

Southern New Jersey  
**SYNAGOGUES**

A SOCIAL HISTORY

HIGHLIGHTED  
BY  
STORIES  
OF JEWISH LIFE  
FROM THE  
1880'S - 1980'S

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## Eskintown      Six Points

Other areas sprouted as places for Jewish settlers. Israel Eskin started the industrial period outside of the Alliance area by setting up his factory. This was located between Alliance and the Bradway Station which later became Norma. The Eskin factory made clothing and employed 30 people in the 1890's. Several homes were built nearby and the possibility for a minyan was realized. Eskintown was born.

Other settlements included Jews, too. This included Union Grove, Centerton, Willow Grove and Six points. Six points existed as a separate Jewish settlement that was founded by the Jewish Agricultural Society in 1907.

Six Points is located 2 miles Northwest of Brotmanville. The land was acquired by the Society and mortgages were gained by Jews who escaped the recent pogroms of 1905 and 1906 in Russia. Big farms were sub-divided and sold to these newly arriving immigrants in 25 acre lot sizes for farms.

The closeness of the Brotmanville synagogue served the religious needs of this Jewish community. This influx helped to extend the longevity of the Brotmanville synagogue past the original Alliance synagogue which close after World War One.

A Kosher slaughterhouse was located between Brotmanville and Six Points which served both communities with fresh provisions according to Jewish laws.

Another extension of the community came when the German Jews migrated to this area in the early 1930's to escape the coming dark days under Hitler's power.

In Six Point these German Jews were free to own land and practice their religion at the same time. Some of the Jews helped to conduct services in the Brotmanville synagogue and to continue the tradition of allowing Jewish immigrants to express their religious aspirations in the countryside. More than a dozen farmers would make up this group of Jews in the late 1940's and early 1950's. Six Points would be their new home and the Brotmanville synagogue which was started for Jews who had a different minhag than the Russian Jews in the last century would play host to another foreign group of Jews.

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