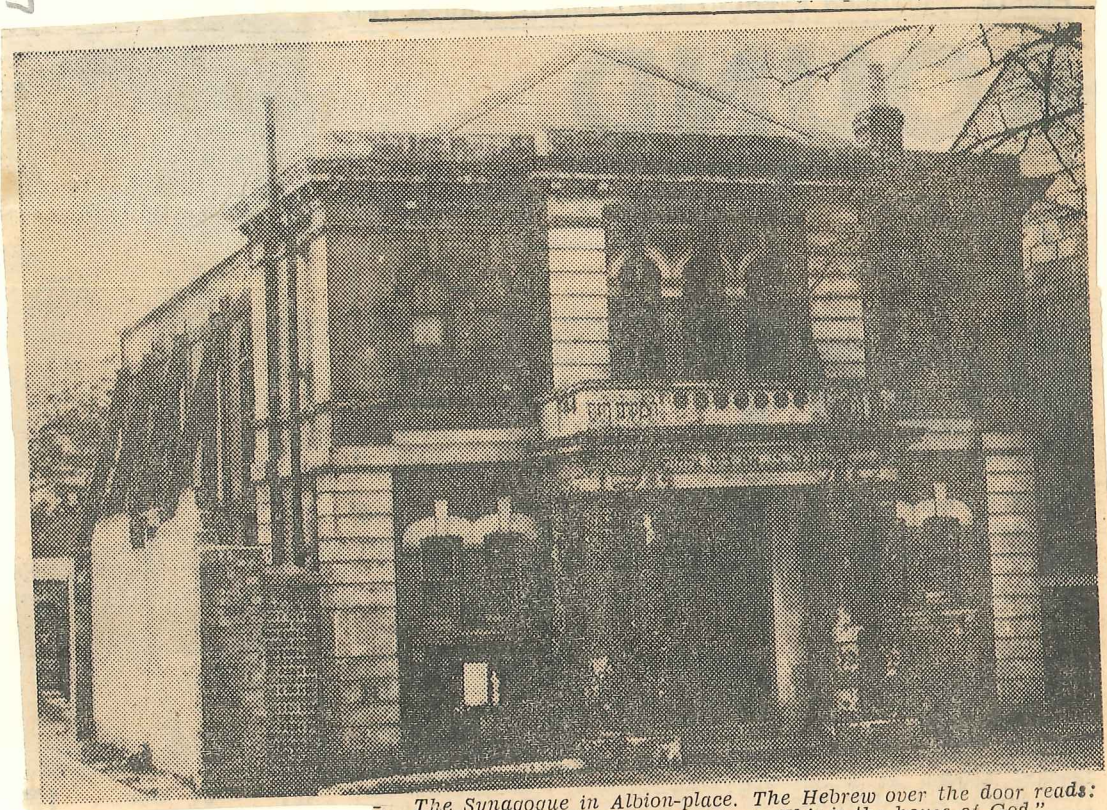


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The Synagogue in Albion-place. The Hebrew over the door reads: "What is this awesome place—This is the house of God." —"Echo" photo.

OLD SYNAGOGUE CLOSES: TO GIVE WAY TO CARS

To help solve Southampton's car parking problems the Jewish Synagogue in Albion-place has been put on the "municipal demolition list."

The Rev. P. Isaacs, the present minister to the congregation of 39 families, officially closed the 99-year-old Synagogue yesterday afternoon.

Although the history of Southampton's Jewish congregation dates back to 1833 there is evidence that Jews were resident in the town as far back as 1783.

THE FOUNDER

The congregation was founded by Jacob Isaac Emanuel, brother of Samuel Michael Emanuel, Mayor of Southampton in 1886, who worshipped in a small apartment in Middle East-street until 1865.

Funds for the building of the Old Synagogue were raised by

public subscription through the efforts of Mr. Sherriff Davis, Mr. M. C. Moses, Mr. S. Zachariah, Mr. John Levy and the Rev. M. B. Levy of London.

The new Synagogue, which also serves the Jews in Winchester, is being constructed in Mordaunt-road, Inner-avenue, and will be ready for use in about six weeks.

Meantime the congregation will worship at the Rabbi's home in Handel-road, Southampton.

One of the features which will be transferred from the old Synagogue to the new will be "The Everlasting Light," a small red oil light which has been burning ever since the Synagogue was first built.