



**MEMORY LANE #3  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM ROMITI STREET (edited)  
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The crocuses and trilliums are out and the birds are back in numbers. We can almost feel the earth stirring, pushing upwards into the air, and bursting into song. Spring is here at last – say goodbye to the dreary winter!!

A new feature has begun to appear on the landscape- an artificial crocus of cement, wood and steel.  
**YES IT'S OUR NEW SYNAGOGUE RISING OUT OF THE GROUND ON ELIZABETH STREET!!**

I feel as if I'm the owner of each yard of cement, each piece of wood, and each piece of steel. **DON'T YOU ??**

Imagine having our own place for Executive Board Meetings, Congregation, Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Youth Meetings, a place for Sisterhood Bazaars , a School and the Talmud Torah!! A place for Weddings, Bar Mitzvas, and many other celebrations! A place to meet with the Rabbi, and an office for the receipt of pledges and money!

As the building is rising higher excitement is mounting – I even saw a ripple of emotion on the faces of our unbelieving members. Indeed there is a stirring in the air. New members, new pledges, and increased payments of old pledges are coming in, and The Dedication Book Campaign has started off full steam. Negotiations with the United Talmud Torahs to have them take over the teaching of our Children commencing September 1961 have been concluded and a contract will be signed in a few days.

Hall rentals for affairs after September 1961 may be applied for now. The new building should be completed by August 1961 and is proceeding on schedule.

*Maurice J. Boxer, President*

(**Yashor Koach** to Fred Rudy for providing us all with these memorable historical moments, which some of us may still remember!)