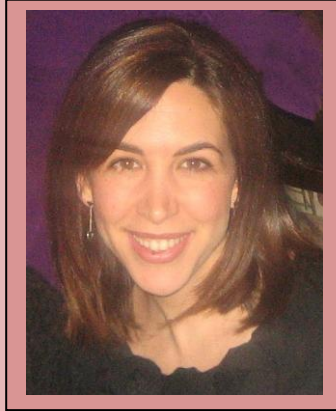


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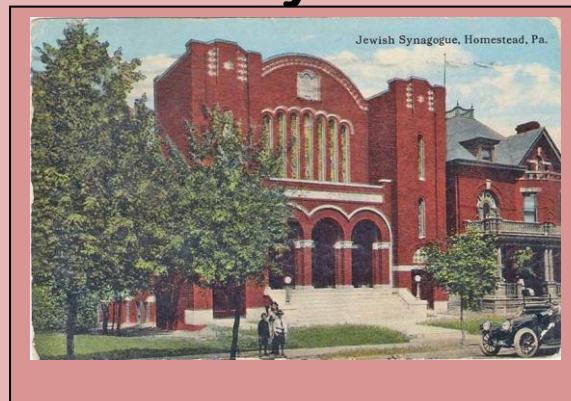
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In Search of a Usable Past: Reconstructing the Jewish History of Homestead, Pennsylvania



In March 1894, soon after the famous steel strike that put Homestead in the history books, the Jewish residents of that Pittsburgh suburb founded their own synagogue. Though the community grew to a couple hundred families, it eventually shrunk, and the residents recognized they could no longer support that synagogue. Ninety-nine years after the synagogue's founding, they sold the building, donated its papers, and sponsored an oral history project.

In this talk Tammy A. Hepps will examine the surviving records of Jewish Homestead to analyze the larger implications of the community's story. Who were the Jewish families who settled in Homestead? How did they build a community from scratch? Based on her work on these and other questions, Ms. Hepps will present a process for situating individual family histories in the historical record.

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