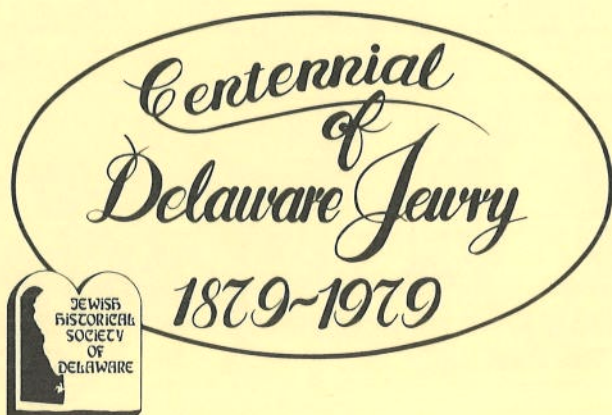


INTRODUCTION TO
DELAWARE'S
JEWISH CENTENNIAL

1879-1979





Chesed Shel Emeth early 1900's.

1879—MOSES MONTEFIORE SOCIETY

To succor needy brethren; to accumulate funds for the payment of sick benefits; and to aid indigent and unfortunate brethren.

Incorporated February 10, 1883—*To procure suitable land for the establishment of a cemetery . . . to provide for the mutual benefit of members in cases of financial aid*

1880—OHABE SHALOM

The first Jewish place of worship in Wilmington, with a liberal interpretation, dedicated by the Moses Montefiore Society March 20, 1880. Closed 1883.

1885—ADAS KODESCH

Dedicated 1885. Incorporated 1889.

To maintain a house of Jewish Orthodox religion, its dead to bury according to the Jewish rites . . . to continue so long as 10 brothers in good standing favor it.

Constitution of 1899 names synagogue Adas Kodesch Knesseth Israel Baron de Hirsch Congregation.

1898—dedication of first synagogue building in Delaware, the former German Lutheran Church.

1957—merged with Chesed Shel Emeth. See 1957

1888—AHAVATH ACHIM

Orthodox synagogue which merged with Adas Kodesch in 1890.

1892—HEBREW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

To educate members of the Hebrew Society in and about the city and to afford a place of meeting for Hebrew citizens.

No longer in existence.

1898—B'NAI B'RITH LODGE #470

Local Chapter of national organization

To conduct fund raising activities for the benefit of national agencies and projects outside the state; to fight anti-Semitism

1899—B'NAI ZION

"Sons of Zion," the first Zionist organization in Delaware which was affiliated with the Federation of American Zionists.

1899—HEBREW CHARITY ASSOCIATION

To alleviate the suffering and unfortunate members of our Jewish community; to assist them to become self supporting; to act as a peace committee to adjust the differences between members of the Jewish community; in general to perform all such duties as may come before us in the name of charity.

Incorporated February 15, 1902

Name changed to Jewish Welfare Association of Wilmington, Delaware in 1930

Name changed to Jewish Family Service 1960 (See Jewish Family Service)