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ENTRY IN JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA

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Chief city of Pennsylvania, and the third, in point of population, in the United States. It is supposed that there were Jews in the neighborhood of Philadelphia at the time of the landing of William Penn, in 1682, since there were numerous Jewish traders in southeastern Pennsylvania long before Penn took possession. The first Jew recorded as having taken up his abode in Philadelphia was Jonas Aaron, who is mentioned as a resident of the city in 1703 ("American Historical Register," April, 1895). Isaac Miranda, the first Jew in the English colonies to hold a judicial position, owned property in the town at an early date; he arrived in Philadelphia about 1710 and at once engaged in trade with the Indians. That there were several Jewish families in the city in 1734 is proved by the fact that the German traveler Von Beck enumerates them among the religious sects of the town. One of the earlier inhabitants was Nathan [Levy](#) (1704-53), who applied in 1738 for a plot of ground to be used as a place of burial for his family. He obtained this grant Sept. 25, 1740, and the plot was thenceforth known as the "Jews' burying-ground"; it was the first Jewish cemetery in the city, and was situated in Spruce street near Ninth street; it has been the property of the Congregation Mickvé Israel for more than a century. David Franks (1720-93) was another prominent Jewish resident. He went to Philadelphia early in life and engaged in business with Nathan Levy, under the firm name of Levy & Franks, this being the first Jewish business-house in the city. In 1748, when The City Dancing Assembly, the city's most famous social organization, was founded, among the names on the subscription list were those of David Franks, Joseph Marks, and Samson [Levy](#).

Mickvé Israel Congregation

The Kahal Kadosh Mickvé Israel, the first Jewish congregation in Philadelphia, had its beginnings about 1745 and is believed to have worshiped in a small house in Sterling alley. In 1761, owing to the influx of Jews from Spain and the West Indies, the question of building a synagogue was raised, but nothing was then accomplished in that direction. In 1773, when Barnard Gratz was parnas and Solomon Marache treasurer, a subscription was started "in order to support our holy worship and establish it on a more solid foundation." The number of Jewish residents in Philadelphia was suddenly increased at the outbreak of the American Revolution by the influx of Jewish patriots from New York, which had been captured by the British (Sept., 1776). The congregation had removed from the house in Sterling alley and then occupied quarters in Cherry alley, between Third and Fourth streets.

The building in Cherry alley, which had sufficed for the few families in the city, became inadequate, and steps were taken to secure a more commodious building. Gershom Mendez Seixas, who had fled from New York to Connecticut, was requested to act as the first rabbi of the reorganized congregation. The estimate for the new building was £600, and the subscription being inadequate, Haym Salomon, the banker and financial agent of Congress, agreed to pay one-

fourth the cost. A lot was purchased in Cherry street, near Third street, and a suitable building erected. The governor of Pennsylvania and his official family were invited to attend the dedication ceremonies, which were held on Sept. 13, 1782. At this time the congregation had over 100 members (see list in Rosenbach's "Jews of Philadelphia," p. 22); its officers were Jonas Phillips (President), Michael Gratz, Solomon Marache, Solomon Myers Cohen, and Simon Nathan. On Nov. 25, 1783, New York was evacuated by the British, and many of the members of the congregation returned to their former homes. The Congregation Shearith Israel recalled the Rev. Gershom Mendez Seixas to New York, and the Congregation Mickvé Israel elected the Rev. Jacob Raphael Cohen in his stead. The latter had officiated as Hazzan of the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue in Montreal and had served in a like capacity in New York during the British occupation. He ministered to the Congregation Mickvé Israel until his death in Sept. 1811. As a result of the departure of its members, in 1788 the congregation encountered financial difficulties. A subscription list was started to meet the existing debts, and among those who contributed to it were Benjamin Franklin and David Rittenhouse. From this time on the congregation was ceaseless in its religious and charitable activities, and when Isaac Leiser's incumbency began, in 1829, it was, perhaps, the best-known synagogue in the United States. In 1815 Emanuel Nunes Carvalho was elected minister and continued in that capacity until his death in 1817; he was succeeded in 1824 by Abraham Israel Keys.

Signers of Non-Importation Resolutions

In 1765 the famous Non-Importation Resolutions were drawn up, and the names of many Jewish citizens are appended to it; by these resolutions, adopted Oct. 25, 1765, the merchants and other citizens of Philadelphia agreed "not to have any goods shipped from Great Britain until after the repeal of the Stamp Act." The Jewish signers included Benjamin Levy, David Franks, Samson Levy, Hyman Levy, Jr., Mathias Bush, Moses Mordecai, Michael Gratz, and Barnard Gratz. The last two were brothers who had left Upper Silesia in Germany about 1755 and settled in Philadelphia. They and their children became well known in the annals of the city. In 1777, just after the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, the following Jews agreed to accept the colonial paper money sanctioned by the king in lieu of gold and silver: Solomon Aaron, Joseph Solomon Kohn, Solomon Marache, Moses Mordecai, Barnard Soliman, and David Franks. Of these Moses Mordecai and David Franks had signed the Non-Importation Resolutions.

In the War of Independence

The Jews in Philadelphia took a prominent part in the War of Independence. David Franks was conspicuous for his loyalty to the British cause, being the English agent in charge of the prisoners; his daughter, Rebecca [Franks](#), took part in the "Meschianza," the famous fête given in honor of General Howe during the British occupancy of Philadelphia. The

majority of the Jews of the city, however, supported the American cause. Col. David S. Franks [Franks](#); was aide-de-camp to General Arnold at Philadelphia in 1779. Solomon Bush was major of the Pennsylvania militia; Col. Isaac Franks served with distinction in the war, as did Philip Moses, Russell and Benjamin Nones, Haym Solomon made large loans to Congress, which were never repaid; his services as a financial agent during the war were invaluable. Another creditor of the Continental Congress was Aaron Levy, and his loans, like nearly all the others, were never fully repaid. At the close of the war the Jewish population of Philadelphia amounted to almost 500. When Washington was elected president of the United States the Congregation Mickvé Israel, together with the congregations of New York, Charleston, and Richmond, sent a congratulatory address, to which Washington replied (1790).

Although the majority of the early residents were of Portuguese or Spanish descent, some among them had emigrated from Germany and Poland. About the beginning of the nineteenth century a number of Jews from the latter countries, finding the services of the Congregation Mickvé Israel unfamiliar to them, resolved to form a new congregation which would use the ritual to which they had been accustomed. On Nov. 23, 1801, Leon van Amringe, Isaiah Nathan, Isaac Marks, Aaron Levi, Jr., Abraham Gumpert, and Abraham Moses took title to a plot of ground to be used as a place of burial for members of the newly formed congregation. On Oct. 10, 1802, the "German Hebrews formed themselves into a society in the city and county of Philadelphia, which was denominated the 'Hebrew German Society Rodef Shalom'"; it was one of the earliest German Jewish congregations in America. The society was reorganized and chartered in 1812. Among the earlier rabbis were Wolf Benjamin, Jacob Lipman, Bernhard Illowy, Henry Vidaver, Moses Sulzbacher, and Moses Rau. In 1849 Jacob Frankel (1808-87) was elected Hazzan, and about this time the congregation grew in numbers and importance. Frankel acted as chaplain of hospitals during the Civil war. On Sept. 8, 1847, when Naphtali Kahn was Hazzan, the congregation removed to its new building in Julianna street, where it remained until Sept. 9, 1870, when the present (1904) structure at Broad and Mt. Vernon streets was dedicated. Marcus Jastrow, elected in 1866, served the congregation as rabbi until 1892, when he was elected rabbi emeritus (died 1903); during his ministry Rodef Shalom became one of the leading congregations in the United States. In 1892 Henry Berkowitz, the present incumbent, was elected rabbi.

Data relating to the earlier Jewish charitable organizations are very meager. It is natural to suppose that the Congregation Mickvé Israel, in the absence of any other organization for that purpose, looked after the wants of the poorer Jewish residents. In 1784 there was a society for the relief of destitute strangers, but the records of this organization have disappeared. In Oct. 1813, a Society for the Visitation of the Sick and for Mutual Assistance was organized, with Jacob Cohen as its first president. It existed for over fifty years. In 1819 several ladies organized the still-existing Female Hebrew Benevolent Society, the first Jewish charitable organization in Philadelphia and the first one in the United States controlled exclusively by women. In 1820 it elected its first board of officers, consisting of Mrs. Rebecca J. Phillips (first directress), Mrs. Belle Cohen (second directress), Mrs. S. Bravo (treasurer), Miss Rebecca Gratz (secretary). Mrs. Abraham S. Wolf has acted as its president for the past thirty years. In 1822 the United Hebrew Benevolent Society was

organized. The oldest Hebrew Sunday-school in America was formed in Philadelphia. On Feb. 4, 1838, a number of ladies met and resolved "that a Sunday-school be established under the direction of the board" of the Female Hebrew Benevolent Society; the school was formally opened on March 4, 1838; and it was about this time that the Ladies' Hebrew Sewing Society was founded.

These facts attest the early activity of the women of Philadelphia in the cause of religion and education. Rebecca Gratz (1781-1869) was, perhaps, the best-known American Jewess of her day. Not only was she one of the organizers of the Hebrew Sunday-School Society, but she was identified with nearly all the charitable organizations in the city. Another woman prominent in the life of the city at this time was Louisa B. Hart (see Michael Hart), who was untiring in her devotion to the religious education of the young. Others prominently identified with the Hebrew Sunday-School Society were Simha C. Peixotta, Ellen Phillips, and Isabella II. Rosenbach. The attendance at the various schools

Isaac Leeser

The most virile force in the community when these organizations were founded was Isaac [Leeser](#). He had succeeded Abraham Israel Keys, in 1829, as rabbi of the Congregation Mickvé Israel. He was essentially an organizer, and his name is connected with the inception of nearly every charitable and educational institution of his time. In 1843 he issued "The Occident and American Jewish Advocate," which he edited for twenty-five years. He provided text-books and catechisms for the use of the young; he made a masterly translation of the Bible; and he rendered into English the Hebrew prayers. In 1848 he was the moving spirit in the organization of the Hebrew Education Society of Philadelphia.

The first suggestion toward the establishment of a school for the higher education of Jewish youth came from Mordecai M. Noah, the well-known journalist of New York. In 1843 he advocated in the "Occident" the formation of such an institution, the plan receiving the warm support of Leeser. In 1847 a ball was given for the purpose of raising funds for the "establishment of a Hebrew school in this city." Later a public call resulted in the meeting of twenty-five supporters of the plan, Zadoc A. Davis being elected chairman, and on July 16, 1848, the Hebrew Education Society was formally organized, with Solomon Solis as its first president. On April 7, 1851, the school was opened with twenty-two pupils, and since that time the attendance has steadily increased.

Maimonides College and Jews' Hospital

On Dec. 4, 1864, a meeting was held which resulted in the establishment of the first Jewish theological seminary in America. The need of such an institution was strongly felt, as there were numerous synagogues in the country, but few persons capable of filling the rabbinical office. The seminary was established under the joint auspices of the Hebrew Education Society and the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, and was named "Maimonides College"; it was opened Oct. 28, 1867, with Isaac Leeser as its provost. Sabato Morais, Marcus Jastrow, Aaron S. Bettelheim, L. Bittenwieser, William H. Williams; and the provost comprised the faculty. At a later date Hyman Polano and George Jacobs were added to this number. Abraham Hart was president, and Mayer Sulzberger secretary, of the board of

trustees. Moses A. Dropsie and Isidore Binswanger acted successively as president of the college. After an activity extending through six years the work of Maimonides College was discontinued owing to lack of support (Dec., 1873). The work of the Hebrew Education Society has met with great success during the last twenty years. In 1892 the society received \$15,000 from the estate of Ellen Phillips. Louis Gerstley acted as its president for many years, and David Sulzberger has been its secretary since 1876. It is largely owing to the latter's activity that the society has greatly extended its work to meet the new conditions due to the growth of the population and the Russian immigration. Edward Wolf is now president of the society.

The first Jewish hospital in Philadelphia originated in a suggestion of Abraham Sulzberger, who insisted in 1864 that a hospital was an urgent necessity in the community and that steps should be taken at once to secure the funds necessary to establish one. The first officers were Alfred T. Jones (president), Isidore Binswanger (vice-president), Samuel Weil (treasurer), Mayer Sulzberger (secretary), Henry J. Hunt (corresponding secretary). The association was incorporated Sept. 23, 1865. The first site of the hospital was at Fifty-sixth street and Haverford road. Within a decade the needs of the first hospital had outgrown its accommodations, and in 1873, during the presidency of Abraham S. Wolf, it removed to Old York road. In 1901 Meyer Guggenheim presented to the association \$80,000 for the purpose of erecting a private auxiliary hospital. Mrs. Sarah Eisner has recently built a Home for Nurses. Among other buildings on the hospital grounds are the Home for Aged and Infirm Israelites, the Loeb Operating Building, the M. A. Loeb Dispensary, and the Lucien Moss Home for Incurables. The Jewish Hospital is one of the best-equipped and best-managed institutions in the United States. William B. Hackenburg succeeded Abraham S. Wolf as president in 1878, and has served in that capacity ever since. To them is due, in a great measure, the success of the hospital. The Jewish Maternity Association was founded Nov. 3, 1873. In addition to the maternity hospital there is a training-school for nurses, of which Mrs. S. Belle Cohn is president.

In 1855 the ladies of the various congregations of the city, "deeply impressed with the necessity of providing a home for destitute and unprotected children of Jewish parentage," organized the Jewish Foster Home. Its first building was in Eleventh street, near Jefferson street, and was dedicated in May, 1855. Mrs. Anna Allen was its first president. In 1874 the control of the home was transferred to a board of male directors, aided by a ladies' associate board. The home was removed in 1881 to Mill street, Germantown, its present quarters. Isidore Binswanger was president for fifteen years, and during his term of office the home became one of the best institutions of its kind in the country. Mason Hirsh was president for a number of years; Leo Loeb now fills that position, and S. M. Fleischman is superintendent. The Orphans' Guardians, or Familien Waisen Erziehungs Verein, an institution with a mission similar to the foregoing, was organized March 26, 1868, chiefly through the efforts of R. Samuel Hirsch of the Congregation Keneseth Israel. Instead of keeping the children together in one institution, this society endeavors to find homes for them among respectable Jewish families.

Temple Keneseth Israel

The Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, the largest congregation in Philadelphia, was organized March 21, 1847. Its first rabbi was B. H. Gotthelf, who held services in a hall at No. 528 N. Second street. The Reform movement, which had originated in Germany, soon extended itself to America, and L. Naumberg, Solomon Deutsch, and David Einhorn (1861-66) furthered its progress in this congregation. The first marked change in the character of the liturgy took place in 1856. Samuel Hirsch succeeded to the rabbinate in 1866; he introduced many changes in the service. In 1887 Joseph Krauskopf was elected rabbi; and he has contributed much to the success and standing of this congregation. It was during his incumbency that the Congregation Keneseth Israel became the largest in Philadelphia; it has about 700 members. Its synagogue is situated in Broad street, above Columbia avenue. In 1893 Joseph Leonard Levy was elected associate rabbi, but he resigned in 1902 to take up the position of rabbi at Pittsburgh. The congregation supports a free public library and a reading-room.

Gratz College

Isaac Leeser retired from the Congregation Mickvé Israel in 1850, and was succeeded by Sabato Morais, who exerted a lasting influence upon the Jewish institutions of the city. He was greatly opposed to the Reform movement and was the champion of traditional Judaism. Perhaps the greatest monument of his life is the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, which he founded in 1886. He served the congregation until his death in 1897; Leon H. Elmaleh is now rabbi. The Gratz College, the most liberally endowed institution of Jewish learning in the city, is controlled by a board of trustees elected by the congregation. It was founded under a deed of trust executed by Hyman Gratz in 1856, which became operative in 1893; Moses A. Dropsie is president of the board of trustees. The college has a faculty of three, and has twenty-five students. The amount of the endowment is nearly \$200,000.

Many synagogues were founded in the city after 1840, when the Congregation Beth Israel was founded (June 12), the first rabbi being Simon E. Cohen Noot. It now worships in Eighth Street, above Master Street, and Menahem M. Eichler is the officiating rabbi. The Congregation Beth El Emeth was founded in 1857, and Isaac Leeser, who had left the Congregation Mickvé Israel, became its rabbi, remaining so until his death (1868). This synagogue became influential in the affairs of the community; Joseph Newhouse, Morris Rosenbach, and Alfred T. Jones served at various times as presidents. George Jacobs was elected rabbi in 1869, and remained with the congregation until his death in 1884. The congregation, failing to secure a suitable successor after several attempts, disbanded a few years later. The Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Seventh street and Columbia avenue, was founded in Aug., 1859, S. B. Breidenbach being its first rabbi; Henry Iliowizi held the office from 1888 until 1901 (resigned), when B. C. Ehrenreich was appointed in his stead. Both the Jewish Foster Home and the Jewish Hospital Association have synagogues, that of the latter being the gift of Mrs. Rose Frank, as a memorial to her husband, Henry S. Frank.

Literary Activity

The earliest publication relating to the Jews was issued in 1763 from the press of Andrew Stewart; it was a sermon by Moses Mendelssohn delivered by his preceptor David Hirshel

Frankel, and translated from the German. The first Hebrew Bible that appeared in the United States was published in Philadelphia in 1814 by Thomas Dobson, the printer being William Fry. The best-known printer of Hebrew books in the country was Charles Sherman, who imported matrices from Amsterdam; Abraham Hart was one of the best-known general publishers, Thackeray's first published book being issued with his imprint. The first dealer in the United States who dealt exclusively in rare books was Moses Pollock (1817-1903); at his death he was the oldest bibliophile in the country. The original Jewish Publication Society was established in Philadelphia Nov. 9, 1845, Abraham Hart being its first president. The society owed its existence to Isaac Leeser. It published eleven works, including two by Grace Aguilar. The present Jewish Publication Society of America, a national organization, with headquarters at Philadelphia, was formed June 3, 1888; Morris Newburger was its first president. The society has published many works of value, including Israel Zangwill's "Children of the Ghetto"; a new translation of the Bible is now in progress, the Book of Psalms having already been issued. Mayer Sulzberger is chairman of the publication committee; Edwin Wolf is president. In 1904 the best collection of Hebrew books and manuscripts in the city, that of Mayer Sulzberger, was transferred to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at New York.

Newspapers

There have been several Jewish newspapers in Philadelphia, of which "The Occident" was the first; it was founded by Isaac Leeser in 1843, who edited it until his death in 1868; it was edited for one year thereafter by Mayer Sulzberger. The "Jewish Index" was issued in 1872, but it lasted only a year. In 1875 the "Jewish Record" appeared, under the editorship of Alfred T. Jones. The "Jewish Exponent" was first issued April 15, 1887; its present editors are R. Charles Hoffman, Ephraim Lederer, and Felix Gerson. There are several daily papers published in Yiddish, the most important being the "Jewish Evening Post."

The Young Men's Hebrew Association, an outgrowth of a former institution — the Hebrew Association — was organized May 12, 1875, with Mayer Sulzberger as president. The object of the association is "to promote a higher culture among young men"; its present membership numbers over 1,000, under the presidency of Adolph Eichholz. Its building is situated in North Broad street. The Young Women's Union was originally a branch of the Hebrew Education Society, and was organized through the efforts of Mrs. Fanny Binswanger Hoffman on Feb. 5, 1885; the object of the union is to educate the younger children of immigrant Jews. It maintains a kindergarten, day-nursery, sewing-school, etc. Mrs. Julia Friedberger Eschner is president.

There are several Jewish social organizations. The Mercantile Club was established Nov. 10, 1853, and incorporated April 17, 1869. Louis Bomeisler was its first president. The club occupies a building in North Broad street; Clarence Wolf is its present president. The Garrick, the Progress, and the Franklin are other Jewish clubs.

In 1876, in commemoration of the centennial of American Independence, the Order B'nai B'rith and Israelites of America erected in Fairmount Park a statue representing Religious Liberty. It was designed by Moses Ezekiel, and was the first public monument erected by Jews in the United States.

Federation of Jewish Charities

From a period immediately after the Revolutionary war efforts have been made to collect money for the charitable organizations by appealing to the general public. Lotteries were held early in the nineteenth century; subscription lists were constantly being formed. A ball was given in 1843 in aid of three societies. In 1853 and in 1854 dinners were given in aid of the Hebrew Charitable Fund, at which many noted citizens were present. The year following, a ball was given instead of a dinner, and it proved such a success financially that it was thought expedient to continue this form of entertainment; the Hebrew Charity-Ball Association was formed in consequence of this determination, and annual balls were given with great success until 1901, when they were discontinued owing to the establishment of the Federation of Jewish Charities. The United Hebrew Charities, a union of six institutions, was organized in 1869, with Simon W. Arnold as its first president. Max Herzberg is president. The combination of the principal charitable societies of Philadelphia was formed on March 17, 1901; Jacob Gimbel was its first president. The federation as originally formed embraced nine institutions—the Jewish Hospital Association, Jewish Foster Home, Society of United Hebrew Charities, Hebrew Education Society, Orphans' Guardians, Jewish Maternity Association, Jewish Immigration Society, Young Women's Union, and Hebrew Sunday-School Society. Later, the National Farm School, the National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives (at Denver), and the Alliance Israélite Universelle became beneficiaries. The income of the Federation (1903) was \$123,039, with a membership of 1,916.

In 1901 Lewis Elkin bequeathed \$2,000,000 to the city of Philadelphia for the support of superannuated female school-teachers. This is the largest bequest for a charitable object yet made by a Jewish resident of the city. Simon Muhr among other benefactions left a bequest for general educational purposes.

In 1882 the great exodus from Russia took place; thousands of Jews forced to emigrate took up their residence in Philadelphia; at the present time they constitute a majority of the Jewish population. A society for the protection of immigrants arriving from the Slavonic provinces was organized Oct. 5, 1884, and called the "Association of Jewish Immigrants"; Louis E. Levy is president. In 1903, 5,310 Jewish immigrants arrived at the port of Philadelphia. They are now generally prosperous; many have entered the learned professions, and they have built synagogues and hospitals in the southern portion of the city, where most of them now reside. They have many synagogues and Hebras, the most important being the Congregation B'nai Abraham, founded in 1882; B. L. Levinthal is now rabbi of this and the associated congregations. The Society Hachnasath Orechim, or Wayfarers' Lodge, was organized Nov. 16, 1890, and chartered April 29, 1891; it is one of the most active charitable associations in Philadelphia. The Hebrew Literature Society, founded in 1885, has opened a new building at 310 Catherine street. The Home for Hebrew Orphans, The Jewish Sheltering Home for the Homeless and Aged, the Mount Sinai Hospital Association, the Pannonia Beneficial Association, and the Talmud Torah are all situated in the southern portion of the city. In addition, the newcomers have many social, political, and literary organizations.

In Philadelphia there were in 1904, not including lodges, over 160 Jewish organizations, of which over 50 are synagogues;

the remainder consisting of hospitals, foster homes, Sunday-schools, benevolent associations, colleges, young men's Hebrew associations, social clubs, literary societies, etc. (A list of local organizations was published in the "American Jewish Year Book" for 5661 [1900-1].) The income of the synagogues is about \$90,000; the income of the charitable organizations, about \$160,000.

From the earliest times the Jews of Philadelphia have been prominent in the learned professions. As stated above, the first Jew to hold a judicial position was Isaac Miranda (1727). One of the earliest Jewish lawyers was Moses Levy, who was admitted to the bar in 1778. Isaac Franks was prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Among other distinguished Jewish lawyers were: Zalegman Phillips, Samson Levy, Joseph Simon Cohen, Jonas Altamont Phillips, Henry M. Phillips, Moses A. Dropsie, Simon Sterne, Stephen S. Remak, Joseph G. Rosengarten, Edward H. Weil, S. M. Hyneman, Jacob Singer (at one time registrar of wills), Ephraim Lederer, D. W. Amram. Mayer Sulzberger is president judge of the court of common pleas.

The most prominent of the early Jewish physicians of Philadelphia was Isaac Hays (1796-1879), who founded the "American Journal of the Medical Sciences"; among other physicians of distinction are: Jacob de Solis-Cohen, Lewis W. Steinbach, Solomon Solis-Cohen, A. A. Eschner, and David Riesman.

Many have achieved distinction in literature, science, and journalism: Michael [Heilprin](#) his son Angelo [Heilprin](#)

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The website contains the complete contents of the 12-volume [Jewish Encyclopedia](#), which was originally published between 1901-1906. The Jewish Encyclopedia, which recently became part of the [public domain](#), contains over 15,000 articles and illustrations. This online version contains the unedited contents of the original encyclopedia.

(geologist), Leon Hyneman, Simon A. Stern, Felix Gerson, Henry S. Morais, Milton Goldsmith, Leo S. Rowe, Morris Jastrow, Jr. (librarian of the University of Pennsylvania), Bunford Samuel (librarian of the Ridgway Library), Isaac J. Schwatt, Charles Henry Hart, J. G. Rosengarten.

The roll of Jewish officers, Philadelphians, who served with distinction during the Civil war includes the names of Morris J. Asch, Israel Moses, Alfred Mordecai, Jr., Frank Marx Etting, Justus Steinberger, Jonathan Manly Emanuel, Jacob Solis-Cohen, Max Einstein, Aaron Lazarus, Max Friedman, Joseph L. Moss, William Moss, Lyon Levy Emanuel, Isaac M. Abraham, Adolph G. Rosengarten, Joseph G. Rosengarten, and Benjamin J. Levy.

The Jews of Philadelphia have been influential in finance as well as in music and the fine arts, and have been identified in every way with the growth of the municipality.

Members of the Etting family have taken a prominent part in public life from the first. Lewis Charles Levin (1808-60) was thrice elected to the national House of Representatives; Leonard Myers and Henry M. Phillips also were members of the Lower House. In the domain of art the names of Katherine M. Cohen, Herman N. Hyneman, Max Rosenthal, and Albert Rosenthal may be mentioned; and in the field of music, those of Simon Hassler, Mark Hassler, Samuel L. Hermann, Henry Hahn, and Frederick E. Hahn. The total population of Philadelphia is about 1,420,000, including about 75,000 Jews.

11/1/08 - Steve

Resource: [Beth Sholom Congregation](#)

Address: See Pennsylvania – Philadelphia Arae Synagogues

History: Frank Lloyd Wright designed synagogue. One of four synagogues designated as a National Historic Landmark.

11/1/08 - Steve

Resource: [The Frank Synagogue](#)

Address: Albert Einstein Healthcare Network
Old York & Tabor Roads
Philadelphia, PA 19141

Phone #: (215) 456-6055

Key Personnel:

Web:

Email:

Hours:

Fees:

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: Broad Street subway line north to Olney Avenue. Medical Center and Shul is on east side of Broad Street, a short walk from subway station.

Driving Directions from Center City: Vine Street to Broad Street. Left on Broad Street. Proceed to Olney Avenue. Medical Center and parking are on the right.

Jewish Interest: Modeled after first- and second-century synagogues discovered in the Galilee region of north central Israel, this historically certified synagogue was dedicated in 1901. It is now on the campus of the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, formerly the Jewish Hospital.

Research Advice:

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Resource: [Hebrew Mutual Burial Association Cemetery](#)

Address: See Pennsylvania – Philadelphia Arae – Inactive Cemeteries

11/1/08 - Steve

Resource: **Congregation Mikva Israel (aka Mikveh Israel)**

Address: See Pennsylvania – Philadelphia Area - Synagogues

History: One of the oldest synagogues in the United States.

11/1/08 - Steve

Resource: **Congregation Mikveh Israel Cemetery #1**

Address: See Pennsylvania – Philadelphia Area – Inactive Cemeteries

History:

11/1/08 - Steve

Resource: **Monument to the Six Million Martyrs**

Address: 16th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pa 19103

Driving Directions from Center City: Easy walking distance of several blocks from the hotel.

Jewish Interest: Designed by Nathan Rapoport as the first public Holocaust memorial sculpture in the United States. Presented to the City of Philadelphia by the association of Jewish New Americans in cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia on April 26, 1964. It bears inscriptions in Hebrew and English. On the right: "Remember Drancy, Flossenbergl, Gross-Rosea, Klooga, Ewev-Janowska, Majdanek, Mauthausen, Newengamme, Auschwitz, Babi-Yar, belzic, Bergen-Belsen, Buchenwald, Therestenstadt, Trebeinka, Westerbork." On the left: " Now and forever enshrined in memory are the six million Jewish martyrs who perished in concentration camps, ghettos, and gas chambers. In their deepest agony they clung to the image of humanity, and their acts of resistance in the forests and ghettos redeemed the honor of man. Their suffering and heroism are forever branded upon our conscience and shall be remembered from generation to generation."

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Jewish Cemeteries

Pennsylvania Cemetery information was drawn from the research of Aaron Roetenberg, Elaine Kolinsky, the IAJGS International Cemetery Project and the web sites of Funeral Directors: Goldstein's and Levine's supplemented by the research of volunteers.

General Cemetery Research Advice:

- **Get information about gravesite location and other pertinent information prior to on-site visit (Strongly recommended for all cemetery visits).**
- **Cemeteries ask that requests be sent by email or postage 2 to 3 weeks before visit.**
- **For cemeteries outside of city limits, verify public transit with SEPTA to confirm directions and schedules.**
- **Best time to visit for personal help locating a specific grave: Mornings, preferably around 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.**
- **If permitted, take photographs of tombstones (Matzevah)**
- **If permitted, rub white chalk over older tombstones where lettering has worn down to enhance photograph. (Does not damage monument and washes off during next rainfall) or bring blank newsprint and use charcoal to do a paper rubbing.**
- **Also check:** <http://www.goldsteinsfuneral.com/cemeterylocations.html>
Or <http://www.levinefuneral.com/cemetery/index.html>

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area –Active Cemeteries

1/1/08 - Joan Pollak

Resource: **Adath Jeshurun Cemetery (Est: 1858/1861)**

Address: 1855 Bridge Street
Philadelphia, PA 19124

Phone #: Office: (215) 743-2524

Key Personnel: Caretaker: John "Scotty" Gibson: (215) 535-0649 cell: (215) 243-5229

Hours: Grounds open 24 hours

Web: <http://www.adathjeshurun.info>

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to Bridge /Pratt St. Walk south on Bridge Street (approx 5 city blocks).

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Exit Bridge St. Harbison Ave. to Bridge St. (2nd light) left to cemetery.

Jewish Interest: From Elaine B. Kolinsky: Approx 7,000 graves. Originally used exclusively by Adath Jeshurun congregation. Opened to others in 1968. Twice has sold ground to Chevra Bikur Cholem. Adath Jeshurun is currently located at: 7763 Old York Road Elkins Park, PA 19027 (215) 635-6611

2/10/08 – Shelia Eskin

Resource: **Ahavas Achim Cemetery (Est. 1889)**

Address: North State & South Levensgood Streets
Pottstown, PA 19464

Key Personnel: Allan Altschull: (610) 970-0942 (W)
(610) 326-4404 (H)
Lea Buchert (610) 329-3460

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Valley Forge). Exit #328 B-A (US-202 S/US-202 N/US-422 W) (West Chester/King of Prussia/Pottstown) Merge onto US-422 (Pottstown/Swedestford Rd). Exit PA-100 North (Allentown). Slight Right onto Pottstown Pike/PA-100. Left on N. State Street. Left on Levensgood Road

Research Advice: **Must call Mr. Buchert to arrange mutually convenient time and meeting location.**

Resource: **Beth Israel Cemetery (Est. 1907) (Aka Keshet Israel)**

Address: Water Works Road
Coatesville, PA 19320

Phone # (610) 458-8550 (Beth Israel Synagogue)

Key Contact: Debbie Barbato

Email: <mailto:biccacct@verizon.net>

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Valley Forge). Exit #328 B-A (US-202 S/US-202 N/US-422 W). US-202 South to US-30 West. Stay on US-30 West Bypass to Rt. 82 Exit. Left on Rt. 82. Left at 1st intersection (Rt. 340) to Red Mill Road (approx 1.5 miles). Left on Red Mill to end. Left on Water Works Rd. Cemetery on right (approx .4 miles)

4/15/08 - Steve

Resource: **B'nai Jacob Cemetery (Est. approx 1910) (Aka: B'nai Israel Cemetery)**

Address: Lovers Lane
Mont Clare, PA 19453

Phone #: (610) 933-5550 (Synagogue)

Key Personnel: Joseph Weinstock

Web: <http://www.congbj.org/Documents/Membership.htm>

Email: <mailto:kweinstock@earthlink.net>

Hours: Grounds always open. Cemetery is surrounded by a fence, but gate is unlocked.

Public Transportation: Not Advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Valley Forge). Exit #328 B-A (US-202 S/US-202 N/US-422 W) (West Chester/King of Prussia/Pottstown) Merge onto US-422 (Pottstown/Swedestown Rd). Exit toward Oaks. Left on Egypt Rd. Left on PA-29 (Bridge St). Right on Lovers Lane – **road not well marked**.

Research Advice: Cemetery was started after a disagreement at the Shul. Small building was originally built as a chapel but now serves for storage. Eventually the disagreement was settled and the cemetery expanded – the older section is strictly Orthodox and the new section is more liberal.

1/1/08 - Joan Pollak

Resource: **Chevra Bikur Cholim Cemetery (Est. 1873) (Aka: Religious Society for Visiting the Sick & Hebrew Mutual)**

Address: 1853 Bridge St.
Philadelphia 19124

Phone #: (215) 942-4700 (Joseph H. Levine)

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to Bridge/Pratt St. Walk south on Bridge Street (approx 5 city blocks).

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 (North). Exit Bridge St. Harbison Ave. to Bridge St. (2nd light) left to cemetery.

Research Advice: Records are held by Joseph H. Levine.

12/27/07 – Shelda Sandler

Resource: **Har Jehuda Cemetery (Est. 1899)**

Address: 8400 Lansdowne Avenue
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Phone #: (610) 789-2104

Key Personnel: Larry Moskowitz, President
Kathy Phillips, Office Manager

Web: <http://www.harjehuda.com>

Email: <mailto:harjehuda@speakeasy.net>

Hours: (Office): 9:00 – 4:30 Mondays through Thursdays;
9:00 – 3:00 Fridays
Seasonal Sunday hours – Call Office for Information
(Grounds): Open 24 hours

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 69th Street. #110 bus to cemetery; or #101 trolley (Media) or #102 trolley (Sharon Hill) to Lansdowne Ave., transfer to #113 bus to cemetery. (Some SEPTA routes do not operate on Sundays. Verify at www.septa.org/service.html or 215-580-7800)

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West. Exit City Ave. (Route 1 South). Route 1 South for 5.3 miles to Route 3. Cross Route 3; left at next traffic light, Lansdowne Ave. Har Jehuda is approximately one half mile on the right. Enter “Gate 1” for the office.

Jewish Interest: Represented Lodges (L), Beneficial Associations (BA) & Landsmanshften (from PJAC):

- Abraham Bialsky L
- Ahavas Achim Talmud Torah Cong. (now Goldstein)
- American Brotherhood of Israel (merged w/ Emerald L)
- American Hebrew Society
- Auerbach L (merged w/ Zelig Braverman L)
- Balter BA (now Progressive BA)
- Baranovker Woiner BA of Phila.
- Baron Rothchild L (now Shivite Jeshoren BA)
- Beitchman L #17
- Benjamin Fishman L
- Benjamin Franklin L
- Bershider L (merged w/ Maccabee L)
- B.F. Miller L (merged w/ Stephen S. Wise L)
- B'nai Karden L (became Ellis L)
- B'nai Israel Chai
- B'nai Rubin Cong.
- Boruch Stalberg L (merged w/ Stephen S. Wise L)
- Bresler Podolier BA (merged w/ Tulchiner BA)
- Brotherhood of Israel
- Chatiner L (became Ellis L)
- Cohen-Adler L (now Abraham Bialsky L)
- Columbia BA (merged w/ American Fraternity)
- Cong. B'nai Moishe-Poole Zedek
- Constantine L (now Beitchman L #17)
- David Lit Fraternity
- Dreassner L (now Liberty United Southwark BA)
- Elizavatgrad BA
- Emerald L – American Brotherhood of Israel (merged w/ Theodore Roosevelt L #15)
- Ellis L (merged w/ United Palestine L)
- Ellis Wattenmaker L (now Ellis L)
- First Fastover BA
- Fraternity BA (now American Brotherhood)
- Goldfus B'nai Moishe (merged w/ Maccabee L)
- Grayoyes BA
- Grissenberg BA
- Har Hacarmel BA (became Ellis L)
- Hebrew American BA
- Hugho Krauskopf (now United Palestine L)
- Hyman Baron L (now Nieziner Tripolier)
- Ind. First Procecover BA
- Ind. Order Brith Sholom (now Otick Moliver Cong.)
- Ind. Voliner Aid Society
- Home BA
- Hugho Krauskopf L (now United Palestine L)
- Jacob L (now Liberal L)
- Dr. Jacob E. Heller Progressive L
- John Hay L (now Maccabee Maharsho L)
- Jolen Inc., Ouerback & Zilig Braverman
- Kaniver Rezishtziver L

- Kehilas Adas Israel Cong.
- Kiever Cherkasser L (became Ellis L)
- Kipler BA
- Kreminchuch L of Krakover (became Bershider L)
- Labowitz Verstein L (now Poale Zedek L)
- Liberal BA (merged w/ Ochremaver-Zangwill)
- Liberty United Southwark BA
- Liebovitzev (now Cong. B'nai Moishe-Poole Zedek)
- Lipowitzer BA (became Ellis L)
- Linat Hazedeck (now Philip Sayeta L)
- Lomzer BA
- Louis Singer L
- Maccabee L (now Maccabee Maharsho L)
- Maccabee Maharsho L
- Maimonides L (now Roumanian American Maimonides L)
- Medshebsher L
- Minsker L (now Abraham Bialsky L)
- Msilas Yeshurim Cong. (see Umachzike Hadath Cevra Shomre Shabos)
- National Mutual BA (became Ellis L)
- New Century Lodge (now David Lit Fraternity)
- New Pennsylvania L (merged w/ Ind. Order Brith Sholom)
- Neziner Cong. (merged w/ Temple Beth Zion, now Temple Beth Zion/Neziner Cong.)
- Neiziner Tripolier L
- Ochremaver Sochorhover (now Ochremaver-Zangwell BA)
- Ochremaver-Zangwell BA
- Old Friend's Society
- Osher Maharsho L (merged w/ Maccabee L then Wise-Willig; now Maccabee Maharsho L)
- Otick Moliver Cong.
- Otick Moliver L (merged w/ Soroker Mohlev L)
- Paretz L (became Ellis L)
- Parkside Professor Schechter L
- Paole Zedek
- Pavilitzer L (see United Tarashcha Rakitner)
- Pennsylvania K of J.C. (now United Tarashcha Rakitner)
- Philadelphia City L (now Kaniver Rezishtziver L)
- Philadelphia Teamsters Union BA
- Philadelphia Workmen's Circle
- Philip Sayeta L (merged w/ Sick Visitors BA)
- Podolier L (became Ellis L)
- Pomerantz L (now Emerald L)
- Ponevizer L (merged w/ Stephen L. Wise L)
- Pride of Philadelphia (merged w/ Ochremaver-Zangwell BA)
- Professor Schechter L (merged w/Rabbi Leventhal Parkside)
- Progressive BA (now Brotherhood of Israel)
- Proskurover BA
- Quaker City L (became Ellis L)
- Rabbi Ershler L
- Rabbi Leventhal Parkside L (now Parkside Professor Schechter L)
- Rakover BA (see Bershider L)
- Resischer Lischiner BA (merged w/ Tulchiner)
- Reszhiver BA (now Kaniver Rezishtziver L)
- Roumanian American Maimonides BA
- Roumanian Hebrew BA (now American Hebrew Society)
- Roumanian Progressive BA (now Dr. Jacob Heller L)
- Roumanian Yasher L (now Roumanian Hebrew BA)
- Sabata Mories L (merged w/ Stephen S. Wide L)
- Salchover BA (form. George Wessel L)
- Samuel Brenner L (became Ellis L)
- Scarienko L (now Old Friend's Society)
- Seroker Unity L (See Sorcker Mohlev)
- Shaarei Torah Cong.
- Shivite Jeshoren BA
- Sholom Aleichem Berezovker Brandeis
- Simon Barofsky L (merged w/ American Family)
- Simon Miller L (now United Tarashcha Rikitner)
- Sick Visitors BA
- Stroker Mohiev L (merged w/ Otick Mohlev, form Serorker United L)
- Soroker Teleneshter Bessarabia BA
- Squarier L (now Parkside Professor Schechter L)
- Star BA
- Star of Pennsylvania L (now Old Friend's Society)
- Wise-Willig L #1
- Stephen S. Wise L (merged w/ Max B. Willig L #4)
 - Goldfus B'nai Moishe
 - Bershider Kremen
 - I.O. Brith Sholom
 - Osher Maharsho
 - Maccabee-Maharsho
- Stillman's
- Teamsters' Union BA
- Temple Beth Zion/Neziner Cong.
- Theodore Roosevelt L #15
- Tolinescher Bessarabia BA
- Tripolier BA (now Nieziner Tripolier)
- Tulchiner BA
- Tolner L (merged w/ Stephen S. Wise L)
- Umachzike Hadath Shomre Shabos (see Msilas Yeshurim)
- Umanier Verien of Phil;adelphia
- United Jewish Org.
- United L (now Emerald L)
- United Love L (merged w/ American Fraternity)
- United Palestine L
- United Tackitner BA (now United Tarashcha Rakitner BA)
- United Tarashcha Rakitner BA
- Vachniker L (merged w/ Sick Visitors BA)
- Vederman's Family Plot
- Victor Hugo L (now United Palestine L)
- Warshawer Social Friends
- Washington L (became Ellis L)
- William Learner L
- William Penn L (now Old Friend's Society)
- Winitzer L
- Young Men's Fraternity
- Young Roumanian BA (merged w/ Ochremanaver-Zangwill)
- Zangwill BA (merged w/ Ochremanaver-Zangwill)
- Zangwill Pride BA (now Zangwill BA)
- Zelig Braverman L (merged w/ Auerbach L)

1/1/08 – Joan Gross

Resource: **Har Nebo Cemetery (Est. 1882)**

Address: 6061 Oxford Avenue & Benner Street

Philadelphia, PA 19149en

Phone #: (215) 535-1530

Key Personnel: Richard D. Levy

Web: <http://www.harneboemetery.com>

Email: <mailto:HarNebo@aol.com>

Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM – Sunday to Friday

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to Margaret/Orthodox Exit. #59 Bus to Castor Ave/Van Kirk Street. 10 minute walk to cemetery. (Some SEPTA routes do not operate on Sundays. Verify at www.septa.org/service.html or 215-580-7800)

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 west to I-76 west to Roosevelt Blvd. (Route 1 North). Left on Summerdale Ave., left on Oxford Ave., Cemetery on Right.

Jewish Interest: Philadelphia's oldest privately owned Jewish cemetery. Was a 22-acre cemetery owned by Northern Chevra Kadish, Inc. In 1890 Isaac Levy and investors, primarily the Zeigler family, founded Har Nebo. Zeiglers managed the cemetery from 1926 to 1981. Now a 10-acre cemetery run by the Levy family. Represented Lodges (L), Beneficial Associations (BA) & Landsmanshften (from Richard D. Levy):

- Abraham Smith L
- Agusas Achim L #156
- Abraham Bialsky L #145
- Ahavas Achim BA
- Amer. Fraternally L #350
- Allegemeiner Oesterreicher Kranken United Ver.
- Anshei Zetomer Branch #1802
- Amiri Neum Nurewitz L #85
- Austria Galicia L #20
- Austria Hungaria Chebra Raim Achivim
- Austria Hungaria Raim
- Beltz Bass Arabiansick BA
- Bernard Matz BA
- Bnai Maimon L #86
- Bialostik L #379
- Branovker Woliner BA
- Brith Sholom #5
- Brith Sholom L #20
- Brotherhood of Israel
- Chevera Bnai Israel Adat Resistschew
- Chevre Cheu Zedeck Assche Sfard
- Chabra Vail Zedek Anshe Birsh
- Chevere Gomle Chesed Schel Emes
- Chevre Ateveh Israel Anshe Brahim Va Chilmitch
- Chevra Mishnaes A.L. Phila.
- Chevre Meshnaes Anshe Sfard
- Chevre Raim Ahivim
- Chevra Schomre Schabas
- Cong. Achewah Chased Anshe Shevel
- Cong. Adath Israel
- Cong. Anshei Lode Lowen BA
- Cong. Atereth Israel Anshe Brahim Va Cholmitch
- Cong. Agudas Achim
- Cong. Beth David
- Cong. Beth Jacob
- Cong. Bnai Abraham
- Cong. Beth Sholom
- Cong. Gates of Justice of Resistchew
- Cong. Keshet Israel
- Cong. Keven Israel Anshe Sfard
- Cong. Mishkan Israel
- Cong. Orai Haichim Anschei Oestereich
- Cong. Sons of Halberstram
- Cong. Tiferes Israel Anschei Anschei Zitomer
- Cremeix Y.M. L #223
- Czernowitz Bukowinaer Nanke United Ver.
- Daroff Meshebesser Lodge #65
- Denaburger BA of Phila.
- Dier Shey Tiev
- Dinivitz Rodolier L #165
- Dirshu Tove
- Doctor Jacob L. Heller
- Doctor Krauskop L #400
- Doctor Theodore Herzel L #24
- Don Abarbanel L #137
- Emil Zola L #11
- Esras Achim Brisher BA
- Elisavetgrad BA
- First Kischineff Self Help Loan BA
- First Kovlowker Sick BA
- Gan Jelodim L #250
- Greenspan Israel
- Grodner of Phila. L
- Har Sinai L #134
- Heinrich Heine L #140
- Hyman Lodge #75
- Ind. American Lodge #35
- Ind. Baranovker Lodge #169
- Ind. Choniker Protective Assoc of Phila.
- Ind. Kerivozer BA
- Ind. Kishineff Unit Ver.
- Ind. Solomon Wagman
- Ind. Zangwill BA
- Jewish Free Burial Society
- Jewish Hospital Assoc of Phila.
- Jewish National Workers Alliance of America
- Kahvliker BA
- Kanever BA of Phila.
- Kehilath Kodesh Anshe Sode Lewon
- King Davids L \$44
- King Solomon Progressive L #87
- Kron Ching Rudolph BA
- Krosenere Verein
- Kanenitzer L #77
- Kaminez L #77
- Kurlander United Verein
- Lechewitzer Progressive Assoc.
- Liberty BA
- Liberty L #12
- Marcus Jastrow L
- Mayer Lutzeberger L #95
- Maccabes L #26 (Wise Willig)
- Mayer Sultzberger L #377
- Michael Heilprin L #404
- Morris Rosenbaum L
- Moses Hess Camp #5
- Moses Montifiore L 3@!
- Northern Chevra Kadisha
- Orai Hachaim L #245
- Oheu Zedick L #72
- Otek Mohliv L #78
- Palistine L #273
- Parkside lodge #189
- Penn American BA (Cong. Mishkan Israel)
- Penna. Original BA
- Phila. Banner Lodge #646
- Phila. Beneficial Soc.
- Phila. Hebrew BA
- Prushen Shershow
- Rabbi Herman Adler L #10
- Rabbi Lachs BA
- Radomisler BA
- Rezishchiver BA
- Rodef Sholom L #1
- Roumanian Workingmen BA
- Royal L #440
- Shomai Amuno Anshe Kelm
- Shomei Sabbath Turach Sike Hadash
- Sholom Mayer Cohen L #149
- Simon Willig L
- Smiller BA
- Smiller Anteisritching Verein
- Smela BA
- Simons Family Lots
- Society of United Hebrew Charities
- Stephen Girard L #86
- Theodore Roosevelt L #15
- Tiferes Israel Anshe Lito
- Tolner Brotherhood Assoc
- Tolner Dubner Bros. Assoc

- United Ahavath Sholom BA
- United Brothers BA (Brith Achim)
- United Palestine L #273
- United Progressive BA
- United Tarashtchu Rakitner BA
- Uptown Home for the Aged
- Vitebsher BA
- Volgelson Haber Zangwell #43
- William McKinley L #49
- Winnitza L #274
- William Penn L #226
- Wilmer Bene. Soc.
- Zeleg Mamlin L #287
- Zevhiller L #594
- Zolotomimish L #91

1/16/2008 - Shelda Sandler

Resource: Har Zion Cemetery (Est. 1936)

Address: 1201 MacDade Boulevard
Darby, PA 19023

Phone #: (215)726-1146

Key Personnel: Robert Feldman
Phone (Florida): (305) 598-4841

Web/e-mail: No web site and no e-mail address

Hours: (Office): 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Monday to Friday; 10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Sundays
(Grounds): Always open

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Subway to 69th Street. #113 bus along MacDade Boulevard to Har Zion Cemetery. (Some SEPTA routes do not operate on Sundays. Verify at www.septa.org/service.html or 215-580-7800)

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 South. Exit Bartram Ave. Right on 84th St. (becomes Hook Road). Right to Primos Ave. (Primos becomes Oak Lane). Right at MacDade Blvd. Cemetery on Left.

Jewish Interest: Records are being computerized; project not yet complete; many records contain date of death; date of burial; name of funeral director; next of kin; some records list cause of death

3/24/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource: Haym Salomon Memorial Park (Est. 1929)

Address: 200 Moores Road
Frazier, PA 19323

Phone #: (610) 644-1100

Key Personnel: Samuel Domsky

Web: <http://www.haymsalomonmemorialpark.com>

Email: <mailto:info@haymsalomonmemorialpark.com>

Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Mon to Fri; 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM – Sunday
Closed all major Holidays

Public Transportation: Not recommended

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (King of Prussia/Valley Forge). Exit #328 B-A (US-202 S/US-202 N/US-422 W) (West Chester/King of Prussia/Pottstown) US-202 South. Exit Conestoga Road (Right at bottom of exit ramp). First Left to Moore Road. Cemetery on Right.

12/31/07 – Mark Melmed

Resource: King David Memorial Park (Est 1952) (Aka: Evergreen Memorial Park)

Address: 3594 Bristol Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

Phone #: (215) 464-4747 or (215) 355-9917

Key Personnel: Jack Livezey

Web: <http://www.kdmpark.com>

Hours: 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday or by appointment; Sunday - by appointment

Public Transportation: Not recommended

Driving Directions form Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. I-95 North (appox. 4 miles), exit Woodhaven Road. Exit US-1 North (Morrisville). Exit Neshaminy Mall, (after PA Turnpike); bear right to Rock Hill Drive. Left at dead end to Neshaminy Blvd. Proceed 0.5 miles to cemetery on right at the second traffic light. Turn hard right into King David Memorial Park, (corner of Bristol Road and Neshaminy Blvd).

Jewish Interest: the Jewish King David Memorial park was spun off from the non-sectarian Evergreen

2/10/08 – Shelia Eskin

Resource: Cong. Mercy & Truth Cemetery (Aka: Bet Knesset Hessed Shel Emith)

Address: North Hanover & Prospect streets
Pottstown, PA 19464

Phone: (610) 326-1717 (Synagogue)

Web: <http://www.hessedshelemet.org/>

Public Transportation: Not recommended

Driving Directions form Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Valley Forge). Exit #328 B-A (US-202 S/US-202 N/US-422 W) (West Chester/King of Prussia/Pottstown). Merge onto US-422 (Pottstown/Swedestford Rd). Exit Hanover Street. Right onto Hanover Street to Prospect Street.

Key Personnel: Rabbi David Wortman
Lea Buchert (Burials) (610) 326-3460
Allan Altschull (610) 970-0942 (W)
(610) 326-4404 (H)

Web: <http://www.hessedshelemet.org>

Hours: Daily except Friday noon to Sunday AM

Resource: Montefiore Cemetery (Est. 1910)

Address: 600 Church Road & Borbeck Street
Rockledge, PA 19111

Phone #: (215) 663-1250

Key Personnel: Kate, Sharon, or Elaine

Hours: 8:30 – 4:30 Monday to Friday; 9 to 2 Sunday

Public Transportation: Not recommended

Driving Directions form Center City: I-676 West to I-76. West. Exit US-1/Roosevelt Blvd. Stay in outside local lanes on Blvd. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around Oxford Circle to Exit Right Castor Avenue. Left on Tyson Avenue. Right on Algon Avenue. Left on Cottman Avenue (may change name to Township Line Road). Right on Church. Cemetery on Left.

Jewish Interest: Represented Lodges (L), Beneficial Associations (BA) & Landsmanshften (from *Chronicles: The JGSGP Newsletter*):

- Abraham I. Saltzman Family Circle
- Abraham Sacks L
- Achdach B'nai Israel Cong.
- Agudas Achim-Goldstein
- Agudas Achim Cong.
- Ahavas Achim-Goldstein
- Ahavas Achim Belzer BA
- Ahavis Israel Cong.
- Ahavas-Israel-Goldstein
- Aitz Chiam Uzichron Jacob Cong.
- Also American Fraternity
- Also Schechter
- American Brotherhood of Israel
- American Fraternity
- American Goldstein
- Anshe Klem
- Anshe Lito Cong.
- Anshe Sode Loven
- Anshei Shavel Cong.
- Asher
- Austria Galicia
- Bakers' Self Protection
- Berschler
- Beth David
- Beth Joseph
- Beth Zion
- Bnai Abraham
- Bnai Abraham Cong.
- Bnai israel
- Bnai Jacob
- Bnai Menashe
- Bobroisk
- Bogoplier BA
- Borowsky
- Boslover BA
- Braslavsky
- Brith Sholom Cong.
- Brolover Progressive
- Bukier BA
- Chaim Weitzman
- Emerald L
- Chapel
- Charles B. Hall
- Chevra Linas Hazedek
- Chevra Mishneas
- Chevra Thillim
- Clean Up
- Columbia BA
- Coopersmith
- Czernowitz-Eicholitz
- Dorshe Sholom
- Ei;savetgrad BA
- Emerald L
- Ezras Achim Brisker
- Fisher Memorial Park
- Friendship
- Frimmel
- Germantown Cong.
- Geulas Israel
- Goldenberg, Louis
- Goldstein
- Gordon
- Greenberg Family Circle
- Grodno L
- Grodno-Reisman
- Haber Zangwill L
- Haber Morris
- Haller Goldstein
- Haller- Dr. Jacob
- Hrzi, Dr. Theodore
- Home BA
- Hyman-Goldstein
- Hyman L
- Incomparable Brothers
- Independent American L
- Independent American-Goldstein
- Loltiskover Verin
- Isador Family Circle
- Jewish National
- Jolen
- Kahriliker
- Kemeniter
- Kanner, morris
- Kenileth Israel
- Kennsington Community Center
- Keshar Israel
- King Solomon
- Kishineff
- Klats Family circle
- Kolker
- Korsoner Verein
- Krauskopf
- Kurlander Verin
- Lerner, William
- Levine
- Liberty Southwark
- Liberty Southwark-Goldstein
- Love Brothers
- Love of Israel
- Ludwig
- Machzika Ariv
- Marcus Jastrow L
- Maurer
- Mausoleum (Cemetery owned)
- Memorial Park
- Merchants' Protective
- Mishkin Israel
- Mishneas-Goldstein
- Moishe P
- Molnick
- NCK-Goldstein
- Nemerov Podolier
- New Liberty
- Neziner Tripolier
- No Organization
- Northern Chevra Kadisha
- Ochremover Zangwill
- Ohavas Chased Germantown
- Ohev Zedek
- Pannonia
- Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Private
- Pennsylvania-Goldstein
- Pennsylvania-Reisman
- Pennsylvania BA
- Poale Zedek
- Private
- Progressive
- Raphael, Abraham
- Rawitz, Bertha
- Rawitz-Goldstein
- Rawitz-Stillman
- Reisman, Rosalie
- Riga
- Roosevelt
- Rosenfeld Family
- Schechter, Professor
- Schermer
- Shipolier BA
- Sick Visitors
- Silverman Family Circle
- Sokolifker
- Sons of Israel Cong.
- Stepenitzer
- Stillman
- Strawberry Mansion
- Teplicker
- Terrace Crypt
- Thillim-Goldstein

- Tefereth Israel
- Tikvoh Chodesh
- Tolner
- Umanier Werein
- United Israel
- United Jewish Organizations
- United Palestine
- United Progressive BA
- Volkovonitzer
- Warsawer
- Weiss Family Circle
- Widreqitz Solomon
- William Penn
- William Penn-Goldstein
- Wise Willig
- Wise Willig-Goldstein
- Wise, Stephen S.
- Workman's Circle
- Zangwill Pride BA
- Zickney Israel
- Zlotapolier BA
- Zwiller

1/1/08 - Joan Pollak

Resource Name: Mount Carmel Cemetery (Est. 1832) (Aka: Krakauer Beth Elohim)

Address: 5700 Frankford Ave. (at Cheltenham Ave.)
Philadelphia, Pa. 19135

Phone #: (215) 289-0939

Web/e-mail: No Website or Email

Hours: (Office) M-F 8:30-4:30

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Schuylkill Expwy). Exit Roosevelt Blvd/US-1 North (at Blvd. stay in outside local lanes). At Oxford Circle, 1/4 around circle, Right to Cheltenham Ave.

Jewish Interest: Was owned and operated by Scott's Florists, across the street from the cemetery but is now run by Har Nebo. **Burial records are now at Har Nebo Cemetery but are very disorganized.** In 1896 was opened primarily for Russian Jews. Represented Lodges (L), Beneficial Associations (BA) & Landsmanshften (from Aaron Roentenberg):

- Austrian BA
- Avath Chesed L
- Benjamin Franklin L
- Broneberg L
- Chebra Thillim
- Chevra L
- Cong. Emunath Israel Ohew Solem
- Dr. Morias L
- Dr. Hertzal L
- Frimel L
- Grand L
- Horadisher Wilshauer BA
- Hungarian Cong.
- Hungarian Free Burial L
- Hungarian L
- Hyman L
- Independent Love Brothers L
- Ingber L
- Island L
- Jewish Free Burial L
- Jezer Zane BA
- Keystone L
- Krakauer L
- Krakauer BA
- Liberty L #566
- Ohev Zedeck Chevra
- Ohev Scholem
- Old Penn L
- Pennsylvania L
- Philadelphia L
- Philadelphia Rumanian American L
- Rom Oir Chodesh
- Rumanian L #249
- Rosenberg
- Schneider L
- Schneier
- Shaller L
- Shoemaker BA
- Spaller L
- Spollar L
- Taiolers BA
- Tulos BA
- United Progressive L
- Zanguella
- Zanguell L

1/2/08 – Shelda Sandler

Resource: Mount Jacob Cemetery (Est. 1942)

Address: 141 Bartram Avenue
Glenolden, PA 19036
[mailing address will be changing]

Phone #: (215) 726-8633

Key Personnel: Lenore Horowitz, Vice-President

Web/Email: No Website or email.

Hours: (Office): 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (winter hours) 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (summer hours)
(Grounds): Always open

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 69th Street. #113 or #107 bus to Bartram Avenue (#107 bus does not operate on Sundays).

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 South. Exit Bartram Ave. Right on 84th St. (becomes Hook Road). Right to Primos Ave. (Primos becomes Oak Ave.). Left on Bartram Ave. Entrance on left.

Jewish Interest: Burials not computerized; information on cards and paper; date of death; date of burial; date of birth; age at death; names of parents; funeral director; name of person who placed stone; closest kin; other family members buried at Mt. Jacob; lodge information

Represented Lodges (L), Beneficial Associations (BA) & Landsmanshften (from Aaron Roentenberg):

- Otic Mohlever/Mohliwer
- Zitomer BA
- Judaic Union
- International Workers Org.
- Young Mens Fraternity
- Friendly Brothers
- Krivozer BA

12/27/07 – Shelda Sandler

Resource: Mount Lebanon Cemetery (Est. 1910)

Address: 1200 Bartram Avenue
Collingdale, PA 19023

Phone #: (610) 583-3151

Key Personnel: Office personnel

Email: <mailto:mtlebanoncem@aol.com>

Hours: (Office): 9:00 – 3:00 Monday – Friday; 9:00 – 3:00 Sundays during May, June, Sept & Oct)
(Grounds): Open daily until sundown

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 69th Street. #113 or #107 bus to Bartram Avenue (#107 bus does not operate on Sundays).

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 South. Exit Bartram Ave. Right on 84th St. (becomes Hook Road). Right to Primos Ave. (Primos becomes Oak Ave.). Right to Bartram Avenue. Cemetery entrance on right.

1/7/08 – Shelda Sandler

Resource: **Mount Sharon Cemetery (Est. 1922)**

Address: 502 E. Springfield Road (at West Avenue)
Springfield, PA 19064

Phone #: (610) 543-8900

Key Personnel: Office Personnel

Web/e-mail: No web site; No e-mail

Hours: (Office): 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday to Friday; 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Sundays (Nov to March)
By appointment – Sundays (April through October)

(Grounds): Always open

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 69th Street. #107 bus to Springfield and Bishop Roads, walk approximately ½ - ¾ mile West on Springfield Rd. to entrance of cemetery. (#107 bus does not operate on Sundays.)

Alternate routes: #109 bus to Baltimore Pike and West Avenue, walk on West Avenue approximately one mile or more to cemetery; or #101 (Media) trolley to Springfield Road station, walk East on Springfield Rd. approximately one mile to cemetery entrance. These are very long walks. (Some SEPTA routes do not operate on Sundays. Verify at www.septa.org/service.html or 215-580-7800)

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 South to I-476 North. Exit US-1 North. Right W. Springfield Road (road winds and becomes East Springfield Road) Cemetery on right.

Jewish Interest: Records computerized but not on-line; date of death; location of grave; date of burial if known; no other information will be given.

Represented Lodges (L), Beneficial Associations (BA) & Landsmanshften (from *Chronicles: The JGSGP Newsletter*):

- Adatah Israel Protective L
- Adatah Shalom Synagogue
- Agudath Israel of Phila.
- Ahavas Achem Cong. Talmud Torah
- American Brotherhood of Israel
- American Hebrew
- Anche Libavich, Lubavitch Synagogue
- Anshe Sholom Cong.
- Anshe (Anshei) Zitomer
- Baranovker-Worner BA
- Benjamin Franklin BA
- Bershader (now Ind. Young Men's BA)
- Beth Am Israel Cong.
- Beth Hamesdrosh Hogodon Cong.
- Beth Jacob West Phila. (now Beth Hamesdrosh Hogodon Cong.)
- Beth Samuel Cong. (now Adatah Shalom Synagogue)
- Beth Zion Beth Israel
- Bikur Cholim of Strawberry Mansion
- Bnai Aaron Cong./aka Suburban Jewish Community
- Bnai Chiam Social
- Bnai Israel of Poland
- Bnai Jacob of Strawberry Mansion Cardoza L #400
- Bobroisk
- Brith Sholom L #20
- Chevra Shoimra Shabus
- Chevra Yagdel Torah
- Chodorkover BA
- Dinivitz Podolier BA
- Dorshe Tove Cong
- Emerald L #16.
- Emile Zola L #391
- Farband Labor Zionist Bransh #25
- Fishman L #212
- Friends of Justice Cong.
- S. Frug Branch #107
- Gates of Justice Cong.
- Heisiner Shitte Jeshuren
- Hertzal L #183 (now Bobroisk)
- Ind. Vinkovitzer
- Ind. Young Men's BA
- Jewish Free Burial Assoc.
- Jewish National Workers Alliance BA
- K. Marks BA
- Kalisher Stavisther BA (now United Jewish Org.)
- Kaniver Rez BA
- Karem Israel Cong.
- Keshet Israel Cong.
- Krivoser BA (now United Jewish Org.)
- Lechivitzer Progressive
- Letitichever BA
- Levinthal Minsker L
- Liberty United Southwark
- Lomzar Mutual BA
- Macabee Group
- Macabee L #26 (now Phila. Victory L)
- Mastbaum L
- Mayer Sulzberger Circle
- New Century L
- Neziner Synagogue (now Beth Zion Beth Israel)
- Ochremover Zangwell Pride
- Odesser Ind. BA
- Odesser Ladies Ind. BA
- Odesser Progressive Branch #301
- Ostropoler Social club
- Otik Mohliver Cong.
- Phila. Banner L
- Phila. City Baron Hirsh L (now United Palestine)
- Phila. L #500 (now Phila. Victory L #42)
- Phila. Roumanian American L
- Phila. Victory L #42
- Polonner Progressive
- Progressive Golden Chain of Israel
- Progressive Sons of Jacob
- Rabbi Novoseller
- Rabbi Twersky

- Rehem Ahevem
- Roosevelt L
- Roumanian Oir Chadish (now Society Hill Synagogue)
- Roumanian Hebrew (now American Hebrew)
- Royal L
- Shaare Eli Cong.
- Shaare Israel Cong.
- Shaare Shomayim Cong.
- Shitte Jeshuren BA (now Heisiner Shitte Jeshuren)
- Sick Visitors BA
- Smiler BA (now United Jewish Org.)
- Society Hill Synagogue
- Soltzman (Hyman & Sam) Assoc.
- Soroker Teleneshter Sick BA
- Stashover BA
- Steuben Burial Assoc.
- Tucudover Progressive BA
- Teamsters United Protective Assoc.
- Tickvas Israel Cong.
- Tiraspolier Verem
- Tutchiner BA
- United Jewish Org.
- United Palestine
- United Tarascha Rakitner BA
- Washington L
- Wilna BA
- Winster L #274
- Winkovitzer Zinkover Verein
- Wise Willig L (now Phila. Victory L #42)
- Wishnitzer Voliner BA
- Woliner Branch #3
- Yagdel Torah
- Yampoler BA
- Zashkover Untershitzing
- Zeirri & Zeirreas Israel
- Zerah Israel Cong.
- Zitomer Cong. Tefereth Israel
- Zlaczower BA (now Brith Sholom L #20)

4/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Mount Sinai Cemetery (Est. 1853)

Address: 1901 Bridge Street (Bridge & Cottage Streets)
Philadelphia, PA 19124
Mailing address:
1077 Rydal Road, Suite 100
Rydal, PA 19046-1712

Phone #: (215) 886-8430

Key Personnel: Judith Hahn Kramer, Cemetery Secretary
John Gibson, Caretaker (215) 535-1003

Email: <mailto:MtSinaiCemetery@aol.com>

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 east to I-95 north. Exit 27 (Bridge St/Harbison Ave). Keep right at ramp fork and merge onto Aramingo Ave (becomes Harbison Ave). Left on Bridge. Cemetery on right.

Jewish Interest: 2nd oldest Jewish Cemetery in Philadelphia. Adjoined Cong. Adath Jeshurun and was primarily German-Jewish but non-congregationalist (open to all Jews).

One Century of Peace

On July 1, 1853, a meeting was held in Keim's Hall, 4th Street below Callowhill, in Philadelphia. The object was to buy a piece of land for the purpose of a cemetery. A committee was named to locate a proper piece of land suitable for a cemetery. A second meeting was held six days later, and the constitution of the Association was read and approved. A few weeks later a piece of land containing seven acres located on what is now Bridge Street near Cottage, was selected and purchased. Later, in 1984, and at different times thereafter, additional adjacent land was acquired so that today the area of Mt. Sinai Cemetery is 17.5 acres. It is bounded by Bridge Street on the south, Cottage Street on the east, and Cheltenham Avenue on the north. The Association was incorporated by the Philadelphia as The Mount Sinai Cemetery Association of Pennsylvania and its charter was signed and recorded on June 9, 1854.

The first burial in the cemetery was made in January of 1854 in the Moses Sternberger lot No. 503. In 1952, 90-year-old Hettie Sternberger, the wife of Solomon Sternberger, a son of the original lotholder, was buried in the same lot. Many other families have had the use of lots in our cemetery over a similar period.

Despite Mt. Sinai Cemetery's century of service the unsold portion of this beautiful resting place contains room for 4,000 additional internments . . . – from the cemetery's centennial brochure.

1853 Original Officers and Directors of the Association

Marcus Goldman	President
Henry Mayer	Vice-President
Mayer Sternberger	Treasurer
Adolf Klopfer	Secretary
A. Kaufman	Director
Louis Seidenbach	Director
Simon Schloss	Director
S. Heidenberger	Director
Herrman Weiller	Director

1953 Officers and Directors

J. Solis-Cohen, Jr.	President
Jacob Loeb Langsdorf	Vice-President
Richard L. Newburger	Treasurer
Henry Polish	Secretary
Gordon A. Block	Director
Henry Ferne, 2 nd	Director
Harry Sylk	Director
Jerome Bennett	Director
Samuel K. Blumenthal	Director
Samuel W. Fernberger	Director

1/14/08 – Shelda Sandler

Resource: Ohev Shalom Cemetery (Est. 1890)

**(Aka: B'nai Aaron Cemetery /
B'nai Israel Cemetery /
Brookhaven Cemetery)**

Address: Brookhaven Road

Brookhaven, PA 19015

Phone #: (610) 874-1465 (Ohev Shalom Synagogue Office)

Key Personnel: Stanton Myerson,
Ohev Shalom, Cemetery Chairperson

Web/e-mail: No website or no e-mail address

Hours: (Grounds): Open during daylight hours.

Public Transportation: Market- Frankford Subway Train to 69th Street. #118 bus runs on Brookhaven Rd. in Brookhaven between Waterville Rd. and Providence Rd. (Rt. 252). It does not operate on Sundays.

Driving directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 South to I-476 North. Exit 3 (Baltimore Pike/Rt. 13) towards Media. First left Turner Road (Turner Rd. becomes Brookhaven Rd). Pass Waterville Rd. Quick right after bridge to cemetery entrance.

Research Advice:

- No office; however, the caretaker lives on the grounds.
- For information, Ohev Shalom Synagogue. **Synagogue is NOT adjacent to cemetery.**
- Some burials computerized; some burials listed in books; more likely to have information if deceased was a member of Ohev Shalom Synagogue; newer burials may have date of death, date of burial, and some other information
- Personal help locating a specific grave available by contacting Office at Ohev Shalom
- Large map of cemetery in Synagogue Office. Small maps not available

12/31/07 – Mark Melmed

Resource: Roosevelt Memorial Park (Est. 1929)

Address: 2701 Old Lincoln Highway
(Route 1 and City Lane)
Trevose, PA 19053

Phone #: (215) 673-7500
(215) 638-8115 (fax)

Key Personnel: David Gordon

Web/e-mail: no accessible sites

Hours: Office: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Monday to Friday
9:00 AM to 4 PM - Sunday

Grounds: Always Open

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to Bridge Street. #14 Bus to Old Lincoln and Somerton Roads. 3 minute walk to Cemetery entrance. (#14 bus does not operate on Sunday).

Driving Directions for Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Exit Woodhaven Road North (marked Liberty Bell Race Track) to US-1 North (Morrisville exit). Stay to the Right and look carefully for sign for Old Lincoln Highway (approximately 1.5 miles). Right then left at Jug Handle to cross US-1. ¾ miles to entrance on right.

Jewish Interest: Represented Lodges (L), Beneficial Associations (BA) & Landsmanshften (from *Chronicles: The JGSGP Newsletter*):

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| • Aure Hachaim | • Lenas Hezedek |
| • Bailostock L | • Old Friends Society |
| • Bailsky | • Penn Original BA |
| • Denaburger | • Prushin Shershow |
| • Friendly Brothers | • Tunchiner Goldin Chair |
| • Hungarian Hebrew Assoc. | • Vitsbsker |
| • International Workers | • Young Hungarians |

4/20/08 - Steve

Resource: Shalom Memorial Park (Est. 1964)

Address: Byberry & Pine Roads
Huntington Valley, PA 19006

Phone #: (215) 673-4600

Key Personnel: William Friewald

Web/email: no accessible sites

Hours: Mon to Fri 9-5; Sat 9-noon; Sun 9:30-4; Grounds open until 6:30 daily.

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North to Woodhaven Road West. Exit US-1 South (Roosevelt Blvd.). Stay in outside local lanes. Right at Byberry Road (immediately before Nabisco Bakery). Right at Pine Road.

4/21/08 - Steve

Resource: Tiferet Bet Israel (Aka: Norristown Jewish Community Center Cemetery)

Address: Fairfield Roar (Near Ridge Pike)
Norristown, PA 19422

Phone #: (610) 275-8797

Key Personnel: Robby Cohen

Web: <http://www.tbibluebell.org>

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Valley Forge). I-476 North. Exit 18B (Norristown/Chemical Road). Right at end of ramp to Chemical Road. Right at first light / Ridge Pike. Right at Fairfield (Gas Station). Cemetery on Right

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area –Non-Sectarian / Non-Denominational Cemeteries With Jewish Burials

Many cemeteries in PA, NJ & DE will have some limited Jewish graves. These listed cemeteries have no consecrated Jewish section and typically cannot identify specific graves as Jewish without being given a name. Cemeteries were identified in research on Jewish Cemeteries done by Aaron Reotenberg before 1999.

12/27/07 – Shelda Sandler

Resource: **Arlington Cemetery (Est.: 1895 -)**

Address: 2900 State Road
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Phone #: (610) 259-5800

Key Personnel: John Palmer, Marketing Director

Web: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.us>

Email: <mailto:John@arlingtoncemetery.us>

Hours: (Office): 8:00 – 4:30 Mon to Fri; 9:00 – 3:00 Sat
(Grounds): Open 24 hours

Public Transportation: Frankford-Market Subway Train to 69th Street. #111 bus to front gate of cemetery. Turn right inside grounds and walk approximately 1-2 blocks to Office (Verify SEPTA trolley/bus routes, some lines do not operate on Sundays. www.septa.org/service.html (215) 580-7800.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Schuylkill Expressway). Exit US-1 south (City Avenue). US-1 becomes Township Line Road. Left onto Lansdowne Ave (traffic light immediately past Rt-3). Right to State Rd.

Research Advice:

- No Jewish section
- All burials listed by last name online in computerized database at website
- Call or e-mail in advance for copies of records or specific research
- Very willing to help
- Interested in identifying names of notable people buried in cemetery

4/4/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource: **Chelton Hills Cemetery (Est. 1867)**

Address: 1701 East Washington Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19138

Phone #: (215) 548-2400

Key Personnel: Mark Morein

Web: No site

Hours: 9 - 4:30 Mon to Fri; 9 – 12 noon Sat; Closed Sun

Research Advice:

- No Jewish section
- Require advanced writing or e-mail to research names
- Will research and make copies of records – first name free, \$50 for each additional name.

4/4/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource: **Ivy Hill Cemetery (Est. 1867)**

Address: 1201 Easton Road
Philadelphia, PA

Phone #: (215) 248-4533

Web: <http://www.ivyhillcemetery.org>

Email: <mailto:ivyhill@ivyhillcemetery.org>

Hours: (Office): 8 – 4:30 Mon to Fri; 8 – 12 noon Saturday
(Grounds): 8 – 4:30

Research Advice: No Jewish section

Resource: **Mount Moriah Cemetery (Est. 1856)**

Address: 6201 Kingsessing Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19142

Phone #: (215) 729-1295

1/1/08 – Mark Melmed

Resource: **Union Cemetery (Jewish Section)**

Address: Cemetery Road
Quakertown, PA 18951

Phone: (215) 538-1431

Web: No site

Public Transportation: Not recommended

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West to I-476 North (becomes PA T'pike NE Extension - Toll). Exit 44, PA-663 North (toward PA-309 North/Quakertown). Left on John Fries Hwy/PA-663 (becomes W. Broad Street/Rt-313). Left onto N. Main Street. Right to Cemetery Rd.

4/4/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource: **West Laurel Hill Cemetery (Est. 1836)**

Address: 215 Belmont Avenue
Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19104

Phone #: (877) 664-1591

Key Personnel: Deborah Cassidy (610) 668-7700

Web: <http://www.forever-care.com>

E-mail: <mailto:dcp@forever-care.com>

Hours: 7 to 7 daily daylight savings time; 7 to 5 winter

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 west to I-76 west. Exit US-1 south (City Ave – exit on left). Right on Belmont Ave. Cemetery on Right.

Jewish Interest: Planned Jewish section to be open by 2009

Resource: **Whitemarsh Memorial Park (Est. 1929)**

Address: 1169 Limekiln Pike
Ambler, Pa. 19002

Phone #: (215) 646-7500

Web: no site

Public Transportation: Not recommended

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 west to I-76 west. Exit 331B (I-476 north to Plymouth Meeting). Merge onto I-276 east at exit 20 (Pennsylvania Turnpike toward New Jersey). Exit 339 toward Ambler. Exit Susquehanna Road, turn Right. Left on Dillon Road. Left on Limekiln Pike.

Research Advice: No Jewish section

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Inactive Cemeteries

Resource: Agudath Achim Memorial Park (Est. -)

Address: Stone Creek Ridge Road
Huntington, PA

Cannot locate site.

Resource: Ahaves Chased Anshe Shavel (Est. -)

Address: Frankford & Foust Street
Philadelphia, PA
(Shul @ 322 Bainbridge Street)

Jewish Interest: Shul burned in 1943 and moved to 603 S. 3rd Street (former home building of the Rosenbaum Immigrant Bank) until it closed in 1951.

Remains moved to Montefiore Cemetery. Cannot find site.

Resource: Belvue Cemetery (1885 - 1954)

Address: H & Venango Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

Jewish Interest: This cemetery is in the Frankford/Port Richmond area of Philadelphia sometimes called "Jewtown" or "Little Jerusalem." It was affiliated community Synogues, Beth Israel and Chevra Thillim. Belvue was a non-sectarian cemetery with a Jewish section consecrated by Chevra B'nai Israel Synagogue (located at Tulip & Auburn Sts.).

Landsmanshaften include:

- Cong. Ahavas Achim Anse Nazin Hoarie (founded 8/24/1887),
- Cong. B'nai Israel (founded 1877),
- United Brothers BA (founded 5/30/1889).

Remains from Chevra B'nai Israel section were reinterred at Hayam Saloman Memorial Park on 11/8/1954 shortly after the Belvue was destroyed. Remains have no specific marker.

Resource: Beth Israel Cemetery (1885 - 1908) (Aka: Arabella or Ribella Cemetery)

Address: 5th & Federal Streets
Philadelphia, PA

Remains moved to Roosevelt Memorial Park (approx. 1935). Site gone, now a neighborhood baseball field

Jewish Interest: From Elaine B. Kolinsky: Was affiliated with Congregation Beth Israel. Was also located at Arabella Street, now Randolph Street opposite the Union Burying Ground. Memorial Stone at Roosevelt says, "Here lie reentered, those who were formerly buried in the Arabella Cemetery 1844-1908." The reverse side has approximately 129 names and 12 initials plus "many others whose names are known only to G-d."

Date Completed: 12/31/07 – Mark Melmed

Resource: Deal Brothers Association (Est. -)

Address: Bristol, PA

Cannot locate site

12/28/07 – Mark Melmed

Resource: Gladwyne Jewish Cemetery (1860 to 1910) (Aka: Har Hazetim Cemetery/Chevra Kadusha Cemetery)

Address: Conshohocken State Road (PA-23) and Greaves Lane
Gladwyne, PA 19035
c/o Har Jehuda Cemetery
8400 Lansdowne Avenue
Upper Darby, PA 19082
c/o Beth David Reform Congregation
1130 Vaughans Lane
Gladwyne, PA 19035

Phone #: Har Jehuda: (610) 789-2104
Beth David: (610) 896-7485

Key Personnel: Har Jehuda: Larry Moskowitz, President
Kathy Phillips, Office Manager
Beth David: Al "Buddy" Mendel – Goldstein's Funeral Director and member of Beth David

Web: Har Jehuda: <http://www.harjehuda.com>

Beth David: <http://www.bdavid.org/>

Email: Har Jehuda: <mailto:harjehuda@speakeasy.net>

Beth David: <mailto:office@bdavid.org>

Hours: Har Hazetim grounds always open (No fence, no guard)

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (Schuylkill Expressway). Exit 337 (Gladwyne). Left at the stop sign to Hollow Road. Right PA-23 West/Conshohocken State Rd. Right at light (still Rt-23); go up hill. Right Vaughans Lane (small blue Beth David sign.) Vaughans Lane to end. Maps of Gladwyne, including Beth David, at <http://gladwyne.com.htm>.

Research Advice:

• **Records transferred to Har Jehuda Cemetery & Beth David Synagogue**

- In deplorable condition. Wear protection clothing. In summer, protect against ticks, poison ivy, poison oak and thorns. Many gravestones are on the ground and are unreadable. Of approximately 1200 burials, only about 500 sites ever had gravestones. The best time to visit is a sunny day in the winter, when much of the overgrowth is gone.

- 19 acre cemetery was established in 1860, and closed about 1910 with some burials until about 1946.
- The cemetery was once owned by Har Jehuda Cemetery, which still holds some documentation. Now a protectorate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with Beth David Reform Congregation overseeing the land.
- In 1999 a commitment was made to clean up cemetery but no visible progress has been made.
- There is no fence, direct path or road to the cemetery; it is surrounded by other property. Two entries: 1) Beth David's driveway 2) a path to the left of the home at the intersection of Greaves and Conshohocken State Roads. Park on Greaves Road, and walk up the path to the left of the corner house. Turn sharply left and walk over a rise to the cemetery. If you decide to enter via Beth El, contact Buddy Mandel to show you the way.

Jewish Interest: The following Jewish burial organizations had grounds there:

- Chevra Ahavas Achem
- Chevra Gaumel Chesed Shel Emeth
- Hand in Hand Mutual Beneficial Society of Phila
- Independent Order Brith Abraham of Norristown
- Independent Chevra Kaddishe
- Pannonia Sick and Beneficial Society
- United Brothers Beneficial Assn, Brith Achim founded 5/30/1889
- Warsaw Beneficial Assn

From Al Singer: My grandfather, Ben Singer, died at age 30 in Philadelphia and is buried somewhere in this cemetery. When I found out about this several years ago I decided to visit although I was warned against a visit because of the condition of the property. When I did visit I was very unhappy because it was overgrown, gravestones were toppled and it was in terrible disrepair. In addition while there is a record of the locations of the graves there is no map so it is not possible to locate the sites. Several years ago after some controversy the cemetery was turned over to the Reform Temple in Gladwyne and I sent a small contribution towards upkeep but as far as I know nothing has been done to rehabilitate the property.... It is all well and good to save and fix up the Jewish cemeteries in Europe but it is a crime to ignore the cemeteries of our ancestors here in the US and particularly in the backyard of our own JGSGP. If you agree, I would welcome your suggestions on how we might get a project started.

Albert Singer, Schenectady NY. <mailto:al2chris@att.net>

Resource: Hebrew Mutual Cemetery (Est. 1855/1867 - 1860/1964) (Aka. B'nai Israel)

Address: 1850 Cemetery Lane (63rd & Kingsessing Streets)
Philadelphia, PA 19142

Directions: Next to Mount Moriah Cemetery. Enter through Cemetery Lane.

Jewish Interest: Was affiliated with Cong. B'nai Israel, then at 5th and Catherine Streets in South Philadelphia. Stillman's Mortuary, now part of Levine's, holds burial records. In 1990's, Jewish Federation supported a project to revitalize and restore cemetery.

Resource: Hillside Cemetery (Est. 1890 -)

Address: 2556 Susquehanna Road
Roslyn, PA 19001

Phone #: (215) 884-0696

Resource: Keshet Israel (Est. 1847 -) (Aka: Nicetown)

Address: New Market & Nobel Streets
Philadelphia, PA

Cannot locate site

Resource: Lafayette Cemetery – Jewish Section (Est. 1839 -)

Address: 10th & Federal Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Remains moved to King David Memorial Park. Site now Capitola Playground

Jewish Interest: This was a non-sectarian cemetery established in the heart of Jewish Philadelphia. Reportedly had 47,000 bodies that were abandoned in 1946 and reinterred in Evergreen (now King David) Memorial Park.

2/1/08 - Joan F. Pollak

Resource: Mikveh Israel Cemetery #1 (Est. 1740 - 1848) (aka Spruce Street Cemetery)

Address: Spruce Street between 8th & 9th Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19146

Phone #: (215) 922-5446 (Synagogue phone)

Hours: Monday to Friday. **Call for appointment, site is locked and protected by a high wall.**

Driving Directions from Center City: Not recommended, take a taxi.

Web address/e-mail: No web address for this branch of Mikveh Israel; Refer to <http://www.nps.gov/archive/inde/mikveh.html> for history of first Mikveh Israel

Jewish Interest: Official name is Kaal Kadosh Mickveh Israel. An out of print book *Mikveh Israel Cemetery 1740-1848* is a comprehensive guide. The American Jewish Committee in NYC is reported to have several microfilms and records on this cemetery.

2/1/08 - Joan F. Pollak

Resource: Mikveh Israel Cemetery #2 (Est. 1842)

Address: 1114 Federal Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19146

Phone #: (215) 922-5446 (synagogue phone)

Public Transportation: Broad Street Subway Train South to Ellsworth/Federal Streets exit. 7 minute walk to Cemetery.

Driving Directions from Center City: Not recommended, take a taxi.

Web address/e-mail: No web address for this branch of Mikveh Israel; Refer to <http://www.nps.gov/archive/inde/mikveh.html> for history of first Mikveh Israel

Jewish Interest: Listed as an active cemetery, this site was restored in 1996. Sometimes listed in records as "Federal Street Cemetery."

Resource: **Mikveh Israel Cemetery #3 (Est. 1850 -) (Aka: Beth El Emeth)**

Address: 55th & Market Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19139

Phone #: (215) 922-5446 (synagogue phone)

Public Transportation: Not recommended

Driving Directions from Center City: This is an inner city location, proceed with caution or on a tour.

Web address/e-mail: No web address for this branch of Mikveh Israel; Refer to <http://www.nps.gov/archive/inde/mikveh.html> for history of first Mikveh Israel

Jewish Interest: Listed as an active cemetery. Opened in 1850, was dedicated as Beth El Emeth (aka Franklin Street Synagogue located on Franklin at Green Street) in 1857 and turned over to Mikveh Israel in 1895.

Resource: **Rodeph Sholom Cemetery #1 (Est. 1802 – 1970) (Aka: German Hebrew Cemetery)**

Address: L & East Sedgley Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19124

Remains moved to Roosevelt Memorial Park (approx 1970). LOCATE

Resource: **Rodeph Sholom Cemetery #2**

Address: Frankford & Ontario Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.

Remains moved to Roosevelt Memorial Park (approx 1970). LOCATE No sign of cemetery

Resource: **Rodeph Sholom Cemetery #3 (Aka: Nicetown)**

Address: Nice & Kirbaugh Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.

Remains moved to Roosevelt Memorial Park (approx 1970). LOCATE Street do not intersect

Resource: **Rodeph Sholom Cemetery #4 (Aka: Harrowgate)**

Address: Sedgley Street (Erie & Kensington Avenues)
Philadelphia, Pa.

Remains moved to Roosevelt Memorial Park (approx 1970). LOCATE Erie & Kensington don't cross Sedgley

Resource: **Unknown Cemetery #1**

Address: Old York Road & Huntington Park Pike
Philadelphia, Pa.

Resource: **Unknown Cemetery #2**

Address: Cobbs Creek P'way & Chester Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Jewish Funeral Directors

12/25/07-- Steve

Resource: **Berschler and Schenberg**

Address: 8500 West Chester Pike
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Phone #: (610) 449-8300 / (215) 938-6669

Director / Key Personnel: Howard Schenberg, Supervisor

Web address: <http://www.berschlerandshenberg.com>

Jewish Interest: Founded in 1923 when the Berschler family (Benjamin & Jenny and brother Joseph & Sarah) opened for business. Second generation included their children: David & Beatrice, Leonard & Berte and Albert & Joan. Third generation of Howard Schenberg & Wendy Berschler (son-in-law and daughter of Albert & Joan) continue.

12/25/07 -- Mark Melmed

Resource: **Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael Sacks**

Address: **Philadelphia Chapel, (Est. 1877)**

6410 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19126
215-927-5800 / 800-622-6410
Bennett Goldstein, Supervisor

Suburban North Chapel, (Est. 1986)

310 Second Street Pike
Southampton, PA 18966
215-927-5800 / 800-622-6410
Gabe Goldstein, Supervisor

Driving Directions: Broad Street north. Funeral home on the left shortly after Chelton Avenue. Also see for directions to Suburban Chapel: <http://goldsteinsfuneral.com/chapellocations.html>

Web address: <http://goldsteinsfuneral.com/>

Email: <mailto:info@goldsteinsfuneral.com>

Jewish Interest: Founded in Philadelphia as Morris Rosenberg's Furnishing Undertakers 1n 1877 at 811 Franklyn Street. In 1911 Raphael-Sacks Memorial opened on South 5th Street. Goldsteins' opens at 2129 North Broad Street in 1944. In 1958 Morris Rosenberg's merges with Raphael-Sacks and in 1992 they merge with Goldsteins' Memorial Chapel.

12/25/07 -- Mark Melmed

Resource: **Joseph Levine & Sons, Inc. Funeral Directors –Philadelphia (Est. 1883)**

7112 N. Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19126
215-927-2700 / 800-992-3339
Joseph H. Levine, Supervisor

Joseph Levine & Sons, Inc. Funeral Directors – Bromall (Est. 19???)

2811 West Chester Pike
Bromall, PA 19008
610-325-2000 / 800-992-3339
Elliot J. Rosen, Supervisor

Joseph Levine & Sons, Inc. Funeral Directors – Trevose (Est. 19???)

4737 Street Rd.
Trevose, PA 19053
215-942-4700 / 800-992-3339
Sam Brodsky, Supervisor

Web: <http://www.levinefuneral.com/>

Driving Directions from Center City: To Philadelphia location: I- 676 West to the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76 West) for about 4 miles to the Roosevelt Expressway (Rte. 1 North) for approximately 2 miles to the Broad St. Exit. Turn left onto Broad St. & go north about 3 miles. Funeral Home is on the left. Parking in rear.

To Bromall location: I-676 West to the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76 West) to I-476 South (Chester) to Exit #9. At exit bear right onto West Chester Pike (Rt. 3 West). Proceed 1.5 miles west on West Chester Pike. Levine's is on the right, Note. Levine's is located in the D'ANJOLLEL BUILDING.

To Trevose location: I-675 East to I-95 North to Exit 37 (Street Road). Turn left on Street Road. Building on the right 1/2 mile past the intersection with Rte. 1. <http://www.levinefuneral.com/locations/index.html>

Jewish Interest: Founded in in South Philadelphia in 1883, currently operated by the fifth generation of the Levine Family.

2/17/08 – Steve

Resource: **Stillman's Memorial Chapel**

Address: 7112 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19126
(Housed in Joseph Levine & Sons)

Phone: (215) 324-8800

Web: none

Driving Directions from Center City: To Philadelphia location: I- 676 West to the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76 West) for about 4 miles to the Roosevelt Expressway (Rte. 1 North) for approximately 2 miles to the Broad St. Exit. Turn left onto Broad St. & go north about 3 miles. Funeral Home is on the left. Parking in rear.

Research Advice: Now owned by Joseph Levine & Sons. They have all records.

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Inactive Jewish Funeral Directors

Information provided by Aaron Roetenberg based on his interviews with Bennett Goldstein, Howard Shenberg, Sam Stillman and Sid Stillman

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| <p>Asher & Son 1309 Broad Street
Philadelphia PA
Merged with Joe Berschler (Asher Berschler)
Out of Business
Berschler and Shenberg have records</p> <p>Albert Berschler
Became Berschler & Schenberg</p> <p>Benjamin Berschler 730 Pine Street and
537 Spruce Street

Out of Business
Records lost</p> <p>David Berschler New Jersey
Merged with Shenberg (son-in-law) & Blandy
Blandy left; now Berschler & Shenberg</p> <p>Joseph Berschler
Merged with Asher (Asher Berschler)
Out of Business
Berschler and Shenberg have records</p> <p>Oliver Blair (Kerzel Blair) 1820 Chestnut Street
Non-sectarian; did Jewish burials</p> <p>Chandler
Goldman
Out of Business pre 1940
Records lost</p> <p>Charles I. Khan 327 Pine Street
Philadelphia PA
Acquired by Berschler
Berschler & Shenberg have partial records</p> | <p>Abe Molnick
Out of Business 1959
Records lost</p> <p>Raphael 2nd location: 1945 North Broad Street
Philadelphia PA
Merged with Sacks (Raphael Sacks) in 1958
Merged with Goldstein's in 1992</p> <p>Reisman
Merged with Schiller
Out of Business
Goldstein has records</p> <p>Jacob Rosen & Son 1006 South 5th Street
Philadelphia PA

Out of Business
Records Lost</p> <p>Morris Rosenberg & Son
Founded in 1877 at: 811 Franklyn Street
Philadelphia PA
Moved in 1915 to: 2009 N Broad Street
Philadelphia PA
Merged with Raphael-Sacks in 1958
Merged with Goldstein's in 1992
Goldstein's has records</p> <p>Stanley Wisnoff
Out of Business 2000
Goldstein's has records</p> <p>Wymbs
Out of Business pre 1940
Records lost</p> |
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Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Synagogues

Information based on The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia web site confirmed by local volunteers.

Key: **C** Conservative
CL Chabad Lubavitch Centers & Synagogues
FRS Federation of Reform Synagogues
JRF Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
O Orthodox
R Reform
S Sephardic
T Traditional
USCJ United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

8/14/08-Steve

Resource: **Adath Israel (USCJ)**
Years of Operation: 1946 - Active

Address: 250 North Highland Avenue
 Merion Station, PA 19066

Phone #: (610) 664-5150

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Steven C. Wernick
 Rabbi: Robert Rubin
 President: Miles Herman

Web: <http://www.adathisrael.org/>

History: [from website] in 1946 20 founders started this congregation in a 6-room house in Haverford, PA. In 1953 seven acres at Old Lancaster Road and Highland Avenue were purchased and ground was broken. Within a year High Holiday services were conducted in the new Shul. Then in 1958 on the same site a new Sanctuary was started and was dedicated in 1959. In 1985 Adath Israel was joined by the former Temple Israel (first at 1946 Upland Way then 59th Street & Woodbine Avenue in Wynnefield).

8/14/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Adath Jeshurun (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1853 - active

Address: 7763 Old York Road
 Elkins Park, PA 19027

Phone #: (215) 635-6611

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Seymour Rosebloom
 President: Stephen C. Sussman
 Ex Director: Gavi Miller

Web: <http://www.adathjeshurun.info/>

History: There are 2 versions of the Shul's early histories.

PJAC records indicate founding by Wolf Ettinger and Moses Blumenthal with services held at Horner's Hall, 3rd & Brown. Shortly thereafter purchased land in Frankford to use as burial grounds. In 1865 acquired synagogue building at Newmarket & Noble Sts. from Keneseth Israel. Ten years later moved to the Juliana St. & merged with *Adas Israel*. In 1885 built a synagogue at 7th & Columbia. Purchased and dedicated larger building at Broad & Diamond in 1912; enlarged and rededicated it in 1926. Present Synagogue in Elkins Park was dedicated in 1964. At first, especially in the early 1880's, Adath Jeshurun was Reform; by the end of the century, under the rabbinate of Max Klein, became Conservative.

The synagogue's web site says it was founded on the 4th day of Sukkot, 1858 at Seventh & Columbia near the Marshal Street Jewish community. In 1910 Rabbi Max D. Klein came and guided the congregation toward the Conservative Movement as a founding member of the United Synagogues of America. In 1917 the congregation moved to 2109 N. Broad Street and then in 1964 to the current site in Elkins Park.

The Shul maintains a collection of old newsletters, prayer books, pamphlets, memorial books and other historical materials.

5/11/08 – Steve Schecter

Resource: **Adath Zion Congregation (T)**
Years of Operation 1894 - Active

Address: 7101 Pennway Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19111

Phone #: (215) 742-8500

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Steve Sacks
 President: Neil Schmerling

History: Reported to be founded in 1894 as the Hebrew Congregation of Frankford but cannot find listing in the American Jewish Yearbook. First identified record is for Adith Zion at 4334 Paul Street, Frankford is in the 1924 Bullitin Yearbook. In 1955 moved to current address. Reportedly have newsletters dating back to 1892.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Ahavas Torah (O)**
Years of Operation 1975 - Active

Address: 1425 Rhawn Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19111

Phone #: (215) 725-3610

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Mordechai Terebelo
President: Larry Fried

Email: <mailto:minstar1@netzero.net>

Web: <http://www.ahavas-torah.org/cmtty.html>

History: Reportedly founded as Chevra Mishnais in a home at 7525 Loretta Street. In 1979 moved to current location.

Picture courtesy of Jack Weinstein

8/14/08 – Steve Schechter, Harry Boonin

Resource: **Aitz Chaim Synagogue Center (O)**
Years of Operation 1965 - Active

Address: 1420 Walnut Street, Suite 1008
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Or

7801 Langdon Street, Suite 313
Philadelphia, PA 19111
215.742.4870

And

7908 High School Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

Phone #: (215) 546-8672

(215) 782-8878

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Abraham Novitsky

Web: <http://etzchaimpa.tripod.com/>

Email: <mailto:info@etzchaimcenter.org>

Jewish Interest: Activities dedicated to kashrut, religious psychiatry, bereavement, religious marriage and divorce.

History: Started by serving the Jewish business district around 48th and Spruce Streets. Became a Jewish Center in 1965 and later started a second center in Elkins Park.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beit Harambam Congregation (S)**
Years of Operation 1978 - Active

Address: 9981 Verree Road
Philadelphia, PA 19115

Phone #: (215) 677-9675

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Amiram Gabay (215) 969-3031
President: Yaacov Avraham (215) 677-1243

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Ahavah (R) at Cong. Rodeph Shalom**
Years of Operation 1975 – Active as part of Rodeph Shalom

Address: 615 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Phone #: (215) 923-2003

Key Personnel: President: Ned Hanover

Web: <http://www.BethAhavah.org>

Email: <mailto:BethAhavah@RodephShalom.org>

History: Founded in 1975 on Letitia Street in Philadelphia, in October 2006 they marched their Torah to Rodeph Shalom where it maintains congregational identity while integrating into Rodeph Shalom.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Beth Ami (T)**
Years of Operation 1956 - Active

Address: 9201 Old Bustleton Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19115-4684

Phone #: (215) 673-2511

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Moshe Goldman
President: Leonard S. Kaltz
Ex. Director: Albert Seidman

History: Only location. In 1960's Beth Abraham from North 22nd Street merged into Beth Ami.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Am Israel (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1922 - active

Address: 1301 Hagys Ford Road
Penn Valley, PA 19072

Phone #: (610) 667-1651

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Michael Bernstein
President: John Harris

Email: <mailto:BethAmIsrael@comcast.net>

Web: <http://www.bethamrael.org/content/index.php>

History: Founded in South West Philadelphia at 58th and Warrington Streets. Moved first to Narberth then to current site in 1973.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beth Chaim Reform Congregation (R)**

Years of Operation 1992 - Active

Address: 389 Conestoga Road (Rt 401)
Malvern, PA 19355
Mailing Address: PO Box 1198
Malvern, PA 19355

Phone #: (610) 724-2930

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Aileen Hollander
President: Madeleine Gardberg

Email: <mailto:president@bethchaim.net>

Web: <http://www.bethchaim.net/>

History: Founded in the Church of the Loving Shepard in West chester; moved to current location in early 2000's.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beth David Reform Congregation (R)**

Years of Operation 1942 - active

Address: 1130 Vaughans Lane
Gladwyne, PA 19035

Phone #: (610) 896-7485

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Jim Egolf
Rabbi Emeritus: Henry Cohen
President: Bryn Weingartner
Administrator: Jill Cooper

Email: <mailto:office@bdavid.org>

Web: <http://www.bdavid.org>

History: Started in Wynnfield as the areas first Reformed and pro-Zionist Temple. In 1980's moved to Gladwyne.

8/14/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth El of Bucks County (USCJ)**

Years of Operation 1953 - Active

Address: 375 Stony Hill Road
Yardley, PA 19067-5810

Phone #: (215) 493-1707

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Jeff Pivo
Rabbi Emeritus: William Fierverker
President: Randy Flager & Michael Rettig

Web: <http://www.bethelyardley.org/>

Email: <mailto:info@bethelyardley.org>

History: On May 25, 2008 they deicated a new temple.

8/10/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth El – Ner Tamud (USCJ)**

Years of Operation ???? - Active

Address: 715 Paxon Hollow Road
Broomal, PA 19008

Phone: (610) 356-8700

Web: <http://www.cbent.org>

Email: <mailto:office@cbent.org>

History: This is the merger of Beth El Suburban, Ner Tamid and Temple Israel of Upper Darby. Temple Israel of Upper Darby was founded in 1944 when a group of women header by Rosalyn Kessler formed a Sisterhood to promote Zionism and establish a Shul. In 1945 they held thir first High Holiday Services in the real Estate Board Building officiated by Rabbi Morris Shoulson. In 1946 the Publicker family donated land on Bywood Avenus for the construction of a Temple, in 1949 the cornerstone was laid and due to the lack of "rich angels" the building was not completed until 1954. In 2002 they merged with Beth El-Ner Tamid.

5/11/08 – Steve Schechter, Harry Boonin

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Hamedrosh (O)**

Years of Operation 1958 - Active

Address: 200 Haverford Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Phone #: (610) 642-6444

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Shlomo Caplan
Rabbi: Michael Yondorf
President: Dr. David Eckmann

Email: mailto:CBH_President@verizon.net

Web: <http://mysite.verizon.net/bethhamedrosh/>

History: Founded in 1958 in Overbrook Park at 7505 Brookhaven Road, in 2007 they relocated to their current location.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Beth Hillel/Beth El (USCJ)**

Years of Operation 1958 -Active

Address: 1001 Remmington Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Phone #: (610) 649-5300

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Neil S. Cooper
 Rabbi Emeritus: Marshall J. Maltzman
 President: Robert Kitchenoff
 Ex. Director: Sharon G. Stumacher

Email: <mailto:sgstumacher@tbhbe.org>

Web: <http://www.tbhbe.org/>

History: Beth Hillel was founded in 1958 in a converted greenhouse on the Clothier Estate in Wynnewood. In 1960, Beth Hillel was joined by the West Philadelphia Jewish Community Center (WPJCC). WPJCC was founded at Ludlow Street and Cobbs Creek Boulevard in 1923 where in 1927/28 they built a Shul. In 1967 a new building was dedicated. Then in 1970 Temple Beth El merged. Temple Beth El was founded in 1907 and resided in the Rothschild Memorial Chapel at 58th and Walnut Streets.

6/5/08 – Steve Schechter, Harry Boonin

Resource: **Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1904 – Present

Address: 385 Pottstown Pike (Route 100)
 Eagle, PA
 PO Box 678
 Uwchland, PA 19480-0678

Phone #: (610) 458-8550

Web: <http://www.bethisraelpa.org/>

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Michael I Charney
 President: Dan Wincur

Email: <mailto:biccsyn@verizon.net>
<mailto:dwinicur@comcast.net>
<mailto:rabbicharney@verizon.net>

History: [from website] Founded in Coatesville, PA in 1904 by Eastern European Jews, under the name Keshet Israel. It was probably as a house Shul. In 1907 a cemetery was purchased. And on May 3, 1916 a petition for incorporation as Beth Israel was filed and granted on Oct 11, 1916 (cemetery name also changed). In 1923 a property at Fifth Avenue & Harmony Street was purchased and a synagogue built. It was enlarged after WWII. In 1989 current site was purchased, a new shul begun in 1994 and in June, 1995 opened. *Picture from Beth Israel website.*

1904-1916	Keshet Israel	??, Coatesville, PA
1916-1995	Beth Israel	5 th Ave & Harmony Street, Coatesville, PA
1995-Present	Beth Israel	Current location

8/14/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Israel of Media (JRF)**
Years of Operation 1925 - active

Address: 542 South Middletown Road
 Media PA 19063-5422

Phone #: (610) 566-4645 or (610) 566-5619

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Linda T. Potemkin
 President: Michael Fishkow

Email: <mailto:info@bethisraelmedia.org>

Web: <http://www.bethisraelmedia.org>

History: Founded in 1925 this is the 2nd oldest congregation in Delaware County and the oldest Reconstructionist congregation in the metropolitan area. Chartered in 1929 - known as "the folding chair synagogue" - until 1939 when they acquired their first home, a building formerly housing the Religious Society of Friends (AKA Quakers). During the 1940's and 50's they grew and in 1957 hired first full-time rabbi. During the 60's declined due to a deteriorating building. By the 80's held services in Ridley Creek State Park. In 1977 the Torahs were taken to their new building, where they currently reside.

8/10/08 – Steve

Resource: **Beth Midrash Harav**
Years of Operation Mid 1960's - active

Address: 7926 Algon Avenue
 Philadelphia PA

Phone #: (215) 342-5783

Key Personnel: Rabbi Yosef Geldzahler

Web: <http://www.jcor.org/synagogues.html> - MesilatYesharim

History: Better known as "Rabbi Yolles' shul." Since he passed on, the rabbi is his son-in-law.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Or (FRS)**
Years of Operation 1954 - Active

Address: 239 Welsh Road
 Maple Glen, PA 19002

Phone #: (215) 646-5806

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Gregory S. Marx
 Assistant Rabbi: Craig Axler
 President: Maureen Schreiber

Ex. Director: Elizabeth Hirsch

Email: <mailto:lirsch@bethor.org>

Web: <http://www.bethor.org>

History: [from website] Founded in 1954 in Northwest Philadelphia (Mount Airy) by: • Al Wilson •
 Bob & Dot Axelrod • Al & Rita Gold • Milton & Ina Green • Manny & Jane Kohn
 • Bill & Faye Levy • Ed & Ruth Wolf.

Started in a row house on Stenton Avenue, holding their first service in January 1955. In February 1955 they were accepted into the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and by late that year moved into a 3-story mansion at the corner of Mt. Pleasant Ave and Anderson Street (500 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave.) In 1974 the congregation moved to Spring House and in 2006 moved to the current location in Maple Glen where it also houses the Olitsky Art Gallery.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beth Sholom Congregation (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1917 - active

Address: 8231 Old York Road
 Elkins Park, PA 19027

Phone #: (215) 887-1342

Key Personnel: Senior Rabbi: David Glanzberg-Krainin
 Rabbi: Andrea L. Merow
 Rabbi Emeritus: Aaron Landes
 President: Fred Wolfson
 Ex. Director: Harvey Friedrich

Web: <http://www.bethsholomcongregation.org>

Email: <mailto:hfriedrich@bethsholom.org>

History: Reportedly named Logan Congregation of Ahavas Israel who changed their name to Beth Sholom in 1918 (cannot find citation in American Jewish Yearbook). Beth Sholom moved to Broad and Courtland around time of name change. Had other Philadelphia locations before moving to Elkins Park. Shul was commissioned to Frank Lloyd Wright in 1953 and opened in 1959.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Solomon Suburban of Somerton**
Years of Operation 1968 - active

Address: 198 Tomlinson Road
 Philadelphia, PA 19116

Phone #: (215) 671-1981

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Solomon Isaacson
 Co-Rabbi: Schloime Isaacson
 President: Shmuel Danielli

8/15/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1956 - active

Address: 1001 Paper Mill Road
 Erdenheim, PA 19038

Phone #: (215) 836-5677

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Saul Grife
 President: Owen Leshner
 Administrator: Valarie Hurwitz

Email: <mailto:office@ujb.org>

Web: <http://www.btbj.org>

History: [From website] Temple Beth Tikvah was founded in Springfield Township at the Flourtown Golf Club, the Flourtown Fire House and private homes for Jews who had left the city to migrate to the suburbs. A site was discovered, purchased, ground broken in May and a modest building completed by the High Holidays of 1958. Rabbi Alexander Shapiro joined in 1961 and soon became outspoken on the Vietnam War, civil rights, racial unrest, and fair housing until 1968 when he left following a dispute with congregational leadership. In 1973 they invited B'nai Jeshurun merged.

B'nai Jeshurun's roots go to Strawberry Mansion. By the mid 50's demographic changes caused the Shul to seek relocation and it merged with Adath Shalom of Mt. Airy and became B'nai Jeshurun of Mt. Airy. In 1961 Ahavas Chesed of Germantown disbanded and merged with B'nai Jeshurun. Again changing demographics caused a merger with Temple Beth Tikvah in 1973. In 1997 land in Whitmarsh Township was purchased but financial difficulties led to a remodeling of the existing Shul and in 2004 the Congregation acquired a Holocaust Torah from Czechoslovakia (actually from Luze in Bohemia). [See history on web site.]

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Tovim (T)**
Years of Operation 1964 - Active

Address: Sanctuary: 5871 Drexel Road
 Philadelphia, PA 19131

Office: 1504 Von Stuben Drive
 West Chester, PA 19380

Phone #: (215) 879-1100

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Amiel Novoseller (610) 696-0408

President: Hy Mayerson

Picture courtesy of Steve Schecter

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Temple) Beth Zion-Beth Israel (USCJ)
Years of Operation 1946 - active

Address: 300 South 18th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone #: (215) 735-5148

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Ira F. Stone
President: Robert M. Fleicshman
Ex. Director: Donna S. Rosenthal

Email: <mailto:TempleOffice@bzbi.org>

Web: <http://www.bzbi.org>

History: Founded in 1946 after WWII but before the founding of Israel in the Rittenhouse Square area. Formed from the union of 3 shuls.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) B'nai Abraham (O)
Years of Operation 1882 - active

Address: 527 Lombard Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Phone #: (215) 238-2100

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Yochonon Goldman
President: Steven Dickstein

Email: <mailto:rabbi@jewishphilly.com>

Web: <http://www.jewishphilly.com>

Jewish Interest: This synagogue was founded in 1883, is still operating. It is the oldest Russian-Jewish congregation in the city. The yarzeit plaques are in the main sanctuary and have names dating back 100 years.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) B'nai Israel-Ohev Zedek (O)
Years of Operation 1886 - Active

Address: 8201 Castor Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19152

Phone #: (215) 742-0400

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Aaron Felder (215) 745-2968
President: Ezra Wohlgernter

Email: <mailto:contact@bnaiisrael.us>

Web: <http://www.geniusiq.net/bioz/>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) B'nai Jacob (USCJ)
Years of Operation 1912 - Active

Address: Starr and Manavon Streets
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Phone #: (610) 933-5550

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Rachel Brown
President: Kenneth Kulick

Email: <mailto:cboffice@verizon.net>

Web: <http://www.congbj.org/>

History: Founded in 1912 in Phoenixville. Also founded B'nai Jacob cemetery. *Picture from Bnai Jacob website.*

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) B'nai Jacob-Dershu Tov (O)
Years of Operation 1891 - Active

Address: 1145-47 Gilham Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Phone #: (215) 725-5182

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Isaac Leizerowski (215) 740-1091

History: [From PJAC records] D'rshe Tov was founded in 1891 at 924-6 New Market Street in the Northern Liberties or Spring Garden section. Bnai Jacob was founded 1913 in Strawberry Mansion at 1927-9 N. 31st Street. The building was constructed in 1896 and remodeled into a Shul in 1915. It was then enlarged in 1921. B'nai Jacob merged with Dershu Tov in 1962 and moved to the current address in Northeast Philadelphia.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Bristol Jewish Center (C)
Years of Operation 1904 - active

Address: 216 Pond Road
Bristol, PA 19007

Phone #: (215) 788-4995

Key Personnel: Student Rabbi: Lauren Briody-Hyett
President: Jeannie Harris-Phillips

Email: <mailto:info@bristoljewishcenter.org>

Web: <http://www.bristoljewishcenter.org/>

History: [from website] Started in 1904 in a tailor shop on Mill Street, Bristol, PA. In 1935 purchased a building on 100 block of Pond Street to serve as Synagogue – the Rabbi lived on the 1st floor, taught Hebrew school on the 2nd and the Sanctuary was on the 3rd. After WWII the current Shul was built.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Brith Achim (R)**
Years of Operation 1971 – Active

Address: 481 South Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Phone #: (610) 337-2222

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Eric J. Lazar
President: Susan Schultz

Email: <mailto:sookie717@aol.com>

Web: <http://www.brithachim.org/>

History: [from website] Founded in 1971 as Brotherhood Temple Brith Achem. For thier first 11 years they met at Valley Forge Presbyterian Church and the Upper Merion Cultural Center. On September 12, 1982 they dedicated their Shul and changed their name to Temple Brith Achim.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Brothers of Israel (C) (Aka Hachaino B'nai Israelites)**
Years of Operation 1883 - Active

Address: 530 Washington Crossing Road
Newtown, PA 18940

Phone #: (215) 579-2200 Outside PA: (877) 337-4040

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Howard Hersch
President: Victor Guiffre

Email: <mailto:info@brothersofisrael.org>

Web: <http://www.brothersofisrael.org/>

Research Advice: This Shul has organized many or their Yahrzeits – going back to Trenton – into computerized databases. With an advanced phone they can search their data and reduce search time.

History: from: Brothers of Israel – The History (abridged version) June 1883 thru May 2008

Congregation Brothers of Israel was originally organized on May 29, 1883. On June 2, 1883, Israel Berman, Leib Lewin, Jacob Hamikelsky, Louis Latzkowitz, Abram Goodstein, Abraham Bernstein, David Levin, Solomon Goodstein, Isaac Goodstein, Nathan Tobish, Nathan Siegle, Wolfe Fineburg, Reuben Cohen, Harris Adolphus, Harris Greenberg and Henry Goldstein signed the Charter of Hachaino Bnai Israelites, Trenton's first Orthodox Synagogue. Located at 101 South Warren Street for eighteen months, the Congregation moved to Front Street for two and a half years.

In August 1887 a building was purchased at 316 Union Street and converted into a Synagogue. In 1900 the old building was demolished and a new Synagogue building was built on the same site. On May 22, 1955 a ground breaking for a new Synagogue was held at 499 Greenwood Avenue, and the Shul changed from Orthodox to Conservative Judaism. On May 12, 1958, Hachaino Bnai Israelites changed to its English translation, Congregation Brothers of Israel.

In 1960 succeeding Rabbis Bacharach, Pincus Turman, Eleazer M. Prail, Bunin, Joseph Konovitz, Issacher Levin and Gerald Lerer, Rabbi Howard Hersch became the Spiritual Leader. Then, in 1970 the Synagogue opened its first branch Hebrew School in Lawrenceville, NJ, and within two years, a second school was opened in Yardley, PA.

In 1974 a new building program was established to expand and refurbish the sanctuary, auditorium and classrooms. The building was completed in 1975, and dedicated in 1976. Changing Trenton demographics, forced a move to PA to 530 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown, PA on February 14, 2007.

8/15/08 - Steve

Resource: **Chabad Lubavitch of Bucks County (O) [Kol Yisrael Shul]**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 25 North State Street
Yardley & Newtown, PA

Phone #: (215) 497-9925

Web: <http://www.jewishcenter.info>

8/15/08 - Steve

Resource: **Community Torah Center of Bucks County (O)**
Years of Operation 2002 - Active

Address: 9 Surrey Road
Churchville, PA 18966

Phone #: (215) 364-1160

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Dovid Max

Email: <mailto:rabbi@jewishbucks.org>

Web: <http://www.jewishbucks.org/>

5/11/08 – Steve Schechter, Harry Boonin

Resource: **Germantown Jewish Centre (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1936 - Active

Address: 400 West Ellet Street
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Phone #: (215) 844-1507

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Leonard D. Gordon
Assistant Rabbi: Adam Zeff
Rabbi Emeritus: Sanford Hahn
Ex. Director: Rachel Gross

Email: <mailto:director@germantownjewishcenter.org>

Web: <http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/>

History: [from website] Founded in 1936 in the auditorium of the Pelham Club (later known as Ross House, 6815 Emlin St.) to accommodate the influx of young Jewish professionals from around Philly. The Shul soon became a social and cultural center for the community. As the congregation grew space for teaching was needed and space was rented above a shoemaker at Greene St. and Carpenter Lane. First elected officers included:

- Edward N. Polisher, President
- Benjamin J. Miller, VP
- Morris Rudofker, VP
- Isadore N. Weber, Tres.
- William R. Ladenheim, Fin Sec
- Harold H. Carlop, Sec
- Other important organizers included:
- Ingram Bergman
- Sidney J. Markowitz
- Sidney L. Quitman
- Erwin Satinsky
- Sigmund H. Steinberg
- Hortense Steinberg
- Annette Temin
- Abraham and Louis Burd
- Samuel Brier
- Harry Daroff
- Charlie Meilachowitz
- Harry Uditsky

The Shul remained in the Pelham Club until 1947 when the congregation moved to its present location. And in May, 1954 the present Synagogue was dedicated.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Gershman Y Congregation (T)**

Address: 401 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Phone #: (215) 725-5182

Key Personnel: Darshan: Michael Carasik
President: Alan Rothenberg

Email: <mailto:alan.rothenberg@verizon.net>

Web: <http://www.thecollaborative.org/node/773>

History: [from website and PJAC files] A group of the former Center City Havurah Minyan started reviving the Y congregation. Record do not appear to exist, yet there are over 1,000 Yartzeit Plaques on the walls of the Seltzer Chapel (room 100). Typically the congregation does not meet during July and August. The building is now controlled by the University of the Arts.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Har Zion Temple (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1922 - active

Address: 1500 Hagys Ford Road
Penn Valley, PA 19072

Phone #: (610) 667-5000

Key Personnel: Senior Rabbi: Jay M. Stein
Rabbi: Eliseo D. Rosenwasser
Rabbi Emeritus: Gerald I. Wolpe
President: Joe Carver
Ex. Director: Karin Prince

Email: <mailto:kprince@harziontemple.org>

Web: <http://www.harziontemple.org/>

History: [from website and PJAC files] Founded in 1922 in Wynnefield. In 1923 Harry Cohen became the first President and with Philip Publicker donated ground at 54th Street and Wynnefield Avenue. In August 1924 the new Shul was dedicated. In 1962 Har Zion began serving the Radnor Jewish and in 1976 consolidated operations in Penn Valley at its current location. *Picture by Steve Schechter.*

8/15/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Hessed Shel Emet (Mercy and Truth) (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1892 - active

Address: 575 North Klem Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

Phone #: (610) 326-1717

Key Personnel: Rabbi: David Wortman
President: Adam Shager

Email: <mailto:info@pottstownsynagogue.org>

Web: <http://www.hessedshelemet.org>

History: [from website] Chartered as Hessed Shel Emes, the congregation purchased its first building on Hale Street in 1893. In 1926 a new building was dedicated at High and Warren Streets and in 1962 they moved to their current location.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Kehilat Cheverim of Bensalem (R)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 4242 Bensalem Blvd
Bensalem, PA 19020
Phone: (215) 633-9930
Key Personnel: President: Melinda P. Gordon
Email: <mailto:kchaverim@comcast.net>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Kahilat HaNahar, The Little Shul by the River (JRF)**
Years of Operation 1994 - active

Address: 85 West Mechanic Street
New Hope, PA 18938
Mail: PO Box 417
New Hope, PA 18938
Phone #: (215) 862-1912
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Sandy Roth
President: Ed Tetelman
Admin: Kelly Strathmore
Email: <mailto:littleshul@kehilathanahar.org>
Web: <http://www.kehilathanahar.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Kehillas B'nai Shalom (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 2446 Bristol Road
Bensalem, PA 19020
Phone #: (215) 750-0604
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Moshe Travitsky
Rabbi: Yechiel Mintz
President: Boruch Kahn
Email: <mailto:bjoc@bensalemoutreach.org>
Web: <http://www.bensalemoutreach.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Keneseth Israel (R)**
Years of Operation 1847 - active

Address: 8339 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027-1597
Phone #: (215) 887-8700
Key Personnel: Senior Rabbi: Lance J. Sussman
Rabbi Emeritus: Simeon J. Maslin
Assistant Rabbi: Peter Rigler
President: Andrew J. Flame
Ex. Director: Brian D. Rissinger
Web: <http://www.kenesethisrael.org>
Email: <mailto:brissinger@kenesethisrael.org>

Research Advice: They have archival data with additional data at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

History: Founded as an Orthodox Shul in a rented space at 528 N 2nd Street. In 1854 moved to a building on New Market Street and in 1864 to 6th and Brown Streets, in Marshal Street Jewish community. It was the 4th Shul established in Philadelphia and the first to adopt Reform in 1855 and remained the only Reformed Shul for almost 40 years. It moved to north Broad Street in the Moorish building at Montgomery Avenue in 1892. Some of the most famous Rabbis in the country served or spoke during the 58 years that the congregation was in this building. In 1950, the congregation moved to Elkins Park where it is still located today and the old Shul became the library for the Temple University Law School. All previous sites have now been leveled. In 1947, the synagogue published an anniversary book on its first 100 years, titled: Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel: its First 100 years 1847-1947. The synagogue is one of the most active synagogues in the Philadelphia area.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Keshet Israel (T)**
Years of Operation 1894 - Active

Address: 412 Lombard St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147
Phone #: (215) 922-1776
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Fred Kazan
CEO: Sidney M. Grobman
President: Michael Yaron
Email: <mailto:marcles@comcast.net>

History: Keshet Israel has been at the center of the Philadelphia Jewish community since it's founding. Harry D. Boonin wrote a book with 84 photos in early 2008 about this congregation. You may purchase it at the synagogue (215) 922-7736 or from Harry (215) 918-0326.

This shul has the Yahzeit Plaques from **Shari Israel Congregation** from 4th and Porter Streets. They hang in the small chapel and record deaths that mostly occurred from the 1940's to the 1970's. Shari Israel at 2509 S. 4th Street, was

founded in 1916, the Shul was built in 1920 and closed in the 1970's (monies were reportedly given to Emes V'Zedek in Beth Shean).

The original charter for Keshet Israel hangs in the stair-hallway (names listed below).

CONGREGATION KESHER ISRAEL CHARTER

Occupations, where they appear, are taken from Philadelphia City Directories or correspondence with families.

Officers:

Louis GLICKMAN (fish business)	724 So. 10 th Street	President
Philip WERNER (food extract)	421 So. 2 nd Street	V. President
Harris ROSENTHAL (frame maker)	523 So. 8 th Street	Treasurer
Samuel BAKER	609 Moss Street	Rec. Sec
Isaac BINDER (fruit store)	5 th & Lombard (S.E. cor)	Fin. Sec

Trustees:

Julius SALKOWITZ (tailor)	407 S. 5 th Street	1 st Trustee
Louis RACWZIN	1126 So. 9 th Street	2 nd Trustee
Barney GLASSMAN (peddler)	819 Barnett Street	3 rd Trustee
Philip LOWITZ	507 So. 7 th Street	4 th Trustee
Susman YUDELOWITZ	516 So. 7 th Street	5 th Trustee

Directors

George SPIRO (frame maker)	329 South Street
Harris SACHS	327 So. 2 nd Street
Solomon SILBERSTEIN	410 Catharine Street
Jacob NUROCK (watches & jewelry)	604 South Street
Harris GORDON	612 S. 6 th Street
Solomon MEINKIN	1111 Titan Street
Harris SOLEMSHEN	734 So. 6 th Street
Jesse FRANKEL	697 Catharine Street
Dr. Joseph ABRAHAMSON	439 So. 7 th Street
Abraham ISAACMAN	625 So. 3 rd Street
Joseph SCHNEIDER	625 So. 3 rd Street
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Mayer WACHTEL	710 South Street
Mayer SURNAMER	927 Washington Avenue
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Jacob J. SHAPIRO	748 So. Front Street
Louis ROSEN	525 Catharine Street
Dr. L. RUBINSOHN	411 So. 8 th Street
Samuel N. HARRIS	236 Christian Street
Marcus GOLDMAN (librarian, HLS)	269 Elmwood Street
Aaron COHEN	422-24 Bainbridge Street
Morris BRAUDY	724 So. 6 th Street
Jacob WAXMAN (fish business)	620 So. 4 th Street

Subscribers to the Charter:

George Spiro	Harris Rosenthal
Solomon Silberstein	Nathan Blum
Solomon White,	617 South Street
J. Salkowitz.	

The Charter was filed on June 21, 1894 and approved by Judge M. Arnold, July 14, 1894, in Common Pleas No. 4, Philadelphia County.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Keshet Israel Congregation (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1914 - Active

Address: 1000 Pottstown Pike
West Chester, PA 19380
Phone #: (610) 696-7210 or (610) 696-1153
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Eric Rosin
President: Ilene Cetlin Liplow

Email: <mailto:Shalom@keshetisrael.org>

Web: <http://www.keshet-israel.org/>

History: [from website] Founded mostly by merchants who began meeting in homes before purchasing a house and converting it to a synagogue. In 1925 at 206 N. Church Street, a stone synagogue, in the European style was built. Originally Orthodox with services in Hebrew and Yiddish, eventually the Shul changed and became affiliated with the Conservative Movement. In 1988 the Shul moved to its current site again in the European Ashkenazic Tradition (central bimah with the Aron Kodish in front). In 2001 renovations and expansion were added.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Knesset HaSefer, the Educational Synagogue of Yardley (O)**

Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 1237 Edgewood Road
Yardley, PA 19067
Phone #: (215) 321-5511
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Yitzchok Feldheim
President: Arthur Sagoskin
Web: <http://www.knesethasefer.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Kol Ami**Years of Operation 1994 - Active**

Address: 8201 High School Road
Elkins Park, PA
Phone #: (215) 635-3110
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Elliot Holin (215) 635-4182
Ex. Director: Elaine L. Stevens
Web: <http://www.kolami.info>
Email: <mailto:executivedir@kolami.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Kol Emet (JRF)**Years of Operation 1984 - Active**

Address: 1360 Oxford Valley Road
Yardley, PA 19067
Phone #: (215) 493-8522
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Howard K. Cove
Rabbi: Susan Schein
President: Alan Kotzen
Ex. Director: Bob Frey
Email: <mailto:bfrey@kolemet.org>
Web: <http://www.kolemet.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Kol Tzedek West Philadelphia Synagogue (JRF)**Years of Operation 2005 - Active**

Address: c/o Calvary Center for Community and Culture
801 South 48th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
Mail: PO Box 31902
Philadelphia, PA 19104-1902
Phone #: (215) 725-5182
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Lauren Grabelle Herrmann
President: Noah Drezner
Email: <mailto:info@kol-tzedek.org>
Web: <http://www.kol-tzedek.org/>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Leyv Ha-Ir, Heart of the City (JRF)**Years of Operation 1990 - active**

Address: Ethical Society
1906 South Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, PA
Mail: PO Box 15836
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Phone #: (215) 629-1995
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Julie Greenberg
President: Mike Meketon
Email: <mailto:info@leyvhair.org>
Web: <http://www.leyvhair.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Lower Merion Synagogue (O)**Years of Operation 1954 - Active**

Address: 123 Old Lancaster Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
Phone #: (610) 664-5626
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Abraham J. Shmidman (610) 664-5626
President: Scott Seligsohn
Email: <mailto:shul@verizon.net>
Web: <http://www.lmsonline.org/>

History: [from website] Founded in 1954 by Eric Korngold, Leon Koengold, Neil Leibman and Leo Levin. Services were held in Doris & Leo Levin's home supplemented by rented facilities. In 1956 a large home at the current site was purchased and in 1957 hosted its first services. In 1980 a new building was constructed.

8/10/08 - Steve

Resource: Lubavitcher Center
Years of Operation ???? - Active

Address: 7622 Caster Avenue
 Philadelphia PA

Phone #: (215) 725-2030

Key Personnel: Rabbi Avraham Shemtov

Web: <http://www.jcor.org/synagogues.html> - MesilatYesharim

History: [from website] Main Lubavitch shlaich for Philadelphia area. Annually becomes a shofar factory, matzos bakery and supports a mobile succah.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim (FRS)
Years of Operation 1952 - Active

Address: 410 Montgomery Avenue
 Wynnewood, PA 19096

Phone #: (610) 649-7800

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Ethan Franzel
 Associate Rabbi: David Straus
 Rabbi Emeritus: Theodore Gordon &
 Max Hausen
 President: Stacey Gerwitz
 Ex. Director: Bob Isaacs

Email: <mailto:risaacs@mirt.org>

Web: <http://mlrt.org/index.cfm?>

History: [from website] Concieved in 1952 as the first Reform Jewish temple on the Main Line. In 1954 bought an old Wynnewood mansion at 410 Montgomery Ave from Temple Adath Israel and converted it into a Shul. On September 11, 1960 the current new facility was consecrated.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Mekor Habracha/Center City Synagogue (O) (Formerly: Etz Chiam)
Years of Operation 1989 - Active

Address: 262 South 16th Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19102

Phone #: (215) 546-8672 or (917) 887-4067

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Eliezer Hirsch

Web: <http://www.etzchaimcenter.org>

Email: <mailto:Rabbihirsch@aol.com>

History: Reportedly now merged with The Etz Center at it's center city location.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El (USCJ)
Years of Operation 1955 - Active

Address: 133 W. Cheltenham Avenue
 Cheltenham, PA 19012

Phone #: (215) 635-1505

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Howard A. Addison
 President: Jacob A. Goldberg

Email: <mailto:office@mbiee@org>

Web: <http://www.mbiee.org>

History: [from PJAC files] The result of a 1985 merger of Melrose Bnai Israel and Emanu-El.

8/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Mesilot Yesharim (S)
Years of Operation XXXX - Active

Address: 8201 Castor Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA

Phone #: (215) 742-5728

History: A Sephardic minyan that meets at B'nai Israel-Ohev Zedek

8/15/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Mikva Israel (S)
Years of Operation 1745 - active

Address: 44 N. 4th Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone #: (215) 922-5446

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Albert E. Gabbai
 President: Leon L. Levy
 Ex. Director: Ida Pomerantz
 Admin: Gail M. Lindo

Web: <http://www.mikvehisrael.org>

Email: <mailto:ida@mikvaisrael.org>

History: [from website] Records indicate that there were Jewish traders in the Philadelphia area before William Penn took possession of his colony in 1682. After Penn, the religious tolerance in the area allowed Jews to meet and openly practice their religion. In approximately 1740 Nathan Levy applied to Thomas Penn for a burial plot for his child. This became a Jewish communal cemetery, the first evidence of Jewish communal life in Philadelphia. Mikveh Israel dates itself from this cemetery. Services were held in private homes until renting space at Sterling Street (now Oriana Street) then on Cherry Street (bounded by 3rd & 4th and Arch & Race). Members of Mikveh Israel actively supported colonial efforts in pressuring England for fair treatment. During the Revolutionary War, Jews from throughout the Colonies fled to Philadelphia. Among them in 1780 was Rev. Gershom Mendes Seixes from New York who established the Spanish-Portuguese tradition still practiced. In 1782 a lot was purchased on Cherry Street and a 2-story brick Shul was built. Later hazen quarters, a school and a mikvah were added. In 1783 the first Jewish charitable organization was established at Mikveh Israel. In 1783 representatives from the Shul protested the use of a religious test oath. While the protest was not accepted, it influenced the US Constitution which does not provide for a religious oath to hold office. In 1825 the Shul outgrew its space and a larger shul was built on the same site. In 1860 this building too was outgrown and a new Shul was built at 7th Street north of Arch (the designer later went on to design Philadelphia's famed City Hall). In 1897 a \$130,000 trust created by Hyman Gratz established a college for Jews. Gratz College became the first Hebrew teacher's college in America. In 1909 changing demographics and growth led to the construction of a 4th building at Broad & York Streets, flanked by Gratz and Dropsie Colleges. In 1956 the Spruce Street Cemetery was declared a national shrine. And on July 4, 1976, the congregation moved to Independence Mall, near its original site and part of the National Museum of American Jewish history. **Go to the Mikveh Israel website for additional information.**

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Mishkan Shalom (JRF)
Years of Operation 1988 - active

Address: 4101 Freeland Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19128

Phone #: (215) 508-0226 or 0263

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Linda Holtzman and Yael Levy
President: Robin Heller

Email: <mailto:president@mishkin.org>

Web: <http://www.mishkan.org>

History: [from website] Families who left Congregation Beth Israel in Media were joined by additional members from Mt. Airy and set up services in a onetime public school in Havertown that also housed a Quaker School. Services were generally held at the Stratford Friends library. Quickly became an activist congregation and attempted to move into Roxborough but were blocked by a zoning dispute. They moved to Chestnut Hill in shared space until they purchased a 150 year old textile mill in Roxborough and began conversion to a shul. While still renovating, in 2003 they moved in. Renovation have continued into 2006.

8/15/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Ner Zedek-Ezra Israel-Beth Uziel (USCJ)
Years of Operation 1961 - active

Address: 7520 Bustleton Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19152

Phone #: (215) 728-1155

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Reuben Israel Abraham
President: Stephen Sacks

Email: <mailto:nerzedek@netzero.net>

History: Formed when Temple Beth Kodish and Boulevard Park Congregations combined and formed Ner Zedek. In the late 1960's Ezra Israel from 69th and Ogantz Avenues merged and together the new congregation built a shul in 1969. Then in 1994, Beth Uziel joined.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Ohev Shalom (USCJ)
Years of Operation 1891/1920 - Active

Address: 2 Chester Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

Phone #: (610) 874-1465

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Mark Robbins
President: Doris Elofer
Ex. Director: Michael Muderick

Email: <mailto:exec@ohen.net>

Web: <http://www.ohav.net/>

History: Ohev Shalom was the 3rd Synagogue in Chester Pa, chartered on March 29, 1920. It was a mostly Yiddish speaking Shul at 3rd and Lloyd Streets. In 1925 with funds raised by members and the WMHA, a site was purchased at 8th and Welsh Streets. On September 8, 1927 a new Shul and community center was dedicated. At this time the congregation officially became Conservative when they joined the United Synagogues of America. In 1957, 3.5 acres were purchased at Providence and Chester Roads in then Nether Providence. On May 30, 1961 the ground was dedicated, in January 1965 the Shul moved in and on March 13, 1965 the building was dedicated.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Ohev Shalom of Bucks County (USCJ)
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 944 Second Street Pike
Richboro, PA 18954
Phone #: (215) 322-9595
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Elliott N. Perlstein
President: Arlene Rosenbaum
Ex. Director: Ned Kripke
Email: <mailto:claptoncream@comcast.net>
Web: <http://www.ohev.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Old York Road Temple Beth Am (FRS)**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 917 Old York Road
Abington, PA 19001
Phone #: (215) 886-8000
Key Personnel: Senior Rabbi: Robert S. Leib
Assistant Rabbi: Lawrence R. Sernovitz
Rabbi Emeritus: Harold B. Waintrup
President: Ronald Feldman
Ex. Director: Karen Kantor
Email: <mailto:kkantor@oyrbetham.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Or Ami (FRS)**
Years of Operation 1948 - active

Address: Ivy Ridge Jewish Community Center
708 Ivy Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hills, PA 19444
Mail: PO Box 156
Lafayette Hills, PA 19444
Phone #: (610) 828-9066
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Kenneth I. Carr
Rabbi Emeritus: Seymour Prystowsky
President: Helen Rosen
Adimn: Melissa Lowdermilk
Email: <mailto:missylowdermilk@or-ami.org>
Web: <http://www.or-ami.org/>

History: In 1947 the "Jewish Community Group of Roxborough" formed. By the following year they held High Holiday services in an empty house donated by a member. In 1949 the vacant Epiphany Lutheran Church of Roxborough was purchased and renamed the Ivy Ridge Jewish Community Center. The congregation also voted to join the Reform Movement. Land in the suburbs was purchased and on May 20, 1960 a new Shul was dedicated and in 1965, named Congregation Or Ami.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Or Hadash: A Reconstructionist Congregation (JRF)**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 190 Camp hill Road
Fort Washington, PA 19034
Phone #: (215) 283-0276
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Joshua Waxman
President: Rick Dzubow
Adimn: Laurie Albert
Email: <mailto:office@orhadash.com>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Or Shalom (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1974 - Active

Address: 835 Darby Paoli Road (Route 252)
Berwyn, PA 19312
Phone #: (610) 644-9086
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Alan Iser
President: Jeff kosterich
Email: <mailto:president@orshalom.org>
Web: <http://www.orshalom.com/>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **P'nai Or Religious Fellowship of Philadelphia (Jewish Renewal)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 6757 Green Street
Philadelphia, PA 19119
Mail: 6445 Greene Street, #A401
Philadelphia, PA 19119
Phone #: (215) 849-9220 (Rabbi's home office)

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Marcia Prager
 Rabbi Emeritus: Zalman Schachter-Shalomi
 President: Elise Joseph

Email: <mailto:PnaiOrRabbi@aol.com>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Raim Ahuvim (O)
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 5854 Drexel Road
 Philadelphia, PA 19131

Phone #: (215) 878-8477

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Harvey Gornish
 Associate Rabbi: Israel M. Axelrod
 President: George Gornish

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Resource: (Congregation) Rodelph Shalom (FRS)
Years of Operation 1802 - active

Address: 615 North Broad Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19123

Phone #: (215) 627-6747

Key Personnel: Senior Rabbi: William Kuhn
 Rabbi: Jill Maderer
 Assistant Rabbi: Michael G. Holzman
 Rabbi Emeritus: Alan D. Fuchs
 President: Thomas N. Perloff
 Ex. Director: Roy Feinberg

Web: <http://www.rodelphshalom.org>

Email: <mailto:rfeinberg@rodephshalom.org>

Jewish Interest: Houses the Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art <http://www.rodelphshalom.org/museum>

History: A landmark within a 10-minute walk from the Sheraton; they conduct Synagogua tours. There are at least 2 books detailing this Shul's history: Edward Davis: The History of Rodeph Shalom Congregation Philadelphia, 1802-1926 (as part of the Shul's 125 year anniversary) and Anndee Hochman: Rodeph Shalom: Two Centuries of Seeking paece: Commemorating the Two Hundreth Anaversary (published in 1995).

[from website] Founded in 1795 as the first Ashkenazic Synagogue in the Western Hemisphere by Orthodox Jews from Germany, holland and Poland. In 1873 became a charter member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and affiliated with Reform Judiasm. First met in various Olde City locations until 1866 when they deadiated a Moorish-style Shul at Broad and Mt. Vernon designed by Frank Furness. Construction of a subway line caused the demolition of this Shul and in 1928 the congregation moved to its current site. This Shul was inspired by the great synagogue in Florence, Italy and includes the Furness designed sconces and furniture. It is one of the few that retains a Byzantine-Moorish style. In the 1950's the Shul established a presence in Elkins Park. Currently completing a restoration. In October, 2006, Beth Ahavah moved to join the Shul and began integrating into the Congregation.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Shaare Shamayim (T)
Years of Operation 1907 – Active

Address: 9768 Verree Road
 Philadelphia, PA 19115

Phone #: (215) 667-1600

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Morton F. Yolkut
 Rabbi Emeritus: Arnold H. Feldman
 President: Tobi D. Levin
 Ex. Director: Jacques Laurie

History: The product of a merger of with Beth Judah, Rodeph Zedek, and Beth Chaim. Shaare Shamayim was founded in 1907 at 23rd and Wharton Streets in South Philadelphia, and chartered in 1909. In 1961 the congragation moved to present location.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Shir Ami-Bucks County Jewish Congregation (FRS)
Years of Operation 1976 - Active

Address: 101 Richboro Road
 Newtown, PA 18940

Phone #: (215) 968-3400

Key Personnel: Senior Rabbi: Elliot Strom
 Associate Rabbi: Yair Robinson
 President: Alan Sheinberg
 Ex. Director: Hilary Leboff

Email: <mailto:hleboff@shiramipa.org>

Web: <http://www.shiraminow.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Shir Shalom (Society for Humanistic Judaism)
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: c/o Larry Angert
116 Yew Road
Cheltenham, PA 19012
Phone #: (866) 542-0946
Email: <mailto:onfo@shirshalom-phila.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: (Congregation) Shivtei Yeshuron-Heysiner-Ezras Israel (O)
Years of Operation 18?? – Active

Address: 2015 S. 4th Streett (@ Emily St)
Philadelphia, PA

History: Article Taken from South Philly Review (August 12, 2008)
Preserving the past by Lorraine Gennar

The area's only Orthodox Jewish synagogue has been ordered by the Department of Licenses and Inspections to make repairs.

Looking at the three-story, red-brick edifice with barred windows and a padlocked gate, nobody would know it is a house of worship. Appearances aside, the structure is devoid of any religious markings. Yet at 2015 S. Fourth St. stands the area's oldest and only remaining Orthodox Jewish synagogue. Founded in 1876, Congregation Shivtei Yeshuron-Heysiner-Ezras Israel on Fourth at Emily Street is struggling to make it another year while in need of at least \$30,000 in repairs — this after the congregation spent \$10,000 last year to knock down a deteriorating back wall. In 1917, the congregation purchased the building after operating out of another rowhome.

June 19, the Department of Licenses and Inspections issued a second violation stating the rear wall is bulging, cracked, deteriorated with fractures and has missing or loose bricks, L&I Deputy Commissioner Eileen Evans told the Review. The first notice L&I issued the synagogue was Sept. 5, 2007, for the same violations, Evans said, adding both were the result of complaints.

"The majority of our inspections come from complaints," she said.

Despite its appearance, Evans said the structure is not in danger of collapsing, but it is unsafe.

Congregation President Rich Sisman of Elkins Park, who grew up on the same block as the Jewish temple and worshipped there with his family, has been working hard to save what its members call "Little Shul," an ode to the synagogue's size of being long and wide. Sisman, 50, moved out of the neighborhood in '73, but when he discovered the institution was still alive and well a few years ago, he started to attend services with his nephews, and then found himself head of the 20-strong congregation. Most members are from the area, but a handful come from neighboring suburbs, choosing to carry on a family tradition.

"Everything is under way, we just need money to finish the project," he said of the L&I issuance.

After the first notice, Sisman turned to his congregants, who generously opened their checkbooks and gave \$10,000 to pay a contractor to tear down the rear wall in late '07.

Attached to the back of the synagogue, which faces Moyamensing Avenue, is a two-story rowhome that was the caretaker's quarters many years ago. As is oftentimes the case in construction, the contractor discovered while tearing down the wall that the damage was far more extensive and the living quarters had to go, too.

The top floor of the synagogue was removed earlier this year, but work has ceased on the ground level because funds have run dry, Sisman said. In addition to taking out the first floor, the back of the synagogue that faces the house needs to be sealed up to the tune of \$30,000.

"I was lucky to raise that amount," he said of the \$10,000, alluding to the sizeable figure and ruling out the possibility of tapping members for more money.

Last week, per L&I instruction to secure the back of the property, Sisman had a chain-link fence installed.

"We have had some conversations with [the synagogue] and they are trying to bring it up to code," Evans told the Review Friday.

Sisman, with the help of a friend who is in the fundraising field, is turning to foundations and organizations that help Jewish causes. He also is checking into historic certification for the structure.

"I'm hoping to be open again for the High Holidays. That's my goal at this point," Sisman said of Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 29 and Yom Kippur on Oct. 8.

The temple halted Saturday services in November after last year's High Holy Days because Sisman didn't think it safe with the repair work starting. Congregants have stayed home or worshipped elsewhere in the meantime.

After Rabbi Yadidya Dogovitz died in '04 at age 97, congregants took turns leading the service in Hebrew, which is still the case. Former lay leader and present member Dave Kalniz, from Seventh and Porter streets, started attending when his dad died about 20 years ago, about the same time the synagogue he and his family went to, Congregation Shari Eli at Eighth and Porter streets, closed. Kalniz is heartbroken Little Shul is shuttered, but remains hopeful it will reopen.

"I think it's an institution down [in Pennsport]. I think the building should be certified historic. A lot of Jewish roots came from that synagogue. At one time, that area was predominantly Jewish. Over the years many generations have walked through that door. To close the synagogue or to knock it down is like destroying a person. It's a very, very sad and a deplorable situation," Kalniz said.

Oddly enough, while the house of worship is designated Orthodox and the service is such, no congregants are, Sisman said, albeit many like Kalniz grew up Orthodox.

"Ironically, it's an Orthodox synagogue and we maintain it that way honoring tradition, but nobody who comes is Orthodox," Sisman said.

Dominick and Frances Anastasi, who live a few doors away, consider the synagogue a neighborhood fixture. Dominick's sister is married to a man whose family has strong local ties and not only worshipped at Little Shul, but about 30 years ago the man's brother-in-law's kin owned a Jewish bakery on the corner of McKean and Fourth streets that is now an apartment building. Like Kalniz, the couple said they'd hate to see one of the last local vestiges of Judaism relegated to the pages of history.

"It's definitely salvageable, a little touch up here and there," Dominick said. "There is no way I would condemn it. I'm sure at one time it was really beautiful in there."

Licenses and Inspections returns in December for another walk-through following the standard six months from the June 19 notice. If the congregation fails to fix the damages, the next step is L&I taking them to equity court, which will issue an edict to make repairs. If things remain unchanged, the court could order L&I to make the repairs and they in turn would bill the synagogue. The violations are in the "unsafe" category, which means they are fixable and the structure is not in danger of demolition, Evans said.

Kalniz said he's hoping somebody will read about Little Shul's plight and want to help.

"It's a relic. There has to be somebody out there that can take the time and help," he said

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Society Hill Synagogue (Independent Conservative)
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 418-426 Spruce St
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Avi Winokur
Ex. Director: Batty van de Rijn

Email: <mailto:bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org>

Jewish Interest: Before it was called the Society Hill synagogue, it was the Roumanian-American Synagogue from 1916 to 1967. The original charter, with names and addresses, hangs in the synagogue.

Research Advice:

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Suburban Jewish Community Center-B'nai Aaron (USCJ)
Years of Operation 1926/1951 - Active

Address: 560 Mill Road
Havertown, PA 19083

Phone #: (610) 446-1967

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Lisa Malik
President: Stephen Asbel

Email: <mailto:shul@sjccba.org>

Web: <http://www.sjccba.org/>

History: The merger of Suburban Jewish Community Center, Bnai Aaron and Yeadon Jewish Community Center. Surban was founded in 1951. Bnai Aaron started as a row house shul in in 1926 at 1713 Georges Lane in Wynnefield. It soon moved the short distance to 53rd and Euclid Sts. and merged with Suburban in 1969. In 1991 Yeadon Community Center joined the merger.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Temple Judea of Bucks County (FRS)
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 300 Swamp Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

Phone #: (215) 348-5022

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Gary Pokras
President: Leesa Shulman
Ex. Director: Gail Becker

Email: <mailto:judea@templejudea.org>

Web: <http://www.templejudea.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Temple Menorah Keneseth Chai (C)
Years of Operation 1924 - Active

Address: 4301 Tyson Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19135

Phone #: (215) 624-9600

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Steven Pik-Nathan
President: Majorie Simon

Email: <mailto:nonnysimon@qwest.net>

History: This synagogue was originally called the Northeast Jewish Community Center and was founded by Miriam Rubin in 1924. It met in people's homes in the Mayfair and Tacony sections of Philadelphia. During the depression it fell on hard times until 1937 when a young lawyer, Jacob Boonin started holding Friday evening services in two storefronts on the corner of Cottage and Tyson Streets. Rabbi Barnet was the Rabbi and after he was drafted, Rabbi Abraham H. Israelitan came and remained for many years. In 1952 the current building was constructed next to the old Shul and was renamed Temple Menorah. During the 40's to the 60's this was a very active Shul, and houses many Yahzeit Plaques. In the 1980's Keneseth Chai from 8400 Pine Road in the Fox Chase Section merged with Temple Menorah.

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Temple Shalom (FRS)
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 2901 Edgely Road
Levittown, PA 19057

Phone #: (215) 945-4154

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Glenn M. Jacob
President: Nathan Snyder

Email: <mailto:nathansnyd@prodigy.net>

Web: <http://www.temple-shalom.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Temple Shalom in Broomall (FRS)
Years of Operation 1956 - Active

Address: 55 North Church Lane
Broomall, PA 19008

Phone #: (610) 356-5165
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Peter E. Hyman
 Rabbi Emeritus: Meyer W. Selekman
 President: Barbara Mark
 Ex. Director: Ned Kripke
Email: <mailto:admin@temple-sholom.org>
Web: <http://www.temple-sholom.org/>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Temple Sinai (USCJ)**
Years of Operation 1940 - active

Address: Limekiln Pike & Dillon Road
 Dresher, PA 19025
Phone #: (215) 643-6510
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Adam M. Wohlberg
 President: Barbara Rosenau
 Ex. Director: Steven Friedrich
Email: <mailto:fporitsky@sinai.com>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Tiferes B'nai Israel (JRF)**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 2478 Street Road
 Warrington, PA 18976
Phone #: (215) 343-0155
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Jon Cutler
 President: Jerry Fox
Email: <mailto:thescrollsayer@comcast.net>
Web: <http://www.tbiwarrington.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Tiferet Bet Israel (USCJ)**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 1920 Skippack Pike
 Blue Bell, PA 19422
Phone #: (610) 275-8797
Key Personnel: Rabbi: David M. Ackerman
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Resource: **(Congregation) Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County (USCJ)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 2909 Bristol Road
 Bensalem, PA 19020-2194
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Resource: **Tzedek v'Shalom (JRF)**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: PO Box 863
 Newtown, PA 18940
Phone #: (215) 860-0119
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Sigal Brier
 President: Ralph Posmontier and Rob Weintraub
Web: <http://www.tzedekvshalom.org>

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Resource: **Vilna Shul (O)**
Years of Operation 1904 - Active

Address: 509 Pine Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone #: (215) 592-9433 or (215) 574-9280
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Menachem Schmidt
Jewish Interest: A small row-house synagogue with many yearzeit plaques. A great place to research. Founded by a Shapiro family who were in the hardware business in the area in the 1920s.

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Resource: **Young Israel of Elkins Park (O)**
Years of Operation 1980 - Active

Address: 7715 Montgomery Avenue
Elkins Park, PA 19117
Phone #: (215) 722-0239
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Dov A. Brisman
President: Jay Klein
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Web: <http://www.yiep.org/>

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Resource: **Young Israel Synagogue of Oxford Circle (O)**
Years of Operation 1954 - active

Address: 6427 Large Street
Philadelphia, PA 19149
Phone #: (215) 743-2848
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Julius Meles

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Resource: **Young Israel of the Main Line (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - active

Address: 273 Montgomery Avenue
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
Mail: PO Box 117
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
Phone #: (610) 667-3255
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Avraham Steinberg
President: Stan Sved
Email: <mailto:president@yiml.org>
Web: <http://www2.yiml.org:8080/>

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Resource: **Y.P.C. Shari Eli (C)**
Years of Operation 1946 - active

Address: 728 West Moyamensing Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 18976
Phone #: (215) 339-9897
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Israel Wolmark
President: Molly Kleinman
Ex. Director: Murry Costin

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Name Naming conventions: Chevra Kadisha = Burial Society Chevra Tehillim = Sickness Society Germilas Chesed = free loan society	Street Address	Date Founded [Charter Info]	Date Closed	History [Geo/Ethnic Origins]	Rabbis	Yahrzeit Board Location
A.M. Burd's Shul	Westview & Wissahickon Ave Mount Airy			Services held in private chapel of Burd's home. Burd was also affiliated with Ohel Jacob		
Abraham Potash Stiebl [Reverend]	1031 Wyoming Logan	1955		Trade shul of <i>shochtim</i> (ritual slaughterers) under Rabbi Ephraim Yolles. Relocated from Strawberry Mansion.	Ephraim Yolles	
Achdat Bnai Israel	540 W. Erie Ave. North Phl					
Adas Israel	North Phl		Merged with Beth Ami, 1875			
Adas Moses Montefiore	2911 N.9th St. North Phl	1907 [1916]	Sold 1971	Served businessmen of 5th & Lehigh. Began at 5th & Cambria. 2 storey red brick. Built 1875. Synagogue dedicated in 1916. Rebuilt 1953. Subsequently, Providence Baptist Church. [Austrian & Russian]	David B. Swiren, Leon Hurowitz, Isaac Sofronski, Fyne ('40's), Maurice Novoseller (early '50's),	
Adat Beyt Mosheh. Also, [The] Colored Hebrew Community	1700 W. Girard Ave. North Phl	1951		[African American]		
Adath Emanu-el						
Adath Haemrth Israel [?]	Germantown			[African American]		
Adath Israel	832 N. Marshall Northern Liberties	1873				
Adath Israel Nusach Sfarad	224 Christian St. South Phl	1902 [1903 (Book #29 p.163)]		Previous location at 843 S.3rd.		
Adath Israel of the Main Line	250 North Highland Ave (at Old Lancaster Road) Main line	1946	Active	Founded in 1946 by 20 members in a house in Havertown. In 1953 purchased current site and broke ground. In 1959 a new Sanctuary was dedicated.	Steven Wernick Robert Rubin	

Adath Jeshurun	7763 Old York Rd Elkins Park 2109 N Broad St (at Diamond St) North Ph 17th St & Columbia Ave Marshall St Juliana St North Phi New Market & Noble Sts Northern Liberties 3rd & Brown Sts Northern Liberties	1853	Active	Founded by Wolf Ettinger and Moses Blumenthal with services held at Horner's Hall, 3rd & Brown. Shortly thereafter purchased land in Frankford to use as burial grounds. In 1865 acquired synagogue building at Newmarket & Noble Sts. from Keneseth Israel . Ten years later moved to the Juliana St. Synagogue & merged with <i>Adas Israel</i> . Built a synagogue in 1885 at 7th & Columbia. Purchased and dedicated larger building at Broad & Diamond in 1912; enlarged and rededicated in 1926. Present Synagogue in Elkins Park was dedicated in 1964. At first, especially in the early 1880's, Adath Jeshurun had Reform orientation, by the end of the century, under the rabbinate of Max Klein, became Conservative. [Central European & German-speaking]	S. Breidenbach, first rabbi; Elias Eppstein (1870's-1880's Reform activist); Max Klein(1910-'60's Conservative activist) Semour Rosenbloom	
Adath Jeshurun Havurah	7763 Old York Rd Elkins Park					
Adath Jeshurun Talmud Torah Congregation. Also, Ezras Israel; [The] Carpenter's Shul	2113 S. 6th St (at Cantrell St) South Phi	1918	1962	Trade shul of master carpenters known locally as <i>The Carpenters' Shul</i> Combined with <i>Shivtei Yeshurun</i> (of 2014 S. 4th) in 1962; became <i>Ezras Israel</i> . 3 storey row home containing the synagogue and a Talmud Torah. Central Bimah. Ladies' Balcony on 2nd floor. Use of embossed brick with donor names on building exterior. Subsequent use by an African-American church.		
Adath Shalom	8022 Rugby St Mount Airy	1956		Traditionalists who broke away from the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center. Services led by Leo Landsman at his home.		
Adath Shalom. See, Young People's Shaare Israel; Young People of Beth Samuel; Young People's Bnai Moishe	607 Ritner St (at Marshall) South Phi	1950's		Formed in '50's from combination of Young People's Shaare Israel, Young People of Beth Samuel, Young People of Bnai Moishe		
Adath Tikvah - Montefiore	1630 Hoffnagle St Northeast Phi					
Adath Tikvah of Whitaker Ave	7838 Whitaker Ave Oxford Circle	1961 [1972]		A <i>stiebl shul</i> held at home of Rabbi Freifelder. Disbanded when Freifelder died in 1972.	Freifelder	

Adath Zion Synagogue. See, Frankford Hebrew Congregation	7101 Pennway St (at Friendship St) Oxford Circle 4334 Paul St Frankford	1894	Active	Reportedly founded in 1894 with first written records from 1924. Moved from Frankford (home of Rabbi Kramer at 4334 Paul St). Moved to current location in 1955.	Marvin Goldman; Meyer Kramer; Steve Sacks	
Agudas Achim Machzikei Har Rov. [Congregation] See, [Congregation] Machziknei Harov						
Agudas Achim Roumanian Congregation. Also see, Or Chudosh; Oir Chodash-Agudas Achim; Or Chudosh-Agudas Achim -- Roumanian American Congregation	512 S. 3rd St South Phi	1886[1889 (Book #14, p.215); 1914 (Book #50, p. 179)]		Origins as a beneficial society (<i>Greater Roumanian brotherhood</i>) with daily minyan. Hall rented for High Holidays until congregation acquired new building. Formed from the combination of 2 Roumanian congs, Or Chudosh & Agudas Achim, in 1892.		
Agudas Israel	2401 N. 59th St Wynnefield	1939		One of several <i>stieblech</i> (house shuls) in Wynnefield in the 1930's. Others included 5601 Lebanon Ave (home of the kosher butcher, Charles Zatz), and 58th & Malvern, which was used for High Holidays.		
Agudath Achim	5944 Catherine St West Phi	1922 [1922]	Disbanded 1958	Services held in private homes until building purchased in 1923. Founded by Richard Eskowitz and Pransky with Orthodox mission. First rabbi engaged in 1927. 2 storey buff stone corner row house. Interior remodelled as synagogue in 1922/23. Ladies' Balcony. Social Hall in basement. Old records, some in Yiddish, are held by Max Hodes (5804 Hazel St.) Subsequently, Mount Calvary Holy Church.	Rabbi Isaac Forman	
Agudath Israel	4735 Old York Rd Logan	1920	1940's			
Ahavas Achim [Chevra]. See, Ahavas Achim Podolier Verein Anshe Sfar						
Ahavas Achim Anshe Niezhin Nusach HaAri. See, Neziner Congregation						
Ahavas Achim Anshe Vitebsk	1929 S. 6th St. (At Mercy St) South Phi	[1918 (Book #37, p.465)]	Early 1960's	Started as a Landsleit shul. Synagogue building purchased by member, Max Goldberg, in 1921. Abandoned building, no longer standing.[Vitebsk]		

Ahavas Achim Podolier Verein Anshe Sfard. Also, [Chevra] Ahavas Achim	320 Catherine St. South Phl	1891 [1891 (Book #18, p. 605)]		<i>Started as a Landsleit shul. Verein</i> founded for devotional purposes. \$3/week membership required of all male members (up to age 40). Possibly the Podolier Association listed by 1901 at 610 S. 3rd (founded 1892).		
Ahavas Achim Talmud Torah Congregation. Also, Island Road Synagogue	3012 S. 80th St (at Harley) Southwest Phl	1910	Sold in 1960's.	One of 4 congs established in SW Phl's farming communities - known as, "The Meadows." Many of the families had ties to the Jersey agricultural colonies. Combined with local Talmud Torah, circa 1914.		
Ahavas Chesed Anshe Shavel [Chevra] Also, Ahavas Chesed; Anshe Jaffe	322 Bainbridge St South Phl	1887 [1890]	Early 1940's	Started as a Landsleit shul. Also known as Anshe Jaffe after the Jaffe family, major contributors to the synagogue and its societies. Catered mainly to the local businessmen who worked on Saturdays. Before 1897 services were held above a store on the NE corner 7th and Bainbridge. Was remodelled from a 3 storey red brick home to Byzantine style in 1897, 1904 and 1914 after a fire. Some old records are held by Morris Sheidan 743 Morris St. [Shavel, Poland]	A. Hersh Hershler (1897-1912)	
Ahavas Chesed. See, [Chevra] Ahavas Chesed Anshe Shavel.						
Ahavas Israel	29 W. Rittenhouse St Germantown	1909[Book #39, p. 304]	1950's	Most of congregation were shopkeepers on Cheltenham and Germantown Aves. By WWII seating was mixed, and much of service was in English. Children of founding members tended to prefer the Germantown Jewish Center. Combined with Bnai Jeshurun in the '50's. Subsequently used by the Zion Baptist Educational Center.	Gerson Brenner ('20's- '40's); Isadore Shoulson (in Wartime); Leon Feldman '30's/'40's	
Ahavas Israel	322 Bainbridge St South Phl	1920's				

Ahavas Israel Anshe Kensington. Also, Ahavath Israel of Kensington	2302-4 N. Mascher St Kensington	1900 [1903]		<i>Chevra</i> comprised of Shul and Cheder. Services held above a crockery store, a pool room, and across from a box factory (1900-03) at Adams St. and Kensington Ave. From 1903-5 moved to Front St. and Susquehanna Ave. and in 1905 to Boston Ave. where a home was remodelled as synagogue. Further remodelling done in 1914. Records are held by Joseph Silverstein (2202 Frankford Ave) and Mildred Seidman (1604 N 2nd St)	Margolin (1905-06)	
Ahavas Israel Anshe Sfarad [Chevra] See, Ahavas Israel						
Ahavas Israel of Trenton	Trenton	[1920's]				
Ahavas Israel. Also, [Chevra] Ahavas Israel Anshe Sfarad	3900/1 Brown St West Phi	1920	Sold 1951	Services held in private homes until purchase of synagogue building. Grey brick row home. Received new façade, 1927.	E Natinsky (1922-31)	
Ahavas Torah	1425 Rhawn St Northeast Phi 7525 Loretta St Northeast Phi	1975		Began as a <i>Chevra Mishnais</i> . Purchased home at 7525 Loretta Ave for use as synagogue in 1979. Moved to Rhawn St.	Mordechai Terebelo	
Ahavas Torah Congregation	1937 Franklin St North Phi	1937		White stone building remodelled as synagogue, 1937. Records are held by Gedalia Zucker (1437 N. Franklin St) and Lottie Edelman (1410 N Seventh St).	Yerachmiel Gedalia Zucker (1937-) Associated with the Novominsker Rebbe in the 1990's	
Ahavath Israel of Kensington. See, Ahavas Israel Anshe Kensington	Kensington					
Ahavath Zion	815 S. 4th St South Phi	Before 1901		Began as a beneficial association to distribute money to the Jewish poor of Palestine (through the Austrian Society of Jerusalem). Its founder president, A. Unterberger was previously active in the Hungarian Shul at 5th and Gaskill, but left to found own cong of Austrian Jews.		
Ahdus Bnai Israel. See, Bnai Israel @ E. Erie						
Aitz Chaim	1420 Walnut Sts West Phi	1933	Active	Served the businesses along 48th & Spruce. Became a Jewish center in 1965 for kashrut, religious psychiatry, ritual and advice. Now operates a 2nd center 7908 High School Road in Elkins Park.	Abraham Novitsky	

Aitz Chaim	7th & Dickinson Sts South Phl	1930		Served businessmen on 1500 block of S. 7th St.		
Aitz Chaim of Oxford Circle		1960		Moved from Strawberry Mansion in the late 50's	Baruch Leizeroski	
Aitz Chaim Synagogue Center	7600 Summerdale Ave Northeast Phl	1964 [1964]		Founded by Rabbi Novitsky , Harry Foreman & David Marsel.	Abraham Novitsky	
Aitz Chaim VeZichron Jacob	3209 Cumberland St Strawberry Mansion	[1918 (Book #11, p. 408)]	Early 1960's	Members previously belonged to <i>Cong Bnai Menasha</i> ("The White Shul") on N. 31st and <i>Cong Chevra Tehillim</i> on W. Cumberland. Combined with Zichron Jacob Talmud Torah in 1924. Romanesque building erected in 1923; expanded 1932. Records held by Isaac Wiknan (2509 N 32nd St), Nathan Hankin (2536 N 30th St), Hannah Goldstein (1500 Firth St), and Israel Weiss (2533 N Hollywood St). Subsequently, Faith Temple.	Yeckel Brusalinsky (1923-) Yehilah Sofronsky (1930's-?) Eliezer Poupko (late '30's-)	
Aitz Chaim. Also, Heiner Fiscal "chicken foot" shul; Kaiserman Shul	4166 Viola St West Phl	1920	Late 1950's	Functioned without a rabbi. Had an active Ladies' Auxiliary. In 50's moved to Wynnefield & N.E. After WWII supported by Kevy Kaiserman and Fredric Mann. Remodeled tan brick house; bimah in center.	Louis Joseph (1945-1954)	
Anshe Birz. See, [Chevra] Poale Zedek-Anshe Birz	6th and South Sts South Phl	1889		Started as a Landsleit shul. First met in Silverman's department store on the corner of 6th & South. Combined with Poale Zedek in 1890 to form, Poale Zedek-Anshe Birz and met at 322 Bainbridge St.		
Anshe Emeth		[1890's]		Combined with Bnai Halberstam in 1893.		
Anshe Emeth. Also, Aitz Chaim	1537 S. 7th St South Phl	1927	1940's.	Cong of manual workers and small shopkeepers in 7th & Tasker area. Broke away from <i>Anshe Zitomer</i> . Adopted new name, <i>Aitz Chaim</i> , in 1930.		
Anshe Emeth. See, Bnai Halberstam	New Market St above Poplar St Northern Liberties	1872	Disbanded 1893	First held services in a disused church at New Market above Poplar. Dedicated in 1872.	Isaac Stemple; Flaum; Nathan Ruzanowsky; Bauer; Solomon Rappaport; Leo Reich; William Mitter; Elias Eppstein; Nehemiah Mosessohn; A Garfand.	

Anshe Hisan. Also, Chevra Heisner; Heisinger Congregation; Hesiner Independent Young Men's Society	1729 S.6th St South Phi	1915 [1920]	Mid 1950's. Building then used as a <i>Folk Shule</i> .	Started as a Landsleit shul. First rented space at 1717 S. 8th in 1915 and at 5th & Greenwich in 1916. The cong split in 1916, younger group remained on S. 8th as <i>The Hesiner Independent Young Men's Society</i> and the older congregants continued at 5th & Greenwich and later moved to 7th & Morris. In 1920 purchased a single storey red brick building on S.6th St as a shul. The Heisner Rebbe was related to the Monastreichner Rebbe. Sexton quarters created in 1929. Records held by Joseph Goodman (2717 W Girard Ave) and Rose Grossman (1418 S 5th St). [Hesin]	Morris Ravinsky (The Heisner Rebbe) (1920's--)	
Anshe Jaffe. See, [Chevra] Ahavas Chesed Anshe Shavel						
Anshe Kuppel Vohliner. Also, Chevra Vohliner Anshe Kuppel	928 S. 6th St South Phi	[1927 (Book #99, p. 252)]		Started as a Landsleit shul. A Chasidic congregation. Members were all newly arrived immigrants in 20's. Moved to Strawberry Mansion in 30's. See, <i>Chevra Vohliner Anshe Kuppel</i> . [Vohlyn Gubernia]		
Anshe Lubowitz nusach Ari [Chevra] Also, Chevra Mishnais Anshe Lubavitch	951 N. Franklin St Marshall St	1911[1911 (Book #44, p. 283)]	Early 1940's	Started as a Landsleit shul. Rented rooms at 831 N.8th until 1926 purchase of a 3 storey red brick building remodelled as shul. Records held by Morris Levenson (1419 N 6th St).[Lubavitch, NE of Mohilev/ SE of Vitebsk]	Abraham Isaac Afshowitz (1912- 20); Berrel Shapiro, (1920--)	
Anshe Ostropolier	916 N. Franklin St Marshall St	1935		Started as a Landsleit shul.		
Anshe Sholem	1924-6 Germantown Ave North Phi	1910 [1910]	1971/2	Served Germantown & Berks business district. Operated Talmud Torah at Schuyler Hall, 6th & Diamond. Followed Ashkenaz rites. 2 storey red brick built in 1915. Services first held at 2044 Germantown Ave. Records held by Irving Carroll (1923 N 8th St) and Mrs. Glouser (2103 N Franklin St).	Boris Berkowitz, founder and rabbi from 1910 until end of congregation	
Anshe Shulamit	4th & Poplar Sts Marshall St	1920				
Anshe Sodo Lovon. See, Chevra Mishnayos Kehilas Kodesh Anshe Sodo Lovon						

Anshe Sude Luvn Biela Ziercow. See, Chevra Mishnayos Kehilas Kodesh Anshe Sodo Lovon						
Anshe Vilno [Beis HaKnesses] See, Vilna Congregation						
Anshe Wohliner	322 Bainbridge St South Phi	1919		Started as a Landsleit shul.		
Anshe Zhitomir nusach Sfar. See, Tiferes Israel Anshe Zitomer- Gubernia Wohlin Nusach Sfar.						
Ateres Anshe Brohin V'Choimetsh [Chevra] See Atereth Israel (S.6th & Morris)						
Atereth Israel of Overbrook	1243 N. 60th St West Phi	1922 [1892 (Book #18, p. 378); 1924 (Book #90, p. 92)]	1942	Served businessmen on 60th & Girard		
Atereth Israel. Also, [Chevra] Ateres Anshe Brohin V'Choimetsh	1638 S. 6th St (at Morris) South Phi	1903 [(Book #37, p. 493)]	1977/8.	Rented rooms in Washington Ave & Catherine St. area until cong moved south to a 2 storey red brick building dedicated in 1910. In 60's payed members to attend services. Mixed seating by 40's. [Brohin & Cholmetch, N of Kiev]	Joe Grossman, (1910-40), Kunin (?); Yohlin (late '30's)	
Atereth Israel. (Previously Bnai Aruyh Moshel ?). Also, Jewish Farmers' Shul	3119 S. 84th St (at Harley) Southwest Phi	1895 [1900; 1916]		Originally chartered as <i>Bnai Aruyh Moshel</i> . Chartered under present name in 1916. Services held in member homes until 1910 when a 2 storey brown brick dedicated. Remodelled 1915. No building or other dues required of new members.	Elias Beller (1914--)	
Austrian Galizianer Shul. Also, Ohavas Achim Ostreicher	507 Tasker St South Phi	1907 [1930]		Started as a Landsleit shul. Met at home of Rabbi Grossman (503 Tasker) until 1930. "A true South Philadelphia house shul," possibly Hasidic. Changed name to <i>Ohavas Achim Ostreicher</i> in 1930 and moved to 1523 S.5 St. [Galicia]	Rabbi Joseph Grossman (1907- -)	

Austro-Hungarian Congregation. Also, [Chevra] Re'im Ahuvim	NE corner 59th St & Cedar Ave Southwest Phl	1892[1892]		Started as a Landsleit shul. First Austro-Hungarian cong in South Phl. Served 4th & Bainbridge Sts business district . By 1907 met at 343 Monroe; 10 years later met at 322 Bainbridge. In 1929 purchased a private home at 59th and Cedar and remodelled as Shul. Records held by Alex Zlotnick (5813 Pine St).		
Beit Harambam	9981 Veree Rd Northeast Phl	1978	Active		Amiram Gabay	
Bessarbia Talmud Torah	1627 S. 6th St (nr Mountain) South Phl	N/A [1912 (Book #46, p. 210)]	1934	Started as a Landsleit shul. Free Synagogue & Talmud Torah with community support. Part of Hebrew Free School movement. Set of homes remodelled as Synagogue & Talmud Torah in 1912. Demolished in the 30's. [Bessarabia]		
Bet Mishpachah						
Beth Abraham	3040 N. 22nd St North Phl	1914 [1919]	Incorporated into Beth Ami 1960's.	Founded by Sidney Zion. Met at member's homes: 2935 N. 22nd, 2953 N.23rd & 2923 N.22nd. In 1918 purchased a 3 storey building at 2801 N. 25th. Moved to final location in 1921. Sold & incorporated into Beth Ami in 1960's. Records held by Sam Balter (6529 Limekiln Pike) and Rose Rodack (1939 Chew St).		
Beth Ahavah	615 N Broad St Center City 8 Letitia St Center City	1975	Active	Founded to serve the gay and lesbian Jewish community. First located at 8 Letitia St in Old City, in October 2006 moved to Rodeph Shalom		
Beth Am	Abington					
Beth Am				Founded by children of members at Beth Elohim (Woodland Ave.) Could be same as Beth Am Israel (Warrington).		
Beth Am Israel	1301 Hagys Ford Rd Main Line 58th & Warrington Sts Southwest Phl	1922 [1924]	Active	Founded at 58th & Warrington Sts in SW Phl. Moved to Narberth then built current shul in 1973.	Morris Goodblatt; Eugene Wernick; Efraim Specter; Michael Bernstein	
Beth Ami	9201 Bustleton Ave Northeast Phl	1956	Active	Beth Abraham merged into Beth Ami in the 1960's.	Moshe Goldman	
Beth Chaim	350 East Street Rd Feasterville					
Beth Chaim Reform Congregation	389 Conestoga Rd Malvern	1992	Active	Founded in the Church of the Loving Shepard. Moved to current location in early 2000's.	Aileen Hollander	
Beth David	328 Catherine St South Phl 528 Bainbridge St South Phl	1898 [1898 (Book #24, p.418)]		Began for charitable & devotional purposes at 528 Bainbridge by Simon Nager before moving south to Catherine St.		

Beth David Reform	1130 Vaughans Lane Main Line 5220 Wynnefield Ave Wynnefield	1942 [1945]	Active	"Wynnefield's Reform Temple" First pro-Zionist reform congregation in Phl. In 1980's moved to Gladwynne, PA.	Glausner; Markowitz; Henry Cohen; Jim Egolf	
Beth El	Maryland & Lowber Sts West Oak Lane	1950's		Founded by the daughter of a Baptist pastor, Louise Daley, in the 50's. Conservative, though institutionally independent. Claims 250 members but not currently listed as an active Phl Shul. [African-American]		
Beth El Emeth	Franklin St above Green St Northern Liberties	1857			Isaac Leiser (1857-68); Abraham J. R. Pereira (1868-9); George Jacobs (1869-84); Joseph H. M. Chumaceiro (1885--)	
Beth El of Bucks County	375 Stony Hill Rd Yardley	1953	Active		William Fierverker Jeff Pivo	
Beth El, Suburban						
Beth El-Ner Tamid	715 Paxon Hollow Rd Main Line					
Beth Elohim	16th St & Columbia Ave North Phl	1893		Some of founders came from <i>Beth Israel</i> .	M. M. Eichler	
Beth Elohim. Also, Krakauer-Beth Elohim Beneficial Association; [The] Hollander Shul; Bnai Israel	510 S. 5th St South Phl	1879 [1879]		Started as a Landsleit shul known as <i>Bnai Israel</i> or the <i>Hollander Shul</i> . Met in homes until purchase of synagogue building. Refurbished in 1926. Combined with Krakauer B.A. in 1879 to become, Krakauer-Beth Elohim.		
Beth Emeth.	5217 Woodland Ave Southwest Phl	1910	Disbanded 1940's.	Served businessmen along Woodland Ave. Former <i>Island Road</i> members migrated to this neighbourhood in the 1910's. Met in homes until 1926, when new Shul was dedicated. Cong declined in late 40's, closes its doors by end of decade. Younger generation founded own congregation, <i>Beth Am</i> . Subsequently, <i>New Home Mission Baptist Church</i> . [Hungarian]		
Beth Emeth.	Bustleton & Unruh Aves Oxford Circle			Site purchased in 1951, building completed by 1959.	Leo Landman	
Beth HaKeneses Reb Hirshel. See, Beth HaKeneseth Reb Eichler						
Beth HaKeneseth Ben Markowitz	SW corner 5th & Moore Sts South Phl	1927	1937	Free congregation. Organised by Ben Markowitz, a tailor. Hired a hall for the High Holidays.		

Beth HaKeneseth Brezofsky	3221 Clifford St Strawberry Mansion			Became Beth David in late 30's. Named after the Apter Rebbe, David Hershel. Former members of Kerem Israel.	David Hershel (Apter Rebbe)	
Beth HaKeneseth Northern Hungarian	415 N.4th St Old City	[1901]		Started as a Landsleit shul. In '20's & 30's met at 730 Poplar St, 930 Franklin St & 1424 N.7th St. [Hungarian]	Berel Weisman	
Beth HaKeneseth Rabbi Aaron Dektor	900 N. 7th St Marshall St	1930				
Beth HaKeneseth Rabbi Aaronberg	900 N. 7th St Marshall St	1930				
Beth HaKeneseth Reb Eichler. Also see, Beth HaKenesses Reb Hirshel	417 Monroe St South Phi	1900	Disbanded early 1940's	Located in 4th St. business district. Syn became the <i>R' Hirshel Shul</i> in 1924. Cong chartered a new synagogue, <i>Cong Chevra Tehilim</i> , at 715 S. 5th in 1925 in a converted 3 storey row house.	Abraham Eichler (1900-21)	
Beth HaKneseth Kaiserman. See, [Chevra] Shomrei Shabos Umachzikei Hadath						
Beth HaKneseth-Beth Shalom	2302 S. 6th St South Phi					
Beth Hakneseth-Talmud Torah Anshe Sfard	2340 N. 30th St (nr. York) Strawberry Mansion	1932 [1932 (Book #123, p. 213)]	1956	Former members of Bnai Menasha.	Goldberg	
Beth HaMedrash Anshe Kaneau	1924-6 S. 6th St South Phi	1908 [1911]	1940	Held services in private homes then in rented store (NW corner of 6th & Snyder) until 1912 construction of own Shul in a combined 2 red brick row homes. Records held by Benjamin Rosenfield (1914 S 6th St).		
Beth HaMedrash Dorshe Sholom	3046-8 Berks St Strawberry Mansion	[1923 (Book #70, p. 458)]	Early 1960's		Schneiderman ('20's)	
Beth HaMedrash HaGadol Nusach Ashkenaz. Also see, [The] Khelmer Shul	4th & Wharton Sts South Phi	1905 [1909]		Combined with the Kelmer Shul after the First World War.	Israel Friedman (1950's -'60's)	
Beth HaMedrash HaGodol Anshe Ashkenaz. See, Jewish Roumanian Congregation - Agudas Achim	426 Spruce St South Phi	1911 [1911 (Book #45, p.88)]				
Beth HaMedrash Har Rov	5601 Woodcrest Ave Wynnefield	1952		Founded when Kerem Israel & Ephraim Yolles moved to Wynnefield. Lasted until the late 60's then moved to Rhawnhurst at 7926 Algon Ave.	Ephraim Yolles	

Beth HaMedrash	200 Haverford Rd Main Line 7505 Brookhaven Rd Overbrook Park	1958	Active	Moved from Overbrook Park to Main Line in 2007.	Shlomo Caplan Michael Yondorf	
Beth HaMedrash Reb Sofronski	3rd & Mckean Sts South Phl	1923	Early 1930's	Held High Holiday services at the Quaker City Band hall. A. Belzer was early benefactor.	Rabbi Sofronski	
Beth HaMedrosh (mid-town Chapel)	1211 Chestnut St Center City					
Beth HaMedrosh Hagodol-Beth Yaacov	6018 Larchwood Ave Southwest Phl	1931 [1932 (Book #118, p.405)]	Late 1980's.	Held services in rowhouse west of 60th St. In 1932/3 Shul was built on site of demolished home. In 70's combined with Lenas Hazedek (59th & Larchwood).	Morris Rivkin ('31-3); Meyer Cohen ('39-61)	
Beth Hillel-Beth El	1001 Rimmington Rd Wynnewood	1958	Active	Founded in a converted greenhouse on the Clothier Estate. In 1960 joined by the West Philadelphia Jewish Center. In 1967 dedicated new building and in 1970 merged with Beth El.		
Beth Israel	417 Pine St Society Hill	1901		Formed when the <i>Krakauer-Beth Elohim</i> congregation moved.		
Beth Israel	Balwynne Park Wynnefield	1968		Origins in Strawberry Mansion & Wynnefield		
Beth Israel	32nd St & Montgomery Ave Strawberry Mansion	1840	1964	First Conservative synagogue in Philadelphia. Original location on Adelpia between Walnut & Spruce on 6th St., 1840-1849; then Crown St. between 4th & 5th above Race until 1894; moved uptown in 1890's to 8th & Jefferson; and further north in 1900's to 32nd & Montgomery site. Combined with Beth Zion (Center City) in 1964.	Marvin Nathan (1900's); Abraham; E. Millgram (1930's); Morris Pickholz (1950's); Mathew Rosen (1960's)	
Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County	385 Pottstown Pike Eagle 5th Ave & Harmony St Coatesville	1904	Active	Founded in Coatesville under the name Keshet Israel, probably as a house shul. In 1907 purchased a cemetery. In 1916 name was changed to Beth Israel. In 1923 built a new shul and enlarged it after WWII. Opened current site in 1995. [Easter European]	Michael Charney	
Beth Israel of Media	542 S New Middleton Rd Media		Active		Linda Potemkin	
Beth Jacob	1706-8 South St. South Phl	1908 [1908]	1950's	Served businessmen of South St., west of Broad at 1706 South St. Moved to 704 S.19th St, then 21st & South, above a pool hall. Had Sunday School. Converted a 3 storey home in 1912. [Austro-Hungarian]		

Beth Jacob	6027-9 Chestnut St West Phi	1914 [1915 (Book #52, p. 162)]	1960's	Services in rented space at 59 N. Salford until 1922 when new synagogue was built. Merged in early 60's with ??? at 60th & Larchwood.	Solomon Brichta, Harry Beitchman	
Beth Jacob Anshe Dadmoor	6th & Wolf St(SW corner) South Phi	1927[1930]		Services held at 724 Snyder until dedication of new building in 1929. Records held by Rabbi Rabinowitz and Sara Feldman (316 Albenis St).	Jacob Rabinowitz (1927--), The Monastricher Rebbe)	
Beth Jacob Anshe Lubavitz	414 Christian St South Phi	1897 [1897 (Book #23, p.252)]		Started as a Landsleit shul.		
Beth Jacob of West Philadelphia [Chevra]	4008-10 Poplar St West Phi	1916 [1918]	1962	Services in private homes until Poplar St. was rebuilt as Shul in 1921. Beth Jacob combined with Tifereth Israel in 1962. Records held by Mr. Pearlstein (1113 N 41st St).	Simon (1922--)	
Beth Judah	4820 N. 11th St Logan	1920's [1925 (Book #89, p. 187)]		Italianate style built 1928.	Morris H Kaaplander; Max L Forman; Phillip Tatz	
Beth Judah	232 Lombard St Society Hill	1905	Sold 1924; disbanded	Members were residents of the Hebrew Sheltering Home. When the Home closed in 1924, the name was transferred to a new synagogue in West Philadelphia. 3 storey red brick purchased, 1911.		
Beth Judah. Also, Hebrew Congregation of West Philadelphia	5426 Sansom St West Phi	1905 [1908]	1968	Served businesses on 52nd St. Had Sunday School and Sisterhood in 30's & 40's. First met in rented space north of Market St, & later at 5236 Chestnut. In the 20's a portion of the community broke away. Older members remained and renamed the congregation <i>Beth Judah</i> . Subsequently, Enon Chapel Baptist Church.		
Beth Or Reform Congregation	239 Welsh Rd Maple Glen Panilyn Pike & Dager Rd Spring House 500 E. Mt Pleasant Ave Mount Airy	1954[1955]	Active	Started in row house in Mount Airy. In 1955 purchased and converted a mansion. In 1974 moved to Spring House and in 2006 to its current location.	Joseph Herzog; Craig Axler	
Beth Schmu-el. Also, Beth Samuel; Bes Schmu-el	Ritner & Marshall Sts South Phi	1922 [1922 (Book #78, p. 17)]	1950's.	Named after principal benefactor of building fund, Samuel Israel. 3 storey red brick erected in 1922. Records held by Ida Sacks (418 Wolf St).	Eli Gazer (1922-6); Mordechai Weinschenker ('37)	
Beth Shloime Rumanian Congregation. See, Beth Solomon						

Beth Sholom. Also, Logan Congregation Ahavas Israel	8231 Old York Rd Elkins Park Broad & Cortland Sts Logan	1917 [1919]	Active	First name was <i>Logan Congregation Ahavas Israel</i> in rented space in the local Theatre. At time of charter in 1919, the congregation was Conservative, and changed its name to <i>Beth Sholom</i> in honour of the Armistice of 1918. Hired a rabbi, Mortimer Cohen, and built a synagogue at Broad, Courland & Belfield, dedicated in 1922 (Italianate style). In the late 40's work began on a new community center and school in Elkin's Park. The new synagogue, dedicated in the early 60's, was designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright.	Mortimer Cohen; David Glanzberg- Krainin; Aaron Landes	
Beth Solomon	601 E. Mt Pleasant Ave Mount Airy	1961		Rabbi Meyer Isaacson moved his congregation from South Philadelphia to the North West in [?]. The rabbi moved to Staten Island in the 70's, where he built a devotional space in his home to demonstrate, "the inner workings of prayer."	Meyer Isaacson	
Beth Solomon Suburban	198 Tomlinson Rd Northeast Phi	1968	Active	Congregation established by Solomon Isaacson (Meyer Isaacson's son) in Philmont Heights in the NE. Community first met in rabbi's basement at Audubon (near Bustelton & Tomlinson Roads).	Solomon Issacson	
Beth Solomon. Also, Beth Shloime Rumanian Congregation	2300 S. 6th St (at Wolf St) South Phi	1948 [1950]		Started as a Landsleit shul. Synagogue of the Monastreishner Rebbe, Mayer Isaacson. Moved to Mount Airy in 1961. 6th & Wolf, 3 storey red brick building erected in 1922, was sold to <i>Anshe Zitomer</i> in the 70's.	Meyer Isaacson (1940's--)	
Beth Tefilath Israel	3911 Powelton Ave West Phi	1910 [1912]		Served commercial district at 40th & Market. Between 1910-37 name was changed from <i>Anshe Tifereth Israel</i> to <i>Beth Tefilath Israel</i> . Members had broken away from Anshe Tifereth Israel (of Parkside) in 1910. 2 storey buff brick building dedicated 1926. Previous synagogue building at 3916 Powelton from 1910-'24. Latter purchased by the Brown Confectionary Company. [Hungarian]		
Beth Tefilath Israel of Pennypack Park	Northeast Phi					
Beth Tfila of Overbrook Park	7630 Woodbine Ave Overbrook Park	1948			Arthur Lavinsky	

Beth Tikvah	Northeast Phi	1958		Synagogue founded by Bernard Diamond in 1958. Used a mid-19th century African-American church on Holme Ave. Lasted until the building of the Pennypack Jewish Community Center in 1959.	Cantor Bernard Diamond	
Beth Tikvah-Bnai Jeshurun	1001 Paper Mill Rd Erdenheim		Active		Saul Grife	
Beth Torah [Temple]	608 Welsh Rd Northeast Phi			North East Philadelphia's first Reform Temple		
Beth Tovim	NE Corner 59th St & Drexel Rd Wynnfield	1964	Active	Mansion purchased for community by a benefactor - Tuvia - after whom the synagogue was named. Led by the Novoseller family.	Sherman Novoseller; Arniel Novoseller	
Beth Uziel	41 E. Wyoming Ave Feltonville	1943	1994 - merged with Ner Zedek-Ezrath Israel	Storefront synagogue. Moved to the 500 Block (NW corner of Rorer & Wyoming Ave) in the early 1950's. Building dedicated in 1954.	Oskar Kramer , Weissman (left by beginning of the Second World War).	
Beth Zion						
Beth Zion. See, Toras Israel		1937	Early 1970's.			
Beth Zion-Beth Israel [Temple]	300 South 18th St Center City		Active		Ira Stone	
Beth El Also Rothschild Memorial Synagogue	58th & Walnut Sts West Phi	1907[1909 (Book #39, p.389)]	Merged with Beth Hillel and moved into their building 1970.	Started by women as as a Sunday School. Pupils' parents formed congregation & in 1910 acquired a church building at 57th & Haverford Ave. Conservative congregation who suffered from a conflict with the local Orthodox congregation, but revived with building of a new synagogue at 58th & Walnut (funded by a Philadelphia businessman, Edward Rothschild, & dedicated in his parents' memory). 1915 structure contained a school. A chapel (in memory of Rothschild's two wives), a library and community center were added in 1922. Remodelled several years later and dedicated, in memoriam, to Edward Rothschild. In 1927 Beth-El contained a school, a sisterhood, a men's club, an Auxiliary, and more. Combined with Beth Hillel in Wynnewood, Montgomery County.	Ferdinand Becker; Emanuel Schreiber; Ludvig Roeder; Samuel Fredman	
Beth-Elohim						
Bialik Congregation. See, Toras Israel						

Bialostotski Minyan	1410 S 5th St South Phl	1914	Disbanded 1930's with death of M. Jaffe, a Melamed & Bialitotski's <i>Shaliach Zibbur</i>	Services held in home across street from Mount Sinai Hospital (Daroff Southern Division of Albert Einstein). Conducted by a melamed, Max Jaffe. After his death in the 30's the minyan dissolved.		
Bikur Cholim		1861		First held services at Caledonian Hall, 214 Pine St., and on the High Holy Days at Maennerchor Hall, Fairmount Ave. Cited by Morais Bernheimer. Beneficial purposes.		
Bikur Cholim [Chevra]	Mercantile Hall, Franklin & Poplar Sts Marshall St	1861		Started as a Landsleit shul.		
Birchas Shalom	5820 Woodcrest Ave Wynnefield	1935				
Bnai Aaron	53rd & Euclid Sts Wynnefield 1713 Georges Lane Wynnefield	1926 [1927]	late '60's	Started as a house Shul. Built new Synagogue/ Community Center in 1949/50. In late 60's the synagogue combined with the Suburban Jewish Community Center in Havertown.	Morris Dembowitz	
Bnai Aaron of Parkside	1713 N. 42nd St West Phl	1929		[Hungarian]		
Bnai Abraham	3040 N.22nd St West Phl					
Bnai Abraham [Chevra] See, Bnai Abraham- Anshe Russ						
Bnai Abraham-Anshe Russ. Also, [Chevra] Bnai Abraham; Di Rusishe Shul;	521-27 Lombard St Society Hill	1882 [1885]	Active	Started as a Landsleit shul. Held first services at 728 Bainbridge St, 5th & South Sts & 514 Pine St until purchasing location on Lombard. One of first large Eastern European synagogues. Houses many Yahrzeit plaques some over 100 years old. Byzantine revival style. Façade completed in 1897. Interior modelled after the Bevis Marks Synagogue, London. Additions made in 1904 and 1909. [Russian]	Israel M. Sacks('85-9), Eleazer Kleinberg ('86-91), B. L. Levinthal ('91-1940); Wapner family involved since the 1890's Yochonon Goldman	
Bnai Abraham Jewish Center	9037 Eastview St Northeast Phl	1960	1985	Architectural design by N. Bressi, 1966.	Maier Fuchs	
Bnai Amoona						
Bnai David Congregation	418 Lombard St Society Hill	1894[1897]				
Bnai David Congregation	3221 W. Clifford St Strawberry Mansion					
Bnai Ephraim	715 Fairmount Ave Marshell St	1919		A <i>stiebl</i> at the home of the shul president, Ephraim Savodovsky		

Bnai Halberstam. Also, Anshe Emet; Bnai Israel-Halberstam; Bnai Israel-Ohev Zedek; Bnai Israel-Ohev Zedek-Bnai Halberstam	610 N. 6th St (at Green) Northern Liberties	1886 [1891]	1976	Started as a Landsleit shul. Previously worshipped at 2nd & Vine, 508 N.2nd St & 926 New Market St. A nbuilding on N. 6th St - formerly a church - was purchased in 1891. Moved to Logan (10th & Rockland) from 6th & Green in 1962. Anshe Emet combined with Bnai Halberstam in 1893. Bnai Halberstam combined with Bnai Israel in 1962 (@ 10th & Rockland St.). Latter combined with Ohev Zedek in 1978.	D. Greiver (1896-1915), Abraham Bukspan ('30's), Melech Schachter ('60's)	
Bnai Israel	South Phi	1852	Disbanded 1879		Jacob Lippman; Simon E Cohen Noot (1855-62); Simon B Breidenbach (1862-74); Rev. Jacob Voorsanger (1874-77).	
Bnai Israel	1709 N. 22nd St North Phi	1913 [1914]	Mid 1960's	First services held at home of founder, Mr. Witkin, 2159 Ridge Ave. Served Columbia Ave. business district. White brick Romanesque dedicated in 1914. Records held by Moishe Shainson (2006 Ridge Ave).		
Bnai Israel	1214 S. 3rd St South Phi	1914		Met in private homes until purchase of 3-storey red brick ont S. 3rd. Combined with Shari Zedek Anshe Reisicher in the late '20's.		
Bnai Israel	NE Corner, 3rd & Manton Sts South Phi	1913 [1916]				
Bnai Israel	922 S. 4th St South Phi	[1901]		Building purchased and remodelled in 1916. Until then services were held in private homes. [Roumanian]		
Bnai Israel	SW corner Tulip & Auburn Sts Port Richmond	1877		Origins as a mutual aid society; eventually formed own congregation and acquired building in 1940.		
Bnai Israel	4024 Lancaster Ave West Phi	1920		Formed by parents of students at the Hebrew Sunday School Society.		
Bnai Israel	942 Ruscomb St Logan	[1921]		Moved in 1974 to NE (Caster & Solly Aves.) Bnai Halberstam (6th & Green) combined with Bnai Israel in 1963 and again with Ohev Zedek (Mount Airy) in the late 1990's.		
Bnai Israel Anshe Polin	324 Fitzwater St South Phi	1905	1960's	Started as a Landsleit shul.	Herman Klein (1953-6)	
Bnai Israel of Fairmount. See, Old Man Miller's Shul						

Bnai Israel of Olney	307 W. Tabor Rd Olney	1921 [1924 (Book #73, p. 31)]		Served businesses around 5th & Olney . In late 50's moved to 2nd & Cheltenham.	Isidore Budick; Erwin Weiss	
Bnai Israel-Ohev Zedek. See, Bnai Halberstam	8201 Castor Ave Northeast Phi	1886	Active	Was at 2nd & Vine Sts, 508 N.2nd St & 926 New Market St. Moved to Logan (10th & Rockland) from 6th & Green in 1962. Members came to Northeast in 1978	Aaron Felder	
Bnai Israel. Also, Ahdus Bnai Israel	540 E. Erie Ave North Phi	1921	1964	Began in private houses. Previous location at 506 E. Erie (at Franklinville). Mortgage paid off in 40's.	Benson Scoff (-- '64)	
Bnai Israel. See, Beth Elohim (at S.5th)						
Bnai Israel-Halberstam. See, Bnai Halberstam						
Bnai Israel-Ohev Zedek-Bnai Halberstam. See, Bnai Halberstam						
Bnai Jacob	1927-9 N. 31st St Strawberry Mansion	1913 [1914 (Book #91, p. 302)]	Disbanded late 1950's/ early 1960's.	Located at NE corner of 31st & Page. Noted for charitable activity. Held study sessions (Mishnayos) each night. Engaged in Zionist organising (Mizrachi) in 30's. 3 storey red brick was built in 1896 remodelled on purchase in 1915. Neighbouring building added in 1921 to include meeting room. Records held by Mr. Glassman (1918 N 32nd St).	M Rivkins (1920's); Ephraim E. Yolles (1924)	
Bnai Jacob	Starr & Manavon Sts Phoenixville	1912	Active	Also founded cemetery of same name.		
Bnai Jacob - Dirshu Tov	1147 Gilham St Northeast Phi	1961	Active	D'rshu Tov was founded in 1891 at 924-6 New Market St in Northern Liberties. B'nai Jacob was founded in 1913 in Strawberry Mansion at 1927-9 N 31st St. Merged in 1962 and moved to current address.	Rabbi Leizerowski	
Bnai Jacob Anshe Sfard	323 N. 2nd St Old City	1898 [1898 (Book #23, p. 441)]		Original charter as a beneficial association. Moved to Poplar & Fairmount (at 5th). [Hungarian/Czech]	Joseph Jacob (1910)	
Bnai Jacob. Also, Keshet Israel	418 Lombard St Society Hill	1883 [1884 (Book #11, p. 361)]	1893	First location at 725 Lombard St. Moved into a larger location at 418 Lombard St., site of the former Universal Church. Combined with Anshe Rodeph Zedek in 1893 to form, Congregation Keshet Israel.	Hyman Brodsky (1880's)	
Bnai Jeshurun Ahavas Chesed	Mount Airy					
Bnai Jeshurun of Mount Airy. See, Bnai Jeshurun	Mount Airy					

Bnai Jeshurun. Also, Bnai Jeshurun of Mount Airy	33rd & Parkway Sts., (between Diamond St & Susquehanna Ave) Stwarberry Mansion	1915 [1915]	Sold 1962	Purchased church at 31st & Diamond Sts., and converted it into synagogue in 1916. Dedicated new building at 33rd & Parkway Sts (between Diamond & Susquehanna Sts) in 1925. 33rd St building also used as a Community Center. Moved to Erdenheim, PA and renamed, <i>Beth Tikvah-Bnai Jeshurun</i> . Combined in 1957 with Adath Shalom (Mount Airy). On move to former Dutch Reformed Church at Stenton Ave. & Dorset St. name was changed to Bnai Jeshurun of Mount Airy. Rust coloured stone, Byzantine & Romanesque elements, dedicated 1925.	Abraham David Newman	
Bnai Joseph	525 Bainbridge St South Phl	1892		Served businesses on South St. Combined with Poale Zedek in late 1890's.		
Bnai Joshua	5343 Berks St Wynnefield		1974	Congregation founded for traditionalist from <i>Bnai Aaron & Har Zion</i> . Rabbi David Novoseller was guiding figure.	David Novoseller	
Bnai Menasha	722 N. 38th St West Phl	1920 [1928 (Book #102, p. 570)]	1949	Served commercial district at 38th & Haverford.	Rev. Gottlieb	
Bnai Menasha [Congregation] See, Aitz Chaim VeZichron Jacob						
Bnai Menasha. Also, The White Shul	2339 N. 31st St (at Arizona St) Strawberry Mansion	1920's[1925 (Book #92, p. 343)]	1957	Named in honour of founding benefactor, Morris Abrams. Originally called <i>Bnai Moishe</i> , and nicknamed, <i>The White Shul</i> . 2 adjacent brownstones; subsequently, <i>Redeem Baptist Church</i> . [White Russian]		
Bnai Moishe	3836 N. 18th St Nicetown	1938	Late 1940's	Served Tioga commercial district. Large row house synagogue.		
Bnai Moishe Anshe Sefard. Also, Bnai Moshe - Poale Zedek	1711 S. 5th St (at Watkins) South Phl	1903 [1904 (Book #30, p. 431)]	1982	Yellow brick built in 1904. Altered in 1938. Wall murals by Morris Balk, workshop at 511 South St. Also hired for murals at Bnai Abraham (5th & Lombard), Keshet Israel (4th & Lombard), Anshe Sode Loven (5th & Mercy), Beth Samuel (Marshall & Ritner). Records held by Philip Ravitch (1507 S 4th St) and Freda Moliva (1709 S 5th St). [Austro-Hungarian]	Ben Hoffman (1904-24); Morris Ravisky, (1928); Abraham Slivko (late 1960's)	
Bnai Moses Montefiore Anshe Polin	342 Queen St South Phl	1887 [1887 (Book #12, p.32)]	Early 1940's		Rosen ('20's - '40's)	

Bnai Moshe - Poale Zedek. See, Bnai Moishe Anshe Sefard						
Bnai Moshe Gomel Chesed Shel Emes	314 Catherine St South Phi	[1895 (Book #20, p. 466)]		Combination of Chesed Shel Emeth & Bnai Moshe Gomel met first at 515 S. 9th St., then at 203 Pine and finally at 314 Catherine St. The building was given to the Central Talmud Torah as a free Hebrew school in 1903. [Gomel]		
Bnai Nachman. See, Bnai Nahum						
Bnai Nahum. Also, Bnai Nachman	2126 N. 16th St North Phi	1921[1926]		Held services at private homes - 2119 N.16th St. & 2126 N.16th St, latter remodelled as synagogue. Dedicated in '28. Served business district at 16th & Susquehanna. Records held by Sam Lehman (2119 N 16th St) and Ida Waldman (2141 N 15th St). Combined with Ezrath Israel.		
Bnai Reuben Anshe Sephard [Chevra]	615 S. 6th St (at Kater St) South Phi	1883 [1888 (Book #14, p.157)]	Mid 1950's	Founded by Reuben Manebsky. Met at member homes - 730 Passyunk Ave & 240 Monroe St - until use of own synagogue at 620 Minister St in 1888. This building was sold in the 90's to Anshe Zitomer. New Synagogue built at 6th & Kater built in 1904. Home to the Tolner Rebbe in 1910's. Philadelphia's hasidim, according to M. Freeman, were generally followers of the Berditchev and Pizhiner Rebbes. Roman Baroque & East European elements. Subsequently The Antiquarian Delight, an indoor antiques market. [1901 lists a Barditchiefner [Berditchev] Verein. Members from Berditch, Pizhin and Tolener.]		
Bnai Sholom	4858 N. 7th St Logan	1924 [1888 (Book #14, p.157)]			Meir Leib Barg	
Bnai Shram	521 Lombard St Society Hill					
Bnai Solomon Suburban of Somerton	198 Tomlinson Rd Northeast Phi					

Bnai Torah	11082 Knights Rd Northeast Phi	1961	1976	Cantor Bernie Diamond left Pennypack Community Center for this cong in 1961. He objected to Pennypack's social, rather than religious focus. Morrell Park cong was chartered as Beth Torah. Built new synagogue in 1966. Sold in 1978.	Gerard Leher; Paul Teichman; Arnold Shuman	
Bnai Yhoshua	5343 Berks St Wynnfield					
Bnai Yitzchok	243 E. Roosevelt Blvd Feltonville	1924	Sold early 1980's	256-54 E. Roosevelt Blvd used as a religious school & synagogue. New synagogue was built 1948-51. Combined with Beth Emeth of Oxford Circle in the early '80's.		
Bnai Zion	532 Pine St Society Hill	1901		<i>Bnai Zion</i> was within a maternity home for young immigrant women run by the Rebecca Gratz Club.		
Bnai Zwi	5821 Upland Way (at Wanamaker St) Wynnfield	1938	Late 1950's	Daily minyan conducted at the home of Rabbi Album. Dedicated in 1943 as <i>Bnai Zwi</i> .		
Boulevard Park. Also see, Ner Zedek - Ezrath Israel						
Boulevard Temple. Also Temple Beth Torah	Tyson & Brous Sts Northeast Phi	1949		Reform oriented group from the <i>Northeast Jewish Community Center</i> . First met at the Odd Fellows Hall at Rhawn & Frankford. Chartered as Boulevard Temple, in 1950. First synagogue built in NE with off street parking. Moved to Verree on Welsh Rds in 1963 and renamed, <i>Temple Beth Torah</i> .		
Bristol Jewish Center	216 Pond St Bristol	1904	Active	Started in tailor shop on Mill St, Bristol. In 1935 purchased building on 100 block of Pond St. Moved to current site after WWII.		
Brith Achim	481 South Gulph Rd King of Prussia	1971	Active			
Brith Israel Congregation	524 W. Roosevelt Blvd Feltonville	1921 [1922 (Book #76, p. 97)]	1990	First met at 4848 N. Front St.; Became Conservative in 1923. Synagogue built by end of 20's. Combined with the Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center in 1990.	Abraham J Levy	
Brith Sholem Synagogue of Paschall Ave. Also see, Brith Sholom Community Center	6842 Paschall Ave Southwest Phi	1916 [1919]		In 1940 moved and became <i>Brith Sholom Community Center</i> . Synagogue housed from founding in the Paschall-Garrick House ("Old Yellow Mansion") built 1723. Records held by Benjamin Gross and Jacob Rossikov.	Gerson Brenner (1916-21) Max Corchnoy (1936)	

Brith Sholom	571 N. 5th St North Phi	1891 [1898 (Book #23, p. 380)]	Sold by early 1970's	Unclear if the 3 <i>Brith Sholom</i> congs are the same. Various locations for identical name: one congregation held services at a hall, the SW corner of 6th & Girard in 1891; a <i>Brith Sholom</i> also started out on 4th St. below Poplar St, later moving to NE Corner of 2nd & Laurel. Reported to have been Molly Picon's shul. [Hungarian]	Klein, Joseph Bosh	
Brith Sholom Chevra Kedusha.	604 Girard Ave Marshal St	1890		Organized as a beneficial society		
Brith Sholom Community Center. Also see, Brith Sholem Synagogue of Paschall Ave.	63rd & Greenway Sts Southwest Phi	1940	Late 1960's	Served commercial strip at 63rd & Woodland	Meyer Kramer	
Brith Sholom. See, Brith Sholom (@ N.5th)	201 Poplar St Northern Liberties	1897				
Brothers of Israel	530 Washington Crossing Rd Newtown Trenton	1883	Active	Founded in Trenton, NJ as Hachaino Bnai Israelites, an Orthodox Shul. Moved to several locations in Trenton, became Conservative and changed name to Brothers of Israel. In 1970 branches started in Lawrenville and Yardley. Changing Trenton demongraphics caused move to Yardley in 2007.	Bachrach:Pincus Turman;Eleazer Bunin;Joseph Konovitz;Issacher Levin;Gerald Lerer;Howard Hersch	
Brotherhood Temple Achim						
Bukier Congregation	1527 S. 6th St (at Cross St) South Phi	1919	1933	Started as a Landsleit shul. First met in the basement of Atereth Israel at 6th & Morris Sts until purchase of building at 6th & Cross Sts. [Bukier]		
Bustleton-Somerton Synagogue	Ferndale & Tomlinson Rds Northeast Phi	1972	1990's	Formed when <i>Har Tikvah</i> , <i>Bnai Ohr</i> and <i>Bnai Solomon</i> combined in the 70's . <i>Beth Judah</i> joined with <i>Bustelton-Somerton</i> in the early 80's. Combined with <i>Shaare Shamayim</i> in the 1990's.	Meyer Kramer; Barry Blum	
Carpenters' Shul. [The] See, Adath Jeshurun Talmud Torah Congregation						
Catherine St. Shul. See, Zeiras Israel						
Center City Orthodox Synagogue						
Center City Reconstructionist Synagogue						
Central Talmud Torah	314-20 Catherine St South Phi					

Chabad Lubavitch of Bucks County	Yardley/ Newtown					
Chevra Ahavas Chesed	1209 N. Hutchinson St North Phi	[1888 (Book #13, p.519)]		Started as a beneficial society. Founders protested the Reform direction of <i>Adath Jeshurun</i> . 120 members listed in 1901.		
Chevra Heisner. See, Anshe Hisan						
Chevra Kuvier	243 Christian St South Phi	1919		Started as a Landsleit shul.		
Chevra Mishnais	1028 Wyoming Ave Logan	1920		Broke from <i>Beth Judah</i> in early 20's over egalitarian services. Met in private homes.		
Chevra Mishnayos Kehilas Kodesh Anshe Sodo Lovon. Also, Anshe Sodo Lovon; Anshe Sude Luviv Biela Ziercow	2024 S. 5th St (at Mercy) South Phi	1913 [1913 (Book #47, p. 350)]	Disbanded 1983	Started as a Landsleit shul. Affiliate of <i>Anshe Sode Lovon Beneficial Association</i> . [Belaya Tserkov, S. of Kiev]		
Chevra Northern Hungarian	3rd & Brown Sts Northern Liberties	1896		[Hungarian]		
Chevra Ohev Sholom	1926 S. 26th St South Phi					
Chevra Schlansky	8th & Shunk Sts South Phi	1929		Affiliated with the Jewish Education Center, a Labour Zionist org. Two branches of the JEC: 5th & Moore Sts and Marshall & Porter Sts. Herman Shlansky was an organiser who conducted services.		
Chevra Shas	932 Philadelphia [?]			Overseen by Rabbi Moses Varhaftig		
Chevra Tahzuka Mishnoyis. Also, HaRav Ravi Moshe-Kelle Shlita Synagogue	1910 Moyamensing Ave South Phi					
Chevra Tehilim	2244 William St Port Richmond	1887				
Chevra Tehilim Mishnayos	NE Corner Auburn & Tulip Sts Port Richmond	1880				
Chevra Tehilim Zichron Yaakov. Also, Zichron Yaakov	3012 W Cumberland St Strawberry Mansion	[1919 (Book #64, p.493)]	Late 1950's	<i>Chevra Thillum Anshe Sfard</i> became <i>Zichron Jacob Talmud Torah</i> in 1919. Combined with Aitz Chaim to form Aitz Chaim Zichron Yaacov in 1925. Yellow brick built 1920; subsequently, Ebenezer Church of Christ.		
Chevra Tehilim. See, Beth HaKeneseth Reb Eichler	715 S. 4th St South Phi	[1925 (Book #88, p.516)]				
Chevra Tehillim [Congregation] See, Aitz Chaim VeZichron Jacob						

Chevra Vohliner Anshe Kuppel. See, Anshe Kuppel Vohliner	2016 N. 32nd St Strawberry Mansion	1924 [1927]	Sold early 1960's	Met in homes until 1926. Opened new synagogue in Strawberry Mansion at 32nd & Page Sts. Monastricher Rebbe briefly used shul.		
Community Torah Center of Bucks County	8 Surry Rd Churchville	2002	Active		Dovid Max	
Colored Hebrew Community [The] See, Adat Beyt Mosheh						
Daily Minyan and Torah Study	1518 Walnut St Center City					
Di Ruishe Shul. See, Bnai Abraham- Anshe Russ						
Dirshu Tov See Bnai Jacob- Dishu Tov	924-6 New Market St Northern Liberties	1891	Early 1960's	Earlier location at 2nd & Vine. Merged with Bnai Jacob in 1962.		
Dorshe Sholom Congregation	924 New Market St Northern Liberties					
Dorshei Derekh Minyon						
Dorshey Sholem Nusach HaAri	3046-8 Birch St Strawberry Mansion	1923 [1924]				
East Lane Temple						
East Oak Lane Temple		1940		Successor to the Kensington & Allegheny synagogue organised by Harry Weiss. Met at 1100 Oak Lane Rd. After a fire, rented space at 67th & Lakeside; then held services at the Cedarbrook County Club in Wyncote. The Temple disbanded when Rabbi Levine died.	Levine (1954--)	
Eastern Women's Talmud Torah. Also, Old Lady Sack's Shul; Vine Street Synagogue	820 N 5th St Marshal St 205 Vine St Old City	1910	1932	Moved from red brick 3-storey building to 205 Vine St in 1933, then to 820 N.5th St. Founders were women.	Pearlman	
Emanu-el Congregation See Bnai Israel- Emanu-el	1524 Champlost Ave West Oak Lane	1925 [1925 (Book #91, p. 493)]	1985	After 1985 combined and became <i>Melrose Park Bnai Israel-Emanu-El</i>	Joseph Warren; Maurice Lazowick Max Farber	
Emunas Israel See, Ahavas Achim Talmud Torah Congregation.	7828 Eastwick Ave Southwest Phi	1910	After WWII	One of two Hungarian congregations in vicinity.		

Emunas Israel Ohev Sholom. See, [The] Hungarian Synagogue; Ohev Sholom	515 Gaskill (Wheatley Hall) Society Hill	1881	1967 cong dwindled 1950's - 1960's.	Founded by Charles Kline, Joseph Weitz & Nathan Leidner as a Landsleit shul. First met around 7th & South Sts. The Garrick Theatre ("Wheatley Dramatic Hall") was purchased remodelled and dedicated in 1891. Largest Hungarian congregation in Phl. Emunath Israel and Ohev Sholom combined in 1887 to form this large Hungarian congregation. [Austro-Hungary]	Elias Fried (1890); Moses Weinberger (1892); Simon Englander (1900's) - over 50 years	
Emunath Israel	7th & South Sts Society Hill	1880		[Hungary]		
Emunath Israel of 5th St.	Society Hill	1880				
Ezras Israel	2114 S. 6th St South Phl					
Ezras Israel. See, Adath Jeshurun Talmud Torah Congregation						
Ezrath Israel	69th St & Ogontz Ave West Oak Lane	1938[1939 (Book #131, p. 124)]	1970	Largely Austro-Hungarian by origin, formed from former members of <i>Ahavath Israel</i> of Oak Lane & N.16th St. Closed in 1970 and combined with <i>Congregation Ner Zedek</i> in the NE.		
Fairmount Jewish Community Center. See, Old Man Miller's Shul	NW Corner, 19th St & Fairmount Ave North Phl	1939				
Far Northeast Orthodox Synagogue	Tomlinson St & Bustleton Ave Northeast Phl	1974			Meyer Kramer; Josef Serenbryanski	
Fastover Independent Congregation. See also, Kehilos Kodes Anshe Sodo Lovon; Magidei Tehilim; Shivtei Yeshurun	1826 S. 6th St (at Sigel St) South Phl	1907 [1917 (Book #57, p.187)]	1970's	Before 1916 rented space at 625 S. 3rd & at 420 Catherine St. Devotional branch of the mutual aid society, <i>the Independent Fastover Organisation</i> . Combined with Magidei Tehilim in '60's, then with Shivtei Yeshurun in '70's. 3 storey brown & tan brick; subsequently, The Prophetic Church of Christ. Records held by Jacob Goldstein (5859 Christian St) and Clara Kremmer (1642 S Orkney St). [Fastov, SW of Kiev]	Samuel Isenberg (1912-15) Samuel Cooperstein (1939)	
First Postiver Relief Congregation	621 S. 3rd St South Phl	1901		Beneficial association and Landsleit shul. [Postiver]		
First Romanian Poras Joseph. See, Agudas Achim Roumanian Congregation	754 S. 3rd St (at Fitzwater) South Phl	[1905 (Book #31, p.463)]	By World War II	Purchased synagogue building from Agudas Achim Neizner Shul. [Roumanian]		

Fitzgerald Street Congregation	5th & Fitzgerald Sts South Phl	1942	Mid 1940's	Store front shul. Former members of <i>Ziknai Israel</i> at 5th & Christian Sts, and of <i>Shomre Shabbas</i> at 5th & Jackson Sts. Broke away from latter over procedural argument.		
Fleischer's Shul [Rev.] See, [The] Manayunk Hebrew Congregation						
Fox Chase Jewish Community Center	7816 Halstead St Northeast Phl	1957	1980's	Started in the basements of ranch homes. Purchased site in 1964 at 7816 Halstead St. Committed to staying put despite of the shrinking size of the community in the 60's. Built a larger sanctuary on Halstead St.		
Frankford Hebrew Congregation.	4330/4408 Paul St Frankford	1906 [1909]		Ladies Hebrew Sunday School Society of Frankford organized 1906. Became Adath Zion.	Meyer Kramer ('40's)	
Galicianer Shul [The] See, Ohr Achaim Anshe Golitzer						
Gemilas Chesed [Chevra]	6th & Brown Sts Northern Liberties	[1912 (Book #46, p. 27)]	By 1960	Organised primarily as a beneficial association for members by Mr. Kendall.		
Gemilath Chesed	916 N. Franklin St Northern Liberties	1913	By World War II	Originally organized by members of the <i>Max Bernstein Northern Free Loan Association</i> . Building was owned by the mutual aid society. Services first held in rooms at 914 N. Franklin St. Records held by Max Newman (1447 N 6th St).		
Germantown Jewish Center	400 W Eliet Sts (At Lincoln Drive) Mount Airy	1934	Active	Founded in the Pelham Club to accomidate young Jewish professionals. Current shul was deadiated in 1954. Conservative cong transformed into ecumenical center under guidance of Rabbi Charry. Charry actively campaigned to stem suburban flight and to foster inter-communal relations in Mount Airy.	Charry; Leonard Gordon; Adam Zeff; Sanford Hahn	
Germantown Minyon						
Gershman YM & YWHA (Congregation)	401 S Broad St Center City		Active	Center City Havurah Minyan members started this shul. While no written records have been found, the Seltzer Chapel (room 100) has over 1,000 Yahrzeit plaques.		
Geulas Israel Anshe Sefard	843 N. 7th St (at Parrish) Northern Liberties	1915 [1915]	1953	Disbanded as members moved to Logan. In late 60's Rabbi Lipschitz moved his shul to Flatbush, Brooklyn	Berrel Shapiro; Osher Zelig Lipschitz	
Gomel Chesed Shel Emes	314 Catherine St South Phl	1895		Started in rented space at 203 Pine St, then 515 S. 9th St.		

Greater Northeast Congregation	Verree & Welsh Rds Northeast Phl	1962		Started in Silver family home in new neighbourhood. Site for a building was chosen at Verree off Welsh Rds. Adopted name of <i>Cong Shaare Shomayim from South Phl.</i>		
Greater Romanian Synagogue						
Har Zion Temple	1500 Hagys Ford Road Main Line 54th St & Wynnefield Ave Wynnefield	1922 [1923]	Active	Members followed custom of "Rimplen" to raise funds for a new building. <i>Rimplen</i> gathered pledges by rotating the weekly Sabbath "Kiddush" among the members of the cong. The synagogue was built at 54th & Wynnefield in 1926 and rebuilt after a fire in 1947. In the 1970's moved to current home.	Simon Greenberg (1925); Gerald Wolpe; Jay Stein; D. Rosenwasser	
HaRav Ravi Moshe-Kelle Shlita Synagogue. See Chevra Tahzuka Mishnoyis						
Hebrew Congregation of West Philadelphia. See, Beth Judah (Sansom St.)						
Hebrew West End Jewish Community Center	2402 N 29th St Strawberry Mansion	1928 [late 20's (Book #?, p. 372)]				
Heiner Fiscal "chicken foot" shul. See, Aitz Chaim.						
Heisiner -Ezras Israel. See, Anshe Hisan; Ezras Israel	2015 S 4th St (at Mercy) South Phl	1876 [1895]	Became Anshe Zvavz early '90's	Started as a Landsleit shul of craftsmen. Rebuilt a colonial row house to serve as shul.		
Heisinger Congregation. See, Anshe Hisan						
Henry S. Memorial Frank Synagogue		1905				
Hesed Shel Emet; Also Haded Shel Emet	575 N Keim St Pottstown		Active		David Wortman	
Hesiner Independent Young Men's Society. See, Anshe Hisan						
Hillel, University of Pennsylvania	202 S 36th St West Phl	1925				
Hollander Shul [The] See, Beth Elohim (at S.5th)						
Hollander Synagogue	4th & Catherine Sts South Phl	1870's				

Hungarian Synagogue [The]. See, Emunas Israel Ohev Sholom						
Independent Congregation [Chevra Kadisha]	809 S 5th St South Phi	[1894 (Book #20, p.555)]		Broke from the <i>Shomre Shabbas</i> at 414 Christian St. Met on S. 5th St. until 1904; then at 324 Montrose St., the home of founding member, Julius Moskowitz.	Chaim Brodsky (1890's)	
Independent Southern Congregation. See, Talmud Torah	625 Dickinson St South Phi	1903 [1904 (Book #29, p.562)]	Until 1930's	Chartered as <i>Southern Talmud Torah</i> in 1904. Rented space at 727 Dickinson St. & 601 Tasker St until <i>Dickinson St. shul</i> was built. Combined in '30s with the Bessarbie Talmud Torah to form the Jewish Education Center #1. Records held by Sam Grabovoy (419 Dickenson St).	Abraham Shafrinsky (1935)	
Island Road Synagogue. See, Ahavas Achim Talmud Torah Congregation						
Israel Congregation	South Phi	1904				
Ivy Ridge Jewish Community Center. See also, Or Ami	Silverwood & Green Lanes Roxborough			First met in 1947 in an empty home near Ridge & Green Lanes. Became Reform in the 50's, moved further into suburban Roxborough and renamed <i>Or Ami</i> .		
Jewish Congregation of Graterford Prison	PO Box 244 Graterford					
Jewish Farmers' Shul. See, Atereth Israel (at 84th & Harley)						
Jewish Hospital Congregation	Old York & Tabor Rds Olney	1936			Shoulson	
Jewish Mute Society Congregation	2213 Natrona St Strawberry Mansion	1907	Disbanded early 1960's.			
Jewish Roumanian Congregation - Agudas Achim. See, Beth HaMedrash HaGodol Anshe Ashkenaz	418-26 Spruce St South Phi	1905	Disbanded 1911	Started as a Landsleit shul. Two Roumanian congs formed in 1905, <i>Poras Joseph</i> and <i>Agudas Achim</i> . Latter rented space at 512 S. 3rd (at Gaskill), and in 1910 moved to larger quarters at 4th & Spruce St. In 1911 took over Baptist Church at 426 Spruce St. and was renamed <i>Beth HaMedrash HaGodol Anshe Ashkenaz</i> .		
Jewish War Veterans	52nd & Overbrook Sts Wynnefield	1955		Met at own homes in vicinity of 52nd & Overbrook in the 50's.	Gross	

Joseph Asbell Congregation	511 Mifflin St South Phi	1926 [1926 (Book #94, p. 344)]	Disbanded by World War II	Founded by Joseph Asbell, a custom tailor, to provide a neighbourhood synagogue for his orthodox friend.		
Kahal Kodesh Israel [Chevra]	3rd & Christian Sts South Phi	1894				
Kaiserman Shul. See, Aitz Chaim (Viola St.)						
Kehilas Adas Israel	843 S 3rd St South Phi	1905				
Kehilas Bnai Shalom	2446 Briston Rd Bensalem		Active		Moishe Travitsky	
Kehilat HaNahar Also, [The] Little Shul by the River	85 W Mechanic St New Hope		Active			
Kehilat Chaverim	4242 Bensalem Blvd Bensalem		Active			
Kehilath Israel	520-22 Morris St South Phi	1910 [1912 (Book #45, p.194)]	Building demolished	Founded by Louis Levin & Mr. Kaplan in private homes (622 Morris St & elsewhere in vicinity) until 1914.	Isaac Greenberg, (1912-17), Samuel Berman (1938).	
Kehiloth Israel	234 Bainbridge St South Phi	1912 [1912 (Book #45, p. 194)]	Disbanded early 1930's	Served the Hebrew sheltering homes in vicinity.		
Keneseth Beth Zion	1514 S 6th St South Phi	1918	Disbanded by World War II	Zionists. Started in social hall. Drew a city-wide membership to its lectures on Zionism.		
Keneseth Israel	8339 Old York Rd Elkins Park	1847	Active	<i>Keneseth Israel</i> and <i>Temple Gesellschaft</i> combined in 1856 to form the Reform Congregation <i>Keneseth Israel</i> . Located at 528 N. 2nd St. from 1847-8; at New Market /Noble St., 1848 - 1863. Built & dedicated own synagogue building at Sixth & Brown, 1864-1892. Dedicated a new building at Broad above Columbia Ave in 1892. In 1950 moved to Elkins Park.	B H Gotthelf (1847-50); L Naumburg (1850-7); Solomon Deutsch (1857-60); David Einhorn (1861-66); Samuel Hirsch (1866-87); Joseph Krauskopf (1887-); ...William Fineshriber (1924--); Simon Maslin; Lance Sussman	
Kensington Synagogue & Community Center. Also, Shaare Yishkan	2033 E Allegheny Ave Kensington	1920		Organised by local merchants. Met at 964 E. Russell St. In 1937 added 3-storey building, 3339 Jasper St., as community center.		
Kerem Israel Anshe Sefard	32nd & Morse Sts(NW Corner) Strawberry Mansion	1909[1912 (Book #58, p. 13)]	1971	First met at 3118 W. Columbia Ave. The largest Orthodox cong in vicinity. Rabbi Ephraim Yolles headed the local organisation of orthodox synagogues. 3 storey, gray brick Romanesque built in 1896 as church; remodelled as synagogue in 1914. Records held by Hyman Metzger (1938 N 32nd St).	Ephraim Eliezer Yolles (1921--), Baruch Spivak	

Kesher Israel Congregation	1000 Pottstown Pike West Chester	1914	Active	Founded by Orthodox merchants who conducted services in Hebrew and Yiddish. In 1925 converted a house at 206 N. Church St into a stone shul. Became Conservative and in 1988 built new shul in the European Ashkenazic tradition at current location.	Eric Rosen	
Kesher Israel Also, Rodeph Zedek Anshe Szager ; See Bnai Jacob @ Lombard	412 Lombard St Society Hill	1893 [1893 (Book #12, p. 324)]	Active	Bnai Jacob & Anshe Rodeph Zedek combined to form Kesher Israel in 1894. Now located in a former church rebuilt in Moorish revivalist style. See history written by Harry Boonin.	Chaim Brodsky (1894--); Joseph H Snapir (1930's --) Fred Kazen	
Kesher Torah	335 Christian St South Phl	1894	1920's			
Kesher Torah Anshe Lubliner	610 S 3rd St South Phl	1923		[Lubin]		
Kesher Torah Anshe Vohliner	324 Catherine St South Phl	1894		Moved into 324 in 1919. [Vohlynia, White Russia]		
Kesher Torah Synagogue	5032 Brown St West Phl	1925 [1925]	Closed after WWII.	Served the businesses at 52nd & Haverford in early 20's. By late 30's many had moved. House remodelled as synagogue in 1925.		
Khelmer Shul. See, Shomre Emuno Anshe Kelem						
Kieve Tserkasser Bulgarian Congregation	1815 S 6th St South Phl	1930		Started as a Landsleit shul and beneficial association.	Gottlieb	
Kneses Adas Israel Congregation. See, Kneses Israel Anshe Sefard						
Kneses HaSefer-Educational Synagogue of Yardley	1237 Edgewood Rd Yardley		Active		Yitzchok Feldman	
Kneseth Chai	8400 Pine Rd Northeast Phl	1982		Conservative group within the liberal reform congregation of <i>Temple Zion</i> in the NE. Broke off and held weekly services at the Medical Mission (near Pine & Strahle Sts.). Merged with <i>Temple Menorah</i> at Tyson & Algard in 1989.	Sandy Berliner	
Kneses Israel Anshe Sefard. Also, Kneses Adas Israel Congregation	984 N. Marshall St Marshall St	1908 [1912]		Served Marshall St. business district with <i>shul</i> on the same street as its members' shops/businesses. First held services in rented rooms at SE corner of 7th & Master until purchase of synagogue in 1911. In the 60's the synagogue along with many of its members moved to the NE (2101 Friendship St. at Bustleton Ave). Records held by Ephraim Gordon (1613 N 7th St) and Anna Berman (1135 Poplar St).	Berel Shapiro (1924), Zallman Galinsky "Rebbe Galen"	

Kol Ami	Gratz Chapel, Mandell Education Campus Melrose Park	1994	Active		Elliot Holin	
Kol Emet	19 South Main St Yardley	1984	Active		Howard Cove	
Kol Tzedek West Philadelphia Synagogue	Calvary Center for Community & Culture 801 S 48th St West Phl	2005	Active		Lauren Grabelle Herrman	
Kolker Synagogue. See, Raim Ahuvim Anshe Kolker						
Krakauer - Beth Elohim Beneficial Association	417 Pine St Society Hill	1876[1882]	1947	Started as a Landsleit shul with roots as Krakow beneficial society founded by Michael Asch. Chartered as <i>The Krakauer Beth Elohim Beneficial Society</i> in 1882. Rented rooms for services at 510 S. 5th St. until purchase of shul. By 1947 the Synagogue was no longer viable, and the organisation changed its name to <i>The Krakauer Beneficial Society</i> . The Society celebrated its centennial in 1976. Early records of the synagogue/society were kept in German. Krakauer combined with Beth Elohim in 1882.[Krakow, Poland]		
Kreminitzer Synagogue	1908-10 E Moyamensing Ave South Phl	1919	1930's	Started as a Landsleit shul of the Kreminitzer Rebbe, a Hasidic congregation that met in the Rebbe's home. The <i>shul</i> closed when the Rebbe died. [Kremenitz, NE of Lvov]	Cantor Gershon Willner	
Leidy Ave Congregation	4106 Viola St West Phl	1929				
Lenas HaZedek	542 Queen St South Phl	1891 [1902]		Services held in rented rooms on SE corner of 4th & South until 1902 purchase of synagogue building. Combined in 1903 with Prushzvier Shershow.		
Lenas HaZedek of West Philadelphia. See also, Beth HaMedrosh Hagodol-Beth Yaacov	5944 Larchwood Ave Southwest Phl	1917 [1918]	Mid 1970's	Services first held at home, 449 S. 60th St. Cong built 2 story red brick shul in 1919. Moved to Wynnefield in late 60's. Records held by Louis Levy (5834 Pine St) and Esther Freedman (130 S 53rd St).	David B. Swiren (1921)	
Lenas Hazedek. See, Prushzveer Shershow Congregation						
Leyv Ha-Ir Heart of the City; Center City Reconstructionist Synagogue	Ethical Society 1906 S Rittenhouse Sq Center City	1990	Active		Jullie Greenberg	

Linath HaZedek Anshe Fairmount	157 Fairmount Ave Northern Liberties	1909 [1910 (Book #40, p. 484)]	After WWII	Services held at rented home (155 Fairmount)		
Little Shul by the River. [The] See, Kehilas HaNahar						
Logan Congregation Ahavas Israel. See, Beth Sholom						
Logan Jewish Community	10th & Duncanon Sts Logan	1935				
Lowenstein's Shul	2005 W Cambria St North Phi	1938	Late 1940's	Served N. 22nd St. commercial district. [Refugee German]		
Lower Merion Synagogue	123 Old Lancaster Ave Main Line	1954	Active	Founded in Doris & Leo Levin's home. In 1956 a larger site was purchased and in 1980 the current shul was built.	Abraham Shmidman	
Lubavitch House at the University of Pennsylvania	4032 Spruce St West Phi					
Lubavitch Synagogue	7622 Castor Ave Northeast Phi			Community followed locale rabbinate.	Abraham Shemtov; Zalman Lipsker	
Machzike Adas - Bnai Moishe [Chevra]	943 N 6th St Marshall St	1918	1950's	Moved to N. 6th St in 1930's. Congregation led by the prominent Phi rabbi, Moshe Lipschitz, closed in 50's when Lipschitz departed for Israel.	Moshe Lipshitz (1911--) Also known as "The Philadelphier rebbe"	
Machzike Torah [Chevra]	1336 N 7th St North Phi					
Machziknei Har Rov. [Congregation] Also, [Congregation] Agudath Achim Machzikei Har Rov	1336 N 7th St North Phi	1917[1922]	Early 1950's	Rented space at 703 Master St. until purchase of building in 1922. Before charter known as <i>Congregation Agudath Achim Machzikei Harov</i> . 3 storey red brick home. Decorative transom with Magen David motif. Records held by Isadore Greenbaum (1447 N 8th St).	Berel Shapiro ('20's)	
Magidei Tehilim [Chevra] See, Fastover Independent; Shivtei Yeshurun	2027 S 6th St (at Mercy) South Phi	1913 [1913 (Book #49, p. 51)]	1960's	First rented rooms in the building later purchased. 2029 S. 6th also purchased for use by sexton in 1918. Combined with the Fastover Shul at 6th & Sigel in 1965. Subsequently New Life Evangelistic church. Records held by Raymond Rudman (2413 S Sheridan St).	Hyman Shestack (1918-30) Albert Paupko (1938)	

Main Line Reform Temple	410 Montgomery Ave Main Line	1952	Active	MLRT's first permanent home was a mansion retrofitted (by the previous congregation, Adath Israel) as a synagogue, at 410 Montgomery, Wynnewood, PA 19096. A new structure was dedicated in June 1960. Renovations made until 2006, when totally renovated. [Main Line Reform Temple, unlike many synagogues in the suburbs of Philadelphia, had no precursor within Philadelphia. It was the first Reform Congregation on the Main Line.]	Theodore H. Gordon (1953-1972); Max Hausen (1972-1996); Paul J. Citrin (1996); David Straus (1998); Ethan Franzel;	
Manayunk Hebrew Congregation [The] Also, [Rev.] Fleischer's Shul	4250 Main St Manayunk	1908	Around WWII	Used Masonic Hall for shopkeepers along Main St. Rev Fleischer was hired as a general functionary (shochet, baal koreh etc.) By WWII most of the Jewish population had moved away.[Hungarian & Polish]		
Mekor Baruch	8 Merion Rd Main Line					
Mekor Habracha; Center City Synagogue; Formewrly Etz Chiam	262 S 16th St Center City	1989	Active			
Melrose Bnai Israel-Emanu-el	133 W Cheltenham Ave. Cheltenham 2nd St Pike & Cheltenham Ave Melrose Park	1955	Active	After combination in mid 80's known as <i>Melrose Bnai Israel Emanue-El</i> .	Jack Adler; Isaac Moseson; Howard Addison	
Meysos Israel	Center City			[Sephardi]		
Mikveh Israel	44 N 4th St Old City	1745	Active	Oldest active shul in Phl. Started in a small house in Sterling Alley near 3rd St. Moved in 1776 to Cherry Alley between 3rd and 4th Sts., a member's home. Dedicated a shul on Cherry Street in 1782. Rebuilt and rededicated shul at same location in 1825. Erected new building at 7th above Arch in 1860; moved to Broad and York in 1909.	Gershom Mendez Seixas (1780-84); Jacob Raphael Cohen (1784-1811); Emanuel Nunes Carvalho (1815-17); Abraham Israel Keys (1824-8); Isaac Leiser (1829-50); Sabato Morais (1851-97); Leon H. Elmaleh (1898-99); Julius H. Greenstone (1900-02) ...Albert Gabbai	
Minyan Masorati and Minyan Dorshei Derech	Germantown Jewish Centre Mount Airy					
Minyanim at Penn Hillel	202 S 36th St West Phl					
Mishkan Israel	1112 N 2nd St Northern Liberties	1930	Early 1940's			

Mishkan Israel [Chevra] Also, Kolker Synagogue (Raim Ahuvim Anshe Kolker)	5th & Dudley Sts South Phi	1904[1904 (Book #31, p. 108)]		First met in rented space at 315 Catherine St. until moving to the SE corner of 5th & Dickinson Sts in 1910. Combined with the Kolker Synagogue (Raim Ahuvim Anshe Kolker) after WWII. Met at 5th & Dudley Sts. Building dates from 1927.		
Mishkan Shalom	4101 Freeland St Germantown 8836 Crefeld St Chestnut Hill		Active		Linda Holtzman; Yael Levy	
Mishnais Anshe Lubavitch [Chevra] See, [Chevra] Anshe Lubavitch nusach Ari						
Mishnayos Anshe Sefard [Chevra]	446 N Marshall St Northern Liberties	1903 [1904]	Mid 1940's	Held services at 432 N. 2nd St until purchase of Marshall St. building in 1907		
Mishnayos Anshe Sefard [Chevra Tehilim]	873 N 6th St Marshall St	1917 [1917]	1950's	Held services in rented rooms at NE corner of 2nd & Vine Sts. From 1917 to 1924 then purchased N. 6th St. building.		
Mishnayos Chesed Ve'Emes [Chevra].	432 N 2nd St Northern Liberties	1893 [1893 (Book #19, p. 83)]	1940's		Bernard Levinthal	
Mishnayos Kehilas Kodesh Anshe Sode Loven [Chevra] See, Kehilas Kodesh Anshe Sodo Lovon						
Mogen Abraham	1709 S 4th St (at Morris) South Phi	1913 [1917]	1958	Services held in rented rooms until purchase of Schaunbracker Hall (S. 4th). Many members were craftsmen, & most notably carpenters.		
Monastreichner Shul	5601 Woodcrest Ave Wynnefield	1948		The rebbe sold his house to Rabbi Ephraim Yolles of <i>Kerem Israel</i> (Strawberry Mansion) in the 50's and moved to Israel.	Monastreichner Rebbe	
Moshav Zekenim. Also, Uptown Home for the Aged	957 N. Franklin St Marshall St	1912[1912 (Book #49, p. 351)]		At site of the Uptown Ladies' Home for the Aged. Previously [the Home/Moshav Zekenim] located at 720 N. American St. ('13-15), 957 N. Finch St. ('15-23) and 933 Fairmount Ave('23-4).		
Mount Airy Jewish Community Center	6400 Johnson St (at Arleigh) Mount Airy	1951	1982	Construction took 15 years: 1951-64. Synagogue disbanded by 1982 and combined with <i>Temple Sinai</i> in 1984.	Aaron Gold; David Clayman; Louis Sacks	
Mount Airy Orthodox Congregation	1201 E Mt. Pleasant Ave Mount Airy	1958		<i>Aitz Chaim-Zichron Jacob</i> (Strawberry Mansion) moved to Mt. Airy & combined with Mt. Airy Orthodox, as did <i>Ohev Zedek</i> (7th & Oxford) in 1968.		
Mount Sinai Hospital	5th & Reed Sts South Phi	1903		Daily services were held on the grounds of the hospital		

Ner Tamid of Delaware County						
Ner Zedek - Ezrath Israel - Beth Uziel Also see, Temple Brith Kodesh; Boulevard Park.	Bustleton Ave & Oakmont St Northeast Phl	1961	Active	Formed when <i>Temple Brith Kodesh & Boulevard Park Congregation</i> combined. Purchased a house on the corner of Wellington & Friendship Sts and became Ner Zedek. In late 60's <i>Ezrath Israel</i> at 69th & Ogontz combined with <i>Ner Zedek</i> . A new synagogue was built in 1969. In 1994, Beth Uziel joined the merger.	David Wachtfogel; Ruebin Israel Abraham	
Nes Ami	Penn Valley					
Neziner Congregation Also, Ahavas Achim Anshe Niezhin Nusach HaAriSee Beth Zion-Beth Israel.	771 S. 2nd St(at Fitzwater) South Phl	1887[1889]		First held services at private homes, rented halls for High Holidays - including 322 Bainbridge St. Purchased the "Odd Fellows Hall", 756 S. 3rd in early 1890's, sold in 1905 to the <i>Poras Joseph Congregation</i> . In 1905/6 purchased a disused church on S. 2nd St. Ladies' Auxiliary organised in 1930. Currently, Neziner has combined with <i>Beth Zion-Beth Israel</i> . [Nezhin, NE of Kiev & SE of Chernigov]	Chayim Jacob Widerewitz, Moraharm, Samuel Seelav, David Kratzok, Alexander Levin, ('40's), Saul I Wisemon (1980's--)	
North West Religious Association	Natrona St & Columbia Ave Strawberry Mansion	1904 [1906 (Book #33, p.418)]				
Northeast Jewish Community Center. See, Temple Menorah						
Northeast Orthodox Congregation	2117 Bleigh St Northeast Phl	1958		Met in home of Rabbi Aaron Popack at 2117 Bleigh Ave on High Holidays and festivals. Also rented space at the local movie Theater near the Roosevelt Mall for "overflow services." When Popack died, the congregation disbanded.	Aaron Popack	
Northern [North Eastern?] Talmud Torah Congregation	820 N 5th St Marshall St	1910/12	1952	Student led classes and services.		
Northern Chevra Kadisha	930 N. Franklin St Marshall St	1898 [1901]	1937	Hebrew Free Burial Society organised by Rabbi Berel Weisman in 1898. First met in private homes. Purchased building at 415 N. 4th in 1901. Temporary move to 730 Poplar St in 1934. 415 N. 4th destroyed by fire in 1937.	Berel Weisman	
Northern Liberties Hospital Chapel	7th & Brown Sts Marshall St	1928				
Ohavas Achim Ostreicher. See, Austrian Galizianer Shul						

Ohel Jacob	1705 N.7th St. (at Columbia) North Phi	1910 [1910]	Sold mid 1960's	Named after founder, Jacob Israel Bernstein. Building purchased from Adath Jeshurun.	R H Melamed; L. Feinberg; A. J. Levy; Isaac Fyne	
Ohel Jacob of Bustleton	Northeast Phi	1967		Syn diminished, after David Wachtfogel's son emigrated to Israel in early 80's. (Allegedly took synagogue's portable property with him.)		
Ohel Jacob of Oxford Circle	Oxford Circle				David Wachtfogel	
Ohev Itzchok	2440 S 9th St (at Porter) South Phi	1913	1959		Samuel Levin (1919)	
Ohev Shalom	2 Chester Rd Wallingford	1891	Active	Began as Yiddish speaking <i>Bnai Israel</i> in Chester, PA in 1891; combined with another synagogue in 1920. Built shul in 1927 and became Conservative. Moved to present location in 1965.		
Ohev Sholom	5164 Columbia Ave West Phi	1927	Early 1950's; property sold 1955	Breakaway from <i>Shaare Zedek</i> to remain Orthodox.		
Ohev Sholom of Bucks County	944 Second Street Pike Richboro		Active		Elliott Perlstein	
Ohev Sholom. See, Emunas Israel Ohev Sholom						
Ohev Yitzchok. See, Ohev Itzchok						
Ohev Zedek	322 Bainbridge St South Phi	1903				
Ohev Zedek Anshe Sefard [Chevra]	322 Christian St South Phi	1892 [1893 (Book #19, p. 64)]		Property divided among 7 "directors" according to articles of constitution. The Ohev Zedek cited by Morais?	Abe Garfinkle David Paralinsky	

Ohev Zedek. Also, Samuel Rosa Nathan Ohev Zedek (at N.7th & Oxford)	1535 N 7th St (at Oxford) North Phi	1889[1889 (Book #15, p. 586)]		Name changed from <i>Samuel Rosa Nathan Ohev Zedek</i> to <i>[Chevra] Ohev Zedek</i> in 1897. Beginnings in rented rooms at 312 New St and then at a hall on NW corner at 2nd & Fairmount Sts until purchase of church in Logan at 7th & Oxford Sts. Combined in 1958 with Mt. Airy Orthodox Congregation to become, <i>Congregation Ohev Zedek</i> . Built new synagogue at Mount Pleasant & Woolston Aves. in 1959/60. In 1968 the congregation Aitz Chaim Zichron Yaackov of Strawberry Mansion combined with Ohev Zedek to form, <i>Congregation Ohev Zedek Aitz Chaim Zichron Yaacov</i> . In the 70's the Logan synagogue was sold, and the congregation combined again - with Bnai Yisroel Anshe Sfard of Logan - to become <i>Bnai Israel - Ohev Zedek</i> , and moved to the NE, at Castor & Solly Aves. [Origins reported as a Hungarian Landsmannschaft, though not according to initial charter.]		
Ohr Achaim Anshe Golitzer. Also see, [The] Galicianer Shul; Ohr Achaim	1517 S 5th St South Phi	1907 [1908]		Started as a Landsleit shul. Before purchase of synagogue in 1939 held services at 506 Wharton St.(1907-10); 503 Tasker St.(1910-30); 1523 S. 5th St(1930-38). On purchase of synagogue became <i>Congregation Ohr Achaim</i> . [Galician]	Joseph Grossman (1910's-29)	
Ohr Achaim. [Congregation] See, Ohr Achaim Anshe Golitzer						
Oir Chodash Agudath Achim. See, Agudas Achim Roumanian Congregation						
Old Lady Sack's Shul. See Eastern Women's Talmud Torah						
Old Man Miller's Shul. Also, Bnai Israel of Fairmount; Fairmount Jewish Community Center	2223/5 Wallace St North Phi	1910		Services originally held at home of Phillip Miller. By 20's this minyán had grown substantially and was renamed Bnai Israel of Fairmount. By late 30's became basis for Fairmount Jewish Community Center .		
Old York Road Temple-Beth Am	971 Old York Rd Abington		Active		Robert Leib; Harold Waintrup	

Or Ami. See also, Ivy Ridge Jewish Community Center	708 Ridge Pike Lafayette Hills	1948	Active	Founded as the Jewish Community Group of Roxborough. In 1949 took over the Epiphany Lutheran Church and renamed it Ivy Ridge Jewish Community Center. Moved to current site in 1965 and renamed to Or Ami.	Kenneth Carr; Seymour Prystowsky	
Or Chudosh. See, Agudas Achim Roumanian Congregation		Before 1892		Combined with Agudas Achim Roumanian Congregation in 1892. [Roumanian]		
Or Chudosh-Agudas Achim -- Roumanian American Congregation; See Agudas Achim Roumanian Congregation						
Or HaChayim Anshe Ostreich	479-481 N 3rd St Northern Liberties	1890 [1894 (Book #19, p. 443)]		Started as a Landsleit shul. Met at 3rd & Brown, at 481 N. Brown & at 630 N.2nd St. [Galician]		
Or Hadash	190 Camp Hill Rd Fort Washington		Active		Joshua Waxman	
Or Shalom	835 Darby-Paoli Rd Main Line	1974	Active		Alan Iser	
Otik Moliver	922 S 4th St South Phl	1899		Members came from two towns seperated by the Dniester River. Held services in German and Hebrew. Shared space with <i>Yeshiva Mishkan Israel</i> . [Ataki (Bessarabia) & Moghilev Podolski, NW of Odessa (Ukraine)]		
Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center-Brith Israel	1009 Unruh Ave Northeast Phl	1948			Alexander Levine; Harold Romirowsky	
Parker's Place. See, Temple Zion [The Mcfadden Estate]						
Pennypack Jewish Community Center		1959		For early history see, <i>Beth Tikvah</i> . Purchased a building on Welsh Rd near Dewees St., then expanded to a store at Welsh Rd & Boulevard. New synagogue built in the 60's.	Charles Lachs	
Perry's Shul	5350 W Market St West Phl	1933	1948	Minyan held in store belonging to Oscar Perry. Perry had moved in the late 20's from the Southern New Jersey agricultural settlements to open a sewing machine store in the city.		
Philadelphia General Hospital	38th St & Woodland Ave Southwest Phl	1942		"Chapel" opened in 1958		

Philadelphia Tailor's Congregation	Hutchinson St & Girard Ave Northern Liberties	1919				
Pnai Or Religious Fellowship of Philadelphia-Jewish Renewal	6757 Green Street Mount Airy 310 Wellesley Rd Mount Airy		Active			Marcia Prager; Zalman Schachter-Shalome
Poale Zedek Sharith Israel	1011 S 5th St South Phi	1886[1889/1890 (Book #16, p.451)]		In 1886 Poale Zedek held services at NW corner of 6th & South Sts, then at 518 South St. (1889). In 1890 the newly merged congregation <i>Poale Zedek Anshe Birz</i> met at 518 S. St, then at 322 Bainbridge St. In 1908 <i>Poale Zedek-Sharith Israel</i> dedicated a new synagogue on S. 5th Sts. 3 smaller congregations combined in 1908 -Chevra Bnai Joseph, Chevra Shearith Israel & Chevra Beth Jacob Anshe Libowitz - to form, Poale Zedek Sharith Israel. Combined with Bnai Moishe at 5th & Watkin in early 1960's.[Birz & Yanishkel, Kovno]		David Abromitz, (1900's until Depression)
Poale Zedek. See, [Chevra] Poale Zedek-Anshe Birz	South Phi	1886		Combined with Anshe Birz in 1890 to form, Poale Zedek-Anshe Birz.		
Poale Zedek-Anshe Birz [Chevra] See, Poale Zedek Sharith Israel		1890		Formed from combination of Anshe Birz and Poale Zedek in 1890		
Podovlier Gubernia Lodge	1514 S 6th St South Phi	1919		Started as a Landsleit shul. [Podolia]		
Po'el Zedek	716-8 Lombard St Society Hill	1889				
Poneviezher Lodge Congregation	4th & Reed Sts South Phi	1919		Started as a Landsleit shul. Met in rented quarters near Richmond's Upholstery shop.		
Progressive Geulas Israel	5th & Green Sts Northern Liberties	1920				
Prushzveer Shershow Congregation. Also, Lenas HaZedek	542 Queen St South Phi	1895[1892 (Book #18, p.180)]		Founded by Yaacob Layzer Rustev. Started as a beneficial society. Continued to meet at Boslover Hall, 6700 Bustleton Ave into the 1990's. Combined with Lenas HaZedek in 1900.[Prushzvier, Shershow]		
Raim Ahuvim	5854 Drexel Road Wynnefield 59th St & Cedar Ave Southwest Phi 343 Monroe St South Phi	1892 [1892 (Book #18, p.206)]	Active	Established in the early 1890's near 3rd & Bainbridge Sts. Moved to Cedar St. in 1929 then to Wynnefield in 1961. [Austro-Hungarian]		Isaac Forman Harvey Gornish

Raim Ahuvim Anshe Kolker. [Chevra] See also, [Chevra] Mishkan Israel; Kolker Synagogue	1929 S 5th St (at Dudley) South Phi	1914 [1920 (Book #64, p. 450)]	Disbanded in 1971	Started as a Landsleit shul in rented rooms at 322 Christian St (1920-21), then on NE Corner of 4th & Segal (1922-25). Building purchased in 1925. Combined with Mishkan Israel. [Kolk (Kolki, S of Pinsk)]	Sam Karfin (1925-28); Jacob Landau, (1930's)	
Ramat El						
Reb Heschel Shul	417 Monroe St South Phi	1924				
Re'im Ahuvim. [Chevra] See Austro- Hungarian Congregation						
Rhawnhurst Jewish Center	Hoffnagle & Summerdale Aves Northeast Phi	1956		Constructed in 1959.	Bruce Harbater; Brian Walt	
Rodeph Shalom	615 North Broad St Northern Liberties	1802	Active	Originally, the <i>Hebrew German Society Rodeph Shalom</i> . Founded 1795. Incorporated as Rodeph Shalom in 1802. Rented space at Pear St & Margaretta St until establishing own synagogue at 1 Broad St (Moravian Alley). Moved in 1821 to Church Alley between 2nd & 3rd Sts, then to 15 Vine St, Cherry St above 5th Sts, and 4th above Vine & Wood. In 1847 moved into a Church on Juliana between 4th & 5th. In 1870 dedicated own synagogue building at Broad & Mount Vernon Sts. In 1928 moved to the current location.[Central European;German speaking]	Rev Isaacs (1810-19); Jacob Lipman (1819- 23); Wolf Benjamin (1823- 34); Moses Cohen (1834-8); Moses Hart (1838-42); Moses Race (1842-45); Moses Sulzbacher (1847-8); Jacob Frankel (1849- 87); Solomon Kauffman (1887- 93); William Loewenberg (1893-1908) ...Alan Fuchs Jill Maderer	
Rodeph Shalom Suburban	8201 High School Rd Elkins Park					
Rodeph Tsedek Anshe Szager. See, Keshet Israel	788 S 2nd St South Phi	1887 [1887 (Book #12, p. 374)]		Started as a Landsleit shul. Combined with Keshet Israel in 1894. [Anshe Szager]		
Rodeph Zedek [Temple]	10th & Ruscomb Sts Logan	1953 [1955 (Book # 131, p. 57)]	1982	Started as a break away from Beth Judah meeting in private homes. Rented Tankin's Hall at 4708 N. Broad St. for High Holidays. Purchased church in 1955. After 1982 combined with Beth Tefilah of Pennypack Creek	Cohen; Maurice Newhoff	
Rodeph Zedek Anshe Szager. See, Keshet Israel (Lombard St)				Started as a Landsleit shul.		
Rothschild Memorial Synagogue. See, Beth-El						
Roumanian American Congregation. See, Agudas						

Achim Roumanian Congregation						
Rudiviler Lubliner Lodge Congregation	410 Christian St South Phl	1919		Started as a Landsleit shul.		
Russian Synagogue	98 Tomlinson Rd Northeast Phl	[1995]				
Sabato Morais Congregation	502 N 4th St Northern Liberties	1894		Other locations: 512 N. Marshall St (1911) & 534 N.7th (1919)	Arthur Dembitz	
Samuel Rosa Nathan Ohev Zedek. See, Ohev Zedek						
Samuel Rosenwald Lodge Congregation	1635 S 6th St (at Morris) South Phl	1919		House Synagogue for members of the Landsmannschaft		
Shaare Eliyhu	8th & Morris Sts South Phl	1919	1940's	Broke from the Heisner Shul and build a large synagogue at 8th & Porter Sts, named Shari Eli.		
Shaare Hatzedek Cong. Of Rezistchev. See Shari Zedek Anshe Reisicher						
Shaare Shamayim See Beth Judah, Rodeph Zedek, and Beth Chaim	9768 Verree Rd Northeast Phl 23 & Wharton St South Phl	1961 [1909]	Active	Founded in 1907. Moved to its current location in 1961 and has merged with Beth Judah, Rodeph Zedek, and Beth Chaim.	Chinitz; Meyer Krauss, Benjamin Englander, Salmon Faber, David C. Teigman	
Shaare Torah	728 W Moyamensing Ave South Phl	1911 [1011]	1952	Sexton lived upstairs in 30's		
Shaare Tzedek of Philadelphia Geriatric Center	5301 Old York Rd Olney					
Shaare Yishkan. See, Kensington Synagogue & Community Center						
Shaare Yitzchok Congregation	2033 E Allegheny Ave Kensington	1920 [1921 (Book #71, p. 95)]	1990	Served commercial district at Allegheny & Kensington. Became Conservative after WWII.	Oscar Levin, Harry A Coles	
Shaare Zedek.	SW Corner 52nd St & Columbia Ave West Phl	1914[1917]	Late 1970's	Founded by Samson, Dworkin & Litman. Services held in homes until synagogue built in 1929 on site of demolished home. Subsequently, the Millenium Baptist Church. Records held by Jacob Weiss (5262 Parkside Ave).	Leon Album,(1916-28); Heilbaum, (1929-36); Morris IserowitzMorris Schnall ('40's & '50's)	
Shaarei Eli	8th & Porter Sts South Phl	1917 [1919 (Book #64, p. 233)]	1981	Building dates to 1912	Judah Shestack, (1920-23); Abraham Poupko; Rabbi Dagowitz (1960's)	

Shaari Israel	2509 S 4th St (at Porter) South Phl	1916 [1917 (Book #56, p. 339)]	1970's	Rented space at American & Porter Sts. Synagogue built in 1920. <i>Chevra Tehilim & Gemilas</i> organised in 1935 with money donated "in memoriam". Eventually name & funds of the congregation were transferred to Emes V'Zedek in Beth Shean in Israel.		
Shari Zedek Anshe Reisicher. Also, Shaare Hatzedek Cong. Of Rezistchev	1212 S 3rd St (at Manton) South Phl	1902 [1902 (Book #27, p.536)]		Started as a Landsleit shul in rented rooms at 1214 S. 3rd St. (1902-8). Combined with Bnai Israel in 1902 to form Shari Zedek. Building purchased in 1909. Records held by Joseph Bornstein (809 S 3rd St) and Mrs Benjamin Solomon (1714 S 2nd St). [Rozhishtch, Rozishtchov (NE of Lvov)]	B. L. Levinthal	
Sharith Israel	4th & Gaskill Sts Society Hill	1894 [1894 (Book #20, p. 44)]		Combined with Poale Zedek in 1900 to form, Poale Zedek-Sharith Israel. [Pruchauer]		
Shearith Israel	27th St & Girard Ave North Phl	1909	1950's/ 1960's	Served the business community along Girard (at 26th - 30th.).Some members had broken from Tifereth Israel at 39-40th & Girard to form Shearith Israel.[Mix of Hungarian & Russian]		
Shearith Israel	Northeast Phl	1979		First met at <i>Bnai Israel</i> , Castor & Solly Aves., then at the <i>Rhawnhurst Jewish Community Center</i> . In the early 80's acquired a home at 9900 Verree Road (near Red Lion Rd) and renamed, <i>Beit Harambam-The Northeast Sephardic Congregation</i> . [Israeli Sephardim]		
Shearith Israel Talmud Torah	2132 S 8th St South Phl	1911 [1911 (Book #44, p. 308)]		Free education subsidised by local businessmen. Members also met for services.		
Sheinfeld's Shul	Cambridge & Poplar Sts West Phl	1930		At intersection of Cambridge, Poplar & 42nd St.	Sheinfeld	
Shel Emeth [Chevra Chesed]	515 S 9th St South Phl	1894 [1890 (Book #16, p. 118)]	Disbanded by 1910	Started as a Landsleit shul. High Holiday services were held at Garrett Hall, 203 Pine St. [Hungary]		
Shir Ami-Bucks County Jewish Congregation	101 Richboro Rd Newtown	1976	Active		Elliot Strom	
Shir Shalom (Society for Humanistic Judaism)	116 Yew Rd Cheltenham		Active			
Shivtei Yeshurun Anshe Philadelphia. See, Shivtei Yeshurun						

Shivtei Yeshurun. Also, Shivtei Yeshurun Anshe Philadelphia; Adath Jeshurun Talmud Torah	2015 S 4th St(at Mercy) South Phi	1876[1892 (Book #19, p.110)]		Started as trade shul and beneficial society. First met in a house at 4th & Lombard Sts. Moved in 1892 to 322 Bainbridge St. and served the 4th Street business district. Moved in 1909 to the S.4th St. Rented and then purchased the synagogue in 1917. A craft community with interior built by members. Meeting place for several local beneficial societies. Combined with Mishkan Israel & Raim Ahuvim Anshe Kalker in 1961 to become Shivtei Yeshurun at 4th & Mercy Sts. In 1968 combined with Heisner & Ezras Israel, and then with synagogues at 6th & Sigel, 6th & Morris, 4th & Morris, 5th & Mercy, 5th & Dudley and 4th & Porter.		
Sholom Eswill [Chevra]	518 Mifflin St South Phi	1930				
Shomre Emuno Anshe Kelem Also, Khelmer Shul; Beth HaMedrash Hagadol	718 S 5th St South Phi	1890 [1893]		Combined after First World War with Beth Hamedrash HaGadol.		
Shomre Shabbas	442 Dickinson St South Phi	1929				
Shomre Shabbas	232 Lombard St Society Hill	1907				
Shomre Shabbas	4th & Gaskill Sts (NW corner) Society Hill	1894				
Shomre Shabbas	414 Christian St South Phi	[1894]				
Shomre Shabbas [Chevra]	442 Jackson St South Phi	1935	1960	Former members of <i>Ziknai Israel</i> (5th & Christian) who had moved to the vicinity of 5th & Jackson		
Shomre Shabbas Congregation Umesilas Yesharim;	South Phi	1893 [1894 (Book #19, p.451)]	Late 1930's	Records held by Rabb Chairman (925 N Franklin St).	Morris Chairman	
Shomre Shabbas. See also, Emunas Israel Ohev Sholom	518 S 3rd St South Phi	1892[1894 (Book #19, p. 451)]		Splinter congregation from Emunas Israel-Ohev Sholom after latter moved into the "Garrick." Rejoined Emunas Israel in 1901/2.	Occasional rabbi Simon J. Englander.	
Shomre Shabes UMachzikei HaDath. Also, Beth HaKeneseth Kaiserman	4194 Viola St West Phi	1892				
Shomrei Shabos UMachzikei HaDath [Chevra] Also, Beth HaKnesseth Kaiserman	4194 Viola St West Phi	1924				
Sinai Temple	1908 S 6th St South Phi	1929		Founded by Dorthy Greenstein to establish Reform Judaism in South Phi. Supported by <i>Keneseth Israel & Rodeph Shalom</i> .		

Soble Family Congregation [The]	5th & Champlost Sts Olney	1903				
Society Hill Synagogue	418 Spruce St Society Hill	1916	Active	Founded as the Roumanian-American Synagogue until 1967. Charter hanges in the shul.		
Suburban Jewish Community Center-Bnai Aaron	560 Mill Rd Havertown	1926	Active	<i>In 1969 Bnai Aaron of Wynnefield merged. In 1991 Yeadon Jewish Community Center joined the merger.</i>	Shamas: Morris Stern (1929-31)	
Tacony Hebrew Congregation. Also see, Temple Menorah	Torresdale Ave & Longshore Ave Northeast Phl	1924		Served commercial district at Torresdale & Longshore. Began with rented space in the Tacony Fire Hall, then moved to Tacony Trust Building.		
Talmud Torah. See, Independent Southern Congregation						
Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia	6063 Drexel Rd Wynnefield	1956		Moved from Strawberry Mansion to Wynnefield in 1958.		
Tel Or						
Temple Beth Ami	9201 Bustleton Ave Northeast Phl	1963		Bustleton Congregation formed in 1955. First met in people's homes and became Conservative. Purchased land at 9200 Bustleton Ave. Held services in tent until construction was done. Synagogue dedicated in 1963 as <i>Temple Beth Am</i> . For several years employed a blind cantor.	Jacob Chinitz	
Temple Beth Hillel/Beth El Havurah	1001 Remington Rd Main Line					
Temple Beth Torah. See, Boulevard Temple						
Temple Brith Kodesh. Also see, Ner Zedek - Ezzrath Israel	2106 Longshore Ave Northeast Phl	1952		In a housing area, this Conservative shul chose path between the Orthodox <i>Beth Emeth</i> and the Reform cong to the west of Roosevelt Blvd.	Paul Teichner	
Temple Isaiah	8900 Roosevelt Blvd Northeast Phl					
Temple Israel of Upper Darby	Bywood Ave & Walnut St Upper Darby	1945				
Temple Israel	59th St & Woodbine Ave Wynnefield 1981 Upland Way Wynnefield	1943		First met at 1981 Upland Way as a Conservative congregation. Became Traditionalist in the late 40's. Failing by the early 70's. Combined with <i>Temple Adath Israel</i> in 1985.	Mathew Rosen; Sherman Novoseller	

Temple Judea	6929 N. Broad St East Oak Lane	1928[1931 (Book #117, p. 206)]		Began in Oak Lane above a five & dime on Ogontz, near 69th Ave. Leased a building at 6827 York Road in 1933 until building and dedication of synagogue on N. Broad in 1939. Chartered as <i>The Liberal Congregation Temple Judea</i> . Reform orientation. Rabbi Meir Lasker was an early Reform Zionist sympathiser. Combined with <i>Keneseth Israel</i> in 1982.	Brenner; Meir Lasker; Edward Maline	
Temple Judea of Bucks County	300 Swamp Rd Doylestown		Active		Gary Porkas	
Temple Menorah Kneseth Chai See also, Tacony Hebrew Congregation; The Northeast Jewish Community Center	4301 Tyson Ave Northeast Phi	1924	Active	Founded as the <i>Tacony Hebrew Congregation</i> . Changed to <i>The Northeast Jewish Community Center</i> in the early 30's. Chartered in 1937. A new Synagogue was built - <i>Temple Menorah</i> - in 1951.	Nathan Barnett	
Temple Shalom	2901 Edgely Rd Levittown		Active		Meyer Selekman Peter Hyman	
Temple Sholom of Broomall	55 N Church Lane Broomall	1956	Active		Glenn Jacob	
Temple Sholom. Also, Upper Northwood Jewish Community Center	Large St & Roosevelt Blvd Northeast Phi	1940			Maurice Kliers	
Temple Sinai	Limekiln Pike & Dillon Rd Dresher Limekiln Pike & Washington Ave West Oak Lane	1940	Active	Temporarily at 76th Ave & Limekiln Pike, then met at a food market at Ogontz Ave. & Washington Lane until purchase of site at the Pennypacker school in the mid-40's. Twenty years later combined with the <i>Suburban Temple</i> of Montgomery County. Dedicated current shul in 1971.	Morris Shoulson Adam Wohlberg	
Temple Sinai	1908 S 6th St South Phi	1929		Young People's Reform congregation established in South Philadelphia at the home of a founding member, Dorothy Greenstein.		
Temple Tel Or						
Temple Zion	Huntingdon Valley					
Temple Zion. Also see, Parker's Place	[The Mcfadden Estate] Northeast Phi	Late 50's/ Early 60's		First met in a Quaker meeting house on Gravel Hill Road; then at a store front on Street Rd.; Penn Valley Park on the Old Lincoln Highway, and then the Mcfadden Estate. The charismatic character of Rabbi Parker, the long standing rabbi, gave the shul its nickname - <i>Parker's Place</i> .	Daniel Parker	

Teshuath Israel	1518 Columbia Ave North Phi	1893		A break-away congregation from Rodeph Shalom. Practised a conservative version of Reform. Followed rite formulated by Marcus Jastrow, Benjamin Szold and H. Hocheimer (known as Avodath Israel).	Victor Rosenstein (18'93-'94) Solomon Kauffman (1894)	
The Rushiner Shul. See, Shari Zedek Anshe Reisicher						
The White Shul. See, Bnai Menasha						
Tiferes Bnai Israel	2478 Street Rd Warrington		Active		Jon Cutler	
Tiferes Israel Anshe Zitomer-Gubernia Wohlin Nusach Sfar. Also, Anshe Zhitomir nusach Sfar	2300 S 6th St South Phi 604 Dickinson St South Phi	[1892 (Book #649, p.366)]	1965; moved to 6th & Wolf.	Started as a Landsleit shul. Originally chartered as <i>Congregation Tiferes Israel Anshe Zitomer-Gubernia Wohlin Nusach Sfar</i> . Used synagogue formerly owned by Bnai Reuben. Became <i>Anshe Zitomer Nusach Sfar</i> in 1903 on moving to Dickinson St. Moved to 2300 S. 6th St in late 1960's.[Zhitomir]	Israel Lubarsky	
Tiferet Bet Israel	1920 Skippack Pike Blue Bell		Active		Davod Ackerman	
Tiferet Israel of Lower Bucks County	2909 Bristol Rd Bensalem		Active		Jefery Schnitzer Hoida	
Tiferet Joseph	31st & Berks Sts Strawberry Mansion	1929	1978	An orthodox congregation for young people. First started in South Philadelphia. This was Strawberry Mansion branch.	Snyderman	
Tifereth Israel	40th St & Powelton Ave West Phil					
Tifereth Israel Anshe Lita	827 N 4th St Northern Liberties	1903 [1905 (Book #32, p. 103)]		Met at 615 N. 2nd St. (1903-1906). Rented hall space for High Holidays on NE corner of 3rd & Brown Sts. until purchase of N. 4th St. building in 1906. [Lithuanian]	Moses Judelson	
Tifereth Israel of Parkside	3940 W Girard Ave West Phi	1904 [1912 (Book #46, p. 304)]	1960	First met in hall at 39th & Poplar Sts., then in private homes until purchase of Girard Ave. building. Buff brick (formerly Parkside Republican Club) redesigned in 1923 and in 1934 after fire damage. Subsequently, First Timothy Baptist Church. [Austro-Hungarian & Lithuanian]	Abraham Silver ('07-'12), Bernard Levinthal ('12); Frankel (1914)	

Tikvas Israel	41st St & Parkside Ave West Phi	1920[1924 (Book #84, p. 112)]	1972; combined with Beth El Suburban in Broomall in 1972	Used hotel space on Parkside Ave until construction of Synagogue on same site. Had Chevra Mishnais (study group); Ladies' Auxiliary (1924) & Sisterhood (1940's). Synagogue built & dedicated in 1926; subsequently, Christ Community Baptist Church.	Samuel Herman ('30-'32); Irv Halberstam; Nathan Bernstein (1948)	
Tikvas Zion	505 Lombard St Society Hill	1905				
Tikvoh Chadoshoh	5364 W Chew Ave. Germantown	1940's	1985	Met under aegis of Keneseth Israel. Formally organised in 1942 as <i>Congregation Tikvah Chadoshoh</i> . Met at Keneseth Israel & at 441 E. Loudon St. until purchase of chapel belonging to the old German Jewish Orphanage on Chew Ave. in 1951. Affiliated with the Conservative movement in the 1950's. Congregation disbanded in 1985, some joined the <i>Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center</i> & others <i>Brith Israel of Feltonville</i> . [German]	William Fineshriber; William Eisenberg	
Toras Israel. Also, Bialik Congregation; Beth Zion	2453-5 Phillip St (nr. Porter) South Phi 2455 S American St South Phi	1922 [1923 (Book #83, p. 104)]	Early 1970's.	Changed name several times: <i>Toras Israel</i> in 1922; <i>Bialick Cong</i> - after chazan, <i>Jacob Bialick</i> - in 1933, and <i>Beth Zion</i> in 1937.	Ben Karafin; Zwi H. Lederberg (1950's-'60's)	
Touro Hall Free Synagogue	10th & Carpenter Sts South Phi	[1891]	Early 1930's	Services and night classes directed by the German-Jewish organisers of Touro Hall. Provided free High Holiday services.		
Tzedek V'Shalom	PO Box 863 Newtown		Active		Segal Dagan Brier	
Upper Northwood Jewish Community Center. See, Temple Sholom						
Uptown Home for the Aged. See, Moshav Zekenim						
Vilna Congregation. Also, [Beis HaKnesses] Anshe Vilno.	509 Pine St Society Hill	1904 [1904]	Active	Started as a Landsleit shul. Services in rented rooms until 1915, then at NE corner of 3rd & Lombard Sts for one year until purchase of building on Pine. Women members organised the Sara Shapiro Sisterhood. Anshe Zitomer joined with Anshe Vilna in early 1970's. [Vilna]	Joseph Snapir (1940) Menachem Schmidt	

Vine Street Synagogue. Also see, Eastern Women's Talmud Torah	201 Vine St Old City		1960's	Members broke away from the <i>Eastern Women's Talmud Torah</i> . The EWTT leased premises to the new congregation until mortgage was paid. Place for local businessmen to say Kaddish. Records held by Kerpel Rosenfeld (148 Vine St) and Jean Schurr (146 Vine St).	Ms. Sacks; Axelrods; Caplans.	
West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center	Sedgwick & Thouron Sts West Oak Lane	1950	1978; combined with Beth Sholom of Elkins Park	Jewish Community Center started in store front at 3226 W. Cheltenham Ave until building of Center in late 50's.		
West Philadelphia Hebrew Congregation	5427 Sansom St West Phi	1908		Served commercial district at 52nd & Market.	Oscar Levin, Paul Hait, Louis Leifer, Solomon Shoulson, Theodore Saunders (all Post- WWII)	
West Philadelphia Jewish Community Center	Ludlow St & Cobb's Creek Blvd West Phi	1923 [1928 (Book #103, p. 517)]	1960's; absorbed by Beth Hillel in Wynne-wood	Combination of Beth Judah (1905) and West Phi Hebrew School (1914). Synagogue constructed in 1927-8.	Matt (1929) Edward Tenenbaum, Maurice Newhoff (60's)	
West Philadelphia Talmud Torah	6003 Larchwood St Southwest Phi	1919[1919]	About 1952			
Wilner Congregation	314 Lombard St Society Hill	1901		Congregation met in a member's home. [Vilna]		
Winitzer Congregation, Also Beneficial Sons of David	302 Lombard St Society Hill	1896/ 1901 [1896/ 1901]	Disbanded by early 1910's	[Winitzer]		
Woodside Park Congregation	Cranston & Conshocken Rd Balwynne Park	1962				
Wynnefield Jewish Center	580 Overbrook Rd Wynnefield	1945	1960's	Modelled after the Germantown Jewish Center. Flourished in the 50's.	Rosen	
Yagdil Torah	630 N 6th St Northern Liberties	1924 [1924 (Book #89, p. 121)]	Disbanded by 1931	Non-payment of taxes closed this synagogue during the Depression.	Lobberland	
Yagdil Torah	5701 N 13th St Oak Lane	1948	1978	Former members of <i>Emanu-El</i> who wanted to keep a neighbourhood synagogue in Oak Lane. Rented quarters at 5604 N.13th St. Combined with <i>Bnai Joseph</i> to build a synagogue at 5701 N.13th St.	Shoulson; Maurice Newhoff	
Yardley Synagogue						
Yavneh Synagogue	N 53rd St Wynnefield	1950	1970	Minyan held at home of the Harris family - Hebrew speakers from Odessa - and called the <i>Yavne Synagogue</i> . Syn closed on Chaim Harris' death in 1970.		
Yeadon Jewish Community Center			1991	Combined with <i>Suburban Jewish Community Center-Bnai Aaron</i> in 1991.		

Young Israel of Beth Samuel. See, Adath Shalom				See Adath Shalom		
Young Israel of Elkins Park	7715 Montgomery Ave Elkins Park	1980	Active		Dov Brisman	
Young Israel of Oxford Circle	6427 Large St Northeast Phl	1954	Active	Orthodox group broke from <i>Beth Emeth</i> in 1954. Purchased row house on Large St. Membership had severely dwindled by the early 80's.	Jules Meles;Kapustin	
Young Israel of Strawberry Mansion	1939 N 31st St (3rd Floor) Strawberry Mansion	1940	1954; moved to Oxford Circle	A liberal congregation affiliated with <i>Bnai Jacob</i> (1929 N.31st). Organised by Jack Zweig		
Young Israel of the Main Line	273 Montgomery Ave Main Line 5300 Wynnefield Ave Wynnefield	1960	Active	Founded by returning veterans from the Korean War. Rented a house on N.51st. Purchased a mansion at 5301 Wynnefield Ave in 1963. Moved to Main line and changed name.	Avraham Stenberg	
Young People's Bnai Moishe. See, Adath Shalom	5th & Watkins Sts South Phl	1950		See Adath Shalom		
Young People's Congregation - Shaare Israel; Also Adath Shalom	342 Porter St South Phl	1947		See Adath Shalom		
Young People's Congregation - Shari Eli.	728 W Moyamensing Ave South Phl	1946	Active		Israel Wolmark	
Zeiras Israel. Also, Catherine St. Shul	343 Christian St South Phl	[1915/ 20 (Book #64, p. 396)]	Disbanded in 1965	[Talfer (Kiev, Lithuania)]		
Zemach David nusach Sfarad	1437 S 6th St (nr Dickinson) South Phl	1923 [1924 (Book #85, p. 498)]	1981	Tolner Rebbe's shul. Moved to Logan in the mid-1940's. Met at 4900 Rockland at N.8th St. Renamed the <i>Tolner Synagogue</i> . [Tolnoye, Kiev Province]	Morris (Moshe Zvi) Twersky, Hasidic rebbe & founder ('20's)	
Zemach David of Logan	6735 N 16th St West Oak Lane	1927	1981	Began in private home at 6739 N.16th St. Architect Louis Kahn designed synagogue building in 1937	Samuel Lachs; Hyman Chanover	
Zemach David of Logan	7976 Summerdale Ave (at Rhawn St) Northeast Phl	1970's		Moved from Kensington in the 70's. A shortlived <i>stiebl</i> that closed when Rabbi Isadore Solomon returned to Israel.	Isidor Solomon	
Zikhron Yaakov. See, Chevra Tehilim Zikhron Yaakov						
Zikne Zedek	516 S 4th St South Phl	[1896 (Book #22, p.266)]		Met at the home of the President & a founder member, Abe Liebowitz.		
Ziknei Israel [Chevra]	432 Dickinson St South Phl	1890's [1914 (Book #49, p.514)]	1970's	Previous location at 916 S. 5th St.		

4/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Eastern State Penitentiary – Lost Synagogue**
Years of Operation 1920's to early 1970's – being restored as a historical site

Address: Eastern State Penitentiary
 22nd Street and Fairmount Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA

Phone #: (215) 236-3300

Web: <http://www.EasternState.org>

Hours: Dailey 10 am to 5 pm

Fees: \$12 for adults, \$8 students, seniors and children 7 to 12.

Jewish Interest: From The Philadelphia Inquirer March 26, 2008

Eastern State's 'Lost Synagogue'

By Stephan Salisbury

Inquirer Culture Writer

The walls are crumbling brick and stone. The small ceiling, hints of ghostly blue and green embedded in its plaster, is largely collapsed. All iron - from locks to nails to hinges and lath - is encrusted with thick, flaking rust.

> On the outside door of the room, faint in the blistering and peeling paint, the shadows of two Stars of David can be seen, visible echoes of a sacred past inside.

> This room behind Cellblock 7 - long forgotten, largely unseen, left for decades to collapse into itself - is what remains of the sole synagogue that served the ancient Eastern State Penitentiary, the National Historic Landmark at Fairmount Avenue and 22d Street.

> On April 5 and 6, the "Lost Synagogue," as it is now being called, will be open to the public in its current state of dilapidation. Barring heavy demand for visits, it will then be closed for a complete renovation, with reopening scheduled by Yom Kippur, Oct. 9.

> "In general, we like to keep things in a state of architectural ruin," said Sean Kelly, program manager for Eastern State, which runs tours of the massive old prison. "A lot of visitors love the sense of ruin at Eastern State, so we're going to give them at least one weekend of that at the synagogue."

> Eastern State opened in 1829, operating with the philosophy that inmates should be kept in solitary confinement to reflect on their misdeeds. The reform, strongly backed by Quakers, proved harsh and by the beginning of the First World War, solitary confinement was abandoned.

> In the 1920s, businessman and philanthropist Alfred Fleisher, head of the prison's board of trustees, spearheaded an effort to construct the synagogue. He had four small outside recreation yards roofed over, interior walls removed, high-backed wooden benches installed along the walls, and other appointments added.

> The plaster ceiling featured a large decorative Star of David.

> While there never were great numbers of Jewish inmates at Eastern State - about 80 is the most recorded during any one year from the 1920s to the 1940s - Fleisher was devoted to attending to their spiritual needs.

> Other outsiders were similarly diligent. Joseph Paull, for instance, who first visited the prison as a "strongman" to entertain the prisoners, donated large amounts of food from his kosher butcher shop, helped about 300 prisoners find jobs upon release, and attended services at the prison. William Portner, president of the Prison Aid Committee, attended all services from 1923 to 1940.

> "These were very dedicated people," said Laura Mass, a former University of Pennsylvania graduate student who wrote her thesis on Eastern State and helped in the early synagogue preservation work. "They were so dedicated they would go to services at the prison rather than to their own synagogues. They helped them, sponsoring them once they got out of prison. They found jobs for them. They helped contact families. It seemed extraordinary to me."

> Once the prisoners were moved out of Eastern State and the prison was closed in the early '70s, the synagogue fell into ruin. Invasive trees started puncturing the walls. The plaster ceiling collapsed.

> But in the course of sifting through the debris in recent years, conservationists were able to find at least one Star of David from the building door. They also found the point of the large plaster star on the ceiling.

> Kelly, the prison program director, and Sally Elk, Eastern State's executive director, said the question of restoration

was a nettlesome one. Should the room be left in a state of stabilized decay - similar to the rest of the prison? If not, should it be restored to the early period of the 1920s or the later period of the 1950s?

> The extensive collapse of the synagogue space dictated a more complete restoration. And, they decided in consultation with preservationists, the room should be restored to its most elaborate period, the 1950s and 1960s.

> Following completion of work on the synagogue, Kelly and Elk said, they will begin raising funds for restoration of the Catholic chaplain's office - which features several wall murals painted by an inmate in the 1950s - and eventually a nondenominational space housed in a separate part of the complex.

> Elk, the executive director, said artifacts recovered during the initial cleanup of the synagogue, including part of the ceiling Star of David and a complete star from the entrance door, will be on exhibit.

Research Advice: Limited tours accommodate about 15 people.

If You Go

> Eastern State Penitentiary is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for students, seniors and children ages 7 to 12.

> Tours of the synagogue will be held April 5 and 6. They are free with admission, but subject to availability. Each tour lasts about 45 minutes and will accommodate about 15 people.

> For information, call 215-236-3300 or go to www.EasternState.org.

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Private Sector Research

2/1/08 – Harry Boonin

Resource: **Center for Advanced Judaic Studies****Address:** 420 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19106**Phone #:** (215) 238-1290, Ext. 203**Key Personnel:** Dr. Arthur Kiron**Web:** <http://www.library.upenn.edu/cajs>**Email:** <mailto:cajs@pobox.upenn.edu>**Hours:** By Appointment only**Fees:** None**Accessibility:** Limited**Public Transportation:** Market-Frankford Train to 5th Street. Short walk.**Driving Direction from Center City:** Not recommended, take taxi**Jewish Interest:** Many of the holdings are in foreign languages, mostly in Hebrew. Important collections of personal papers of the "Philadelphia Group," about a dozen of Philadelphia's most eminent Victorian-era Jewish communal leaders. For example, the personal papers of Rev. Isaac Leeser, Dr. Solomon Solis-Cohen, Rev. Sabato Morais, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Judge Mayer Sulzberger, etc.**Research Advice:** Many holdings are not appropriate for genealogy, they suggest using the Jewish Archive first.

1/11/08 – Shelda Sandler

Resource: **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Library**35 N West Temple, Room 344
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-3440
Telephone: (801) 240-6535**Address:** Family History Centers in Philadelphia Area, Camden County, New Jersey, and Wilmington, Delaware:

- **Philadelphia County: Red Lion Road FHC**
2076 Red Lion Road
Philadelphia, PA
Telephone: (215) 673-2770
Jim Savage, Director
- **Bucks County FHC**
1255 S. Chapman Road
Doylestown, PA
Telephone: (215) 348-0645
- **Delaware County: Valley Forge FHC**
721 Paxon Hollow Road
Broomall, PA
Telephone: (610) 356-8507
- **Montgomery County FHC**
93 Mangers Mill Road
Pottstown, PA
Telephone: (610) 327-3166
- **Camden County FHC**
252 Evesham Road
Cherry Hill, NJ
Telephone: (856) 795-8841
New Jersey FHC Listed in the New Jersey Section
- **Wilmington FHC**
143 Dickinson Lane
Wilmington, DE
Telephone: (302) 654-1911

Key Personnel: Staffed by Volunteers**Web:** <http://www.familysearch.org>**Email:** Varies by center**Hours:** Vary with location. Call specific Center for information.**Fees:** No charge for admission; nominal acquisition charge for some microfilms.**Accessibility:** Generally accessible; call specific center**Public Transportation:** Check specific center**Driving Direction from Center City:** Check specific center**Jewish Interest:** Family History Library:

- Access to Family History Library Catalog,
- International Genealogical Index,
- Ancestral File,
- Social Security Death Index and
- U.S. Military Index.

Philadelphia area centers typically have:

- City of Philadelphia Marriage Registers 1860-1885 microfilm.
- Marriage Index 1885-1915 microfilm;
- Marriage licenses 1888-1910 microfilm ;
- Death Registers 1882-1904 microfilm

Microfilm; microfiche; hard-print books and other searchable materials; computers available for research; microfilm ordered from Salt Lake City remains available in the Family History Center for 4-5 weeks; new sources accessible on-line using www.familysearch.org: Kindred Connections (Jewish sources); Knowles Collection (Jewish genealogy from the British Isles); Finding Jewish Records; and Jewish Genealogy Research Outline (Revised)**Research Advice:**

- Family History Centers are branch facilities of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Centers provide access to most of the microfilms and microfiche in the Family History Library
- Family History Centers are open to the public

- Become familiar with www.familysearch.org and its various categories
- Microfilm and microfiche can be ordered from Salt Lake City to be used at local Family History Centers
- Microfilm is currently in the process of being digitized and will become available on-line through www.familysearch.org
- Family History Centers maintain hard-print library books and ship passenger arrival lists
- Ancestry.com has 1880, 1900, and 1920 census available on-line at no cost through Family History Center computers
- Family History Centers offer personal one-on-one assistance

1/13/2008 - David Mink

Resource: College of Physicians of Philadelphia

Address: 19 South 22nd ST,
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone #: (215) 563-3737

Key Personnel: Director: George Wohlreich
Director of the Library: Andrea Kenyon
Librarian: Joan McKenzie

Web: <http://www.collphyphil.org>

Hours: Library: Tue-Thur 10 am-4 pm
Museum: Mon-Thur 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-9pm,
Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Fees: Admission free but appointment required for research

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: A 15-minute walk from hotel.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi

Jewish Interest: The Historical Medical Library contains:

- 19th and early 20th century manuscripts, archives, and medical journals.
- J Solis Cohen (1838-1927) archive - biography, correspondence, and papers.

Research Advice:

- Photocopies cost \$.50/copy.
- The College houses the Mutter Museum, a fascinating collection of medical specimens of diseases and mutations.
Entry fee for the Mutter Museum.

1/24/2008 – David Mink

Resource: Independence Seaport Museum

Address: Penn's Landing,
Philadelphia, PA

Phone #: Archives and Library (215) 413-8639

Key Personnel: Librarian: Matt Herbison

Web: http://www.phillyseaport.org/Museum_Library.shtml

Hours: Wed - Fri 10-5pm. Research by appointment only.

Fees: \$9 charge for museum, researchers with appointments are permitted in the archives, library free of charge.

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 2nd Street, 1.5 mile walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Little of specifically Jewish interest.

Research Advice: The museum is not a source for passenger lists.

9/25/2008 – Steve

Resource: Jenkins Law Library

Address: 841 Chestnut Street (suite 1220)
Philadelphia, PA

Phone #: (215) 574-7900

Key Personnel: Director: Regina L. Smith

Web: <http://www.jenkinslaw.org/>

Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 - 6; Sat 10 - 4. See website as hours change.

Fees: \$5 per day

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 8th Street, short walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Little of specifically Jewish interest but has biographical information on Philadelphia Lawyers, legal records and publications.

Research Advice: Need photo ID for entry.

1/23/2008 - J. Grossman

Resource: Library Company of Philadelphia

Address: 1314 Locust St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone #: (215) 546-3181

Key Personnel: John C. Van Horne, Director

Web: <http://www.librarycompany.org>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

Fees: None

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible

Public Transportation: 8 block walk from hotel

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended; take taxi.

Jewish Interest:

Book collections include:

- Rosenbach, A.S.W. *An American Jewish Bibliography* (1926; reprinted 1977)
- Singerman, R. *Judaica Americana* (1990)

Periodicals include:

- *The Occident and American Jewish Advocate*, v. 1-26 (1843-1869);
- *The Jewish Intelligencer*, 1 v. (1836-1837);
- *The Jewish Chronicle*, incomplete series, 1846-1853.

Note: Many of these items came as gifts from Edwin Wolf 2nd, as part of his American Judaica Collection.

The graphic material collections contain:

- Maps and views of the Philadelphia area and work by Philadelphia artists, photographers, and printers from the 18th through the early 20th century. Scattered within our collection of postcards, photographs, and prints are a few views of buildings important to Philadelphia's Jewish community such as synagogues and a hospital.
- The George Mark Wilson Photograph Collection, consisting of 244 1920s photographs of Philadelphia, and includes 10 views of Jewish neighborhoods, cemeteries, and a synagogue.
- The Elias Goldensky Photograph Collection consists of approximately sixty early 20th century photographs taken by this Russian Jewish immigrant to Philadelphia including shots of his friends and family.
- We also have work by Sarah Hart, a Jewish stationer who published a series of cartoons entitled "Life in Philadelphia" ca. 1830, and approximately seventy-five images by Levy and Cohen, photographic partners from Philadelphia, who documented the devastation of Richmond, Virginia, at the end of the Civil War.

The manuscript materials include:

- American Judaica manuscripts, given by Edwin Wolf 2nd
- Pollock Family Papers (1833-1854); sixty-five letters written by three brothers to their family in Philadelphia from New Orleans, Texas, Mexico, and California.
- The Papers of Edwin Wolf 2nd, the co-author of *The History of the Jews of Philadelphia* (1956)

Research Advice:

- Please make appointments for use of graphic materials.
- Reader registration requires a photo ID
- See Library Company's 1980 *Annual Report* for overview of the Edwin Wolf 2nd Collection of American Judaica of Books and Manuscripts.
- See Library Company's 1995 *Annual Report* for overview of the Pollock Family Papers.
- Please visit website (<http://www.librarycompany.org>). Search online catalogs in advance.

2/1/08 - J. Grossman

Resource Name: National Liberty Museum

Address: 321 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone #: (215) 925-2800

Key Personnel: Irvin J. Borowsky, Founder and Chairman

Web: <http://www.libertymuseum.org>

Hours: Summer: Daily 10am-5pm;
Closed Mondays Winter, Fall and Spring

Fees: Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Students \$5; Children ages 5-17 with an adult \$2; Children under 5 no charge

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train Line to 2nd & Market. Short walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi

Jewish Interest:

- Let Freedom Ring,
- Heroes From Around the World,
- From Conflict to Harmony,
- Voyage to Liberty Through Faith,
- Heroes of September 11,
- Exceptional Americans,
- Coming to America,
- Education Center/Chihuly Glass
- New Exhibit: DNA

Research Advice: Strollers, backpacks, umbrellas, parcels, bags must be checked. Food and drink not permitted

2/1/08 – Harry Boonin

Resource Name: National Museum of American Jewish History

Address: 55 N. 5th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone #: (215) 923-3811

Key Personnel: Jay Nachman

Email: <mailto:nmajh@nmajh.org>

Hours: New museum is under construction; estimated to open summer of 2010.

Fees: To be determined.

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train east to 5th Street. Short walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended; take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Constructing a new 100,000–square-foot, five-story building on Independence Mall. The new Museum is dedicated to telling the story of Jews in America. It is not a repository for documents and it does not hold information specifically for Philadelphia. Rather, it is a national museum to explain Judaism in the United States through permanent and special exhibits.

Historic Congregation Mikveh Israel is in one-half of building and NMAJH is in the other half of the building. First building built in 1782, the current building is the 5th building of the congregation dating to 1776.

1/11/2008 - David Mink

Resource: **Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center**

Address: 125 N 8th ST
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Entrance on 777 Appletree ST, 6th Floor

Phone #: (215) 925 8090

Key Personnel: Director: Jon Kligerman
Archivist: Sarah Sherman
Administrative Assistant: David Sullivan

Web: <http://www.philajewisharchives.org>

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-4

Fees: No charge

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train east to 8th Street. North on 8th to Appletree. Turn right, entrance is at the center of the building.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended; take taxi.

Jewish Interest: **THE primary record of Jewish life in this area.** Founded in 1972, a collaboration between the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the American Jewish Committee. Original collections were the records of Federation and Federation agencies. Has become the major repository for Jewish community of the Philadelphia region, including the city, Pennsylvania suburbs, and southern New Jersey. Its 3,000-plus collections, dating from 1805, are growing with new contributions. Records include correspondence, journals & memoirs, memorabilia, photographs, immigration papers and a vast array of other types of documents. PJAC actively collects and transcribes oral history materials. Specific records include:

- Minutes of the first Jewish Sunday School in America
- First Jewish Chaplain Commission from Civil War, signed by President Lincoln
- The first “Jewish Cook Book” published in America
- HIAS – Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society records
- Oral histories
- Directories and records from Woodbine, NJ
- Comprehensive records from the Philadelphia Community Relations Council
- Records of the Soviet Jewish Movement

Research Advice: Must call for an appointment

2/1/08 - J. Grossman

Resource Name: **The Rosenbach Museum and Library**

Address: 2008-2010 Delancy Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone #: (215) 732-1600

Key Personnel: Judith Guston, Curator and Director of Collections

Web: <http://www.rosenbach.org>

Hours: Tues, Thurs., Fri. 10-5; Wed. 10-8; Sat, Sun. 10-5

Fees: Free on Tuesday. Adults, \$8; Students/Seniors \$5;
Children under 5 yrs. free

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: About an 8 block walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Some Judaica.

- Collections from Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach and Philip Rosenbach.
- Rare Books (American/British literature/history), manuscripts, furniture, silver, paintings, prints, drawings, sculpture.

Research Advice: Library research by appointment

1/07/2008 - Harry Boonin

Resource: **Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Adolph & Rose Levis Museum**

Address: Gershman Y,
401 South Broad Street (Broad & Pine),
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Phone #: (215) 446-3045

Director / Key Personnel: Jennifer Merves Robbins, Director, Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame;
Sandy Garz, Executive Director, Gershman Y.

Web: www.phillyjewishsports.com

Email: <mailto:halloffame@phillyjcc.com>

Hours: Sunday-Friday 9 to 5.

Fees: Free for general visitation. Please call for pricing for a lunch program. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible by appointment only.

Public Transportation: 20 to 30 minute walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Jewish sportspeople in Philadelphia:

- Photos and bios of all past inductees, their uniforms, awards, equipment
- Tribute to the Munich 11 athletes,
- Maccabi games, with stories, photos and awards.

Research Advice: An exhibit not a research site. Pictures and information of Jewish Phila. and possible relatives.

1/6/08 - J. Rosen

Resource: **Tuttleman Library of Gratz College**

Address: 7605 Old York Road,
Elkins Park, PA 19027

Phone #: (215) 635-7300. Ext. 169

Key Personnel: Eliezer M. Wise

Web: <http://www.gratz.edu> Click on *Tuttleman Jewish Public Library*

Hours: Summer: Mon - Thu 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri: 9 -1; Closed weekends.

Winter: Mon - Wed 9 - 9; Thu 9 -7; Fri: 9 -1; Sun: 9 -2:30.

See web site for holiday information.

Fees: No charge but picture ID needed.

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: SEPTA trains 2, 3, 5; check schedules, not all trains stop at Melrose Park or Elkins park, the two stops nearest the school. C bus.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West. Keep right to US-1 N/Roosevelt Expy. Exit Right PA-611/Broad St. Straight on St. Luke St to Left PA-611/Broad St. Bear Right to remain on PA-611 at Old York Road.

Right on Melrose Ave. Left to Parking lot.

Jewish Interest:

- Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia Library
- Holocaust Oral History Archive
- Jewish Music Library
- Rare Book Room
- Memorial (Yizkor) Books
- American Jewish Yearbooks

Research Advice: Library of Judaica and JGSGP collection, of books, videos, manuscripts and material of Jewish interest. No vital records. A general reference collection including encyclopedia, books on Jewish history, background for genealogical research, and biographies. Catalog available online, on the library's web page; JGSGP books are marked in the call number, and are available for use at the library for reference only. Books in the Tuttleman general collection may be borrowed through library loan.

1/4/08 - Harry Boonin

Resource: **Urban Archives**

Address: Temple University,
1210 Berks Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19122;
(Located at the Paley Library, Ground Floor)

Phone #: (215) 204-8257 or 5750

Key Personnel: Interim Head, Brenda Galloway-Wright, Associate Archivist

Email: [mail to : urban@temple.edu](mailto:urban@temple.edu)

Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Fees: No fees but picture ID needed.

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Broad Street Subway north to Cecil B. Moore station, walk north on Broad Street to Montgomery, turn right to 13th Street, continue to Samuel Paley Library

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Established in 1967 to document the social, economic, and physical development of the Philadelphia area from the mid-19th century to the present. Repository and research facility. Collections are particularly strong in:

- social service organizations,
- unions,
- housing development,
- community organizations, and contain
- organizations involved with African Americans, education, and crime.
- Newspaper clipping collections, including:
 - **The Philadelphia Bulletin.** The most important files for Jewish genealogists are the George D. McDowell *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* Newsclipping Collection. Clippings in this collection are primarily from the *Evening Bulletin* with some articles from the *Inquirer*, *Daily News*, *Record*, *Public Ledger* and *North American* newspapers with a few articles from New York papers. There are approximately a half million clipping envelopes. Some of the

files were converted to a microfiche format by the newspaper. Other files have been copied onto acid-free paper. Files are divided into separate alphabets for subjects and personal names. Clipping files can include obituaries but not death notices and dates range from 1920 through January 1982 when the *Bulletin* closed.

An internal newspaper index for the Bulletin is available for 1908-1975 in manuscript volumes and typed cards. The index is extremely cumbersome to use and it is recommended that researchers utilize the clippings files to search for topics and individuals.

The *Evening Bulletin* clipping files can be accessed by: Name, e.g., Cohen, Samuel or Subject Matter, e.g., Bootlegging, Sunday Blue Laws, Theatres, etc.

- **Daily News Newsclipping Collection:** This collection contains newsclippings from the Daily News for the time period 1958-1962.
- **Inquirer Newsclipping Collection:** This collection includes a few files for individuals and topics for scattered dates, mostly in the 1920s and 1950s.

Research Advice: Limited reference service provided by the Archives staff. Photocopying with a photographic copy stand, a hand operated moving film viewer, and microfiche/film readers and printer available. For a fee, archivists can photocopy as staffing permits. Duplicate photographic prints and slides may be ordered from the Photographic Collections.

Lists of topics and personal names are not available for any collections. Call in advance to have subjects or names searched in the clippings files. Requests for research assistance are limited by staff availability.

Publishes the semi-annual Urban Archives Notes newsletter which is available free of charge from the Archives. Each issue lists new accessions and other news relating to the Archives along with a lead article featuring collections or writers who have used extensive information held by the Archives. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please contact the Urban Archives.

2/1/08 - J. Grossman

Resource: **Van Pelt Library, University of Pennsylvania**

Address: 3420 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA.19104

Phone #: (215) 898-7555

Key Personnel: RIS Department

Web: <http://www.library.upenn.edu>

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30A - 10:00P during the academic year.

Check for hours over the summer and during vacation periods.

Fees: None. Valid picture ID required for admission.

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Market Street Frankford Line to 34th Street. Walk 2 blocks to library.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest:

- City Directories of the United States, pre-1860-1901 (Microform collection)
- Philadelphia Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, late 19th century-1990 (Microform)
- Small collection of local county and neighborhood histories
- Philadelphia Inquirer 1860 – present; Forward 1897-1950 (Yiddish)

Research Advice: Patrons unaffiliated with the University of Pennsylvania can access print and microform collections but are not able to use proprietary electronic resources.

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Governmental Resources

1/23/08 – David Brill

Resource: Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia

Address: 15 South 7th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone #: 215-685-4830 (voice)
215-685-4837 (fax)

Key Personnel: Mr. Jeffrey R. Ray, Senior Curator

Email: mailto:215_info@philadelphiahistory.org

Hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 1-5 P.M.

Fees: No admission charge; some questions at no charge; research rate is \$20 per 30 minutes and includes a limited number of photocopies.”

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 8th & Market; 5 minute walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Historical collections include:

- Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP) Art and Artifact Collection,
- Broadcast Pioneers (history of broadcasting in the Philadelphia area),
- Special collections related to Philadelphia manufacturers
- Prints of historical Philadelphia.

The AKMP web site states that it “does not have genealogical resources and, generally, does not have resources to assist with family histories.”

Research Advice: Access to the collection is by reservation.

1/23/08 – David Brill

Resource Name: Bucks County Courthouse

Address: 55 East Court Street,
Doylestown, PA 18901

Phone #: 215-348-6000

Web: <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/>

<http://www.buckscounty.org/government/rowOfficers/Prothonotary/Genealogical.aspx>

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Transportation: SEPTA Regional Rail (R5) to Doylestown Sta. Courthouse is approximately 1/2 mile walk from the station.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 west to I-76 west. Exit 331B (I-476 toward Plymouth Meeting). Merge onto I-276 East (Pennsylvania Turnpike to New Jersey). Exit 343 (PA-611 toward Doylestown/Jenkintown). Take PA-611 north (Doylestown/Willow Grove Naval Air Station. PA-611 makes slight right and becomes Easton Road. Easton Road becomes S Main St. Take slight right on E Court St

Jewish Interest: Applications for vital records. Some local business and tax records.

Research Advice: A parking garage is across the street. The Main Street doors are open from 7:30 am to 10:00 am ONLY. After this time, use the Court Street entrance by following the walkway around the building. Anyone entering the courthouse must pass through security.

1/4/08 - J. Rosen

Resource Name: Free Library of Philadelphia

Address: 1901 Vine Street, between 19th and 20th Streets on the Parkway
Philadelphia, PA

Phone #: (215)-686-5322

Web: <http://www.freelibrary.org>

Email: No direct email; use *Ask a Librarian*, follow directions to reference librarian.

Hours: Mon – Wed: 9 AM – 9 PM, Thur – Sat: 9 AM – 5 PM; Sun: 1 PM – 5 PM

Map, print and picture collection: Mon – Fri 9 AM – 5 PM

Fees: No admission, bring a picture ID and change for copies

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Central Library is within walking distance of the Sheraton Hotel, about 3 blocks.)

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended, take taxi.

Jewish Interest:

- Newspapers and Microfilm Center: 215-686-5431
 - Philadelphia city directories 1785 -1936 (with some gaps)
 - Telephone directories 1879 – present
 - Philadelphia newspapers 1719 - present (some with indexes)
 - Jewish Exponent (1887-2006 with gaps)
- Business, Science, and Industry Department: 215-686-5439
- Education, Philosophy, and Religion Department: 215-686-5392
- Government Publications Department: 215-686-5330
- Map Department: 215-686-5397; 2nd floor
- Fire Insurance Maps of Philadelphia and region (Sanborn)
- Print and Picture Collection: 215-686-5405

- Social Sciences and History Department: 215-686-5396

Most genealogical resources are found in this department.

Research Advice: Click on *Genealogy* in the green *Explore* section of the home page. Helpful for those without an FLP library card: click on *Genealogy 101* and on *Advanced Guides* on next screen. Screens list resources in the Philadelphia area. *Genealogy 101* is also available in print in the Social Sciences and History Department, but the longer *Advanced Guides* is not available.

Most of the sources at the Central Library listed in guides are found on the second floor, where there is an information desk to direct you.

Online catalog; follow the links on the web site (the word *catalog* appears in the *Find* section) or type *catalog* in the search box under *Find* on the home page. It is useful if you are looking for a specific book or resource.

If you plan to use a film reader (city directories, etc) bring something to cover the reader; the room is well lit and it is sometimes difficult to read.

1/24/08 – David Brill

Resource: Montgomery County Archives

Address: Logan Square,
1880 Markley St.,
Norristown, PA 19401

Phone #: (610) 278-3807; fax: (610) 292-4966

Web: <http://www2.montcopa.org/montco/cwp/view,a,3,q,14155.asp>

Email: <mailto:Archives@montcopa.org>

Hours: 8:30a.m. - 4:15p.m

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 west to I-76 west. Exit 331B (I-476 toward Plymouth Meeting). Exit 18B toward Norristown. Take ramp toward Pennsylvania Turnpike and merge onto Chemical Road. Left on Gallagher Road. Right on Belvoir Road. Slight left onto Plymouth Road (Plymouth becomes E Johnson Highway). Left on US-202 (Markley St).

Jewish Interest: Resources from the County Archives web site include:

- Original Estate papers 1784-1992. These include wills, administrations and Orphan's Court files and are indexed in the "Estate Index" which employs the "Russell Index" system.
- Original Marriage Records Oct.1885 - present. There is an index referencing both Brides and Grooms.
- Birth & Death Records 1893-1915. (These records are actually Physician Returns and do not represent a complete reference work as not all births were recorded. The Death Register exists as microfilm and can be viewed at your convenience.)
- Delayed Birth Certificates 1941-1966.
- Coroner's Dockets and Inquests 1893-1959 on microfilm.

Research Advice: http://www.mypennsylvaniagenealogy.com/pa_county/mty.htm

1/24/08 – David Brill

Resource: Montgomery County Courthouse

Address: 2 E Airy St,
Norristown, PA 19401

Phone #: (610) 278-3000

Web: <http://www.montcopa.org/>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:15PM (except holidays)

Public Transportation: SEPTA Regional Rail: (R6) to Norristown Transportation Center or Main St. Norristown Sta. Or Market-Frankford Train to 69th Street; SEPTA Route 100 (Norristown High Speed Line) to Norristown Transportation Center. .5 mile walk from the Transportation Center.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 west to I-76 west. Exit 332 (PA-23/Conshohocken. Merge onto Matsonford Road. Left on PA-23/Front St. Right on PA-23/E 4th St. Right on Vine (Vine becomes E Front St). Left to stay on E Front St. Right on US-202N/Dekalb St. Left on E Airy St.

Jewish Interest: Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphan's Court:

- Montgomery Co. birth and death records 1893-1915.
 - Montgomery Co. probate records 1784 - 1987 on docket books, 1988 - present on computer
- Marriage License Bureau: Marriage records for marriage licenses issued in Montgomery County 1885-present.

Research Advice: Park in garage across from the Courthouse. On-street parking has 2 hour limit. Courthouse parking is restricted.

Marriage License Bureau: On the 2nd floor. Marriage license applications after 1915 include names, occupations and places of birth of the applicants' parents. Montgomery County will charge \$15 for a combination of the marriage application and certificate. There is a \$2 search fee if the record is not found.

1/24/08 – David Brill & Selma Neubaure

Resource: National Archives, Mid-Atlantic Region (NARA)

Address: Robert C. Nix Federal Building,
900 Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107-4292
(entrance on Chestnut St. between 9th and 10th)

Phone #: (215) 606-0100

Key Personnel: V. Chapman Smith, Regional Administrator;
Leslie Simon, Director, Archival Operations;
Jefferson Moak, Archivist

Web: <http://www.archives.gov/midatlantic/>

Email: mailto:215_philadelphia.archives@nara.gov

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.;
second Saturday each month, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.;
closed Sundays and Federal holidays.

Fees: No admission; bring change for copier.

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 8th Street. 5 min walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended; take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Available on microfilm (not a comprehensive list):

SER# = Serial No.; CAB = Cabinet No.; DR = Drawer No.

CENSUS			
Censuses of Population, 1790-1930:			
SER#	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	CAB/DR
T498	1790	FIRST CENSUS (Print Format)	1/1
M637	1790	FIRST CENSUS (Hand Written Script)	1/1
M32	1800	SECOND CENSUS	1/1
M252	1810	THIRD CENSUS	1/1
M33	1820	FOURTH CENSUS	1/2
T1224	1830, 1840	DESCRIPTION OF GEOGRAPHIC SU13DIVISIONS	7/6
M19	1830	FIFTH CENSUS	1/4
M704	1840	SIXTH CENSUS	1/7
T1224	1850,1860	DESCRIPTION OF GEOGRAPHIC SUBDIVISIONS	7/6
M432	1850	SEVENTH CENSUS	2/4
M653	1860	EIGHTH CENSUS	3/6
T132	1870	MINNESOTA CENSUS (Part)	5/4
M593	1870	NINTH CENSUS	5/5
T1224	1870	DESCRIPTION OF SUBDIVISIONS & E.D.'s	7/6
T734-T780	1880	SOUNDEX INDEX (Families - children under 10)	7/7
T9	1880	TENTH CENSUS	9/5
-----	1800-1880	DESCRIPTION OF PENNA. TOWNSHIPS & BOROUGHES	25/5
M496	1890	NAME INDEX (Alphabetical)	11/3
M407	1890	ELEVENTH CENSUS (Surviving Schedules- 3 rolls)	11/3
M123	1890	SPECIAL CENSUS OF UNION VETERANS & WIDOWS	11/3
T1030-TIO83	1900	SOUNDEX INDEX (All states and families)	11/5
T623	1900	TWELFTH CENSUS	17/4
T1210	1900	CENSUS DESCRIPTION OF E.D.'s	11/4
T1259-TI279	1910	SOUNDEX INDEX (21 States only)	19/7
T624	1910	THIRTEENTH CENSUS	23/3
M1283	1910	CROSS INDEX TO SELECTED CITY STREETS	fiche
T1224	1910	CENSUS DESCRIPTION OF E.D.'s	25/5
M1548-MI605	1920	SOUNDEX INDEX (All states and families)	25/6
T625	1920	FOURTEENTH CENSUS	31/8
T1224	1920	CENSUS DESCRIPTION OF E.D.'s	33/11
M2049-M2060	1930	SOUNDEX INDEX:AK, AL, GA, FL, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, KY(pt),WV (pt)	34/1
T1224	1930	CENSUS DESCRIPTION OF E.D.'s (3 copies)	34/12,39/1,39/2
M1930	1930	ENUMERATION DISTRICT MAPS (2 copies)	34/12 39/1
M1931	1930	Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts	35/1
Z1	ca. 1930	1930s-era CITY DIRECTORIES (various cities)	35/1
T626	1930	FIFTEENTH CENSUS	36/1
A3378	1900-1940	ENUMERATION DISTRICT MAPS for 12 th -16 th Censuses	39/6

City Directories			
Z1	ca. 1930	1930s-era CITY DIRECTORIES (various cities)	35/1
-----	1785-1861	PHILADELPHIA CITY DIRECTORIES	fiche
-----	1861-1935	PHILADELPHIA CITY DIRECTORIES	39/5

PASSENGER LISTS AND IMMIGRATION			
SER#	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	CAB/DR
ATLANTIC, GULF PORTS & GREAT LAKES (Excluding NY). 1820-1874			
M334	1820-1874	ALPHABETICAL, INDEX	40/2
M575	1820-1873	PASSENGER LISTS	40/3
BALTIMORE, MD			
M327	1820-1897	SOUNDEX INDEX	40/4

M326	1833-1866	SOUNDEX INDEX	40/5
T520	1897-1952	SOUNDEX INDEX	40/5
M255	1820-1891	PASSENGER LISTS	40/5
T844	1891-1948	PASSENGER LISTS	40/6
PHILADELPHIA, PA			
M360	1800-1906	ALPHABETICAL INDEX	41/4
T526	1883-1948	SOUNDEX INDEX	41/5
T791	1906-1926	BOOK INDEX (Ships by Arrival Date)	41/5
M425	1800-1882	PASSENGER LISTS	41/6
T840	1883-1945	PASSENGER LISTS	41/7
M1500	1893-1909	SPECIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY	ask
Entry 166	1882-1903	GENERAL LETTERS RECEIVED AT PHILADELPHIA LTRS & TELEGRAMS RCVD RE THE ADMISSION OF ALIENS	ask
Entry 167	1882-1903		ask
Entry 168	1892-1903	LTRS RE THE STATUS & TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS	ask
TEXAS AND SOUTHWEST			
M1357	1896-1906	GALVESTON: ALPHABETICAL INDEX	40/8
M1358	1906-1951	GALVESTON: ALPHABETICAL INDEX	40/8
M1359	1896-1951	GALVESTON: PASSENGER LISTS	40/8
M3377	1919-1952, 1950-1955	MANIFESTS OF ALIEN ARRIVALS AT AJO, LUKEVILLE, & SONOYATA, ARIZONA, 1919-1952; LOS EBANOS, TEXAS, 1950-1955	41/10
NEW YORK			
T519	1897-1902	SOUNDEX INDEX TO NEW YORK CITY ARRIVALS	40/9
T621	1902-1943	SOUNDEX INDEX TO NEW YORK CITY ARRIVALS	40/9
M1481	1929-1956	CARD MANIFESTS VARIOUS NY TOWNS EXCLUDING NYC	40/3
M1482	1929-1956	CARD MANIFESTS VARIOUS NY TOWNS EXCLUDING NYC	40/3
A3417	1917-1918	Index to Alien Crewmen Who Were Discharged or Deserted at New York, NY	46/6
A3426	1962-1972	Passenger (1962-1972) & Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Oswego, NY	46/6
FLORIDA			
A3394	1932-1951	VESSELS AND AIRPLANES ARRIVING AT PORT EVERGLADES	46/3
A3382	1930-1940	INDEX TO ALIEN ARRIVALS BY AIRPLANE AT MIAMI	46/5
VIRGINIA			
A3435	1947-1957	Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at (1947-1957) & Passenger Lists of Vessels Departing from (1946-1948) Alexandria, VA	46/5
PUERTO RICO			
A3438	1929-1941	Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Juan, Puerto Rico	46/5
VIRGIN ISLANDS			
A3404	1906-1947	INDEX TO PASSENGER ARRIVALS IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	46/4
RHODE ISLAND			
T518	1911-1954	INDEX TO ARRIVALS AT PROVIDENCE	40/3
VERMONT			
M1462	1895-1924	ALPHABETICAL INDEX (Canadian Border Entries)	40/1
M1463	1924-1952	SOUNDEX INDEX (Canadian Pacific and Atlantic Ports)	40/1
M1465	1929-1949	PASSENGER LISTS (Canadian Ports into St. Albans)	40/1
A3402	1906-1924	ALIEN ARRIVALS AT NEWPORT, VERMONT	46/3
MAINE			
A3401	1906-1952	ALIEN ARRIVALS AT EASTPORT, FORT KENT, LUBEC, MADAWASKA	46/3
A3428	1906-1953	MANIFESTS OF ALIEN ARRIVALS AT BANGOR AND HOULTON	46/6
GREAT LAKES			
A3400	1907-1952	ALIEN ARRIVALS AT VARIOUS MINNESOTA PORTS: DULUTH, etc.	46/3
A3441	190'2-1954	MANIFESTS OF ALIEN ARRIVALS AT PORT HURON, MICHIGAN	46/7
CALIFORNIA			
M2030	1910-1952	MANIFESTS & INDEXES AT ANDRADE & CAMPO	40/3

(TECATE)			
M1437	1882-1957	INDEX TO VESSELS ARRIVING AT SAN FRANCISCO	40/3
M1388	1910-1941	REGISTER-PERSONS BEFORE SPECIAL BD OF INQUIRY, SAN FRANCISCO	46/3
M3408	1928-1942	REGISTERS OF JAPANESE, FILIPINOS, & HAWAIIANS HELD FOR BOARDS OF SPECIAL INQUIRY AT SAN FRANCISCO	41/10
A3381	1883-1916, 1921-1924	REGISTER OF FEDERAL COURT CASES RELATING TO CHINESE AMERICANS & CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING/DEPARTING SAN FRANCISCO; HEAD TAX CARDS OF ALIEN SEAMEN EXAMINED AT SF	41/10
OTHER WESTERN U.S.			
M1777	1888-1956	PASS/CREW LISTS: ASTORIA, PORTLAND, OTHER OREGON PORTS	41/10
A3386	1928-1956	ALIEN/CITIZEN ARRIVALS AT BABB, MONTANA	41/10
A3403	1917-1945	ARRIVALS at Anacortes, Port Angeles, other small Washington State ports	46/4
A3411	1946	INDEX TO FILIPINO CONTRACT LABORERS ARRIVING IN HONOLULU	46/3
A3410	1900-1952	INDEX: PASSENGERS-NOT INCLUDING FILIPINOS-ARRIVING HONOLULU	46/4
A3440	1917-1954	MANIFESTS OF ALIEN ARRIVALS AT SWEET GRASS, MONTANA	46/7

NATURALIZATION RECORDS			
SER#	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	CAB/DR
DELAWARE (Wilmington)			
M1649	1795-1929	NAME INDEX	41/10
	1930-1991	NAME INDEX	ask
-----	1797-1844	PETITIONS	ask
M1644	1845-1999	PETITIONS	41/10
-----	1930-1991	PETITIONS (#3357-17561)	ask
M1644	1918-1919	MILITARY PETITIONS	41/10
-----	1818-1841	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
-----	1842-1936	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	43/5
MARYLAND (Baltimore)			
M1168	1797-1951	NAME INDEX	41/10
M1640	1906-1929	PETITIONS	41/10
----	1930-1972	PETITIONS (#12251-55700)	ask
M1640	1918-1923	MILITARY PETITIONS	41/10
-----	1792-1906	NATURALIZATION REGISTERS	41/10
----	1906-1931	DECLARATIONS OF INTENT	43/5
PENNSYLVANIA			
(Philadelphia, Eastern District of PA)			
M1248	1795-1951	NAME INDEX	42/1
M1522	1790-1929	PETITIONS	42/1
M1522	1790-1929	PETITIONS	42/1
-----	1930-1991	PETITIONS (# 106828-277637)	ask
-----	1834-1929	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	43/3
M1522	1798-1828	REPORTS OF ALIENS (ALIEN REGISTRATION) roll 369	42/6
(Pittsburgh, Western District of PA)			
M1208	1820-1906	NAME INDEX	42/6
-----	1906-1990	NAME INDEX	42/6
M1537	1820-1929	PETITIONS	42/6
-----	1859-1931	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	43/4
(Harrisburg, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, Middle District of PA)			
-----	1901-1990	NAME INDEX	43/1
M1626	1901-1929	SCRANTON PETITIONS	43/1
----	1911-1917	HARRISBURG - DISTRICT COURT PETITIONS (#1 -531)	43/2
-----	1930-1990	SCRANTON - DISTRICT COURT PETITIONS (#21501-37068)	ask
-----	1943-1972	WILKES BARRE - DISTRICT COURT PETITIONS (#1-5795)	ask
----	1909-1913	WILLIAMSPORT - DISTRICT COURT PETITIONS (# 1-18)	43/2
-----	1906-1931	SCRANTON DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	43/5

VIRGINIA			
(Alexandria, Eastern District of VA)			
M1648	1909-1929	PETITIONS	43/2
-----	1930-1981	PETITIONS (# 355-20399)	ask
M1649	1918	MILITARY PETITIONS - Camp Humphreys	43/2
-----	1867-1938	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	43/5
(Norfolk, Eastern District of VA)			
-----	1851-1992	PETITIONS	ask
-----	1838-1991	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
(Richmond, Eastern District of VA)			
M1647	1906-1929	PETITIONS	43/2
-----	1930-1956	PETITIONS (#1405-6399)	ask
M1647	1918-1924	MILITARY PETITIONS--Camp Lee	43/2
M1647	1906-1929	PETITIONS	43/2
M1645	1913-1929	PETITIONS (#1-38)	43/2
-----	1909-1979	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION (# I- 1 15)	43/5
(Big Stone Gap, Western District of VA)			
-----	1914-1944	PETITIONS (#1-210)	ask
-----	1912-1949	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	43/5
(Charlottesville, Western District of VA)			
M1646	1910-1929	PETITIONS	43/2
-----	1930-1957	PETITIONS (490-283)	ask
-----	1908-1929	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	43/5
(Danville, Western District of VA)			
	1907-1966	PETITIONS	ask
(Roanoke, Western District of VA)			
-----	1906-1990	PETITIONS	ask
(Staunton, Western District of VA)			
-----	1844-1856	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION (8)	ask
WEST VIRGINIA			
(Clarksburg, Northern District of WV)			
-----	1904-1951	PETITIONS	ask
-----	1908-1952	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
(Elkins, Northern District of WV)			
-----	1926-1956	PETITIONS (earlier petitions were filed at Phillipi)	ask
-----	1970-1980	PETITIONS	ask
-----	1930-1953	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
-----	1972-1985	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
(Fairmont, Northern District of WV)			
-----	1944-1974	PETITIONS	ask
-----	1942-1974	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
(Phillipi, Northern District of WV)			
-----	1910-1925	PETITIONS (later petitions were filed at Elkins)	ask
-----	1920-1929	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
-----	1912-1978	NATURALIZATION RECORDS	ask
(Charleston, Southern District of WV)			
-----	1904-1962	NAME INDEX	ask
-----	1906-1929	PETITIONS (#1-752)	ask
-----	1918	MILITARY PETITIONS	ask
-----	1906-1952	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION	ask
MILITARY			
M1952	1918	Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers	41/11

MILITARY			
SER#	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	CAB/DR
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM			
M1509		WORLD WAR ONE DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS - DE, MD, PA, VA, WV	48/1
M1547		WORLD WAR ONE DRAFT BOARD MAPS	48/1
	Men born 1877-1897	WWII 4th ENUMERATION DRAFT REG. CARDS - DE, MD, PA, WV	48/5
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SER#	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	CAB/DR
----	1928-1967	Eastern District of Pennsylvania - Civil Cases - Docket Index	46/2
----	1928-1972	Eastern District of Pennsylvania - Criminal Cases - Docket Index	46/2
M1762	1871-1880	Southern Claims Commission Approved Claims, 1871-1880: West Virginia	46/2
M1997	1917-1918	Registration Affidavits: Alien Enemies & Alien Females for District of Kansas under the Presidential Proclamations (RG II 7, US Attorneys)	46/4

REFERENCE ROOM - MISCELLANEOUS MICROFILM			
SER#	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	CAB/DR
Records of Former Russian Agencies			
M1486	1862-1922	Imperial Russian Consulates in the U.S. (Phila.)	44/1
Records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation			
M1085	1908-1922	Investigative Case Files	43/8

The National Archives maintains subscriptions to Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest, ProQuest, and other online resources, which visitors can access from computers in the Reference Room.

Research Advice:

- The word "ask" means to ask an archivist for the documents and/or help.
- For readable copies of census sheets, ship manifests, naturalizations and other large documents, pull the microfilm and copy on the reader-copiers.
- NEW YORK Ship Manifests are not available at Mid-Atlantic -- only the indexes
- Hardware: There are 5 computers, 3 microfilm reader-copiers, 1 microfiche reader, 1 computer that only does soundex codes, a room full of microfilm readers - 2 automatic, 1 copier.
- Text records: There is a text record research room with 1 copier.
- Costs: Bring change to pay for copy and print costs.
- Note: typically need at least 2 visits – 1 to get oriented and the 2nd to actually do serious research.

1/7/08 - J. Rosen

Resource: Montgomery County Norristown Public Library

Address: 1001 Powell Street,
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

Phone #: (610) 278-5100

Key Personnel: Reference Librarian: Loretta Righter, Ext. 201

Web: <http://www.mc-npl.org/>

Hours: Mon-Thur: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Public Transportation: SEPTA train #R6 (taxi or very long walk)

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 west to I-76 west. Exit 328B (US-202 N towards King of Prussia). Merge onto W Dekalb Pike (becomes Danenhower Bridge then Markley St). Right on W Elm St. Left on Powell.

Jewish Interest: Local history books, Norristown City Directories (back to early 20th century), Local phone books

Research Advice: Few genealogical materials. Montgomery County Historical Society in Norristown is repository and the nearby Courthouse maintains vital records. Library card needed for online use; but out of towners, may be allowed to use those online databases at the library. Bring a picture ID.

2/7/08 - DRB

Resource: Pennsylvania Department of Health – Division of Vital Records

Address: Room 1009,
Philadelphia State Office Building,
1400 West Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19130-4090

Phone #: (215) 560-3054

Web: <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=168&Q=202324>

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except State holidays.

Public Transportation: 6 block walk from Hotel.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended; take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Birth and death records 1906 – present. Death records for the City of Philadelphia from 1998 to the present only are here. All other in-person requests at will be forwarded to the central office of the Division of Vital Records located in New Castle, PA.

Research Advice: Records can only be requested for mailing, not for active research. Government-issued photo ID required. Payment by check or money order only. Only “eligible requestors” may request a birth or death record. For birth records of living persons, this generally means the person themselves, their legal representative or immediate family members. For deceased persons, other family members may request a birth certificate with proof of death in the form of a death certificate. Death certificates may be requested by immediate family members, representatives of the decedent’s estate, or extended family members “who indicate a direct relationship to the decedent.” Check website for specifics.

9/25/08 – Steve

Resource: Philadelphia Board of Education

Address: Records Management
Education Center - Basement
440 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Phone #: (215) 400-4780

Key Personnel: Director Elena Cupinggood
Donald Wittenberg

9/7/08 – David Brill

Resource: **Philadelphia City Archives**

Address: 3101 Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Phone #: (215) 685-9400

Key Personnel: Joan Decker, Records Commissioner
David Baugh, Archivist

Web: <http://www.phila.gov/records/Archives/Archives.html>

<http://www.phila.gov/phils/Docs/Inventor/genealogy.htm> - births

Email: <mailto:records.info@phila.gov>

Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, with the exception of holidays

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 30th Street, 5 minute walk.

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended. Take taxi.

Jewish Interest:

Philadelphia Births: 1 July 1860 - 30 June 1915				
Subject	Years	Cabinet No.	Drawer No.	Notes
Short Birth Index		6	1	In microfilm cabinet. Check first.
Birth Index	1860-1903	6	1	In microfilm cabinet. Indexed by initial of last name. Look for register page no.
Birth Index	1904-1915			See receptionist for cards. Need last name & year of birth.
Birth Registers	1860-1903	6	2	In microfilm cabinet. Two registers were used for each year. The first volume covers January-June, the second July-Dec. Page numbers are duplicated in the 2 volumes.
Doctors' Returns	1860-1915	6	3-7	In microfilm cabinet. Filed under the name of the doctor or midwife. Hospital returns are alphabetically at the end of the year's returns. Births 1904-1915 were not recorded in birth registers.
Philadelphia Deaths: 1803 - June 30, 1915				
Subject	Years	Cabinet No.	Drawer No.	Notes
Short Death Index	1860-1902	7	2	In microfilm cabinet. Check first.
Death Index	1860-1915	7	2	In microfilm cabinet. Indexed by initial of last name. Look for register page number.
Death Index	1890-1905			Books on shelf in reading room.
Death Index Cards	1906-1915			See receptionist for cards. Look for certificate number.
Cemetery Returns (index)	1803-1860	7	1	In microfilm cabinet. Alphabetical order. Lists name, age, cause of death, cemetery.
Cemetery Returns	1803-1860	9	6-8	In microfilm cabinet. Alphabetical by decedent's last name
Death Registers	1860-1890	7	3	In microfilm cabinet. Two registers were used for each year. The first volume covers January-June, the second July-Dec. Page numbers are duplicated in the 2 volumes.
Death Returns	1890-1890			In microfilm cabinet.
Death Returns Certificates	1890-1915		4	In microfilm cabinet. Each year in a separate drawer. Find box with correct number.
Philadelphia Marriages July 1, 1860 - 1915				
Subject	Years	Cabinet No.	Drawer No.	Notes
Short Marriage Index	1860-1885			In microfilm cabinet. Check first. Navy blue books on shelves. Indexed first by initials of last and first name, then by year. Males and females indexed together.
Marriage Index	1860-1885	7	1	In microfilm cabinet. Indexed by year, then by initial of last name. Look for register page number.
Marriage Index	1885-1915	12	2	In microfilm cabinet. Index alphabetical (by bride or groom). Lists year & number.

Marriage Registers	1860-1885	7	1	In microfilm cabinet. The marriage records give the date of marriage, names, ages, races, generic places of residence and birth for both the bride and groom, minister's name and address, and denomination of marriage performed.
Marriage Ministers' Returns	1860-1885	15	8	In microfilm cabinet. Obtain name from Marriage Register & follow guide book.
Marriage Certificates	1885-1915	12	3-9	Microfilm of marriage licenses issued by the Marriage License Bureau from 1 October 1885 - 30 December 1915. Note: These records are available for viewing only. The City Archives will not issue copies of them. For copies of these records, visit the Marriage License Bureau, City Hall.
Philadelphia Naturalization Records 1793-1930. Holdings are limited to records of naturalizations performed by the following 7 courts: Common Pleas Court, Philadelphia County District Court, Quarter Sessions Court, Mayor's Court, Recorder's Court of the Northern Liberties and Kensington, Criminal Sessions Court and General Sessions Court. All naturalization records held by the City Archives have been microfilmed.				
Naturalizations	1793-1880			See receptionist
Naturalizations	1881-1930	12	2	In microfilm cabinet. White boxes, alphabetical order, look for court and number.
Deed Records 1683 - 1955				
Grantor/Grantee Indexes	1683-1944	In microfilm cabinet.		
Exemplifications	1669-1833	In microfilm cabinet.		
Deeds	1684-1902	In microfilm cabinet.		
Philadelphia City Directories, 1785-1930, 1935.				
Business Dirs.	1869-1916	In microfilm cabinet.		
City Directories	1785-1935	In microfilm cabinet.		

Other holdings include:

Common Pleas Court divorce dockets, 1850 - 1874.

Tax assessment registers ca. 1769 - ca. 1820, varies by area.

Research Advice:

- Must show photo ID (driver's license). Visitors pass (sticker) MUST be worn.
- Consult the "Microfilm Cabinet Guide" available at the reception's desk to find the current cabinet and drawer number assignments for the above microfilms. Drawer numbers change so older information may no longer be correct. Each microfilm cabinet has a drawer list located on top of the cabinet.
- The archives has 4 microfilm viewers (reading only) and 3 microfilm reader/printers. There is no charge to use the read-only viewers. The cost to use the reader/printers is \$0.25 to view and \$0.75 to print. A change machine is available.
- The Philadelphia Will Archives is housed at 3101 Market St. However, this is a storage-only facility. Requests for copies of wills must be made through the Register of Wills, Room 185, City Hall.
- The Archives staff is very helpful. If you don't know how to find what you are looking for, ask a staff member for guidance.
- For deeds, first use the index located at the Department of Records, Room 154, City Hall, to obtain the deed book and page number before visiting the Archives. Copies of deeds are \$2.00 per page.
- Bring lots of change for copies and prints.

9/21/08 – David Brill

Resource: **City of Philadelphia: Clerk of Orphan's Court (includes Marriage License Bureau)**

Address: City Hall, Room 415,
Broad St. and Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone #: (215) 686-2231 or 2233.

Information on viewing records or purchasing certified copies: (215) 686-2204, 2219, or 2234.

Key Personnel: Ronald R. Donatucci, Esq., Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division

Web:

<http://www.phila.gov/justice/orphans/> <http://www.phila.gov/wills/>
<http://fd.phila.gov/common-pleas/orphans/clerkoforphancourt.html>

Hours: Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays).

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: 10 minute walk from Hotel

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended

Jewish Interest:

- Marriage licenses and applications for the City of Philadelphia Oct/1/1885 to present,
- Records of the Philadelphia Orphans' Court,
- Index to Orphans' Court records 1878-present.
- Marriage records prior to 1885 are held at the Philadelphia City Archives.

Research Advice: Call ahead to confirm hours; they may have an extended lunch break. Entrance is through NE corner of building where a visitors badge must be obtained. You will need a picture ID.

To search for a marriage license, first obtain the marriage license number and the year from the Marriage License Index books. These books are on shelves located around the room. Many of the books are in poor condition from handling. To minimize your on-site search time, and maximize the value of your visit, it is strongly recommended that you search the Marriage License Index books ahead of time online using the <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/> web site. Once you know the specific marriage license numbers, you can save time by requesting the records from the Marriage License Bureau in advance of your visit. If you do not request records in advance you will find yourself having to return to City Hall at a later date. The retrieval time for marriage records requested from Room 413 varies from 1 day to 1 week.

The familysearch.org website includes the marriage indexes for 1885 through 1951. For 1885-1916 and 1916-1938, the indexes are typeset and arranged alphabetically, with brides and grooms together. Later indexes are arranged semi-alphabetically. In post-1938 (handwritten) indexes, grooms and brides are listed in two separate columns, by first letter of last name, then by month and year. Unless you already know the date of the marriage fairly accurately, searching these lists can be time-consuming.

The Marriage License Bureau will retrieve up to 3 records at no charge, if you provide the license number, date and names of the parties. There is a small charge for pulling more than 3 records. You will be looking at the original document, so all viewing must be done in Room 413. Currently, the Marriage License Bureau does not have microfilm viewers or copiers available for public use. There is no charge for viewing the document, or for taking notes manually, but a \$20 fee per record will be charged for copies. All copying must be done by staff members. Please note that cameras, including cell phone cameras, are not permitted to be used.

In addition to marriage license records, the Clerk of Orphan's Court also holds court records of the Philadelphia Orphan's Court. Orphan's Court docket books are stored on shelves in Room 413; however, these are sealed books. Ask the staff for assistance with estate files and court dockets.

10/4/08 – David Brill

Resource Name: **City of Philadelphia: Department of Records, Reference Division**

Address: City Hall, Room 154,
Broad St. and Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone #: (215) 686-686-1776

Web: http://www.phila.gov/Records/DocumentRecording/Reference_Division.html

Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (except holidays).

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: 10 minute walk from hotel

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended

Jewish Interest:

- Deed and Mortgage information for documents recorded in the city of Philadelphia 1951-present. (deeds and mortgages prior to 1951 at the Philadelphia City Archives, 3101 Market St.)
- Property documents (mortgage assignments, releases, satisfactions, easements, etc.) recorded in Philadelphia.
- Other recorded documents including: notary public commissions, powers of attorney, military discharge papers, and foreign birth certificates recorded in Philadelphia.
- Indexes:
 - Grantor (Seller) Index (1600's -1976)
 - Grantee (Buyer) Index (1600's – 1976)
 - Index to miscellaneous documents (1957-1976)
 - Registry Plans and Lot Numbers (1860-1955)

Research Advice: Does not requires a visitors badge but bring picture ID. Nine computers for public use can be used to access documents recorded 1976-present. To search for documents recorded from 1976-present, use the Philadox I-Cris system on the public computers. The Philadox system includes index data and document images for 1976 - present. In addition, there is an historical index on the computers that includes the following categories:

- Grantor (Seller) Index (1600's -1976)
- Grantee (Buyer) Index (1600's – 1976)
- Index to miscellaneous documents (1957-1976)
- Registry Plans and Lot Numbers (1860-1955)

The Philadox system is available as an online service by subscription only. However, the historical index can be viewed without a Philadox subscription. If you plan to request copies of deeds prior to 1976, **it is strongly recommended that you search the historical indexes online first**, rather than use the computers at City Hall. Go to <http://philadox.phila.gov>. When you get to the Philadox login screen, click on "Link to Historical Index Information." This will bring up the historical indexes. The Grantor and Grantee indexes are organized by century, then by year, then by

first letter of last name and first letter of first name. For example, a property sold in 1924 to Abraham COHEN would be found in the Grantee index under 1900's – 1924 - C A.

The department charges \$2.00 per page for copies of microfilmed documents.

1/24/08 – David Brill

Resource Name: **City of Philadelphia: Philadelphia Historical Commission**

Address: City Hall, Room 576,
Broad St. and Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone #: (215) 686-7660

Key Personnel:

- Michael Sklaroff, Esquire, Philadelphia Historical Commission Chair;
- Jonathan Farnham, Ph.D, Acting Historic Preservation Officer;
- Jeffrey R. Barr, Historical Research Technician

Web: <http://www.phila.gov/historical/>

Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except on holidays).

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: 10 minute walk from Hotel

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended

Jewish Interest: Limited genealogical resources. Holdings are focused on historically certified properties in the city of Philadelphia. From web site: "The Commission has a small library focused on Philadelphia history, architectural history, architecture, preservation and archeology. It maintains a file for each property on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. These files vary in content, but frequently hold chains of title, fire insurance surveys, previously approved building permit applications, and photographs. The Commission also has files on properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Philadelphia as well as some buildings and streets not recognized as historic."

Research Advice:

9/21/08 – David Brill

Resource: **City of Philadelphia: Office of the Prothonotary**

Address: City Hall, Room 284,
Broad St. and Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone #: (215) 686-686-6652

Key Personnel: Joseph H. Evers, Prothonotary of Philadelphia

Web: <http://fd.phila.gov/departments/prothonotary.html>

Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except on holidays).

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: 10 minute walk from Hotel

Driving Direction from Center City: Not recommended

Jewish Interest: Holdings include:

- Philadelphia Divorces (www.genpa.org web site: Listing of divorces: 1875–1980 on microfilm; 1973–present on computer print outs. Divorce dockets 1969-1975 on microfilm.)
- Records of proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas including: naturalizations, peddlers' licenses, registration of attorneys, oaths of county officers, equity, sheriff's sales, juror lists, some tax records, and some civil court records. (http://www.mypennsylvaniagenealogy.com/pa_county/ph.htm - needs confirmation)
- Liens and judgments

Research Advice:

- Some records may be stored off site.
- Older records of the Court of Common Pleas, including Common Pleas Court divorce dockets, 1850 - 1874, and naturalizations conducted in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, are available at the Philadelphia City Archives.

"What the hell is a prothonotary?" Harry Truman is alleged to have asked. In Pennsylvania, unique among US states, a prothonotary is a county official responsible for the management of court records and filings. The Prothonotary of Philadelphia supervises the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. Records held by the office of the Prothonotary include court filings such as liens and judgments, name changes, passports, and family court filings, as well as divorces.

To visit the Prothonotary you must obtain a City Hall Visitor Badge at the building entrance near the northeast corner (across the street from the Masonic Temple). You will need a picture ID. The office of the Prothonotary occupies a suite of offices on the west side of the second floor of City Hall. The main office is Room 284. Current records (judgments, liens, etc) can be searched in Room 264, where there are several public access computer terminals. Divorce listings are available in Room 269 across the hall, where there is one microfilm reader-printer of older vintage. However, copies can be made free of charge. In addition to the above microfilms located in Room 269, there is also a "Register of Signatures, Notaries and Magistrates 1943-1986" on microfilm.

Older records of the Court of Common Pleas, including Common Pleas Court divorce dockets, 1850 - 1874, and naturalizations conducted in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, are available at the Philadelphia City Archives, 3101 Market St.

1/24/08 – David Brill

Resource: **City of Philadelphia: Register of Wills****Address:** City Hall, Room 185,
Broad St. and Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107**Phone #:** (215) 686-6250 (department)
(215) 686-6269 (clerk)**Key Personnel:** Ronald R. Donatucci, Esq., Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division**Web:** <http://www.phila.gov/wills/>**Email:** <mailto:rowonline@phila.gov>**Hours:** Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except on holidays).**Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible**Public Transportation:** 10 minute walk from hotel.**Driving Direction from Center City:** Not recommended**Jewish Interest:** (<http://www.genpa.org/RepositoriesPhilaGen.html>).

- Indexes to Wills and Administrations, 1682– present.
- Microfilm or microfiche of actual wills (limited readers). Original probate packets, both wills and administrations, are located at the Philadelphia Will Archives, in the Philadelphia City Archives, 3101 Market Street.
- Wills prior to 1901 and the indexes to them are also on microfilm at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Research Advice:

2/7/08 - DRB

Resource: **U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania****Address:** U.S. Courthouse,
601 Market Street, Room 2609,
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1797
Clerk's Office: Room 2609m, 2nd Floor**Phone #:** (215) 597-7704,
Fax: (215) 597-6390
Records Room: (267) 299-7082**Key Personnel:** Michael E. Kunz, Clerk of Court**Web:** <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/>**Email:** mailto:PAED_clerksoffice@paed.uscourts.gov**Hours:** 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).**Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible**Public Transportation:** Market-Frankford Line Train to 5th Street, 2 block walk.**Driving Direction from Center City:** Not recommended; take taxi**Jewish Interest:** Records of bankruptcy filings, civil and criminal cases, and naturalizations handled in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. However, only more recent case records are located at the U.S. Courthouse location. The Records Room contains records of all active civil and criminal cases, closed civil cases for three years, and closed criminal cases for seven years. Earlier case files may be stored at the National Archives and Record Administration's Federal Records Center (NARA – 900 Market Street).**Research Advice:** Naturalization petitions in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, through 1991 are available at the National Archives, Mid-Atlantic Region. It is recommended that you write to or e-mail the Clerk of Court to determine the location and custody of a particular court case. Complete case files including 20th century bankruptcies and naturalizations may be ordered online through the NARA's Order Online system (<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html>).

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Historical Societies
Materials of Potential Jewish Genealogical Interest

1/26/08 - J. Rosen

Resource Name: Bucks County Historical Society: Spruance Library

Address: 84 South Pine Street
Doylestown, PA 18901-4999

Phone #: (215) 345-02102

Key Personnel: Beth Lander, Director of Library Services (blander@mercermuseum.org)

Web: www.mercermuseum.org/library_collections.htm (underline between the words *library* and *collections*.)

Email: <mailto:mmlib@mercermuseum.org>

Hours: Tue 1-9 p.m.; Wed to Fri 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fees: Mercer Experience (Mercer and Fonthill Museums) \$12

Spruance Library Admission: Adult \$ 8; Senior (age 62 and over) \$ 7; Youth (age 5-17) \$ 4.

Members and under 5 FREE

Admission is Free the first Tuesday evening of each month, 5 to 9 pm

Accessibility: Limited, call and inquire prior to visit

Public Transportation: SEPTA Regional Rail train, R5, from center city to Doylestown or the 55 bus runs from Broad Street and Olney Avenue to Doylestown (take Broad Street Subway Train north to Only Station). See web site for walking directions from the Regional Rail station and from the bus. Note: driving directions available on web site.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (King of Prussia). Exit 331B to I-476 North (Plymouth Meeting). Merge onto I-276 East (PA Turnpike towards New Jersey). Exit 343, PA-611 North (Doylestown/Willow Grove). Slight right onto Easton Road/PA-611 North; becomes S. Main Street. Right onto W. Ashland Street; Left at S. Pine.

Jewish Interest:

- Library: Obituaries (2000 on), Postcards, Books, Photographs
- Archives: Court records, Naturalization records, Criminal papers, Marriages, Divorces, Deeds, Wills

Research Advice:

- Photocopies can be made of most collections, but not all.
- Online catalog is being developed for library materials, not the archives.
- Research is available by phone or mail for a fee. See web site for information on prices.

1/26/08 - J. Rosen

Resource: Chester County Historical Society: Library and Archives

Address: 225 North High Street,
West Chester, PA 19380-2691

Phone #: (610) 692-4800

Web: www.cchs-pa.org

Email: <mailto:cchs@chestercohistorical.org>

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fees: Adults: \$5.; Seniors (over 65): \$4.; Students under 17: \$2.50; Children under 6: Free

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Public Transportation: Market Street SEPTA Train to 69th Street. Septa 104 Bus to West Chester

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (King of Prussia). Exit 328B-A US-202 (West Chester). US-202 South. Exit Paoli Pike, turn right. Slight right onto E Gay Street/PA-3. Right at North High Street/US-322.

Jewish Interest: Library:

- personal and family papers;
- records of businesses,
- churches,
- schools,
- organizations;
- Chester County newspapers on microfilm or CD;
- newspaper clippings file;
- local history and maps;
- cemetery and burial records;
- marriage records;
- land and legal documents;
- Federal census records for Chester, Delaware, Berks, Montgomery and Bucks Counties;
- Pennsylvania Septennial Censuses—state censuses of taxables (usually adult males), every 7 years from 1800.
- photograph collection (reproductions can be ordered—see web site)

Archives: estate files, vital records, deeds, taxes and more (see web site.)

Research Advice:

- Research service available for those who cannot visit the facility in person. See web site for further information.
- Web site has more in depth information about most of the resources mentioned above.

2/15/08 – Don Orenbuch

Resource: Historical Society of Fort Washington

Address: 473 Bethlehem Pike,
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Phone #: (215) 646-6065

Web: <http://www.amblerhistory.com>

Hours: Wednesday, 2:00-4:00; Other times by appointment

Fees:

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: None practical

Driving Directions from center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (King of Prussia). Exit 331B to I-476 North (Plymouth Meeting). Merge onto I-276 East (PA Turnpike towards New Jersey). Exit 339 (Philadelphia/Ambler); Exit left. Slight right to West Pennsylvania Ave. Left on South Bethlehem Pike.

Jewish Interest:

- Genealogies and histories of local families.
- Area and historic maps.

Research Advice: More of a historical society than a researchable archive. On street parking.

2/15/08 – Don Orenbuch

Resource: **Germantown Historical Society**

Address: 5501 Germantown Ave.,
Philadelphia, PA. 19144-2225

Phone #: (215) 844-1683; fax: (215) 844-2831

Web: <http://www.germantownhistory.org/index.html>

Email: <mailto:info@germantownhistory.org>

Hours: Tuesday, 9:00-1:00; Thursday, 1:00 -5:00; Saturday 1:00-5:00

Fees: Adults: \$7.50; students: \$5.00. Library staff research: \$25 for 2 hours (web site for info, catalog and order forms).

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: SEPTA #23 bus (Germantown Ave.) to School House Lane

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West. Keep right exit 340B (US-1/Roosevelt Expy). Exit Germantown/Wayne Ave. Slight left onto West Roberts Ave; slight right West Berkley Street. Left on Germantown Ave.

Summary of Critical Holdings: Material from 1683 to present day on Germantown area with particular interest on family names, houses, and businesses. The library has:

- newspapers,
- maps,
- land records,
- deeds,
- hundreds of organizational records.
- collection of rare books and bibles
- oral history interviews.
- photo collection includes thousands of glass plate negatives, daguerreotype and lantern slides.

Research Advice:

- Free parking at rear of building)

2/15/08 – Don Orenbuch

Resource: **Historical Society of Pennsylvania (includes the Balch Institute of Ethnic Studies)**

Address: 1300 Locust Street, (corner 13th St. and Locust St.)
Philadelphia, PA. 19107-5699

Phone #: (215) 732-6200

Web: <http://www.hsp.org>

Hours: Mon, closed, Tue, 12:30-5:30; Wed, 12:30-8:30; Thu, 12:30-5:30; Fri, 10:00-5:30

Note: last admittance is 45 minutes before closing time

Fees: Non-member adults: \$6.; non-member students (with current student ID): \$3.

Accessibility: Limited handicapped accessibility

Public Transportation: SEPTA Route 12 bus stops in front of building. 4 block walk from hotel.

Driving Directions from Center City: Not recommended. Take taxi.

Jewish Interest: Centers on Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and parts of Delaware and Maryland and includes the Eastern U.S. Some information available for selected US cities. Divided into 20 categories:

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| 1) Architectural resources | 11) Family history and genealogy |
| 2) Arts and culture | 12) Federal census records |
| 3) Balch manuscript guide | 13) Military records |
| 4) Basic resources | 14) Philadelphia city directories |
| 5) Business history | 15) Philadelphia neighborhood history |
| 6) Civil War history | 16) Politics and government |
| 7) Civil War resources | 17) Vital records |
| 8) Community & social services history | 18) War and military history |
| 9) Creation of Pennsylvania and the U.S. | 19) Women during Civil War |
| 10) Ethnic history resources | 20) Women's history resources. |

- **Balch manuscript guide:** This guide is divided into 55 ethnic groups among which are Jewish, German, Polish, Ukraine. The amount of information in each category varies but some have records and photos of specific families and microfilm copies of many newspapers and magazines from cities across the U.S.
- **Family history and genealogy:** Collection of scrapbooks and family history folders pertaining to thousands of family lines. Information on specific names researched can be found in the online catalog.
- **Philadelphia city directories:** Complete set of directories from the late 18th century to 1935 which have locations and information on businesses and residents. Also telephone directories from 1936 to 1975. A few other cities are also included in this collection.

- Vital records: Birth, marriage, death records for 18th century through mid 19th century. (After 1860, record keeping was taken over by various city and state offices.) Sources for information for the earlier period include records of cemeteries, church and bible, family histories, and newspapers.

Research Advice:

- Rich source of information. The web site has more in depth information.
- Some of the collection is available on line.
- Access the web site before visit. This will save time and help focus the search once at the society's site.

2/15/08 – Don Orenbuch

Resource: Lansdale Historical Society

Address: 147 Jenkins Ave,
Lansdale, PA. 19446
(On street parking)

Phone #: (215) 855-1872; fax: (215) 393-8919

Web address: <http://www.lansdalehistory.org>

Email: <mailto:lansdalehistory@yahoo.com>

Hours: Wed, 12:00-5:00; Thu, 12:00 -5:00; Sat 9:00-12:00

Fees: 3.00. Society provides research time, minimum of \$20. E-mail with specific research request for estimate.

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: None

Driving Directions from Center City: I-675 West to I-76 West (King of Prussia). Exit 331B I-476 North (Plymouth Meeting). Exit 31 PA-63 (Lansdale). Left on Sumneytown Pike/PA-63; left on Forty Foot Road/PA-63; right Welsh Road/W Main Street/PA-63. Right S. Chestnut Street; left at Jenkins Avenue.

Jewish Interest:

- Records and artifacts that predate the incorporation of Lansdale borough in 1872
- 133 years of Lansdale Reporter (inc 100,000 negatives and slides) and copies of the newspaper's competitors.
- High school yearbooks,
- tax records,
- obituaries,
- family genealogies,
- business directories, and
- cemetery records.

3/17/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: The Lower Merion Historical Society

Address: Lower Merion Academy,
506 Bryn Mawr Avenue
PO Box 2602
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Phone #: (610) 664-32167

Web: <http://www.lowermerionhistory.org>

Email: <mailto:LMHistory@comcast.net>

Hours: Wed: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Sat: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; By appointment; closed holidays & last 2 week of August.

Fees: Library appears free with charges for photocopying and contracted research.

Accessibility: Call for specific information

Public Transportation:

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (King of Prussia). Exit 338 Belmont Ave (toward Green Lane). Left on Belmont Avenue; right Rock Hill Road; left W Rock Hill Road; left Bryn Mawr Avenue.

Jewish Interest: No specific Jewish genealogy material. Local historical holdings include records of Jews and Synagogues.

Research Advice: Located between the Cynwyd Elementary School and the Bala Cynwyd Middle School.

1/13/08 - J. Rosen

Resource : The Historical Society of Montgomery County Pennsylvania

Address: 1654 DeKalb Street,
Norristown, PA 19401

Phone #: (610) 272-0297

Web: <mailto:www.hsmcpa.org>

Email: mailto:contact_us@hsmcpa.org (an underline between the words *contact* and *us*.)

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tue: 1-9 p.m.

Fees: Non-members: \$5. Copies: \$.25 or .50/sheet, depending on size; copies made only at the discretion of the staff.

Accessibility:

Public Transportation: No good public transportation; directions and parking information at their web site.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West (King of Prussia). Exit 331B to I-476 North (Plymouth Meeting). Exit 18B (Norristown). Right at fork to Chemical Road; slight right to West Ridge Pike. Right to Fairfield Road – becomes E Fornance Street. Right DeKalb Street/US-202 North.

Jewish Interest:

- 30,000 titles, including books, pamphlets, newspapers and archival materials
- Family files

- Montgomery County Federal Censuses
- County records: deeds, births, deaths, naturalizations, marriage licenses, sheriff dockets, etc.
- Maps, photos, borough directories for the Norristown area.
- All of the above is explained in detail online.

Research Advice:

- A very helpful comprehensive guide to the library may be read and/or downloaded from the web site. It is also available in print at the society.

3/17/08 - Steve Schecter

Resource Name: Old York Road Historical Society

Address: Jenkintown Library
460 Old York Road
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Phone #: (215) 886-8590

Web: <http://www.oyrhs.org>

Hours: Mon: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Tue: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Wed: 11:a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fees: There appear to be no fees for using the library. There are photocopy and research by mail fees.

Accessibility: Library is handicapped accessible.

Public Transportation:

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 West to I-76 West. Keep right, exit 340B (US1/Roosevelt Expy). Exit PA-611/Broad Street. Straight on St. Luke Street; left at PA-611/ N Broad Street . Slight Right at PA-611/Old York Road.

Summary of Holdings (Jewish Interest): While not having a specific Jewish genealogy section or holdings, they have records of the area. Best to review their web site.

Research Advice: Limited research by mail service; visit web site for procedure and costs

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia Area – Historical Societies**No Materials of Jewish Genealogical Interest**

These societies were researched in 2008 and either did not respond to written requests or function primarily in historic building preservation

- Philadelphia Historical Associations
 - Bridesburg Historical Society
 - Chestnut Hill Historical Society
 - Germantown Historical Society
 - University City Historical Society
- Bucks County Historical Associations
 - Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation
 - Levittown Historical Society
 - Lower Makefield Historical Society
 - Historic Morrisville Society
 - New Hope Historical Society
 - Newtown Historical Assoc.
 - NorthamptonTownship Historical Society
 - Quakertown Historical Society
 - Yardley Historical Assoc.
- Chester County Historical Associations
 - Chadds Ford Historical Society
 - Downingtown Area Historical Society
 - Historical Society of Phoenixville
 - Valley Forge Historical Society
- Delaware County Historical Associations
 - Delaware County Historical Society
 - [Aston Township Historical Society](#)
 - Bethel Township Historical Society
 - [Chadds Ford Historical Society](#)
 - Chester Heights Borough
 - [Chester Historic Preservation Society](#)
 - Chichester/Marcus Hook Historical Society
 - [Concord Township Historical Society](#)
 - [Darby Borough Historical Preservation Society](#)
- Edgemont Township Historical Committee
- Glenolden Historical Commission
- [Haverford Township Historical Society](#)
- Heritage Commission of Delaware County
- [Marple Newtown Historical Society](#)
- Middletown Township Historical Society
- Morton Historical Society
- [Nether Providence Historical Society](#)
- Newtown Square Historic Preservation Society
- [Norwood Historical Society](#)
- [Radnor Historical Society](#)
- Ridley Park Historical Society
- Rose Valley Historical Society
- Sharon Hill Historical Society
- [Springfield Historical Society](#)
- [Swarthmore Historical Society](#)
- Thornbury Historical Society
- [Upper Darby Historical Society](#)
- Montgomery County
 - Conshohocken Historical Society
 - Historical Society of Fort Washington
 - Limerick Historical Society
 - Plymouth Meeting Historical Society
 - Radnor Historical Society
 - Springfield Historical Society
 - Springford Area Historical Society
 - Historical Society Trappe, Collegeville, Perkiomen Valley
 - Upper Moreland Historical Association
 - Wissahickon Valley Historical Society

Southern New Jersey Jewish Cemeteries

5/25/08 – Steve Schechter/James Gross

Resource: **Ahavas Aharon Cemetery (XXXX – INACTIVE)**

Address: Black Horse Pike
Egg Harbor, NJ 08

Phone #: (609) 641-3600 (Synagogue)

Research Advice: Small old cemetery behind Beth Israel Cemetery. Long Brothers Monuments (609) 641-1111 may have background information but cannot locate burial records.

1/25/2008 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Ahavath Israel Cemetery (Synagogue est. 1909)**

Address: Cedar Lane & Pitman Avenue,
Trenton NJ 08610

Phone #: (609) 882-3092 (Synagogue)

Key Personnel:

Web: No site

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right to S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right to Cedar Lane to intersection with Pitman Ave.

Research Advice: On mapquest Cemetery does not appear but is shown as part of St. Vladimir Cemetery.

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: **Alliance Cemetery (est. 1891) (aka: Chevra Kadisha of Alliance & Hewra Kadisha)**

Address: 970 Gershal Avenue
Elmer, NJ 08347

Location is also listed as Norma, Pittsgrove, Brotmanville, Vineland & Elmer

Phone #: (856) 696-1520 or 1942

Key Personnel: Adele Bermann

Web: http://alliancecemetery.com/chevra_kadisha.htm

Email: <mailto:hberman@yahoo.com>

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge. Stay right exiting bridge to I-676 East. I-676 becomes I-76 East then NJ-42 South. Exit 13 to NJ-55 (Deptford/Glassboro/Vineland). Exit 35B, Garden Road (toward Brotmanville). Slight Right to CR-674/West Garden Road. Left at Gershal. Cemetery on Right.

Jewish Interest: Synagogue with unconfirmed designated plots (source E. Kolinsky) include:

• Eban ha Ezer (Rock of Deliverance) • Sharis Israel (Remnant of Israel) • Bayak Shul • Emanu-El

1/29/08 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Anshe Emes, (People of Truth) Cemetery (est. 1893) (Clover & Memorial Sections)**

Address: Cedar Lane near Clover Avenue,
Trenton, NJ 08610

Phone #: (215) 740-1041

Key Personnel: Rabbi Leizerowki

Web: No site

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue/CR-622. Right on Cedar Lane to intersection with Ridge Ave.

Research Advice: On mapquest this Jewish Cemetery does not appear but is shown as part of St. Vladimir Cemetery.

People of the Truth was an early Trenton Orthodox Synagogue starting in the late 1880s or early 1890s, incorporated December 1891. In 1893, it established a cemetery. People of Truth is now merged into Poale Emet.

The first cemetery at Ridge Avenue and Cedar Lane, fronting on Cedar Lane, has a locked gate. The cemetery is surrounded by chain-linked fencing without walkways. Stones are newer and medium-size. A second cemetery is further east and entered from Pitman Avenue. It is enclosed by a wrought iron fence with Anshe Emet in Hebrew and "People of Truth Cemetery Association-Clover Section" to the right of the gate. A footpath goes through the center. The stones are medium to large often with Yiddish inscriptions.

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Bernie Platt

Resource Name: **Beth Abraham Memorial Park (est. ????) (aka: Old Rosenhayn Cemetery)**

Address: Vineland & Greenman Avenues
Deerfield, NJ 08313

Phone #: (609) 451-7652

Key Personnel: Leonard Wasserman

Public Transportation: Not advised

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Bernie Platt

Resource Name: **Beth Israel Cemetery (est. ????)**

Address: Black Horse Pike
Atlantic City, NJ

Phone #: (609) 641-3600

Key Personnel: Susan Sokalsky

Public Transportation: Not advised

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: **Beth Kehillah Cemetery (est. 1925) (aka. Jewish Cemetery & Community Cemetery)**

Address: 6667 Black Horse Pike
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Phone #: (609) 641-3946

Key Personnel: Arnie Levinson

Web: No site

Email: <mailto:ael132@msn.com>

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge. Stay right on exit from bridge to I-676 East. Follow signs to I-42 to Atlantic city/Shore. Take Atlantic City Expressway to Exit 7S/Garden State Parkway South. First Exit 37 (Pleasantville). Turn Right at end of exit ramp; Left at first light (Uibel Avenue). Left at traffic light, US-40/322 (Black Horse Pike). Cemetery immediatly on right.cd

Research Advice: Cemetery is grouped with Rodef Sholom and Temple Emeth Shalom.

4/12/08 – Steve Schechter/Jacob Madison

Resource: **Bordentown Cemetery (est. 1790)**

Address: 210 Crosswicks Street
Bordentown, NJ 08505

Phone #: (609) 298-0605 fax: (609) 298-0609

Key personnel: Jacob Madson

Web: No site

Hours: Grounds always open

Public Transportation: Not advised

Jewish Interest: Consecrated Jewish area, B'nai Abraham Section, contains about 25 graves and is directly past office.

1/28/08- K Paletz/Ed Flax/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Brith Sholom Cemetery (est. ????)**

Address: Pitman Avenue off Cedar Lane,
Trenton, NJ 18610

Phone #: 609 771-9109

Key Personnel: Mr. Geoffrey Shutzbank

Email: <mailto:Rside1@aol.com>

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street (Rt-33 East) (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right ont Cedar Lane to intersection with Pitman

Research Advice: On mapquest Cemetery does not appear but is shown as part of St. Vladimir Cemetery.

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Bernie Platt

Resource Name: **Chesed Shel Emith (est. ????)**

Address: Morias Avenue
Milville, NJ 08232

Phone #: (856) 455-5241

Key Personnel: Larry April

Web: No site

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City:

1/25/08 - K Paletz/ Ed Flax/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Congregation Brothers of Israel Cemetery #1 (est. 1885) (aka. Achainy B'nai Israel)**

Address: Liberty & Vroom Streets,
(Trenton) Hamilton, NJ 08611

Phone #: (609)-695-3479 or (215) 579-2220

Key Personnel:

Web: No site

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right on Liberty Street to Vroom Street.

Research Advice: Brothers of Israel was Trenton's first Orthodox synagogue incorporated May 28, 1883 but not fully established until May 14, 1886. In 1885 burial ground on Liberty and Vroom Streets adjoining the Har Sinai Cemetery was laid out. In 1907 it was enlarged. The Vroom and Liberty Streets cemetery is fully enclosed with a wrought iron fence with occasional brick/stone pediments. The name of the congregation is on the gate fronting Vroom Street. Paved walkways, but no roads for vehicles. Well kept and crowded. Medium to large stones, many with long Yiddish inscriptions.

1/20/08 - Kaye Paletz/Ed Flax/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Congregation Brothers of Israel Cemetery #2 (est. 1913)**

Address: Clover Avenue and Cedar Lane,

Trenton, NJ 08610

Phone #: (609)-695-3479 or (215) 579-2220**Key Personnel:****Web:** No site**Public Transportation:** Not advised**Driving Directions from Center City:** I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right on Cedar Ave. to intersection with Clover Ave.**Research Advice:** On mapquest Cemetery does not appear but is shown as part of St. Vladimir Cemetery. Brothers of Israel was Trenton's first Orthodox Synagogue incorporated on May 28, 1883 but not fully established until May 14, 1886. In 1885 laid out a burial ground on Liberty and Vroom Streets adjoining the Har Sinai Cemetery known as Cemetery #1. In 1913, established an auxiliary cemetery at Cedar Lane and Clover Avenue, in Hamilton Township. This spacious cemetery fronting on Cedar Lane has more recent burials. Brothers of Israel has been Conservative for many years. Cemetery records are maintained by Brothers of Israel, 499 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton.

1/29/08 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource Name: **Congregation Workers of Truth (Poale Emet) (Est @ 1919)****Address:** Cedar Lane and Pitman Avenue,
Trenton, NJ 08610

Synagogue established in 1919

Phone #: (609) 771-9109**Key Personnel:** Geoffrey Shutzbank**Web:** No site**Email:** <mailto:Rside1@aol.com>**Public Transportation:** Not advised**Driving Directions from Center City:** I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue/CR-622. Right on Cedar Lane to Ridge Ave.**Research Advice:** Orthodox Shul was incorporated in 1919. A chain-linked fence surrounds cemetery. No roads. Anshe Emes (People of Truth) has merged with this cemetery. Congregation Workers of Truth, 832 West State, Trenton. Telephone: (609) 396-2231.

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Rabbi Gans

Resource Name: **Crescent Burial Park (Est. 1933)****Address:** Rt 130 & Westfied Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08110**Phone #:** (856) 662-6313**Key Personnel:** Gerry Miller, Manager (609) 332-7144**Web:** <http://www.crescentburialpark.com>**Jewish Interest:** Board of Directors: Samuel Asbell, Steven Ravitz, Eugene Bass, Bonnie Rubin-Sugarman, Rabbi Gary Gans

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Bernie Platt

Resource Name: **Emeth Shalom Cemetery (est. ????)****Address:** Cardiff Circle
Pleasantville, NJ 08232**Phone #:** (609) 822-4343 (Synagogue)**Key Personnel:** Anna**Web:** No site**Public Transportation:** Not advised**Research Advice:** Cemetery is grouped with Rodef Sholom and Temple Emeth Shalom. Shul is located in Margate, NJ.

1/25/2008 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Ewing Cemetery (Est 1895)****Address:** 78 Scotch Road
Trenton, NJ 08628**Phone #:** (609) 882-0279**Key Personnel:****Web:** No site**Public Transportation:** Not advised**Driving Directions from Center City:** I-676 East to I-95 North. Cross Delaware River to CR-579 (Exit 2 toward Harborton, West Trenton/ Mercer Airport. Merge onto Bear Tavern Road (CR-579) toward Airport. Left on West Upper Ferry Road (CR-634). Left on Scotch Road (CR-611 & CR-8) to Cemetery.**Research Advice:** The cemetery itself is not Jewish. Har Sinai Temple (existed for over 150 years) has a section here. Also contains some burials from Trenton Young Judea.

1/25/08 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Fountain Lawn Memorial Park (est. ????)****Address:** 545 Eggert Crossing Road,
Trenton, NJ 08638**Phone #:** 609 882-7744

Key Personnel:**Web:** No site**Public Transportation:** Not advised**Driving Directions from Center City:** I-676 East to I-95 North. Cross Delaware River. Exit 4, RT-31 South to Ewing. Slight right to Ewingville Road (CR-636). Left onto Eggert Crossing Road.**Research Advice:**

- Non-sectarian cemetery with a consecrated Jewish section. Hebrew Gardens -- Non-denominational Jewish area.
- Adath Israel Congregation burials after 1953; also Jewish burials of people not associated with a congregation.
- Adath Israel section is marked with engraved large gray marble obelisk. Dedicated in 1953. Flat grave markers only. Family plots.

1/20/08 - Kaye Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Greenwood Cemetery (Est 1874)****Address:** 1800 Hamilton Avenue,
Trenton, NJ 08619**Phone #:** 609 587-4993**Key Personnel:****Web:** <http://www.cmsmidatlantic.com/greenwood.php>**Email:** <http://www.greenwoodcemetery.net>**Hours:** Grounds: 8AM to 6PM every day; Office: 9 to 4:30 Mon to Fri**Public Transportation:** Not Advised**Driving Directions from Center City:** I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on Market Street/Rt-33. Right on Chambers Street (CR-626). Left on Hamilton Avenue (CR-606).**Research Advice:** Non-sectarian cemetery with consecrated Jewish section. No enclosures marking Jewish section. Adath Israel Section - closer to Greenwood Avenue than Har Sinai's area. Flat markers, small markers and medium markers. Includes large family plots. Har Sinai Section.**Jewish Interest:** Adath Israel was first Conservative Synagogue in Trenton, organized on September 30, 1923.

1/29/08 – Ed Flax

Resource Name: **Har Sinai Cemetery (Est. 1857 - Inactive)****Address:** Vroom and Liberty Streets,
Trenton, New Jersey 18611**Phone #:** Har Sinai (Synagogue) 609 730-8400**Key Personnel:****Web:** No site**Public Transportation:** Not recommended**Driving Directions from Center City:** I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right on Liberty Street to Vroom Street.**Research Advice:** Har Sinai was the first German synagogue starting around 1860 with services in German and Hebrew. The Har Sinai Cemetery Association was organized and purchased land on November 19, 1857. Chevra Bikur Cholim was founded around 1876/1877 with Herman Rosenbaum as President. The Vroom and Liberty Streets Har Sinai Cemetery has few old small-sized stones (pre-1900), many illegible due to weathering and moss. The cemetery abuts the Congregation Brothers of Israel Cemetery #1.

4/8/08 – Steve Schecter

Resource Name: **Jewish Rest Cemetery (est. ???? - INACTIVE)****Address:** Camden, NJ**Key Personnel:****Web:** No site

1/25/08 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource Name: **Knights of Pythias Jewish Cemetery – Flemington Lodge (est. 1909)****Address:** Ridge Avenue near Cedar Lane
Hamilton, NJ 08610**Phone #:** 609 882-3092 (synagogue)**Key Personnel:****Web:** No site**Public Transportation:** Not advised**Driving Directions from Center City:** I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right on Cedar Lane.**Research Advice:** Appears to be non-sectarian with a Jewish section. On mapquest Cemetery does not appear but is shown as part of St. Vladimir Cemetery.

1/29/08 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource: **Knights of Pythias (est. ????) (aka: Fortitude Benevolent Association)****Address: Clover** Clover Avenue and Cedar Lane,
Trenton, NJ 08610**Phone #:** 609 771-9109**Key Personnel:** Geoffrey Shutzbank

Web: [http://jceaa.org/CEMETERIES/USA/NEW_JERSEY/Fortitude Benevolent Association \(Trenton, NJ\).htm](http://jceaa.org/CEMETERIES/USA/NEW_JERSEY/Fortitude_Benevolent_Association_(Trenton,_NJ).htm)

Email: <mailto:Rside1@aol.com>

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right on Cedar Lane.

Research Advice: Appears to be non-sectarian with a Jewish section. On mapquest Cemetery does not appear but is shown as part of St. Vladimir Cemetery.

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Rabbi Rothman

Resource Name: **Locustwood Memorial Park (est. ????)**

Address: Marlton Pike & Cooper Landing Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Phone #: (609) 429-0500

Key Personnel:

Web: No site

Research Advice: A nonsectarian cemetery with a Jewish Section.

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Bernie Platt/Rabbi Rothman

Resource Name: **Old & New Camden Cemetery (est. ????)**

Address: Mount Ephraim & Ferry Avenues
Camden, NJ 08104

Phone #: (856) 751-9500

Key Personnel: Jeff Klien (Federation)

Web: No site

Research Advice: Two nonsectarian cemeteries with a Jewish Sections. In Old Cemetery, fenced section known as Section J. In New Cemetery divided with 3 fenced sections for:

- Sons of Israel
- Progressive Lodge
- Workmen's Circle

Landsmanshaften (source: Aaron Roetenberg) include:

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| • Ahav Zedek | • Morris Cohen Lodge #69 |
| • Camden City Lodge #114 | • New Jersey Lodge #90 |
| • Chevrah Gamel Areth | • Progressive Lodge #46 |
| • Chevra Gomel Chesed | • Society of True Benevolence |
| • Congregation Beth El | • Society of Dispensers Lodge |
| • Congregation Atath Israel | • Sons of Abraham |
| • Isaac Cohen Lodge | • Workmans Circle |

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/James Gross

Resource Name: **Old Belcoville Cemetery (est. ????) - INACTIVE)**

Address: Pleasantville, NJ 08232

Research Advice: **Was located next to Rodef Shalom. One large monument contains names of interred.**

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: **Rodef Shaolom Cemetery (est. 1900)**

Address: 2511 Fire Road
Egg Harbor, NJ 08234

Phone #: (609) 646-3480

Key Personnel: Arnie Levinson

Web: No site

Email: <mailto:ael132@msn.com>

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge. Stay right on exit from bridge to I-676 East. Follow signs to I-42 to Atlantic city/Shore. Take Atlantic City Expressway to Exit 7S/Garden State Parkway South. First Exit 37 (Pleasantville). Turn Right at end of exit ramp; Left at first light (Uibel Avenue). Left at traffic light, US-40/322 (Black Horse Pike). Cemetery immediately on right.cd

Research Advice: Cemetery is grouped with Beth Kehillah and Temple Emeth Shalom.

5/1/08 – Steve Schechter/Arnie Levinson

Resource Name: **????? Rosenhayn/Beth Abraham (est. ????)**

Address: Rt 55 and Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ

1/29/08 - K Paletz/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource Name: **Sons of Jacob (est. ????)**

Address: Cedar Lane and Pitman Avenue,
Trenton, NJ 08610

Phone #: (609) 771-9109

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Bernie Platt

Resource Name: **Tifferith Israel Cemetery (est. ????)**

Address: Route 550
Woodbine, NJ 08270

Phone #: (609) 861-2554

Key Personnel: David E. Uniglicht

Web: No site

Research Advice: ask about Woodbine Brotherhood

1/29/08 - K Paletz/Ed Flax/Geoff Shutzbank

Resource Name: **Trenton Young Judea Cemetery (est. ????)**

Address: Pitman Avenue off Cedar Lane,
Trenton, NJ 08610

Phone #: (609) 771-9109

Web:

[http://iceaa.org/CEMETERIES/USA/NEW%20JERSEY/Trenton%20Young%20Judea%20Association%20Cemetery%20\(Trenton,%20NJ\).htm](http://iceaa.org/CEMETERIES/USA/NEW%20JERSEY/Trenton%20Young%20Judea%20Association%20Cemetery%20(Trenton,%20NJ).htm)

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: **Tuckertown Greenwood Cemetery (est. ????)**

Address: P306 N Green Street
Tuckerton, NJ

Phone #: (609) 296-7111

Web: No site

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter/Bernie Platt

Resource Name: **Vineland Cemetery (est. ????)**

Address: Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360

Phone #: (856) 692-9231

Key Personnel: Hank Ehrlich

Web: No site

1/29/08 - K Paletz & Geoff Shutzbank

Resource Name: **Workmens Circle Branch 90 Cemetery (est. 1924)**

Address: Pitman Avenue and Cedar Lane,
Trenton, NJ 08610

Phone #: (609) 771-9109

Key Personnel:

Web: No site

Public Transportation: Not advised

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to I-95 North. Merge onto US-1 North (Exit 46A). Cross Delaware River at Trenton (toll). Market Street/Rt-33 East (towards train station). Right on S. Olden Avenue (CR-622). Right on Cedar Lane.

Research Advice: On mapquest Cemetery does not appear but is shown as part of St. Vladimir Cemetery.

Southern New Jersey Non-sectarian Cemeteries – No Jewish Section, Few Graves**Many**

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Atlantic City Cemetery (Non-Sectarian) (Est. 1865)**Address:** New Road & Pennsylvania Railroad
Pleasantville, NJ**Mailing Address:** PO Box 51
Pleasantville, NJ 08232**Phone #:** (609) 646-2260**Web:** No site**Public Transportation:** Not advised

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Laurel Memorial Park**Address:** Tilton Road and Infield Avenue
Northfield, NJ 08225**Phone #:** (609) 641-3946**Web:** No site

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Greenmount Cemetery (est. ????)**Address:** 1st Road OR 401 12th Street
Hammonton, NJ 08037-1304**Phone #:** (609) 561-7336**Web:** No site

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Greenwood Memorial Park**Address:** 1001 E Broad Street
Millville, NJ 08332**Phone #:** (856) 825-5151**Web:** No site

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery**Address:** 601 W Main Street
Millville, NJ**Phone #:** (856) 825-0695**Web:** No site

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Oak Grove Cemetery**Address:** 656 White Horse Pike
Hammonton, NJ 08037-2638**Phone #:** (609) 561-7336**Web:** No site

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Oak Hill Cemetery (Est. 1870)**Address:** 182 S Delsea Drive
Vineland, NJ 08360**Phone #:** (856) 794-2224**Web:** No site

4/8/08 – Steve Schechter

Resource Name: Siloam Cemetery (Est. 1864)**Address:** 550 N Valley Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360**Phone #:** (856) 691-6715**Web:** No site

Southern New Jersey Funeral Directors

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: Belkoff-Goldstein Funeral Chapel

Address: 313 Second Street
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Phone #: (800) 487-2553 or (732) 364-0900

Web: <http://www.belkoffgoldsteinfuneralchapel.com>

Key Personnel: Martin Goldstein, Manager
Eric J. Amyot, Director
Nesanel M. Rabenstein, Director

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: Bernheim Apter Kreitzman Suburban Funeral Chapel

Address: 68 Old Short Hills Road
Livingston, NJ 07039

Phone #: (800) 938-6372 or (973) 422-06000

Fax: (973) 422-0606

Web: <http://www.bernheim-apter-kreitzman.com>

E-mail: <mailto:richard.schuele@sci-us.com>

Key Personnel: Louis J. Urban, Manager

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: Berschler and Shenberg Funeral Chapels

Address: 101 Medford-Mt. Holly Road
Medford, New Jersey 08055

Phone #: (856) 665 - 5401

Web: <http://berschlerandshenberg.com>

Key Personnel: Howard D. Schenberg, Manager

Research Advice: Was Berschler, Shenberg and Blady. May have many of the old records from the Berschler family from Philadelphia.

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: Bloomfield-Cooper Jewish Funeral Chapels

Address:

- **Lakewood**
1300 Vermont Ave.
Lakewood, NJ 08701
- **Manalapan**
44 Wilson Avenue (Route 527)
Manalapan, NJ 07726
Mail: PO Box 161
Manalapan, NJ 07726
732-466-4646
- **Ocean**
2130 Highway 35
Ocean, NJ 07712
732-493-4343

Phone #: (800) 247-5235

Web: <http://www.bloomfield-cooper.com>

Key Personnel: Albert Bloomfield, Director
Leslie Bloomfield, Co-Founder

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: Goldstein Funeral Chapel

Address: 2015 Woodbridge Avenue
Edison, NJ 08817

Phone #: 800-395-9266 or 732-777-0032

Web: <http://goldsteinFuneralChapel.com/>

Key Personnel: Martin Goldstein, Manager
Nesanel M. Rabenstein, Director
Stephen M. Duschock IV, Director

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: Gutterman and Musicant Jewish Funeral Directors

Address: 402 Park Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Phone #: (800) 522-0588 or (201) 569-2404

Web: <http://www.guttermanmusicantwien.com/>

Key Personnel: Arthur R. Musicant, Manager

1/25/2008 - K Paletz

Resource: Orland Ewing Memorial Chapel

Address: 1534 Pennington Road,

Trenton, NJ 008618
Phone #: (609) 883-1400
Web: No Web
Key Personnel: Joel E. Orland, Senior Director

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: **Platt Memorial Chapels**
Address: 2001 Berlin Rd
 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
Phone #: (800) 262-9442 or (856) 428-9442
Web: No Web
Key Personnel: Bernard A. Platt, Mgr.,
 Harry A. Platt, Dir.

1/25/2008 - K Paletz

Resource: **Riverside Funeral Home**
Address: 1310 Prospect Street
 Trenton, NJ
Phone #: (609) 771-9109
Web: No Web
Key Personnel: Geoffrey Shutzbank, Director

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: **Robert Schoem's Menorah Chapel**
Address: West 150, Route 4 East
 Paramus, NJ 07652
Phone #: (201) 843-9090 or (800) 426-5869
Web: <http://www.schoemschapel.com>
Key Personnel: Gary Schoem – Funeral Director
 Robert Schoem Mgr.

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: **Roth-Goldsteins' Memorial Chapel**
Address: 116 Pacific Avenue
 Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone #: (800) 858-7350 or (609) 344-9004
Email: <mailto:rothgold@comcast.net>

1/27/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: **Wien & Wien Memorial Chapels**
Address: 402 Park Street
 Hackensack, NJ 07601
Phone #: (800) 522-0588 or (201) 489-3800
Web: <http://www.guttermanmusicantwien.com>
Key Personnel: Robert P. Szegeti, Manager

Southern New Jersey Synagogues

Key: **C** Conservative
CL Chabad Lubavitch Centers & Synagogues
FRS Federation of Reform Synagogues
JRF Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
O Orthodox
R Reform
S Sephardic
T Traditional
USCJ United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Adath Emanu-El (R)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 205 Elbo Lane
 Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Phone #: (856) 608-1200

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Adath Israel (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 1958 Lawrenceville Road
 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Phone #: (609) 896-4977

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Daniel Grossman
 President: Bernice Abramovich

Web: <http://www.adathisraelnj.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Ahavath Israel (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 1130 Lower Ferry Road
 Ewing, NJ 08618

Phone #: (609) 882-3092

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Daniel Aronson
 President: Leonard Epstein

Email: <mailto:ahavath@ahavathisrael.org>

Web: <http://www.ahavathisrael.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Anshe Emes – People of Truth (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Trenton, NJ

Phone #: (609) 396-4343

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth El (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 2901 East Chapel Avenue
 Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Phone #: (856) 667-1300

Web: <http://www.bethelmargate.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beth El Synagogue (USCJ)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 500 North Jerome Avenue
 Margate, NJ 08402

Phone #: (609) 823-2725

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Shalom Plotkin

Web: <http://www.congregation-bethel.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beth El Synagogue (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: East Windsor, NJ

Phone #: (609) 443-4454

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Beth El (JRF)**

Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 642 Bellevue Avenue
Hammonton, NJ 08037
Phone #: (609) 822-7116
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Aaron Gaber
Web: <http://www.tbenj.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Chaim (R)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Princeton Junction, NJ
Phone #: (609) 799-9401

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Beth Israel Congregation (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 246 King Street (at South warner St)
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Phone #: (856) 848-7272

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Israel (R)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 2501 Shore Road
Northfield, NJ 08225
Phone #: (609) 641-3600
Key Personnel: Rabbi: David M. Weis
President: Shelly Meyers
Administrator: Susan Sokalsky

Web: <http://www.bethisraelnorthfield.org>
Jewish Interest: Until 1985, located in Atlantic City.

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Judah (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 700 North Swarthmore Avenue
Ventnor City, NJ 08002
Phone #: (609) 822-7116
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Aaron Gaber
Web: <http://www.bethjudah.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Judah (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Wildwood, NJ
Phone #: (609) 729-1698
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Jacob Malki
Web:

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Beth Shalom (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 1901 Kressen Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
Phone #: (856) 751-6663
Web: <http://www.tbsonline.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Beth Shalom (USCJ)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 4419 West Brigantine Avenue
Brigantine, NJ 08203
Phone #: (609) 266-0403
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Rabbi Gerald Fox
Web: <http://www.seashul.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Beth Tikvah (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 115 Evesboro-Medford Road
Marlton, NJ 08053
Phone #: (856) 983-8090
Key Personnel: Rabbi: Gary Gans

Web: <http://www.nothingbut.net/~cbt>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) B'nai Abraham (JRF)**
Years of Operation 1918 - YYYY

Address: 58 Crosswicks Street
 Bordentown, NJ 08505

Phone #: (609) 298-1527

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Alex Lazarus-Kline
 President: Betsy Ramos

Email: <mailto:info@bnai-abraham.org>

Web: <http://www.bnai-abraham.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) B'nai Israel (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 212 High Street
 PO Box 1271
 Burlington, NJ 08016

Phone #: (856) 386-0406

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) B'nai Tikvah (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 341 Fishpond Road
 Turnersville, NJ 08012

Phone #:

Web: <http://www.bethbnaitikvah.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Brothers of Israel (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Trenton, NJ

Phone #: (609) 695-3479

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Chabad at the Shore (CL)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 6410 Ventnor Avenue
 Ventnor, NJ 08406

Phone #: (856) 667-1300

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Avrohom Rapoport

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Chabad Lubavitch of Camden County (CL)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 201-11 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road
 PO Box 1066
 Voorhees, NJ 08043

Phone #: (856) 784-7656

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Chabad Lubavitch of Mercer County (CL)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Princeton, NJ

Phone #: (609) 252-0124

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Chabad Lubavitch of Windsor (CL)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: East Windsor, NJ

Phone #: (609) 448-9369

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Chelsea Hebrew Congregation (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 3923 Atlantic Avenue
 Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Rabbi Rapoport

Phone #: (609) 345-0825

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Community Synagogue**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: South Maryland & Pacific Avenues
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone #: (609) 345-3282

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Emeth Shalom (R)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 8501 Ventnor Avenue
Margate City, NJ 08402

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Gordon Geller

Phone #: (609) 822-4343

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Jewish Center (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Princeton, NJ

Phone #: (609) 921-0100

Key Personnel:

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Har Sinai Temple**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Pennington, NJ

Phone #: (609) 730-8100

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Temple) Har Zion (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: High & Ridgeway Streets
Mount Holly, NJ

Phone #: (856) 267-0660

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) M'kor Shalom (R)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 850 Evesham Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Phone #: (856) 424-4220

Web: <http://www.mkorshalom.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Ner Tamid (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Yardley Commons
209 Laurel Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043

Phone #: (856) 424-7893

Web: region.philly.com/community/nertmid

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Rodef Shalom Orthodox Synagogue (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 4609 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone #: (856) 667-1300

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Max Fox

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Sons of Israel (O)**
Years of Operation 1894 - Present

Address: 720 Cooper Landing Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Phone #: (856) 667-9700

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Epstein
Rabbi Emeritus: Bernard Rothman

Email: <mailto:congsonsisrael@zeronet.net>

Jewish Interest: On January 22, 1894, six years after the arrival of Camden's first Jewish citizen, Abraham E. Wessel, The Liberty Street Shul was founded. Located in a Camden row house at 335 Liberty Street in Camden its official name was Congregation Sons of Israel. The Shul's first Rabbi was Rabbi David Shane and its founders included:

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|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| • Samuel Albert | • Solomon J. Goldstein | • Morris Gordon | • Joseph Hermann |
| • Samuel Kaplan | • Harris J. Klein | • Jacob Kligman | • Sol Levinson |
| • Solomon Lewis | • Samuel Liberman | • Abraham Lichtenstein | • Julius Meltzer |
| • Joseph Ottenberg | • Rabbi Abraham D. Shane | • Zelig Silverstein | |

In 1903 land at 8th & Sycamore was purchased and the shul soon moved to a newly constructed building. The old Shul was sold to B'nai Abraham (known as Lichtenstein's Shul after its Rabbi Abraham Lichtenstein). The new Shul soon became known as "The Eighth Street Shul" and in 1918 Rabbi Naftoli H.J. Riff arrived to lead the congregation. In 1920 the Shul established a Talmud Torah on Bearing Street (near Broadway and Kaighns Avenue) with four trustees: Louis Richelson, William Ostroff, Louis Tarter, and Benjamin Ostroff. In 1924 the Talmud Torah moved to 621 Kaighns Street to accomodate its 250 students.

In 1932 the congregation's Aid Society merged with Beth El's Jewish Welfare Society to form the Federation, and in recognition of his hard work and schlorship, Rabbi Riff became President of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

After the war, the Jewish population of Camden began moving to the Parkside area and the Shul's location seemed no longer viable. In 1948 land at Park Boulevard and Kaighns Avenue was purchased and on September 18, 1949 ground was broken for a new Shul. On Mother's Day, 1950 the corner stone was placed and the new building and Talmud Torah opened. The congregation grew and by 1962 an auditorium and mikvah were added.

Also, in 1962, Rabbi Rothman came to assist Rabbi Riff who in 1966 announced his retirement. Soon after his retirement, the trickle of Jewish families from Camden to Cherry Hill significantly increased. The Shul decided to move, this time to its present location on Cooper's Landing Road. In 1970 the new Shul was opened in time for Rosh Hashana. In its new location the Shul has withstood a difficult financial period and recovered to grow into a vibrant part of the Jewish community.

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **String of Pearls Congregation (JRF)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address:

Princeton, NJ

Phone #: (609) 921-3060

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Temple Emanuel (R)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 1001 Springdale Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Phone #: (856) 489-0029

Web: <http://www.templemanuel.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Temple Micah (I)**
Years of Operation 1969 - YYYY

Address: Historic Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church
2688 Main Street (Route 206)
Lawrenceville, NJ

Phone #: (609) 882-3092

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Ellen Greenspan
President: Bob Pollack

Web: <http://www.temple-micah.org>

5/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Temple Sinai (C)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 2101 New Albany Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Phone #: (856) 829-0658

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **(Congregation) Toras Emes (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address:

East Windsor, NJ

Phone #: (609) 443-8833

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Workers of Truth (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address:

Trenton, NJ

Phone #: (609) 396-2231

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Young Israel of Cherry Hill (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 817 Cooper Landing Road

PO Box 2450
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Phone #: (856) 667-1979

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Young Israel of Lawrenceville (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 2556 Princeton Pike
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Phone #: (609) 883-8833

Key Personnel: Rabbi:

Web: <http://www.yiol.com>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Young Israel of Margate (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: Ventnor Avenue
Margate, NJ 08402

Phone #: (609) 823-3630

Key Personnel: Rabbi: Rabbi M.J. Applebaum

Web: <http://www.congregation-bethel.org>

5/25/08 - Steve

Resource: **Zichron Trocki Mivilna Shul (O)**
Years of Operation XXXX - YYYY

Address: 8223 Fulton Avenue
Margate, NJ 08402

Southern New Jersey Private Sector Sites Open to the Public

4/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Burlington County Historical Society**

Address: 451 High Street
Burlington City, NJ

Phone: (609) 386-4773

Web: <http://08016.com/bchs.htm>

Emai: <mailto:bchsnj@earthlink.net>

Hours: Tue to Sat 1 -5

Fees: \$3; children under 12, \$1.50.

Jewish Interest: Little except for info on Temple B'nai Israel and general life in the county. May have pictures of summer resort area known as "Jewtown."

1/11/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)
Family History Centers in New Jersey**

- **Caldwell New Jersey**
209 Mountain Ave
North Caldwell, Essex, New Jersey 07006
Phone: (973) 226-8975
- **Cherry Hill New Jersey**
252 Evesham Rd
Cherry Hill, Camden, New Jersey 08003
Phone: (856) 795-8841
- **Clinton New Jersey**
9 Red Schoolhouse Rd
Lebanon, Hunterdon, New Jersey 08833
Phone: (908) 730-7600
- **Dover New Jersey**
103 Bassett Hwy
Dover, Morris, New Jersey 07801
Phone: (973) 989-1576
- **East Brunswick New Jersey**
303 Dunhams Corner Rd
East Brunswick, Middlesex, New Jersey 08816
Phone: (732) 254-1480
- **Eatontown New Jersey**
14 Reynolds Dr
Eatontown, Monmouth, New Jersey 07724
Phone: (732) 542-2691
- **Emerson New Jersey**
840 Soldier Hill Rd
Emerson, Bergen, New Jersey 07630
Phone: (201) 262-7357
- **Fardale New Jersey**
30 Youngs Rd 07430
Mahwah, Bergen, New Jersey
Phone: (201) 327-1940
- **Ledgewood New Jersey**
156 Mountain Rd
Ledgewood, Morris, New Jersey 07852
Phone: (973) 347-2856
- **Linwood New Jersey**
624 Zion Rd
Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234
- **Maplewood New Jersey**
1064 Clinton Ave
Irvington, Essex, New Jersey 07111
- **Morristown New Jersey**
283 James St
Morristown, New Jersey 07960
Phone: (973) 539-5362
- **Passaic New Jersey**
18 Howe Ave
Passaic, Passaic, New Jersey 07055
- **Paterson New Jersey**
42-48 E 39th St
Paterson, Passaic, New Jersey 07514
- **Princeton New Jersey**
610 Alexander Rd
Princeton, Mercer, New Jersey 08540
Phone: (609) 452-0802
- **Scotch Plains New Jersey**
1781 Raritan Rd
Scotch Plains, Union, New Jersey 07076
Phone: (908) 889-0628
- **Short Hills New Jersey**
140 White Oak Ridge Road
Short Hills, Essex, New Jersey 07078
Phone: (973) 379-7315
- **Toms River New Jersey**
1348 Old Freehold Rd
Toms River, Ocean, New Jersey 08753
Phone: (732) 349-5947
- **Union City New Jersey**
2501-15 New York Ave
Union City, Hudson, New Jersey 07087
Phone: (201) 866-8118
- **Vineland New Jersey**
110 Highland Ave
Vineland, Cumberland, New Jersey 08361
Phone: (856) 696-5002

Phone #: See above for telephone number of specific Family History Center

Public Transportation: Contact local Family History Center for information

Director / Key Personnel: Staffed by Volunteers

Web: <http://www.familysearch.org>

http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp?page=home/welcome/site_resources.asp%3FwhichResourcePage=Jewish

Hours: Vary with location. Call specific Center for information.

Fees: Generally free with a nominal charge for borrowing microfilm rolls.

Accessibility: Generally handicapped accessible. Call specific center for details.

Summary of Critical Holdings (Jewish Interest): The Family History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, (Mormon Church) which has the world's largest collection of genealogical information. The library has records of more than 2 billion names in databases; 2.4 million rolls of microfilm; and 278,000 books. With the help of more than 4000 family history centers (branches) in 88 countries, the Family History Library is constantly expanding its collection of records.

Many of the Family History Library records are of Jewish interest. The complete catalog is available online and at local FHC's. Popular items are on indefinite loan at each FHC, and available for use at no charge. Other microfilms and microfiche may be ordered from the central (Salt Lake City) library for use on loan at an FHC for 30 days or more at a nominal cost. The usual time from date of order to delivery is 2 – 3 weeks.

Click the online link below for helpful guides and downloadable information on finding Jewish Records, and doing Jewish Genealogical Research online.

Research Advice:

- Call in advance to verify local FHC hours; they change, particularly in inclement weather.
- These are not mailing addresses. Due to limited staff, FHC are unable to respond to mail inquiries.

1/20/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey

Address: 222 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Phone #: (732) 249-4894

Key Personnel: Nathan M. Reiss, President

Web: <mailto:info.jhsc@gmail.com>

Hours: Mon – Fri 9 am -1 pm

Jewish Interest: The Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey promotes, researches, and publishes facets of Central New Jersey's Jewish experience. They maintain an Archival Collection available to researchers.

The JHSCJ Archival Collection at 228 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 contains:

- Organizational documents
- Congregational artifacts
- Historical Records
- Photographs
- Tapes of oral histories
- Unusual memorabilia concerning our Jewish area
- Several area Jewish Newspapers

Research library contains an extensive collection of books and pamphlets on the Jewish-American experience.

12/19/07 – Ed Flax

Resource: The Jewish Museum of New Jersey

Address: c/o Congregation Ahavas Sholom
145 Broadway
Newark, NJ 07104

Phone #: (973) 227-8854

Web: <http://jewishmuseumnj.org/>

Jewish Interest: Housed at Congregation Ahavas Sholom - a state and national historic landmark and the oldest continually active synagogue in the City of Newark. In the 1930s, Newark was home to 70,000 Jews and 60 synagogues. Now, only Ahavas Sholom survives, draws 25 people for most Saturday services and is hoping to rebuild a sense of Jewish community in the city. The Museum will show the culture of NJ's Jewish people. Exhibits might feature local Holocaust survivors, Jewish immigration, Newark's Jewish community, history of Sephardim in NJ, Jewish farmers in South Jersey, role of NJ Jews in the civil rights movement, NJ Jewish film moguls, popular Jewish resorts like Bradley Beach, Lakewood and Mount Freedom, and distinguished Jewish individuals.

Research Advice: A museum rather than a research center.

1/12/08 – Ed Flax

Resource: The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage

Address: 610 Washington Avenue
Woodbine, NJ 0827

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 517
Woodbine, NJ 0827

Phone #: (609) 861-5355

Web Address: <http://www.thesam.org/>

Key Personnel:

Executive Director - Jane Stark: <mailto:jstark@thesam.org>

Program Director - Oranit Caplan: <mailto:odror@thesam.org>

Administrator - Margaret Casey: <mailto:mcasey@thesam.org>

Hours: June 9th – Sept 30th: Wed, Thur, Fri, Sun – 10:00am to 4:00pm.

October 1st – June 14th: Wed, Thur, Fri, Sun – 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Closed December 25th and January 1st.

Public Transportation: Not feasible

Driving Directions From Philadelphia: I-676 east to Ben Franklin Bridge to New Jersey. I 676 immediately after the bridge to I-76 South. Rte. 42 South to Rte. 55 South to the exit for Rte 49 (Tuckahoe, Millville exit). Make a left off the exit and take Rte. 49 East all the way until you come to a traffic light at Woodbine Road/Rte 557 - approximately 13 miles. Make a right onto Woodbine Road and follow into Woodbine. The Brotherhood Synagogue/Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage is 1/4 mile on the right past the intersection of Rte 550/ DeHirsch Boulevard.

Jewish Interest: Documents early Jewish settlers of this Vinland/Woodbine area. Housed in the Woodbine Brotherhood Synagogue building - listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Woodbine, NJ was founded in 1891 as a haven for Eastern European Jews who were being persecuted in Czarist pogroms. The Baron DeHirsch Fund purchased land in Cape May County to start a settlement and invited immigrants from Poland and Russia to settle. Using modern agricultural practices, the first colonists turned Woodbine into a model agricultural community.

Because most of the original settlers were Jewish, Woodbine became known as "the first self-governing Jewish community since the fall of Jerusalem."

4/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **Tri County Jewish Historical Society**

Address: c/o Camden County Historical Society
1900 Park Blvd.
Camden, NJ 08103
Mailing Address: PO Box 378
Collingswood, NJ 08108-0378

Phone: (856) 964-3333

Key Personnel: Ruth Bogutz: (856) 858-0040
Linda Gentry, Executive Director
Joycelyn Koehler, Library Director
Deborah McCullough, Educational Director

Web: <http://www.cchsnj.com/pp01.shtml>

Email: Library & Research: <mailto:library.cchs@verizon.net>
Education & Programs <mailto:cchsnj@verizon.net>

Hours: Library: Sun: 12 – 5; Wed to Fri: 12:30 – 4:30
Mansion/Museum Tours: Thu & Sun 12 to 3:30

Fees: Membership: Individual=\$25; Family=\$35; Senior/Student=\$15.
Daily Admission: Members Free; Non-members=\$5.; Seniors/Students=\$4
Staff research=\$25/hour

Southern New Jersey Government Sites

4/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Atlantic City Free Public Library

Address: One North Tennessee Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 345-2269

Web: <http://www.acfpl.org/>

Hours: Mon to Wed 10-8; Thu to Sat 9-5; Sun Noon-5

Public Transportation: Suburban Station. Atlantic City train to end of line. Taxi to Library.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge. Stay on I-676 to I-76 to NJ-42 to Atlantic City Expressway. Bear left as you enter Atlantic City and go to the second light. At the second light (Arctic Avenue) make a left and travel approximately 7 blocks north to Tennessee Avenue. Make a right onto Tennessee Avenue. The library is located on the next corner at the intersection of Tennessee and Atlantic Avenue.

Research Advice: Be sure to check web site.

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Resource: Camden City Hall

Address: 520 Market Street
Camden, New Jersey 08101

Mailing Address: Doris Ellis, Deputy Registrar
Office of the City Clerk
Vital Statistics
City Hall, Room 103
PO Box 95120
Camden, NJ 80101-5120

Phone: (856) 757-7220

Web: <http://www.ci.camden.nj.us/departments/birthcertificate.html>

Hours:

Fees: Vital records cost \$6 for the first copy and \$4 for each additional copy.

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train Line East to 8th Street. Transfer to the PATCO line to New Jersey. Exit Camden City Hall Station.

Driving Directions: Not recommended.

Research Advice: Download certificate request form prior to visit. Certificates typically not available on demand but take 10 to 15 business days – see web site.

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Resource: Camden County Library

Address: This is a series of 7 branches within the County with inter-library loan.

System Web: <http://www.camden.lib.nj.us/default.htm>

- **Bellmawr Branch**
35 East Browning Road
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
(856) 931-5338
Branch Manager: Debbie Stefano
<http://bellmawr.camden.lib.nj.us>
- **Gloucester Township Branch**
15 South Black Horse Pike
Blackwood, NJ 08012
(856) 228-0022
Branch Manager: Anne Ackroyd
<http://www.camden.lib.nj.us/gloucester>
- **Haddon Township Branch**
15 MacArthur Blvd.
Westmont, NJ 08108
(856) 854-2752
Branch Manager: Nan Rosenthal
<http://www.camden.lib.nj.us/haddon>
- **Merchantville Branch**
130 South Centre Street
Merchantville, NJ 08109
(856) 665-3128
Reading Center Manager: Eve Brown
<http://www.camden.lib.nj.us/merchantville>
- **South County Regional Branch**
35 Coopers Folly Road
Atco, NJ 08004
(856) 753-2537
Branch Manager: Nancy Bennett
<http://southco.camden.lib.nj.us>
- **Voorhees (M. Allan Vogelson) Regional Branch**
203 Laurel Raod
Voorhees, NJ 08043
(856) 772-1636
Branch Manager: Bill Brahms
<http://www.camden.lib.nj.us/voorhees>
- **Cultural & Heritage Commission**
250 South Park Drive
Haddon Township, NJ 08108
(856) 858-0040
Director: Sandra Turner-Barnes
<http://arts.camden.lib.nj.us>

Hours, Fees, Accessibility, Directions: See individual web sites or call.

Public Transportation: Not Advised

Jewish Interest: Genealogy resources and suggested computer links but nothing of specifically Jewish interest.

Research Advice: The Cultural & Heritage serves as a county grant administrator. On-line research capabilities; all branches have free WiFi. Internet users on site one must have a library card or visitor pass. **Review of county records must be in advance and in writing** (form at: <http://www.camden.lib.nj.us/about/recordrequest.htm>).

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Resource: Camden Free Public Library

Address: 418 Federal Street
Camden, NJ 08103
Phone: (856) 757-7640
Key Personnel: Robert Sorrentino, Reference Librarian
Hours: Winter: Mon to Thu 9 - 8; Fri 9 - 5; Closed Sat & Sun
Summer: Mon to Fri 9 - 5; Closed Sat & Sun

Web: <http://www.geocities.com/cfpl418/index.htm>

Public Transportation: Market-Frankford Train to 8th Street. PATCO Train to New Jersey; exit Camden City Hall. Walk several blocks to library.

Driving Directions from Center City: I-676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge to New Jersey. Exit Right immediately after toll to South Broadway. Right on Market Street; Left on North 3rd Street; Left on Federal Street. On Right. Park in Lot.

Jewish Interest: City Directories for Camden County/City of Camden

Research Advice: Satellite branches exist but central branch is recommended.

1/13/08 – Ed Flax

Resource Name: **Newark Public Library**

Address: 5 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Phone #: (973) 733-7784

Web: <http://www.npl.org/>

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Directions: In North Jersey close to NYC. Use mapquest for directions.

Jewish Interest: NJ Jewish Newspapers on microfilm

1/25/2008 - Kaye Paletz

Resource: **New Jersey State Division of Archives and History**

Address: 225 West State Street,
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
(Mailing address PO Box 307, Trenton, NJ 08625)

Phone #: (609) 292-6260

Public Transportation: Buses: 601, 606, 608, 609 from in front of the Trenton Train Station. Archives is approximately 2 miles from this location

Key Personnel: Karl Niederer, Director, Division of Archives;
Bette M. Epstein, Director of Reference

Web: <http://www.njarchives.org/links/reference/html>

Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Jewish Interest: Indexes of:

- wills,
- births,
- marriages,
- divorces,
- naturalizations,
- old newspapers,
- census,
- land records,
- military records

Research Advice: Check website. Indexes ONLY are available at Archives - not the documents themselves. Staff cannot search indexes

“The Archives has birth, marriage and deaths available dating for births to 1923 and as I recall marriages and deaths both to about 1940. The microfilms are organized by year and last name -- mostly not indexed just sorted and filmed by the names. Brides searches are not available as the certificates are held by the groom's name. They also have World War I service record summaries as well as the State Census and other good materials.” Allan Jordan quoted in jewishgen digest 4/19/08.

1/25/2008 - K Paletz

Resource: **New Jersey State Library**

Address: 185 West State Street,
Trenton, NJ 08625
(mailing address PO Box 520, Trenton, New Jersey 08625)

Phone #: (609) 278-2640

Public Transportation: Buses 601, 606, 608 and 609 from the Trenton Train Station; most trains connect to Trenton

Key Personnel: Norma Blake, State Library Director;
John Shaw, genealogist

Web: <http://www.njstatelib.org>

Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Jewish Interest:

- Excellent monograph collection of Jewish content;
- Federal and State census;
- World War draft registrations;
- city directories;
- newspapers on microfilm;
- extensive family history collection; many data bases available on-site only

1/20/08 - Kaye Paletz

Resource: Trenton Public Library

Address: 120 Academy Street,
Trenton, New Jersey

Phone #: (609) 392-7188

Public Transportation:

Key Personnel: Cathy Stout, Head of Reference;
Wendy Nardi, Trentoniana (local history reference)

Web: <http://www.trenton.lib.nj.us>

Hours: Mon: 9-9; Tues: 9-5; Wed: 9-9; Thur: 9-9; Fri: 9-5; Sat: 9-5

Accessibility: Handicapped accessible

Summary of Holdings (Jewish Interest): Trentonian room has:

- records of Jewish Historical Society;
- old newspapers; obituary index;
- vertical file on Trenton events;
- photographs;
- scrapbooks

Research Advice: Staff will assist only with use of resources; will not search specific documents.

Delaware SitesJewish Cemeteries

5/1/08 - Steve

Resource: Beth Emit Memorial Park**Address:** Dupont & Faukland Roads
Wilmington, DE 198-5**Phone #:** (302) 764-2393 (Synagogue)**Key Personnel:****Web:****Email:****Hours:****Accessibility:****Public Transportation:****Driving Directions from Center City:****Jewish Interest:****Research Advice:**

5/1/08 - Steve

Resource: Jewish Community Cemetery**Address:** Foulk Road (near Route 202)
Wilmington, DE 19803**Phone #:** (302) 762-0334 (Schoenberg Memorial Chapel)**Key Personnel:****Web:****Email:****Hours:****Fees:****Accessibility:****Public Transportation:****Driving Directions from Center City:****Jewish Interest:****Research Advice:**

4/11/08 - Steve

Resource: Machzikey Hadas Cemetery**Address:** Widel Avenue (near Route 13)
Wilmington, DE**Phone #:** (302) 762-0334 (Schoenberg Memorial Chapel)**Key Personnel:****Web:****Email:****Hours:****Fees:****Accessibility:****Public Transportation:****Driving Directions from Center City:****Jewish Interest:****Research Advice:**Delaware Jewish Undertaker

5/1/08 - Steve

Resource: Schoenberg Memorial Chapel**Address:** 519 Philadelphia Pike
Wilmington, DE 198-9**Phone #:** (302) 762-0334**Key Personnel:****Web:****Email:****Hours:****Fees:****Accessibility:****Public Transportation:****Driving Directions from Center City:****Jewish Interest:****Research Advice:**

Delaware Jewish Historical Society

5/1/08 - Steve

Resource: **Jewish Historical Society of Delaware****Address:** 1609 Faulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19803**Phone #:****Key Personnel:****Web:****Email:****Hours:****Fees:****Accessibility:****Public Transportation:****Driving Directions from Center City:****Jewish Interest:****Research Advice:****Delaware Public records**

4/11/08 - Steve

Resource: **RED****Address:****Phone #:****Key Personnel:****Web:****Email:****Hours:****Fees:****Accessibility:****Public Transportation:****Driving Directions from Center City:****Jewish Interest:****Research Advice:**