



This photo above, from Ellen Greenspan, is of her great-uncle Jack Goodman at Beth-El Temple at 34th and Ruckle in Indianapolis on the occasion of the dedication of the cornerstone to the building on May 5, 1924. It was attended by a small crowd and officiated by Rabbi Feinburg of Cincinnati. The construction had already begun. The local newspaper wrote:

"It shows Mr. Jack Goodman, who is now president of the congregation, about to set a sealed copper box in the cornerstone, containing the following papers: A history of the Congregation, its membership, officers and of the Sisterhood, a copy of May 2, 1924, Indiana Jewish Chronicle, the Jewish Federation Year Book and Bulletin, letters and articles on the Talmud Torah drive. The object of placing such record is to reveal to the future generations the activities of the present day Jews and events of our time."

Update on Temple Beth El building renovation

To rescue the old Temple Beth El building on 34th & Ruckle St., Indiana Landmarks partnered with Jewish, neighborhood and civic organizations to establish Temple Heritage Center, Inc., a non-profit organized to preserve, repurpose, and promote a sustainable use for the building. A plan is in place to nominate the building to the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing the building's architectural and religious significance.

Before Indiana Landmarks took title, the Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation used a grant from the Marion County Historic Preservation Fund for a feasibility study of stabilization requirements and a long-term restoration plan. With water pouring in during every rain or snow storm, getting a new roof

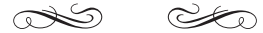
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It would be nice to unload our burden of carrying around resentment for all that cruelty. On this holiday where more Jews observe than any other, it might be a relief to say yes, slavery took place and I am not going to forget that, but I will no longer be filled with bitterness toward Pharaoh and the Egyptians. We can free ourselves from our own personal enslavement to past hurts and then it will be easier to deal with our present ones.

We wish you, our dear readers a happy and kosher Pesach 5774!

Jennie Cohen, March 26, 2014 ✨



(Above) The Beth-El Temple as it currently looks. (Below) Architectural rendering shows a renovated Beth El Temple. (Rendering by Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf). This was also the home of Congregation B'nai Torah 1958-1967.

on the deteriorating building is the immediate priority. That repair will be tackled this spring thanks to generous grants of \$100,000 each from the City of Indianapolis and Efroymsen Family Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation.

Once the structure is stabilized, Indiana Landmarks will transfer ownership to Temple Heritage Center and place covenants on the deed to ensure the landmark's long-term protection. To support the project or learn more about the Beth-El Temple, contact Mark Dollase, Vice President of Preservation Services at Indiana Landmarks at 317-639-4534, mdollase@indianalandmarks.org. ✨