

## THE SYNAGOGUES OF NEW JERSEY

### A. Big 10 Oldest Jewish Congregations in New Jersey with their Extant Buildings (EB)

- 1847 - B'nai Jeshurun (Barnert Temple), Paterson; now in Franklin Lakes; President McKinley attended services here
- 1848 - B'nai Jeshurun, Newark; now in Short Hills; EB 1914-15
- 1853 - B'nai Abraham, Newark; now in Livingston; EB 1924<sup>n</sup>; MLK spoke here
- 1859 - Anshe Emeth, New Brunswick; EB 1928-30\*
- 1860 - Har Sinai, Trenton; recently moved to Pennington; EB 1929-30 (cemetery founded 1857)
- 1860 - Oheb Shalom, Newark; now in South Orange; EB 1884<sup>n</sup> and 1910-11
- 1871 - Adas Emuno, Hoboken; now in Leonia; EB 1883
- 1871 - Beth-El, Jersey City; EB 1925-26\*
- 1874 - Sharey Tefilo Israel, Orange; moved to E. Orange; now in S. Orange; EB 1925-27
- 1882 - B'nai Israel, Elizabeth; merged into Millburn congregation of same name in 1992; early Modern synagogue designed by Percival Goodman; EB 1950-51\*

**(NOTE: In this document, when two dates are shown, the first is for the cornerstone and the second for the dedication. An asterisk denotes that the historic building continues to be regularly used for Jewish worship. An <sup>n</sup> denotes the synagogue is individually listed on the National and/or State Registers of Historic Places.)**

### B. Selected Older Congregations founded 1888-1934 with their Extant Buildings (EB)

- c.1888 - Holche Yosher (Jewish Educational Center), Elizabeth (Orthodox community founded 1881)
- 1888 - Beth Miriam, Long Branch
- 1890 - Beth Israel, Atlantic City; now in Northfield; EB 1891-93<sup>n</sup>
- 1890 - Tifereth Israel, Passaic
- 1891 - United Brotherhood (Anshei Lubavitch), Paterson; now in Fair Lawn; early Lubavitch involvement dating from 1909
- 1893 - Brotherhood Synagogue, Woodbine; EB 1896<sup>n</sup>; now Sam Azeez Museum; Woodbine founded as an all-Jewish town
- 1894 - Sons of Israel, Camden; now in Cherry Hill
- 1895 - Beth Mordecai, Perth Amboy; EB 1926-27\* (cornerstone has Hebrew error)
- 1896 - Ahavath Torah, Englewood
- 1896 - Pine Brook Jewish Center, Montville; EB 1912
- 1899 - Morristown Jewish Center, Morristown; EB 1929\*
- 1901 - Poile Zedek, New Brunswick; EB 1923<sup>n</sup>
- 1904 - Sons of Israel, Asbury Park; now in Ocean Twp.
- 1904 - Sons of Israel, Lakewood; EB 1907 & 1963\*; design of #2 based on shtetl synagogues
- 1905 - Ahavas Sholom, Newark; EB 1922-23<sup>n\*</sup>; has NYC ark built 1872-73
- 1905 - Shomrei Emunah, Montclair
- 1906 - Star of Israel (United Synagogue of Hoboken), Hoboken; EB 1914-15<sup>n\*</sup>
- 1906 - Emanuel, Paterson; now in Franklin Lakes; EB 1929; designed by Frederic Wentworth and Jacob Fabian, the latter a Warner Brothers designer of movie palaces
- 1906 - Anshe Chesed, Somerville; now Temple Sholom in Bridgewater; EB 1910
- 1906 - Mt. Sinai, Jersey City; EB 1908-10\*
- 1907 - B'nai Israel, Burlington; building constructed as a house in 1800-01

1907 - Sons of Israel, Belmar; EB 1908-09\*; cornerstone mentions Jacob Schiff  
 1908 - Temple Beth El, Hackensack  
 1909 - Sons of Israel (Temple Shalom), Franklin; building constructed as a church in 1823  
 c.1910 - Agudath Sholom, Jersey City EB 1914  
 1911 - Emanu-El, Bayonne  
 1913 - Temple Sholom, Plainfield; now in Fanwood; EB 1927  
 1914 - Anshe Chesed, Linden  
 1915 - Beth Judah, Wildwood; EB 1929\*  
 1917 - Dover Jewish Center, Dover; now Adath Israel in Morris Plains; EB 1936  
 1920 - Agudath Israel, Caldwell  
 1923 - Mount Freedom Jewish Center; EB 1923 wrapped by newer building  
 1924 - Jewish Center of Sussex County, Newton; building core originally a house  
 1934 - Temple Beth El; Hammonton; EB 1937\*  
 (generally includes at least one congregation in each major Jewish community over 100 years old)

### **C. Congregations Established in Agricultural Communities**

#### **Alliance Area Cluster**

1888 - Tifereth Israel (Sharis Israel), Alliance; EB 1889  
 1897 - Ahavas Achim (Norma Brotherhood), Norma; EB c.1900  
 1897 - Or Yisrael, Rosenhayn; EB c.1898; located adjacent to corn field  
 1902 - B'nai Moses Anshe Estreich, Brotmanville; EB 1900-01; furnishings relocated to Alliance Cemetery chapel  
 1904/05 - Ahavas Achim, Vineland  
 c.1906 - Beth Hillel/Beth Abraham, Carmel, Deerfield Twp.; EB c.1901-08<sup>n\*</sup>  
 1908 - Sons of Jacob, Vineland

#### **Other** (Also see Woodbine entry above)

1915 - Crown of Israel, Monroeville; EB 1902  
 1920 - Jacob Schiff Congregation (Kneseth Israel), Bound Brook  
 1922 - Community of Jewish Farmers, Toms River; across the street from Beth Am Shalom; EB 1925

### **D. Congregations with Special Artwork or Monuments**

B'nai Israel, Millburn: burning bush sculpture and other artwork (also see above entry)  
 Emanu-El, Closter: skylight and ark from Brooklyn Jewish Center (1920)  
 Lake Hopatcong Jewish Center, Hopatcong: stained glass by protégé of Marc Chagall  
 Beth Shalom, Livingston: Schleiffer WWII monument  
 Ahavat Yisrael, Newark: *Ner Tamid* dedicated to Joseph Braff reinstalled in 2010; EB: 1935