

unswerving faith in the destiny of Adath Israel and championed its continuance in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties, who held it together and threw open his own dwelling for worship.

Here the congregation met until it finally settled in its own home. This was in a residence at the northeast corner of Ninth and Cutter Sts., which the congregation acquired in 1896 at a cost of \$8,000 and remodelled for synagogue purposes. There Adath Israel remained for more than twenty years.

During this period the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society was particularly active. Organized in 1880 by Mrs. A. Davis, it fell into inactivity until reorganized in 1896, with Mrs. S.L. Mode as President. Mrs. Mode continued in this office for twenty-eight years, and was Honorary President at the time of her death, May 14, 1927. The Society helped the congregation in every way, but the major responsibility it assumed was the care of the cemetery.

→ (warden, gabi) He reorganized the congregation
Nathan Feld was one of the outstanding figures in the congregation in the early years, beginning with the early '70's. For more than a quarter of a century he bore the brunt of the congregational burden. He never chose to hold the office of President, or any other major office, and was content to accept the more or less thankless task of warden. He gave himself over to the affairs of the congregation. More than once he saved it from dissolution. His action in converting his own home into a synagogue, so to speak, when the congregation became homeless was symbolic of his devotion.

Mr. Feld died June 20, 1907, and his younger brother, Abraham Feld, assumed the task of warden, filling the office for many years.

The existence of Adath Israel was again threatened in the early years of the century through the increasing migration of the Jewish population from the West End to the hilltops. A decision was reached to move the Synagogue to Avondale. The building at Ninth and Cutter Sts. was sold to a Negro Baptist Church in 1916. An abandoned moving picture theater on the north side of