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sat, sat and wept, as we thought of Zion.

"They're miserable because they're in a strange land and they're singing the Lord's song in a strange land," Hood said, explaining the passage. "The people who were left behind in Jerusalem were also miserable, because not only were their families taken away from them, but the skilled-trades people, the intellectuals were also taken away." As with Detroit, he said, "You have a void in both places."

In 1962, Rabbi A. Irving Schnipper became rabbi of Beth Moses in northwest Detroit, a congregation of about 250 families that met in a social hall.

A few years later, they built an adjoining sanctuary on Evergreen, north of Seven Mile. The migration of Jews from Detroit had been taking place before the riots, but a lot of little shuls like his were still left, the rabbi recalled. Of shuls in the city, the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue survived; today, it continues to spiritually serve Jewish city residents and people working in and near downtown.

Back then, Beth Moses was in a very homey setting, and everything was in the area. "If you wanted to shop, you walked on Seven Mile Road. Everything you wanted was there — the kosher butcher, the barber, the shoemaker. You didn't have to take a bus or a car," Rabbi Schnipper said.

The congregation eventually combined with Beth Abraham Hillel, itself a merger of two shuls from Detroit. Congregation Beth Abraham Hillel Moses (now Beth Ahm) moved into its building in West Bloomfield in 1979.

The drop in quality of the schools and forced busing in Detroit were the main reasons many Jews migrated to the suburbs, but as something was gained, something also was lost, the rabbi said.

"When you move to the suburbs, you don't have the camaraderie that you have in the city, and within the congregation. It just broke it up. It lost a little bit of the warmth," he said.

One of the saddest byproducts of the riots was the effect on neighborhood shopping areas, such as Dexter, said Rev. Nick Hood III.

The city of Detroit "had everything," he said. "Repair shops, drugstores and restaurants. After the riots, they all left. It impressed me how important these small stores are to the community. ... They made for a vibrant community." □

For more remembrances of the Detroit riots of 1967, please log on www.detroitjewishnews.com