Independent Chevra Sphard of Perryslaw
247 Snediker Avenue, East New York
(now Brooklyn Christian Center)

BCC, formerly Chevra Sphard of Perryslaw, is quite a attractive structure and in fairly good shape, but it sticks out like a sore thumb on this street which is dominated by an industrial firm. There are trucks constantly loading and unloading, lots of busy, noisy work and drilling. This site has the triptych style, with raised brickwork that is a bit intricate. The pseudo rose window of raised brick and a Magen David are focal points. On the outer sections of the building, you can clearly read the ex-*shul*'s name in English and in Hebrew. Some parts need painting or fine tuning or cleaning. There are a few other Judaic symbols outside. Inside there are Jewish items too. A chandelier is suspended from a ceiling molding which depicts a Jewish star and bunches of grapes. There were a few plaques in the building, and the Christian congregation is working on interior renovations. The present congregants, who are Latino, expressed interest in preserving at least some of the Jewish material, for the messianic connection they felt it imparted. Originally the Jewish synagogue tore down a one family dwelling and built this brick structure. It was dedicated in 1929. The first rabbi was Rabbi Bluestone, and the rabbi at the time of the WPA survey was Rabbi Abraham Yormark.