

Cleveland Group Formed For Arthur Jaffe Synagogue

A Cleveland committee has been formed on behalf of the Arthur J. Jaffe Memorial Synagogue project in Alon Shvut, Israel.



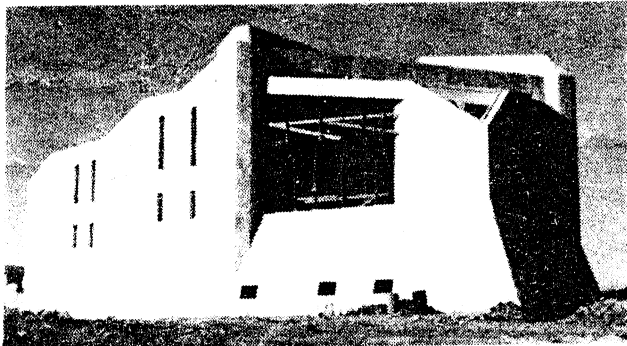
Arthur J. Jaffe

who knew and worked with Mr. Jaffe within the Jewish community.

Arthur Jaffe, a Cleveland Heights resident, was killed at his place of business in Cleveland last October. He was president of Taylor Road Synagogue at the time and was a long-time president of the Mikveh Association. He also had been a board member of the Hillel Foundation and was involved in several other organizations and projects within the Jewish community. He was a mainstay of the Bnei Akiva youth organization in Cleveland for decades.

The new synagogue has been erected and is currently undergoing the last stages of construction. The

The committee is headed by Moshe Feigenbaum, Bruce Felder and Moshe Davis as co-chairmen and consists of a number of Clevelanders



View of the synagogue in Alon Shvut, Israel

Cleveland group has undertaken to finance the remaining work for which the 650-seat synagogue is to be named in memory of Mr. Jaffe.

Alon Shvut is a town of 200 families founded shortly after the Six-Day War of 1967. It is in the Gush Etzion, a block of settlements just south of Jerusalem which fell to the Arab Legion of Jordan one day before Israel's independence was declared in 1948.

Many of the defenders died in that struggle and others were taken prisoner.

Among those who have returned to the Gush Etzion are the children of the original settlers.

Up until now, the townspeople have worshipped in the crowded social hall of the community, but as of the current High Holidays have begun to use the modernistic, spacious new synagogue, though it is still under construction.

"It is most fitting that Arthur Jaffe, who was so

devoted to his synagogue and to Israel, should be memorialized through a synagogue in Israel," said Feigenbaum. Already a Torah scroll has been sent to Alon Shvut by Taylor Road Synagogue in Mr. Jaffe's memory.

Persons interested in participating in the synagogue project are invited to call Feigenbaum at 371-2479 or Davis at 371-3705.