. At last their dream was to be fulfilled. A new building was to be erected".

August 9, 1979 Jewish News

**Ahavas Shalom** was founded on July 15, 1918.

December 4, 1980 Jewish News

**Ahavas Shalom** has a rare antique ark which it obtained from the former Christie Street ( New York) Synagogue.

### **15. Ahavath Zion**

This orthodox congregation was started in 1912 and moved to 158 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue in 1921. It stayed there for 50 years until moving to Maplewood in 1967. Rabbi Morris Radin was the rabbi in 1923.

January 27, 1967 Jewish News

The building at 158 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue was erected in 1921. It had a seating capacity of 1,300 in the main sanctuary and 400 in the vestry room. The congregation was founded in a hall on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue called Amsterdam's Hall. Services were held there until they moved to 158 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which was a small building. In 1921 the building was knocked down and a new one was erected.

September 8, 1967 Jewish News

After serving Newark Jewry for nearly 50 years, Congregation has moved to 421 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood, in the Stuyvesant Village area, and will hold dedication ceremonies for its new building on Sunday.

## 16. **B'nai Zion**

1923 location, 545 West Market Street

June 23, 1977 Jewish News

**B'nai Zion** sold its building in Newark in order to merge with **Congregation Beth Ephraim** of Maplewood. The new congregation is **Beth Ephraim-B'nai Zion Maplewood Jewish Center**. **B'nai Zion** was organized in 1918 at 545 W. Market Street as an orthodox shul. It was the first synagogue in Newark's Roseville section. It moved to 215 Chancellor Avenue in 1967 when the state took over the properties in the Roseville section in order to construct Route 280. **B'nai Zion** sponsored moderate income housing. One at 515 Elizabeth Avenue called Zion towers ( 269 apartments) and a second called Shalom Towers, located at 75-79 Clinton Avenue ( 178 units). **Beth Ephraim** was organized in 1967.

## 17. **B'nai Abraham** ( Sons of Abraham Congregation), founded October 14, 1855

1855-1883 65 Bank Street

1883-1889 177 Halsey & Academy Streets

1889-1901 226 Washington & Market Streets

1901-1924 High Street & 13<sup>th</sup>

1924-1973 621-625 Clinton Avenue

1973-present 300 Northfield Avenue, Livingston

Affiliation: unaffiliated

September 7, 1923 Jewish Chronicle

Rabbi Silberfeld, Philip J. Schotland, president. Located at High Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The building was finished c. 1900. I seats 800. "Currently" ( as of 1923) a new building, which seats 2,00 will be on Clinton and Shanley Avenues.

January 2, 1978 Jewish News

In 1853, newly arrived Polish immigrants were in search of a temple similar to the ones in Poland. They didn't fit in with the German Jews of **B'nai Jeshurun**. Abraham Newman, a member of **B'nai Jeshurun**, offered them use of his home and dedicated a Sefer Torah to them. In 1955 they acquired quarters at 107 Market Street and incorporated under the name **Congregation B'nai Abraham** as a tribute to Abraham Newman. In 1897 a temple was built at High Street & 12<sup>th</sup>

Avenue. It seated 900. In 1902 Rabbi Julius Silberfeld began his 37 year tenure with the synagogue. "The adoption of Rabbi Silberfeld's prayer book, which introduce English into the service, marked **Temple B'nai Abraham's** departure from strictly Orthodox ritual." In September 21, 1924 a new temple was dedicated at Clinton and Shanley Avenues. 2,500 people attended the dedication. The synagogue housed a swimming pool, gymnasium, auditorium, Hebrew school, sanctuary "of majestic proportions". In 1939 Joachim Prinz was elected rabbi. In September 21, 1973 the present location in Livingston was dedicated.

#### **18. B'nai Jeshurun** - founded August 20, 1848

??-1896 24 Washington Street

1897-1908 224 Washington Street

1909-1915 324 Washington Street

1916-1973 783 High Street

1973-present 1025 South Orange Avenue, Short Hills

Current affiliation- Reform New Jersey's oldest synagogue

September 7, 1923 Jewish Chronicle

1923 Rabbi, Solomon Foster President, Philip Linderman (1917-1927) first president, Isaac S. Cohen . At a meeting on August 20, 1848 Isaac Newman was chosen as Cantor

September 13, 1968 Jewish News

1905 Rabbi Solomon Foster promoted from assistant Rabbi to Rabbi. He served for 40 years as Rabbi and Rabbi Emeritus.

April 15, 1984 Star Ledger

About 20 German Jews arrived in Newark in 1848. They prayed in rented rooms on Harrison, Washington and Mulberry Streets. This temporary house of worship was called **B'nai Jeshurun** ( Sons of the Upright). In 1858 a temple was built on Washington and Maiden Streets. 1868 2<sup>nd</sup> home- Washington and William Streets. 1915 High Street and Waverly Avenue. In 1968 the synagogue moved to Short Hills.

Progression of locations:

a) a former church on Harrison ( now called Halsey) Street. A plot of ground on Belmont Street was purchased for a cemetery.

b) 1851 Academy and Washington Streets

c) rented building on Mulbury Street

d) 1858- 1<sup>st</sup> regular synagogue on Washington Street between Market & Williams.

1863- established a school

1868- new constitution

1868- elected Joseph Leucht as Rabbi

e) new temple dedicated on August 28, 1868. Under Rabbi Leucht the congregation affiliated as Reform. In 1902 Rabbi Solomon Foster was appointed Associate Rabbi. In 1905 he became Senior Rabbi. Women's Association was started in 1912.

f) High Street building built in 1914

## 19. B'nai Zion, Bloomfield, 430 Franklin Street

May 1, 1970 Jewish News

In the 1910's a small group of Jewish women met in Bloomfield to organize a mother's club. Their purpose was to organize a Hebrew School. The Mother's Club became the sisterhood in 1917. Mrs. Kalman Sax was the 1<sup>st</sup> president of Sisterhood. They worked with the local Zionist group and was given land for the Temple at 430 Franklin Street. The small house served as a Hebrew School, meeting place and place of worship. Title was taken in 1919. On June 9, 1929 ground was broken for and expansion and in 1962 renovations were done.

June 21, 1979 Jewish News

**B'nai Zion** was established on June 15, 1915 when a group of Bloomfield Jews founded the "**Order of B'nai Zion**" and soon after established the "Bloomfield Hebrew School". In 1917 the Sisterhood was organized, which was originally the Mother's Club.

Unprocessed records:

Origins of the temple are in founding of the "Montclair-Bloomfield Camp of the Order of B'nai Zion" in 1915. the camp has since been renamed "Bloomfield Camp # 48". Soon afterward the "Talmud Torah" in Bloomfield was created. In 1917 the Mother's Club was organized with Dora Sax as first president.

1918- acquisition of a Sefer Torah and purchase of building on Franklin Street.

1928- **Temple B'nai Zion's** first and only synagogue built on the Franklin Street property.

1926- **B'nai Zion** was re-chartered most likely to absorb members from **Shomrei Israel**, Bloomfield. Abraham Lipton was the 1<sup>st</sup> president of the re-chartered shul. In 1960 the building was refurbished.

### **Congregation Shomrei Israel, Bloomfield**

"The Synagogues of Bloomfield: a short history of the Jewish community of Bloomfield, New Jersey". In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Temple Ner Tamid 1980-1990, compiled by Rabbi Steven Kushner July 10, 1990.

Incorporated c. September 13, 1922. Place of worship and meeting place was the Community House on Broad Street ( site of the present Bloomfield Library and Civic Center).

This congregation did not succeed and was absorbed into the 1926 re-chartered **Temple B'nai Zion** and/or **Temple Shomrei Emunah** in Glen Ridge ( **Shomrei Emunah**, Montclair).

## 20. Jewish Community Center of Summit

March 6, 1980 Summit Herald

In 1923, 12 families organized the **Unity Club**. Sam Lowenberg was president. The group met in Masonic Hall. In 1927 it became incorporated " not for pecuniary profit, but for religious, social, fraternal and educational purposes". On June 12, 1929 a property was purchased at 67 Kent Place Boulevard. Later that year the congregation became reincorporated as the **Jewish Community Center**.

1934- William Weiber became the first full time Rabbi.  
1935- affiliated with United Synagogues of America (Conservative).  
1953- “present” building was built at 67 Kent Place Boulevard.

Our Jubilee Year Souvenir Program-“1923-1973 Golden Links in History 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jewish Community Center”

The first religious services in Summit were held in 1904 in the apartment of a silk weaver.  
1934- JCC acquired a plot of land in Mount Lebanon Cemeteries in Woodbridge, NJ.

## 21 Oheb Shalom

founded on October 9, 1869

1860-1894 27 Prince Street  
1894-1905 32 Prince Street  
1905-1912 30 Prince Street  
1912-1957(?) 672 High Street  
Present- 170 Scotland Road, South Orange

In 1923 Rabbi Charles I. Hoffman, Herman Kussy, president

September 7, 1923 Jewish Chronicle

**Oheb Shalom** was founded on Prince Street between Springfield and South Orange Avenue in 1860. Isaac Schwartz was the founding Rabbi. The synagogue has over 1,000 members. The synagogue has a plot of ground in Elizabeth used for a cemetery. In 1897 the Miriam Auxiliary was started.

April 14, 1936 Newark Evening News

In 1860 there was a split in **B’nai Jeshurun** and many members, including leaders of the congregation left **B’nai Jeshurun** and rented a room at 33 Prince Street. They incorporated as **Congregation Oheb Shalom**.

“The Essex Story”

**Oheb Shalom** formed as a result of a controversy in **B’nai Jeshurun**. In 1860, Rabbi Isaac Schwartz failed to be replaced by one vote. The president, Bernard Hauser was also not re-elected. Several of the disgruntled members and congregational leaders left **B’nai Jeshurun**. On October 9, 1860 they had a meeting and decided to form **Oheb Shalom** ( Loving Peace). Services were held at Bernard Hauser’s house on Prince Street. Later they built a frame building at 32 Prince Street. It was called the “Bohemian Shul” because most of its members were from Bohemia. Rabbi Isaac Schwartz was elected its first Rabbi. When Charles Hoffman became Rabbi in 1906 **Oheb Shalom** was a Conservative congregation

February 5, 1960 Jewish News

Congregation was organized in 1860 by Bohemian Jews. Moved to South Orange July 24, 1958.

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November 4, 1960 Jewish News

On September 7, 1911, Governor Woodrow Wilson delivered the primary address at the dedication of the High Street synagogue, which served the congregation for over 4 decades. Charles I. Hoffman was the Rabbi.

October 31, 1974 West Orange Chronicle

1895 the congregation built the first house of worship in the suburbs on Cleveland Street in Orange.

November 27, 1980 Jewish News

**Oheb Shalom** founded in 1860 with about 14 families.

December 7, 1980

**Oheb Shalom** moved to South Orange at 170 Scotland Road

March 24, 1983 Jewish News

Affiliation of **Oheb Shalom** and **Beth Torah** to become effective on April 13, 1983. **Beth Torah** was established in 1898. The name will remain **Oheb Shalom**, but records and official correspondence will say “**Congregation Beth Torah** affiliated 1983”.

October 20, 1983 Jewish News

“marriage” between **Oheb Shalom** and **Beth Torah** of Orange

## 22. Sharey Tefilo, East Orange

**Temple Sharey Tefilo** of East Orange and **Temple Israel** of South Orange merged to form **Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel of the Oranges and Maplewood**. The new synagogue will meet at the **Temple Israel of South Orange** campus. **Sharey Tefilo** was started in 1874 by Prussian immigrants. **Temple Israel** was started in 1948.

April 3, 1975 Jewish News

**Sharey Tefilo**- first New Jersey temple in the suburbs In 1880 discarded tradition of separate seating. In November 1921 congregation voted to join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations ( Reform). November 15, 1922 voted to buy property in East Orange. April 22, 1927 a building on Prospect Street was dedicated.

June 24, 1982 Jewish News

In 1895 **Sharey Tefilo** dedicated the cornerstone for property on Cleveland Street in Orange. Moved from Orange to Prospect Street in East Orange in 1922. . “Conceived in the traditions of Orthodox Judaism, the congregation gradually moved towards Reform ideology.”

April 14, 1994 Jewish News

The congregation moved into the synagogue on Cleveland Avenue in Orange in 1895 and then to Prospect Street in East Orange in 1927. In 1949 **Temple Israel** was started. This was a break away from **Sharey Tefilo**. They started a Reform congregation that maintained more traditions. In

December 1981 the two temples, **Sharey Tefilo** and **Temple Israel** approved a proposition to reunify.

### **23. Shomrei Emunah, Montclair**

“ The Synagogues of Bloomfield”: a short history of the religious of the Jewish community of Bloomfield, New Jersey”. In celebration of the tenth anniversary of **Temple Ner Tamid** 1980-1990. Compiled by Rabbi Steven Kushner, July 10, 1990

Incorporated on December 6, 1905.

Bloomfield’s first synagogue

Founded in response to the increasing numbers of immigrants from Europe

First High Holy Day Services held in 1906 in Central Hall of Bloomfield

In 1907 land purchased on Bloomfield Avenue in Glen Ridge

1908 bought a church located next to Highland and Bloomfield Avenues

First meeting in the synagogue held on June 6, 1910

**Shomrei Emunah** became a member of United Synagogues in 1919 and it officially affiliated with Jewish Theological Seminary ( Conservative) in 1927

In 1949 it moved to the present location at 67 Park Street in Montclair

September 18, 1959 Jewish News

1908 location: 961 Boomfield Avenue in Bloomfield.

November 26, 1965 Jewish News

18 men from Montclair, Glen Ridge and Bloomfield organized the first congregation on December 6, 1905. Formally it incorporated as **Congregation Shmar Amuno** ( Guardian of Faith) of Bloomfield and Montclair. They met at Central Hall, Bloomfield. In 1945 the congregation outgrew its Glen Ridge facilities and purchased the present site at 67 Park Street in Montclair. In 1949 the congregation moved to 67 Park Street, Montclair.

### **24. Talmud Torah Congregation**

1923 location -Morton Street

December 23, 1921 Jewish Chronicle

Congregation Talmud Torah on Morton Street recently purchased a cemetery on South Orange Avenue and Grove Street. Joseph D. Glushak, Rabbi.

January 13, 1962 Newark Evening News

Says “ Orthodox congregation, which has been in existence more than 60 years....”

January 13, 1962 Jewish News

In 1962 congregation was located at 182 Osborne Terrace. According to Ozzie Lax, and this was supported by an article, it started at Morton Street, across the street from Morton Street School. The building is now low income housing. It was an Orthodox congregation.

## 25. Congregation Lev Tov

July 6, 1922 29 Broome Street Merged with **Congregation Beth Joseph** in 1944 to form congregation **Beth Joseph Lev Tov** at 198 Chadwick. In 1923 Harris Apotheker was the Rabbi.

October 5, 1978 Jewish News

**Tifereth Israel Anshe Brisker D'Litto** merged with **Bais Joseph** in 1940 and later with **Lev Tov**. The combined congregation later merged with **Anshe Estreich Ve Hungariain** (Austrian and Hungarian Synagogue?) to form **Kehilath Israel**. **Kehilath Israel** moved to Chancellor Avenue in 1961 where it merged with **B'nai Israel** of Belmont Avenue. In 1970 **Kehilath Israel** was no longer able to operate on Chancellor Avenue. It donated money and religious artifacts to **Yeshivat Har Etsion** in Alon Shvut, Israel. In 1978 it merged with **Ahawas Achim B'nai Jacob and David (AABJ&D)**. Its 38 remaining members became full fledged members of **AABJ&D** **AABJ&D** assumed responsibility for maintenance of seven cemeteries belonging to **Kehilath Israel**.

## 26. Congregation Anshe Sfard Linas Hazedek

157 Prince Street  
Rabbi Alter Gittleman

## 27. Chevra T'hilim

1923 location- Prince Street between Montgomery and Spruce Streets

July 8, 1960 Jewish News

Papers were signed merging **Congregation Tifereth Isael** and **Chevra T'hilim (Tehilim)**. New congregation is called **Chevra Tihilm Tifereth Israel**. **Chevra T'hilim** was the last Orthodox congregation in the old 3<sup>rd</sup> ward of Newark. It was founded "nearly 65 years ago" and spent more than 50 years in a building on Prince Street. **Tifereth Israel** was founded in 1957.

## 28. Tifereth Zion

1924-1968 176 Clinton Place

September 20, 1970 Newark Sunday News

**Tifereth Zion** affiliated with **Ahawas Achim B'nai Jacob and David (AABJ&D)** in West Orange.

June 4, 1971 Jewish News

"**Congregation Tifereth Zion** served the Jewish community of Newark from 1924 until 1969 and was located at the corner of Clinton Place and Nye Avenue".

## 29. Toras Emes 79 Jefferson Street

April 17, 1907

Not listed from 1917-1923. Listed from 1924-1964. In 1974 it merged with **AABJ&D**.



June 6, 1974 Jewish News

**Toras Emes** was founded on April 22, 1909 at 79 Jefferson Street. It became known as the “**Ferry Street Shul**”. **Toras Emes** remained an active synagogue until 1964 when it was forced to close its doors. The congregation remained active despite no longer maintaining a building by making many charitable donations. In 1974 it joined **AABJ&D** in West Orange.

### 30. Machzekay Hayahaduth ( Machzikey Hayahaduth Congregation)

First location was 204 Broome Street. Moved to 134 Charlton Street some time before 1923. 1923 president: Morris Silverman.

**Torah Chaim Jewish Center** was founded as **Machzikey Hayahduth** in 1915. City’s first Chassidic synagogue. Founded by Chief Rabbi Chaim Kahan. Named changed to Torath Chaim Jewish Center some time after 1920 as a tribute to Rabbi Kahan after he died. Although he died in 1920, the 1923 Jewish Chronicle and the Newark city Directory list the name of the synagogue as **Machzikey Hayahaduth**. 1962 location: 223 Schley Street. Synagogue seats 300.

### 31. United Hebrew Congregation

Known as **United Hebrew Synagogue of Newark ( Hagudat Hakshilod)**. Founded on September 7, 1894.

1894-c.1910 Prince Street  
c. 1910- 1917 221 W. Kinney Street  
1917-1922 42 Charlton Street

Not listed in 1923.

February 21, 1921 Newark Star Eagle

Rabbi Baer Hailperin of **United Hebrew Congregation** was killed in a car wreck. Hailperin was Chief Rabbi of Newark’s Orthodox Jews and was rabbi of Congregation **Linas Hazedek**.

### 32. Young Israel

In 1923 Young Israel met either in **Copngregation Ahavath Zion** at 158 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue or at the **High Street YM-YWHA**.

April 9, 1965 Jewish News

“**Congregation Ahavas Israel Anshe Linitz**, which no longer maintains a synagogue, but was among the pioneer Orthodox groups in the city, will perpetuate its name with an endowment to Young Israel of Newark.....The history of **Anshe Linitz** dates back nearly seven decades. For many years the congregation worshipped on a synagogue at 217 Avon Avenue. The building was sold seven years ago”. The cornerstone of the school building of **Young Israel** will be dedicated in the name of **Anshe Linitz**..

December 31, 1965 Newark Evening News

Congregation **Anshe Linitz** was accepted into membership in Young Israel.

September 11, 1970 Jewish News

**Young Israel** acquired a building at 457 Centre Street, South Orange from **B'nai Jeshurun**. **Young Israel** will sponsor services at the South Orange location beginning on September 11, 1970. **Young Israel** will continue its daily and Sabbath services at 100 Chancellor Avenue in Newark, where it shares a building with **Kehilath Israel**. **Young Israel** was located at Weequahic and Maple Avenues from 1942-1968. It will also establish a religious school at the South Orange location.

December 4, 1970 Jewish News

**Young Israel** of Newark and South Orange merged with **Beth Ephraim Jewish Center** of Maplewood. Merged congregations will be called **Young Israel-Beth Ephraim Jewish Center of Maplewood and South Orange**.

December 19, 1970 Newark Evening News

**Congregation Young Israel of Newark and South Orange** merged with **Beth Ephraim Jewish Center of Maplewood**. New name: **Young Israel-Beth Ephraim Jewish Center of Maplewood**. The congregation continued to use the Suburban Center at 457 Center Street, South Orange; **Beth Ephraim Jewish Center** 520 Prospect Street, Maplewood: **Young Israel's Newark Center**, 100 Chancellor Avenue. **Young Israel** merged (?) with **Kehilath Israel** some time ago.

April 23, 1971 Jewish News

**Young Israel** held last services in Newark and will continue services in two suburban locations.

Young Israel 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Journal 1923-1963

Congregation was organized in 1922.

Progression of locations:

- a). started with Sabbath services (Friday night and Saturday morning) in **Congregation Ahavath Zion** at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue & S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- b.) Two years later ( 1924) met at the YM\_YWHA on High Street
- c) Met at Chechanovitzer KUV on S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street & Avon Avenue
- d). Ezekiel Lodge B'nai Brith on Clinton Avenue
- e). rented temporary quarters on Lehigh Avenue & Bergen Streets. While there, the religious school was organized. This was during the second decade of the shul's existence.
- f). The formal dedication of the synagogue at Weequahic and Maple Avenues took place on July 26, 1942.
- g). School building on Lyons and Maple Avenue was completed on July 26, 1953.

“ The Essex Story”

**Young Israel** was founded in 1922 to attract the Orthodox youth. It first met in the basement of another synagogue (**Ahavath Zion**) and later in the High Street YM-YWHA.

### 33. Mt. Freedom Jewish Center

Taken from “**Hebrew Congregation of Mount Freedom** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebration- December 8, 1973 Historian’s Report” by Arthur Regan.

The Congregation was founded in 1923, but the synagogue was not immediately built. They met at the homes of different members. Mr. Harry Zudick, a member, built the synagogue. Location of the synagogue was and still is 1209 Sussex Turnpike, Mt. Freedom. It is not clear exactly when the building was built. The only indication is that it was “shortly after” the synagogue was founded in 1923. The original building consisted of a sanctuary and an all-purpose room. In 1948 the shul was renovated. In 1965 a new addition was completed which was dedicated in 1966.

Taken from the “Constitution and By-laws of the **Hebrew Congregation of Mt. Freedom**”

Article 1

B1 Name of congregation is “**Hebrew Congregation of Mt. Freedom**”

B3 Religious services of the congregation shall be maintained in the Orthodox form.

Article 2

B The purpose of this congregation shall be: the support of religious services and the Talmud Torah.

The constitution lists B. Hirschorn as Ex-president and I. Salz as President. The constitution is written in English and in Yiddish.

#### **34. Congregation Shomrai Israel, Bloomfield**

“ The Synagogues of Bloomfield”: a short history of the religious of the Jewish Community of Bloomfield, New Jersey in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Temple Ner Tamid 1980-1990, compiled by Rabbi Steven Kushner July 10, 1990

Incorporated c. September 13, 1022 ( that is the date which said something about incorporating) Place of worship- Community House on Broad Street ( site of the “present” Bloomfield Library and Civic Center. The congregation did not succeed and was absorbed into the 1926 re-charted **Temple B’nai Zion** and/or **Temple Shomrei Emunah** in Glen Ridge.

#### **35. Austrian Hungarian Synagogue ( Congregation Anshe Oestreich Ungarn)**

August 9, 1911

1911-1920 249 Broom Street

c. 1920-1957 209 Belmont Avenue 1923 president: Solomon Goldfinger

In 1953 changes name to **Tifereth Israel**

#### **36. Congregation Ein Jacob ( Orthodox Jewish Synagogue)**

Founded February 20, 1898

1898 – c. 1907 112 Prince Street  
c. 1907-1908 107 Morton Street  
1908-1911 105 Prince Street  
1914-1933 11 Jones Street

In 1925 the congregation merged with **Anshe Keuses Israel**, thus forming **Anshe Israel Ein Jacob** at 28-30 Mercer Street. In 1948 **Anshe Israel Ein Jacob** joined **Anshe Russia** to form **Kneseth Israel** at 882 Bergen Street.

January 27, 1967 Jewish News

**Anshe Israel Ein Jacob** merged with **Anshe Russia** in 1948 to form **Congregation Kneseth Israel** at 882 Bergen Street. The name **Kneseth Israel** was adopted to commemorate the founding of the State of Israel which occurred in 1948.

September 14, 1978 Jewish News

**Ein Jacob** was founded in 1884.

### **37. Congregation Kneseth Israel Anshe Galicia**

1923 location 86 Prince Street, president Samuel Schwarzman

According to Owen: 1<sup>st</sup> listed in 1918, last listed in 1936.

### **38. Congregation Rousow of Ahrow**

**Congregation Rouso(w) of Ahrow-** September 28, 1890

1890-1914 48 North Canal Street

1914-1916 76 Commerce Street

1916-1925 117 Mulbery Street

No longer listed as of 1926. Rabbi Moses Adlerstein is the last rabbi listed. Rabbi Adlerstein was first mentioned in 1907.

1923 location- 117 Mulbery Street- Rabbi Rev. Solomon Halperin, President- Samuel Berson

### **39. Synagogue Kesser Torah**

1908- c. 1914 105 Prince Street

c. 1914-1923 294 Prince Street

1923- 1927 133 Somerset

No longer listed as of 1928

### **40. Congregation Rishon LeZion**

Started in January 1923. Located at 391 Lafayette Street. No other reference anywhere.

#### **41. Ahawas Achim Anshe Warsaw**

##### **Ahavath Achim Ashe Washau and Kranken Unterstuetzung Congregation -1898**

9 Prince Street

Merged with **B'nai Jacob** in 1935 to form **Congregation Ahawas Achim B'nai Jacob** at 291 Avon Avenue

From history of **AABJ&D**:

Started some time before 1900. By 1900 the synagogue was able to erect a permanent shul on Bedford Street. This building had a mikveh. In 1935 it merged with **Anshe Lemberg B'nai Jacob**, thus forming **Ahawas Achim B'nai Jacob**.

#### **43. Anshe Lemberg B'nai Jacob**

From the history of **AABJ&D**:

Founded in 1903. Originally located on Barclay Street until 1931 when it moved to the Clinton Hill section in an "imposing building" on Avon Avenue, which had been occupied by **Congregation Tzemach Tzedek**. **Tzemach Tzedek** been formed in the 1920's and laid the cornerstone of the Avon Avenue building in 1927. **Tzemach Tzedek** was absorbed by Anshe Lemberg B'nai Jacob thus forming **Congregation B'nai Jacob**. In 1935 **B'nai Jacob** and **Ahawas Achim Anche Warsaw** merged. The new congregation was called **Ahawas Achim B'nai Jacob**. **Tifereth Zion** had been absorbed by **Ahawas Achim B'nai Jacob** in 1970. **Toras Emes** was absorbed in 1974. **Tifereth Zion** had been located in the Weequahic section since it was founded in 1924. **Toras Emes** was founded in 1905.