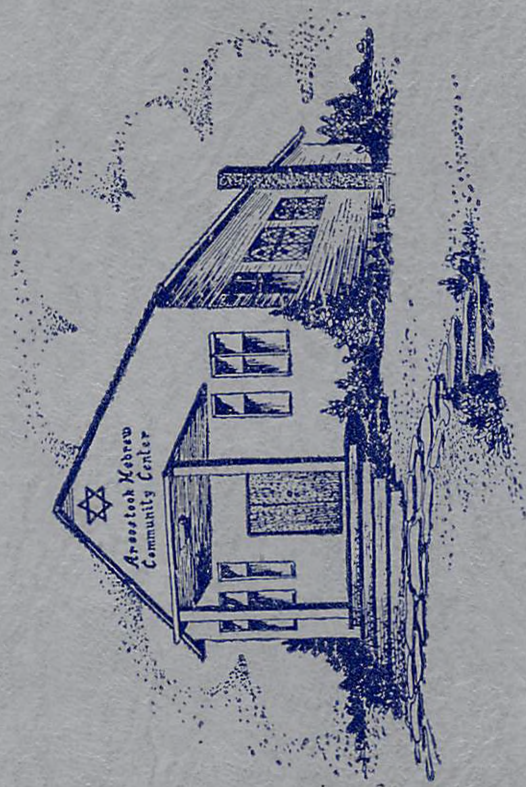


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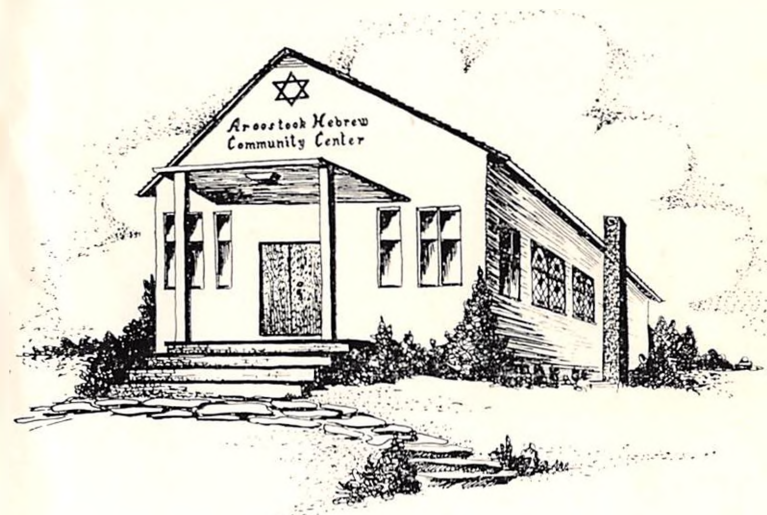
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1953

## A SHORT HISTORY

In each memorable occasion it is interesting to search the records to find the beginning. The start of efforts which eventually lead to the erection of this building, named Aroostook Hebrew Community Center, had its beginning with the first Jews to migrate to Aroostook County.

Originally there were only a handful of Jewish people. Merely enough to gather at times to celebrate a religious occasion or a social event. Gradually, as the Jewish population increased, there grew a need for organization, along with a desire to serve in a charitable way.

So, in the year 1937, through the efforts of four men, Harry B. Green, Jacob Etscovitz, Michael Harris and Hiram Adelman, a B'nai B'rith Lodge was chartered with Michael Harris of Van Buren as president. These four men, who had the foresight for the need of such a building as we are now dedicating, are since deceased.

B'nai B'rith, meaning "Sons of the Covenant", is the oldest Jewish service organization in the world. Organized in 1843, it is dedicated to serve Jewry and humanity.

Now organized as a group, this community flourished and it became desirable to hold High Holy Day services locally, rather than travel elsewhere for this occasion. The properties necessary for this celebration were gathered together and the first observance of the Jewish New Year was held at the Presque Isle High School in 1938.

A noteworthy event in the life of this community was the presentation of a Torah, the holy scrolls of laws, by the late Hiram Adelman of Mars Hill. A respected leader of the community, it was his pleasure to present this gift in 1947. Presentation was made at the B'nai B'rith clubrooms, then located in the Kline Block, over the store of H. B. Green.

With the population of this Jewish community now numbering some forty odd families, a group gave birth to the idea of a building, to serve the religious and social needs of these families. After a few unsuccessful attempts, in the summer of 1952, a building association was formed with Herman Zimmerman of Presque Isle as chairman. Land was purchased at the present site on Maple Street and construction was started. The building was completed in time to hold the first observance of High Holy Days in September, 1952. Mr. Ernest Braun of Portland, Maine was the religious leader on this occasion.

It was only through the untiring efforts of this handful of people that the fulfillment of a dream became an actuality. This dedication, therefore, brings about a sense of work well done for all the Jewry in Aroostook County and our neighboring Canadian towns.



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The Officers and Dedication Committee wish to thank all those who graciously contributed through advertising and other means to make this new Aroostook Hebrew Community Center possible. We are proud to have our own place of Worship in this grand Aroostook County.

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The foresight, integrity and earnest endeavor of these men was chiefly responsible for the growth and expansion of our present Jewish community. It is fitting at this time to recognize their labors, not only in our own behalf, but in the works and deeds done unselfishly for Aroostook County and the State of Maine. They were the pioneers of whom we are justly proud and whose example all should emulate.





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