

- 1950-1960: Missions to Israel, the remarkable coalescence of forces to construct Sinai Hospital in 1953 and a diverse community on the move north and west marked the decade of the '50s. With overt threats from the House Un-American Activities Committee, free speech underwent a sort of chilling effect. The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring continued its lecture series, sponsoring known liberal and left speakers. America saw a religious revival during the Eisenhower administration, in part a reaction to World War II, and thousands of young, increasingly suburban couples joined newly constructed synagogues. Reform Judaism grew by more than 30 percent. In March 1951, one Detroit woman noted that the government had "killed a Jewish mother," as word came of the execution for treason of Ethel Rosenberg and her husband, Julius.

- 1960-1970: The decade began with the world's attention on the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem. Seven years later, the penultimate moment of coming together to support Israel — the Six-Day War of 1967 — heralded a new era of Israel becoming the focus of American Jewry. Hallmarks of this decade were the growth and strengthening of communal agencies and institutions, particularly those connected to Federation, and the Jewish community's continuing movement north and west as old neighborhoods were abandoned. Jewish businessmen of Detroit pooled their resources to join non-Jewish Detroiters in addressing problems left in the wake of the Detroit riots of 1967, founding New Detroit Inc. The presidential campaign of 1968 brought anti-Vietnam War protests to national public awareness.

Bess Krolik



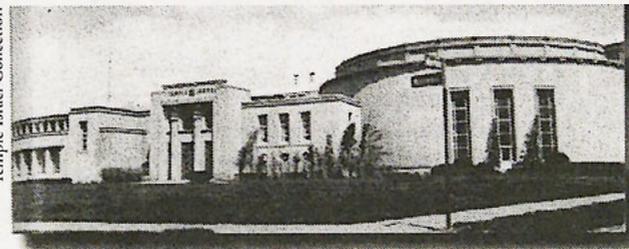
Attending a historic Allied Jewish Campaign meeting in 1955, from left, Golda Meir, Julian Krolik, Gertrude and Henry Wineman.

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Greeting Paula and David Ben-Gurion in 1951 at the Detroit airport are, from left, Florence and Max Osnos, Israel Davidson and Emma Schaver.

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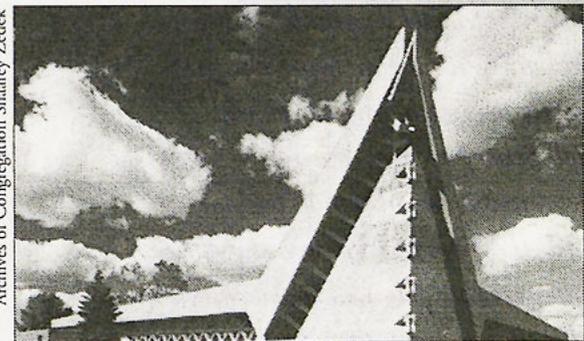
Temple Israel, Manderson and Merton in Detroit's Palmer Park, 1961. The Reform congregation was formed as an outgrowth of Temple Beth El by Rabbi Leon Fram in 1941.

Jewish Community Center Collection



U.S. District Court Judge Theodore Levin speaks in 1957 at the ground-breaking ceremony for "New Main," the Jewish Community Center at Curtis-Meyers. Irwin Shaw, executive vice president, holds a shovel.

Archives of Congregation Shaarey Zedek



The soaring main sanctuary of Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, 1962.

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Jewish business district on 12th Street near Clairmont, after the 1967 Detroit riot.