

Fund-Raising Plans Complete For Jaffe Memorial Synagogue

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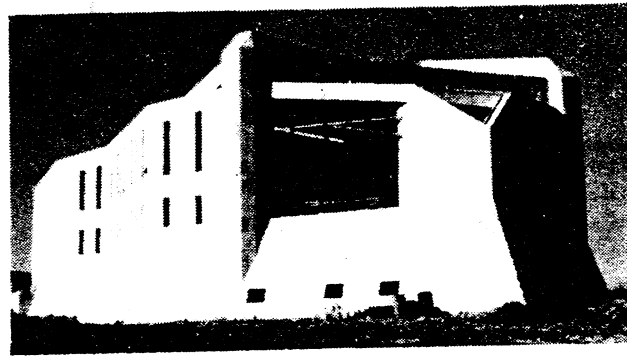
JERUSALEM—Plans for the completion of the fund-raising campaign for the Arthur J. Jaffe Memorial Synagogue in Alon Shvut were made here recently.

Alon Shvut is the central settlement of the Gush Etzion area in Judea, between Jerusalem and Hebron. It has about 200 families living there at present, with plans

to expand to 250 families.

A decision to complete the modernistic, towering synagogue there was taken by a group of Cleveland friends of the late Arthur Jaffe following his slaying at the hands of an unknown assailant in 1978. Mr. Jaffe was president of Taylor Road Synagogue and active in many other communal endeavors.

An initial fund-raising campaign was held but has



View of the synagogue in Alon Shvut, Israel.

not yet met the \$50,000 goal set by the Cleveland committee. On a visit to Alon Shvut in November, Moses Feigenbaum, Cleveland committee chairman, met with the members of the synagogue committee there to discuss the work yet to be completed in the synagogue

and to plan for its official dedication.

Feigenbaum said that the final phase of obtaining pledges and collecting unpaid pledges would be completed in the coming months and that an official dedication has been set for October of next year on the

yahrtzeit of Arthur Jaffe.

Clevelanders now living in Israel and guests who will come from Cleveland for the occasion will participate with the families of Alon Shvut in the event.

Although located in a small community, the Jaffe synagogue is a large structure, accommodating up to 1,500 persons, required in order to house the large families as well as guests in this entirely religious settlement. The synagogue serves not only as a house of prayer but also as a center for community activities and for adult education during the week.

Feigenbaum asked that those interested in helping to complete the synagogue campaign contact him at 371-2479 or 382-9700.

He added that even after completion of the campaign

he is hopeful of maintaining the ties between Cleveland and Alon Shvut through visits there by Clevelanders. In addition to the naming of the synagogue for Mr. Jaffe, Cleveland ties already exist in the form of two Torah scrolls in the synagogue, one donated by the Taylor Road Synagogue and the other by Mr. and Mrs. Manny Spero of Cleveland Heights.

The Gush Etzion (Etzion bloc) consisted of four Jewish agricultural settlements that were overrun and destroyed by the Arab Legion in the 1948 War of Independence. Immediately after the area was recaptured by Israel in the Six-Day War of 1967, children of those settlers slain in the defense of the settlements in 1948, and others arrived to build new communities, including Alon Shvut.