

he organized the Adathean Society, to which the young men and women of the congregation belonged. Many of the intermarried members are now members of the congregation.

Rabbi Feinberg began to advocate an enlargement of the Synagogue by getting new and larger quarters. The congregation, at a special meeting on Nov. 19, 1919, decided to go ahead with a new building project. A building committee was appointed, with J.L. Mann as Chairman. It is good to note as we celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the congregation, that a number of those who served on this committee are still active in the Synagogue, namely, Samuel Glass, who became Chairman on the death of Mr. Mann, Abe Berman, J. David Jacobs, Frank Posner, Mose Rosenbaum, H.M. Rubin, M.R. Sanders and Mrs. David Polasky, William Hirschfeld, Louis Weiland.

At first it was planned to build a \$100,000 structure on the Rockdale Ave. site. A congregational banquet was arranged on Dec. 6, 1921, at which more than \$30,000 was raised.

After further consideration, the plan to build on the Rockdale Ave. site was rejected, and the present site on the northeast corner of Lexington Ave. and Reading Road was purchased. The beautiful stone mansion on the site was occupied temporarily as a school house and young folks' center. Additional funds were raised at another banquet and by the traditional appeal made by the Rabbi on Kol Nidre evening 5686 (Sunday evening, Sept. 27, 1925).

Enthusiasm ran high. The Building Committee proceeded energetically with the proposed new house of worship. The late Oscar Schwartz, a prominent young architect and a member of the congregation, was commissioned to draw plans for a synagogue and center. On March 4, 1926, the congregation accepted the bid of Joseph Neyer, general contractor, for the essential work on the building. Ground was broken with simple ceremonies on Sunday, April 11, 1926.