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M.S., Cem. Assoc., information:  
Phone Conversation, Oscar Walchirk, September 24, 1992.  
401 Sandy Lane, Wilmette, IL 60091.

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American Jewish Yearbook of 1920 was located at 5601 S.  
Wabash Avenue. Paul Price was the President, Herman  
Forel was the Secretary and their annual income was  
\$1,000. They had one teacher and one class with 10  
students. Syn. Rec. #1275 In 1923 Jos. H. Margolles was  
the rabbi.



ANSHE MIZRACH - (M. S. CEM. ASSOC) DIV F.

SILVERMAN AND WEISS - SEXTON GATES 86 AND 87

PERMIT BEN MARK

BETH JACOB, \*B'NAI BEZALEL, ANSHE MIZRACH

BETH JACOB - B'NAI BEZALEL 6034 S. CHAMPLAIN #1384

BETH JACOB - REC #1272 44TH ST LAWRENCE 1928-1929

M. I. GOODMAN PRES

B'NAI BAZALEL 6141 DREXEL BLVD. 1923 REC #1275 SORT 400

MORRIS H. ROMAN PRES. (NO RABBI LISTED)

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ANSHE MIZRACH 5601 WABASH RECORD 1270

P. PRICE - PRES - 1923

Anshe Mizrach was organized in 1911 and in 1920 and 1923 was located at 5601 South Wabash. Pres. Paul Price, Sec. Herman Forel, with 38 members and an income of \$1,000. One teacher, 1 class, 10 students. Rabbi Jos. H. Marcolles in 1923.

NOTE IN 1928-1929 THERE WERE 2 OTHER BETH JACOBS

GOE, MICHAEL LAMBERT

B. ST PAUL, MINN 04/16/1855

MOVED TO CHICAGO

MARRIED

CAREER:

Beginning 1912 elected 8 times to the Illinois Legislature.

Appointed ASS'T U.S. ATTORNEY (Wilson, PRES) Gov

from 1915 - 1917

South Parks Commission from 1924 \*

Delegate Dem. Nat'l Convention 1928 NOMINATION OF

ALFRED E. SMITH for Pres in Houston, Tx. (Roman Catholic)

lost on prohibiting religion.

Member Democratic Nat'l Commission 1930-1932

App't. U.S. DIST ATTOR., Northern Dist of Illinois 1935 (Roosevelt)

Judge, U.S. DIST COURT, " " " 1939 - ( " )

LIVED AT 5120 HYDE PARK BLVD

BELONGED TO Knights of Columbus, Hibernians, Farresters,  
South Shore Country Club



Tel. 493-0512



**REV. M. EARLE SARDON**

*—MY PULPIT IS THE STREETS OF THE CITY—*

Holiness Community Temple Church

**PASTOR**

**CRUSADERS OF JUSTICE**

**PRESIDENT**

5536 S. INDIANA

CHICAGO, IL 60637



- CG. \*Anshe Yanovo, 622 O'Brien.  
 \*Anshe Yavno, 1115 S. Winchester Av. Org. 1912. Rabbi, I. I. Rutenberg;  
 Pres., I. Goldberg; Sec., I. Rudolph. Members, 40; income, \$800.  
*Services:* Daily.  
 \*Anshe Zitomir, 1214 S. Lawyer Av.  
 Anshe Zitomir, 112 Johnson. Pres., Joseph Kuslin.  
 \*Atereth Israel, 1235 N. Irving Av.  
 Atereth Israel, 1230 S. Millard Av. Org. 1913. Rabbi, Joseph M. New-  
 berger. Pres., I. Gross; Sec., G. M. Glicksberg. Members, 30;  
 income, \$1000. *Affiliated Societies:* Gmilath Chasodim; Chevra  
 Mikra.  
 \*Austria Galitzia, Ashland Av. and Tell Pl.  
 \*Beth Aaron, 1251 N. Wood.  
 Beth El, 2120 Crystal. Org. 1871. Rabbi, Julius Rappaport. *Services:*  
 English, German, and Hebrew. *School:* Teachers, 7; pupils, 200; ses-  
 sions weekly, 2.  
 \*Beth Hamedrash Hagodol, 5119 Indiana Av.  
 Beth Hamedrash Hagodol U'bnei Jacob, 3453 Douglas Blvd. Org. 1870.  
 Rabbi, Azriel Epstein; Pres., M. Perlstein; Sec., I. Marks. Members,  
 125. *Services:* Hebrew. *School:* Teachers, 1; pupils, 200; sessions  
 daily. *Auxiliary Society:* Chevra Gmilath Chasodim.  
 Beth Israel, Robey and Taylor. Rabbi, P. Davis.  
 Beth Israel of Chicago Heights. Pres., Sam Jaffe, 55 Illinois.  
 \*Beth Jacob, 44th and Lawrence Av.  
 Beth Jacob Anshe Kroz, 1002 Maxwell. Org. 1899. Sec., H. Lemanshir.  
*Services:* Hebrew.  
 Beth Yitzhok. Rabbi, Isaac A. Millner; Pres., J. Perlstein; Sec., H. Mar-  
 ver. *Auxiliary Society:* Sisterhood. Pres., Mrs. L. Weiss; Sec.,  
 Mrs. M. Kaufman.  
 \*Bikur Cholim, 1253 S. Union Av.  
 Bikur Cholim B'nai Jacob, 89th and Houston. Rabbi, H. Rubenstein. *Ser-*  
*vices:* Hebrew. *School:* Teachers, 2; pupils, 60; sessions weekly, 5.  
 B'nai Abraham Temple, 1114 S. Marshfield Av. *Auxiliary Society:* Sister-  
 hood.  
 B'nai Abraham-Zion Congregation, Washington Blvd. cor. Karlov Av. Reorg.,  
 1919. Pres., Max Ehrman; Sec., Arthur Lederer. Members, 280.  
*Services:* Sabbath, Hebrew and English. *School:* Classes, 10; teachers,  
 12; pupils, 200. *Auxiliary Society:* Woman's Auxiliary Society.  
 \*B'nai Bezalel, 62d and Drexel.  
 B'nai David, 618 N. Wood.  
 B'nai David Ohave Zedek, 1228 N. Claremont Av. Org. 1896. Rabbi, Israel  
 Elfenbein; Sec., S. Kreis. *Services:* Hebrew and English. *School:*  
 Teachers, 10; pupils, 210; sessions weekly, 2.  
 \*B'nai Israel, 2812 W. 12th.  
 \*B'nai Israel, Aberdeen and 62d.  
 \*B'nai Jacob Anshe Sholom, cor. Cypress and Taylor.  
 B'nai Jehoshua, S. Ashland Av. and 20th. Org. 1906. Rabbi, M. Rosen-  
 stein. *Services:* Hebrew, English, and German. *School:* Teachers, 4;  
 pupils, 60; sessions weekly, 1.  
 B'nai Joseph, 802 Claremont Av. Rabbi, E. R. Mishkin.  
 B'nai Mosheh, 903 S. Paulina. Org. 1897. Rabbi, N. Budinzsky; Pres., J.  
 Cohen; Sec., M. M. Hurwitz. Members, 150; income, \$1050. *Services:*  
 Daily, Hebrew. *Auxiliary Societies:* Ladies' Auxiliary; Chevra Mikroh;  
 Gemiluth Chasodim.  
 B'nai Rubin Anshe Maxin, 907 Marshfield Av. Rabbi, A. B. Goldenson.  
 B'nai Sholom-Temple Israel, 53d and Michigan Av. B'nai Sholom, org.  
 1852; Temple Israel, org. 1896. Rabbi, Gerson B. Levi; Pres., Sam'l  
 Schweitzer; Sec., Peter A. Grossman. Members, 250. *Services:*  
 Sabbath, English. *School:* Classes, 9; teachers, 9; pupils, 300;  
 sessions weekly, 1.  
 \*B'nai Sholom, 1253 S. Union Av.



## CHAMPAIGN (Jewish pop. 150)

- CG. Champaign and Urbana Sinai Congregation, Clark and State. Org. 1907. Rabbi, I. M. Bloom, Springfield, Ill.; Pres., J. M. Kaufman; Sec., L. Shulhafer. *Services*: English. *School*: Teachers, 3; pupils, 45; sessions weekly, 1.
- CEM. Mount Hope Cemetery. Owned by the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith.

## CHICAGO (Jewish pop. 225,000)

- CG. \*Adas B'nai Israel, Leavitt near Division.  
 \*Adas Israel Zkan Aaron, 1449 W. 13th.  
 \*Agudath Israel, 1400 Hastings.  
 \*Agudath Jacob, 1311 S. Laflin.  
 \*Agudath Sfard, 1441 W. Taylor.  
 \*Agudath Sfard Anshe Marev, 1521 S. Homan Av.  
 Ahavas Achim, 108 Newberry Av. Rabbi, M. Rubinstein.  
 Ahavas Zion Anshe Titkin, 1337 S. Sangamon. Rabbi, H. Harrison.  
 \*Ahavath Achim, Claremont near Potomac Av.  
 \*Ahavath Achim Anshe Sfard, 1257 Peoria.  
 Anshe Antipole, 614 O'Brien. Pres., Z. Abelson.  
 \*Anshe Chodorkow, Taylor near Lincoln.  
 Anshe Dorom Beth Hamidrash Hagodol, 3434 Wabash Av. Rabbi, Julius Weinstein.  
 Anshe Emes, 1363 Sedgwick. Org. 1878. Rabbi, Joseph Hevesh; Pres., Oscar Block; Sec., Louis E. Goldman. Members, 150; income, \$6000. *Services*: Daily, Hebrew and English. *School*: Sunday and Hebrew. Classes, 6; teachers, 6; pupils, 110; sessions weekly, 4. *Auxiliary Societies*: Anshe Emeth Sisterhood; Anshe Emeth Alliance; Chevra Kadisha.  
 Anshe Emeth Nnsach Sfard, 1038 14th. Pres., M. Winehouse.  
 Anshe Emunah, 3309 Emerald. *Auxiliary Society*: Ladies' Auxiliary.  
 \*Anshe Galitzia, 1221 S. Morgan.  
 Anshe Kanesses Israel, 3411 Douglas Blvd. Org. 1879. Rabbi, Ephraim Epstein; Cantor, H. L. Lipner; Pres., Moses Salk; Sec., A. Halprin. Members, 300; income, \$15,000. *Services*: Daily, Hebrew. *School*: Classes, 3; teachers, 3; pupils, 120; sessions weekly, 5.  
 \*Anshe Lebowitz, 308 Maxwell. Org. 1895.  
 \*Anshe Lubashew, 1419 S. Sangamon.  
 \*Anshe Lubawitz, Albany near 12th.  
 \*Anshe Misrach, 5601 Wabash Av. Org. 1911. Pres., Paul Price; Sec., Herman Forel. Members, 38; income, \$1000. *Services*: Daily, Hebrew. *School*: Classes, 1; teachers, 1; pupils, 10; sessions weekly, 6.  
 Anshe Motele, 1227 Washburne Av. Rabbi S. Rosenblum.  
 \*Anshe Mozir, 16th near Harding Av.  
 \*Anshe Naroditz, Racine near Taylor.  
 Anshe Odessa, 1419 Hastings. Rabbi, L. Kaplan.  
 \*Anshe Pavolitz, 1533 S. Turner Av. *Auxiliary Society*: Pavolitz Ladies' Aid.  
 \*Anshe Pinsk, 1300 Washburne Av.  
 Anshei Polen B'nei Abraham, 1722 Washburne Av. Org. 1912. Rabbi, Solomon Borenstein; Pres., Aaron Preberg; Sec., Samuel Oliff. Members, 35; income, \$1500. *Services*: Sabbath, Hebrew.  
 \*Anshe Polin, 1533 S. Clifton Pk. Av.  
 \*Anshe Sfard, 1038 W. 14th.  
 Anshe Shavel and Yanova, 1359 W. 13th. Org. 1912. Rabbi, B. Chalemovitz. *Services*: Hebrew.  
 Anshe Sholom, Ashland cor. Polk (Ohave Sholom Mariampol and Anshe Kalvaria, amalgamated). Reorg. 1916. Rabbi, Saul Silber; Cantor, H. Milkowsky. *Services*: Hebrew. *Schools*: 2; teachers, 10; pupils, 550; sessions daily.  
 \*Anshe Sholom Center, Homan Av. and Douglas Blvd.  
 \*Anshe Vilno, 1360 S. Sangamon.

EDWARD J. ROSEWELL

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1928-1929 in the Synagogues of Chicago.  
Sart No. 570 Record No 1384



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## HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY AT 5627 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE.

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Stone marker - Anshe Mitzvah - A 87

1919-1920 Anshe Mitzvah (ATY) Org 1911 5601 S. Wabash.  
 (33A) 38 members. Income \$1,000 Daily Hebrew School p 361

- 29A 1922-1923 (Last local listing)  
Sons + Daughters of Abraham 108 E 51st St. 225 mems  
31A Jewish Educational Center 114 E 59th St. Org 1916  
Pres. Albert B. Yuskelson - 225 members p267

1919-1920

- 31B South Side Hebrew 100 members 160 in Religious  
school, Ladies Aux p363

1917-1918

- 31C South Side Jewish Men's Club p357  
110 E 59th St. Albert E. Nassch Sec.

1919-1920

- 32A Temple Israel 250 members 300 in Religious School p361

- 33A Anshe Mizrach Org 1911 5601 S. Wabash 38 members  
\$11,000 endow. Daily Heb Sch.

- 35A Jewish Home for the Aged - 76 "inmates". p365  
62nd + Drapel - "Drapel Home".



200 Lake Blvd. #450  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
September 27, 1992

Rev. Charles S. Spivey  
Coppin Memorial AME Church  
5627 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Ill. 60637

Dear Rev. Spivey;

I lived at 5507 S. Indiana Avenue from 1929 to 1949 and am now researching the area known as Washington Park. I graduated from the Burke Elementary and Englewood High Schools. This is an area that has a great deal of ethnic and literary history, plus one small mystery.

The mystery resides in the building you occupy. It does not appear in any of the city directories, nor in any of the telephone books 1900 -1929. I retrieved your name and address from the consumer telephone book.

As far as I know it was not registered with the Illinois Secretary of State as a not-for-profit organization. Usually some reference or record is available, but this one currently remains a mystery.

All of the outward signs and symbols of a synagogue are visible upon the building. I do not really remember there even being a congregation there, nor do I have an inkling of what the name of that congregation might have been.

If you have any records or information about this site I would be most appreciative. I will go to city hall in Chicago to further investigate this mystery and any help you would provide could expedite finding the solution.

Thank you in advance for you time and effort,  
I remain,

Yours Truly,

Sidney Sorokin

591-2188

FAITH + FORM  
VIC - PHOTO OF SANDBORN MAPS  
200 Lake Blvd. #450  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
December 18, 1992

Dear Oscar,

I would like to share some information and ask a few questions. See the paragraphs below.

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# THE CHICAGO JEWISH COMMUNITY BLUE BOOK

## ANSHEY MIZRACH CONGREGATION

Congregation Anshe Mizrach was formed in 1907 by S. Mark, A. Cohen and J. Sager. The synagogue is on the southeast corner of 56th Street and Wabash Avenue. The membership is 35.

### Officers 1917-1918

President—Louis Epstein.  
Vice-President—Paul Price.  
Treasurer—Max Maretz.  
Secretary—H. Fovel, 5618 Wabash Ave.  
Trustees—I. Schuchat, J. Sager, E. Rosenblum, F. Glickman, M. Duher.

### Officers, 1917-18

President—Mrs. Harry Schiffman.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Abraham Rosen.  
Secretary—Mrs. Joseph W. Hoodwin.  
Treasurer—Mrs. John F. Locke.  
Chairman of Relief—Mrs. Max Greenwald.

### LADIES' CHARITY AUXILIARY, O. K. O. J.

The Ladies' Charity Auxiliary, Order Knights of Joseph, was formed in January, 1914, to aid sick and distressed members of various lodges of the order. Rapidly

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BETH JACOB, B'NAI BEZALEL, ANSHE MIZRACH

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Phone Conversation, Oscar Walchirk, September 24, 1992.  
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BETH JACOB, B'NAI BEZALEL, ANSHE MIZRACH was at 6028 Champlain from 1929 to 1942. From 1942 to 1946 they were at 2660 East 75th Street. In 1946 they moved from 7544 S. Saginaw to 7549 S. Phillips. In 1956 they changed their title to CONGREGATION B'NAI BEZALEL CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE and remained at that address until 1971.



Wishing you, Gita and all of yours another healthy and happy New Year.

- 1925 -

CONG - ANSHE MIZRACH

Yours Truly,

Sidney Sorkin

SANDBORN - #81 & 82 -

5601 - was a church in 1925  
Wabash Ave Baptist church  
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\* An apocrypha story within the congregation was how their cemetery which became known as the M.S. Cemetery Association. The M.S. stood for "Mortgage Savers". When the original cemetery association went bankrupt a group of men from the congregation assumed the responsibility and decided on the name above. (30)

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It was apocryphal I believe -  
Maybe an inside joke -  
But M.S. really means truth  
as you know -  
Take care - Happy New Year

Wishing you, Gita and all  
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- 1925 -

Yours Truly,

Chas - ANSHE MIZRAK

Sid

Dear Sid -

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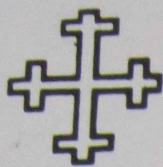
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CHARLES S. SPIVEY, JR.  
Minister

# Coppin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church

5627 - 33 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

312 - 667-5881

February 19, 1993

Mr. Sidney Sorkin  
200 Lake Blvd. #450  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60009

Dear Mr. Sorkin:

The one member in our congregation who might remember the prior ownership of our building has been quite ill and is with relatives in another city. She was to have returned before this date but has not done so.

Feel free to come take pictures at any time. Monday-Friday  
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Yours truly,

*Charles S. Spivey, Jr.*  
Charles S. Spivey, Jr.

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CHARLES S. SP  
Minute

# CHICAGO Jewish Star

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## Still, it is

Fifteen years after the terminable court battle, the neo-Nazi Frank held rallies in Chicago, derided by the affair has

Frank Collin disappeared in 1980, when he was in prison for molesting boys. Parties which stood on either side in the late 1970s have gotten over what took place

Many Jews are still convinced that it is just not right that neo-Nazis be able to promote hate. The National Socialist Party proposed to do in Skokie is are convinced that when of hatred is protected, targets can only be a public expression of hate

ACLU members and no less certain that they defend the neo-Nazis. They were, they argue, doing their job to insure that all citizens can be exposed to the tenets of the

## Some Shul History

To the Editor:

I read the article on the building of a new Orthodox shul in Skokie ("\$1.2 M Orthodox shul planned for Skokie," Mar. 5).

I davened in the Beth Hamedrosh Hagadol when it was on the West Side at St. Louis Ave. and Douglas, from 1936 until I went into the army in 1952. I was Bar Mitzvah there in May of 1945.

Most of the founders were my grandfather's countrymen. My grandparents joined the shul in 1922.

The shul was at that location from 1916 until 1955 when it was sold. It merged with the Kesser Maariv on Greenview until it was sold a few years ago.

I knew some of the old timers of that shul and the children of the founders. They were mostly from what is now Lithuania and Poland.

Regardless of what Rachel Heimovics says in her book [*The Chicago Jewish Source Book*], the congregation [that is planning a building in Skokie] is a descendant of the original shul.

Robert Kaye  
Chicago, Mar. 25

To the Editor:

Please help me solve a mystery about Chicago Jewish history.

## LETTERS: TO THE EDITOR

There was a congregation and a synagogue at 5633 S. Michigan Ave. sometime between 1908 and 1928. The building still stands, and has been a church since 1928.

The name does not appear on the building. Does anyone know the name of that congregation?

The usual sources such as Gutstein, Meites or the *Synagogues of Chicago* do not yield any information.

As a reminder about the area, known as Washington Park, three blocks south of the mystery congregation, on 59th and Michigan, was Anshe Dorem, South Side Hebrew. Three blocks north, at 53rd and Michigan, was Temple Israel.

Anyone with leads or information can write care of the Chicago Jewish Star, P.O. Box 268, Skokie 60076.

Sidney Sorkin  
Buffalo Grove, Mar. 24

Charles S. Spivey, Jr.





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October 7, 1992

Mr. Sidney Sorkin  
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Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

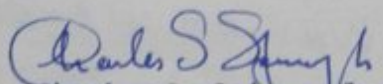
Dear Mr. Sorkin:

I do not have any specific information regarding ownership of the building the Coppin congregation now occupies. The property was, indeed, built and occupied by a Jewish congregation. It was purchased by Coppin in 1928. Our records relating to the acquisition of the property have been lost. The only information comes from some very old members. They affirm the congregation moved from this building and joined with another congregation to build a place of worship in Hyde Park. It is believed they became the KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation.

A title search might reveal the information you seek.

This is not much to go on but may lead your current research in the right direction.

Yours truly,

  
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