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Name of Property: Temple Aaron
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Photo 6 of 39. Temple Aaron, north side, with contributing stone retaining wall, view south-southeast.

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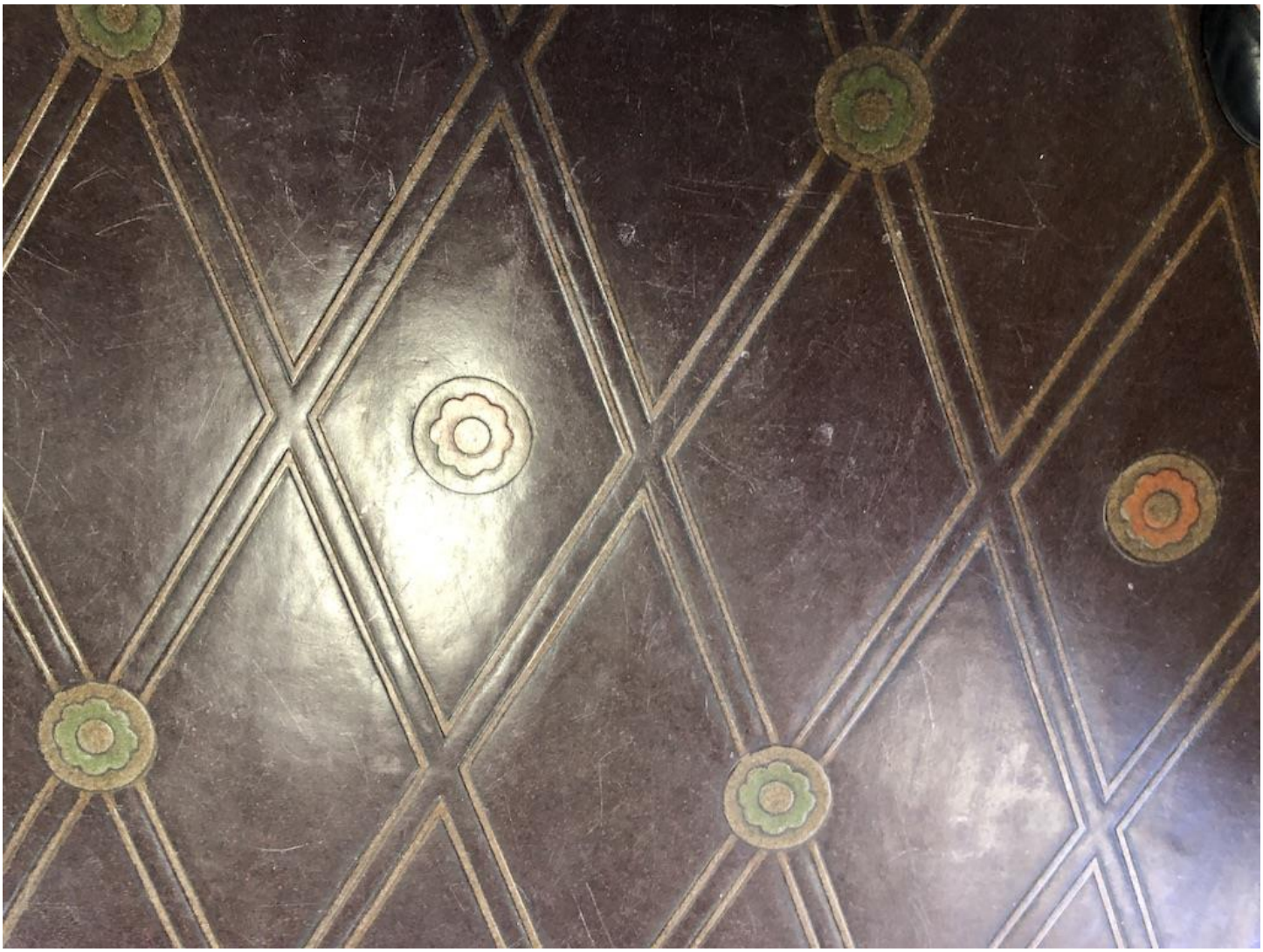

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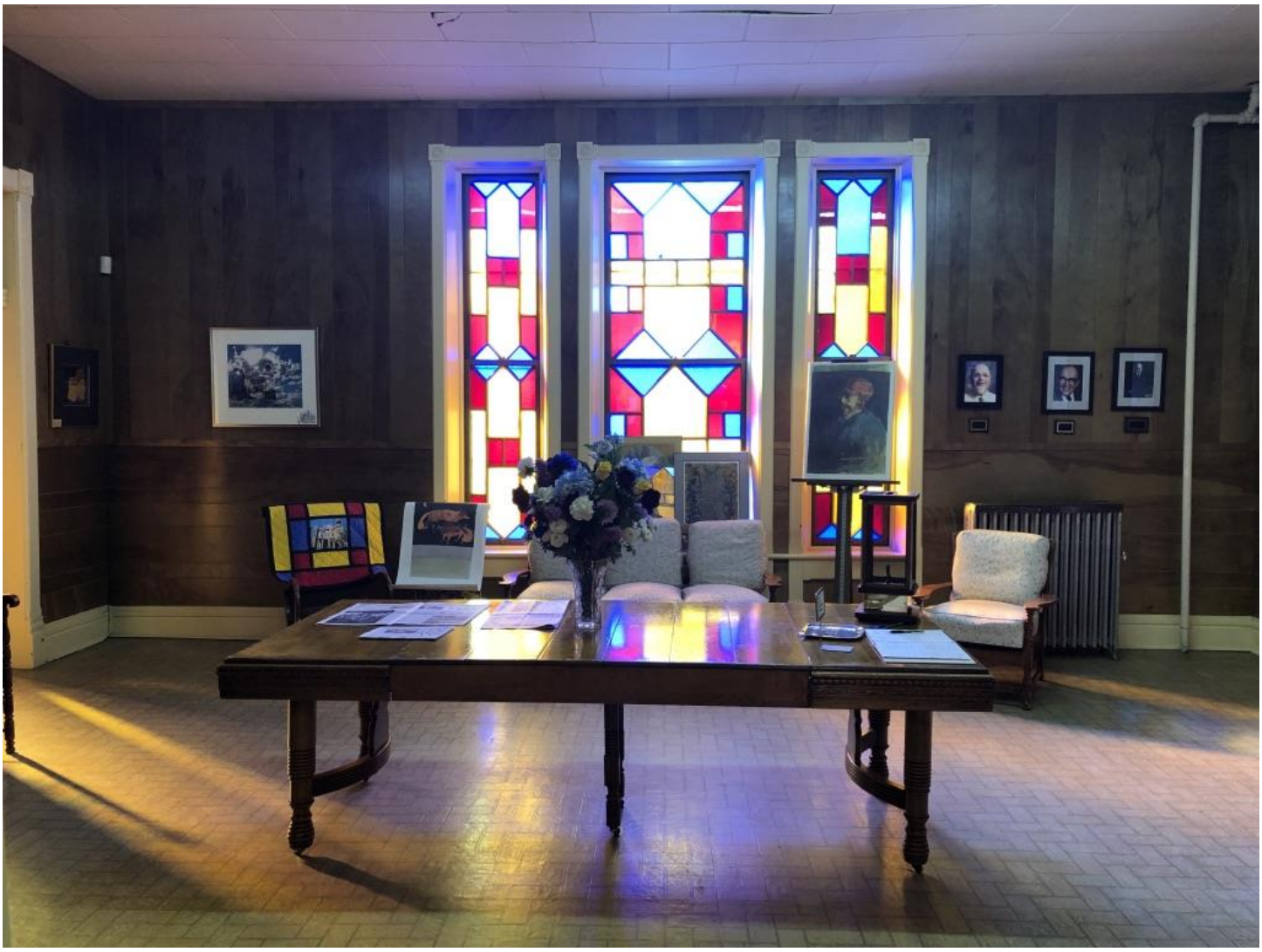

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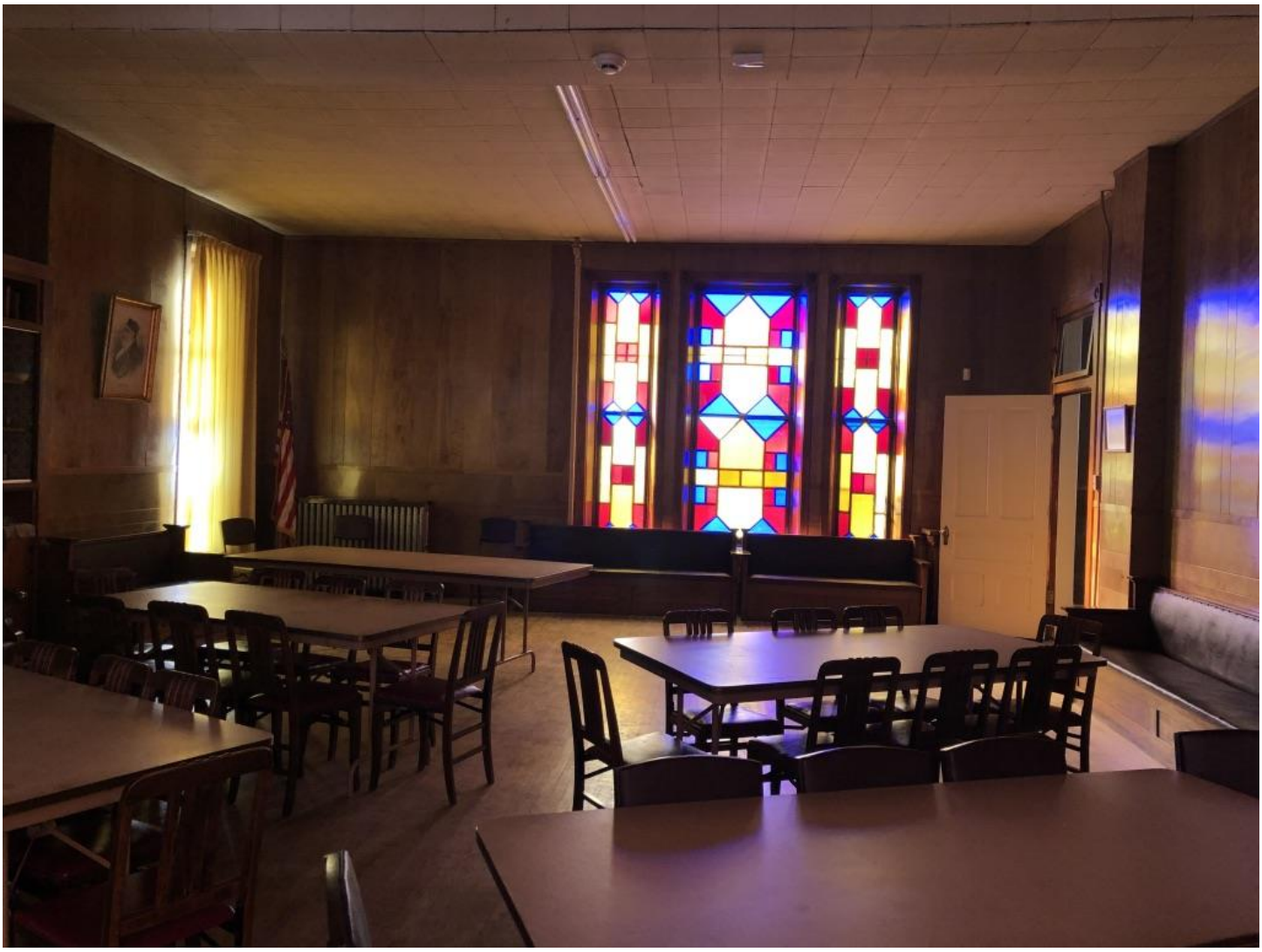

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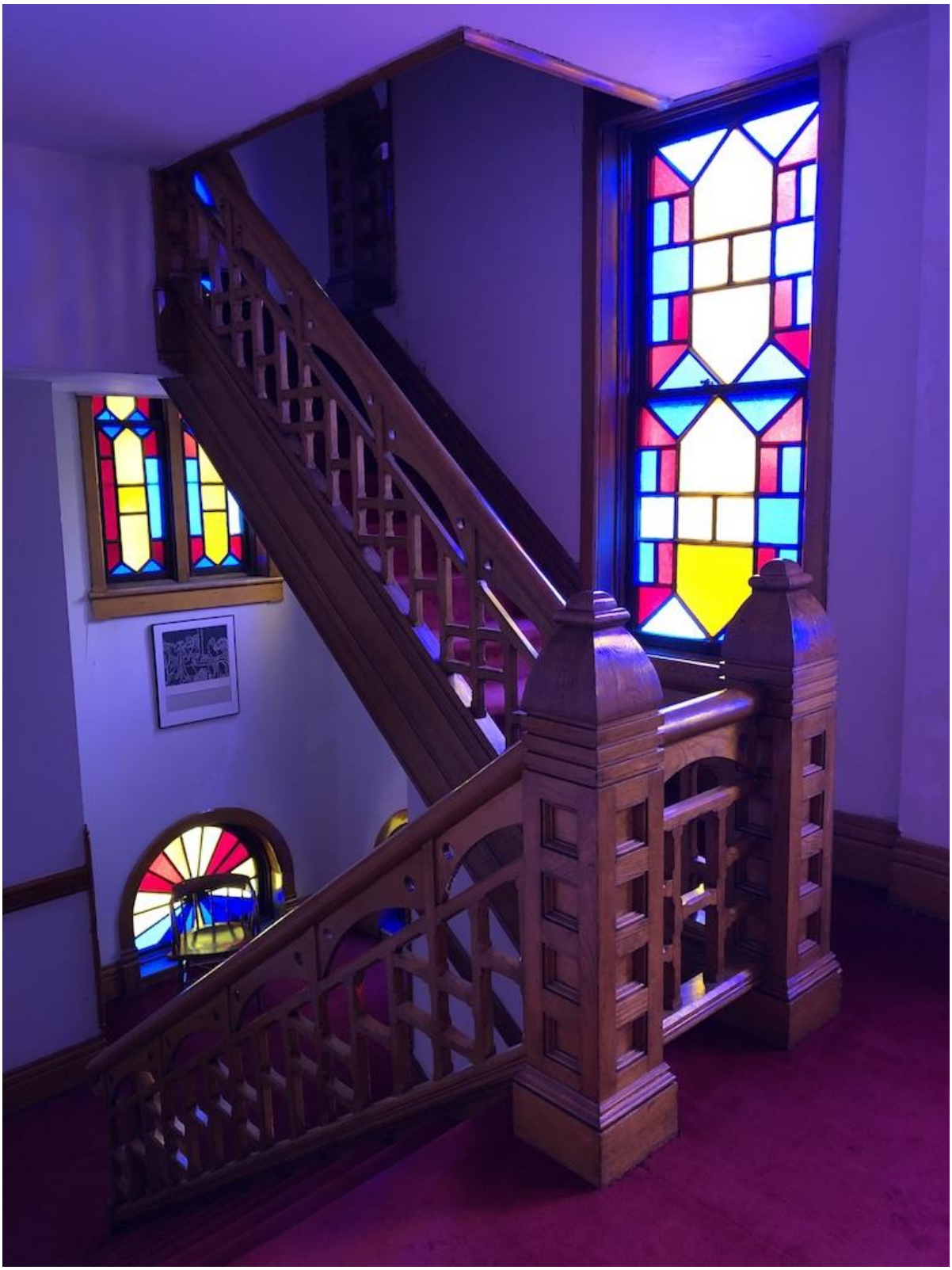

Photo 21 of 39. Temple Aaron, interior of northeast stair tower at second-floor landing and sanctuary lobby, with stairs up to organ loft.

Photo 22 of 39. Temple Aaron, interior of northeast stair tower at landing between first and second floors, showing geometric stained-glass windows.

Photo 23 of 39. Temple Aaron, view of sanctuary toward the *bimah* (prayer lectern) and the *aron kodesh* (Holy Ark), which faces east, toward Jerusalem. The *parochet* (Ark curtain) is open, revealing the Ark's paneled wood sliding doors. The bimah is flanked by two *menorot*, the seven-light lamp.

Photo 24 of 39. Temple Aaron, sanctuary showing the carved wood *bimah* with central lancet arch detail in front of the *aron kodesh*, of which the *parochet* and the paneled wood sliding doors have been opened to reveal the Torah, facing east, inside. The glowing *ner tamid* (Eternal Light) is suspended above and a seven-light *menorah* stands in front of a paneled private chamber for a rabbi or cantor. Congregation members are preparing for the 130th anniversary celebrations in June 2019.

Photo 25 of 39. Temple Aaron, detail of the *aron kodesh* and *parochet* in the sanctuary, with the Ten Commandments flanking a central Star of David. The *ner tamid* glows red in front the *parochet*.

Photo 26 of 39. Temple Aaron, sanctuary, detail of paneled private chamber for a rabbi or cantor.

Photo 27 of 39. Temple Aaron, sanctuary, detail of carved wood chairs for a rabbi or cantor placed in front of the *parochet*, which has been drawn closed. Note the five-pointed star on each chair, reminiscent of Masonic imagery.

Photo 28 of 39. Temple Aaron, sanctuary, detail of carved wood pews with scrolled iron central dividers for congregation members in groups or families of four.

Photo 29 of 39. Temple Aaron, sanctuary, view from the *bimah* toward the organ built by the Estey Organ Company of Brattleboro, Vermont in 1904 (installed 1921)

Photo 30 of 39. Temple Aaron, view from the organ loft into the sanctuary. Congregation members open the *parochet* in preparation for the 130th anniversary celebrations in June 2019.

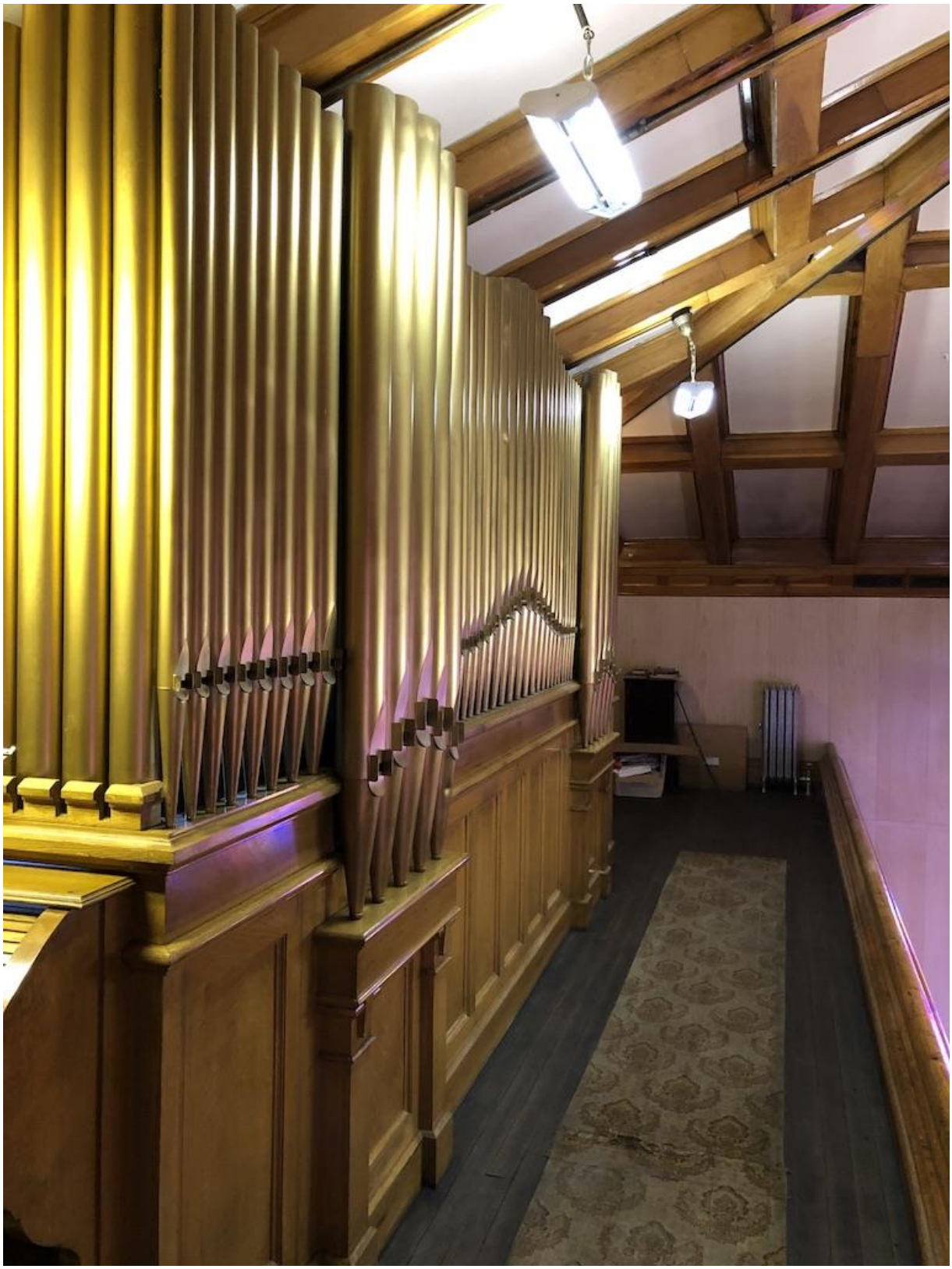

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Photo 32 of 39. Temple Aaron, rear of organ in front of the central circular window with decorative iron grille.

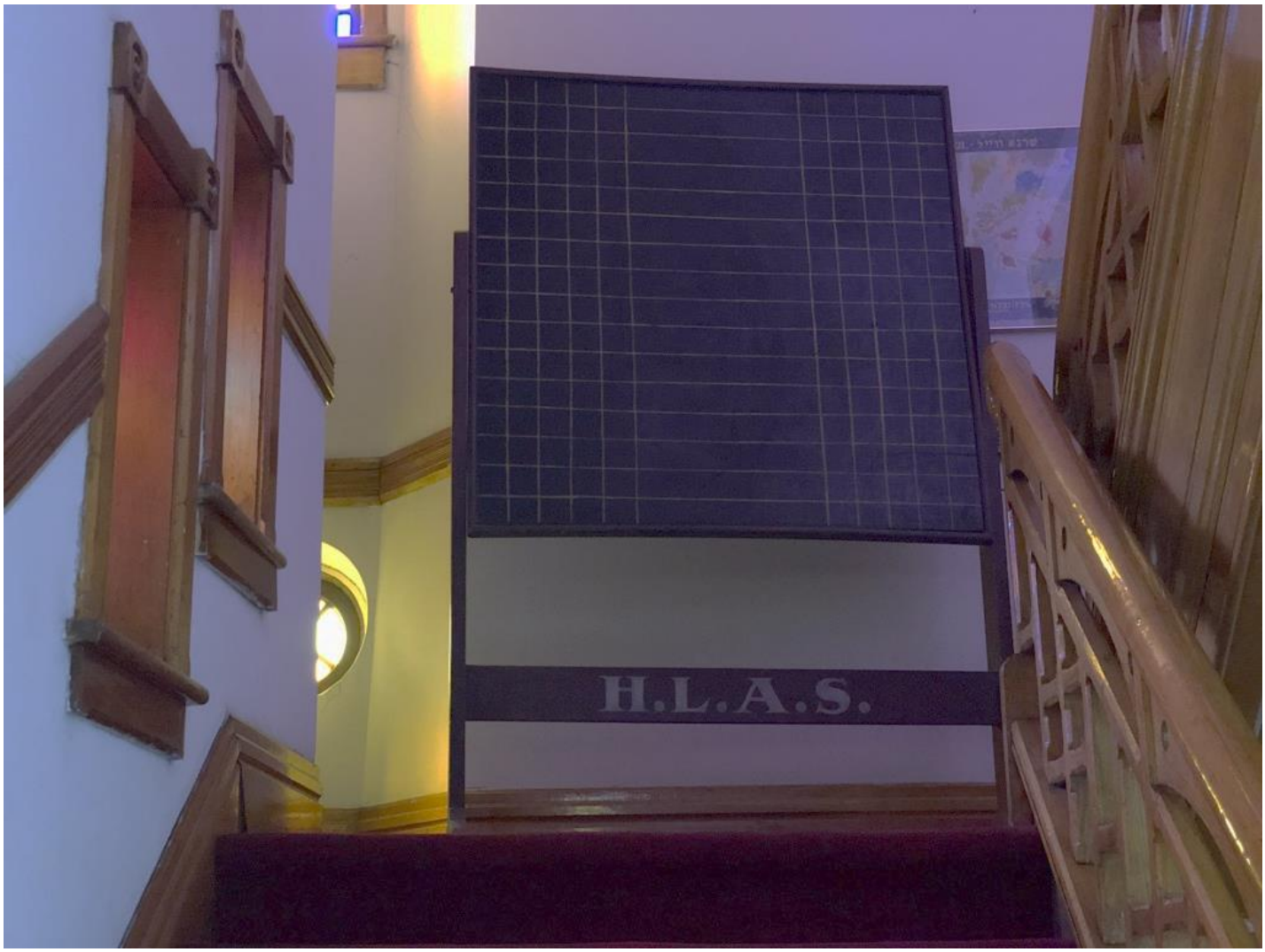


Photo 33 of 39. Temple Aaron, Hebrew Ladies Aid Society chalkboard, located in southeast stair tower on landing between first and second floors.

Photo 34 of 39. Temple Aaron, basement, original boiler manufactured by the Kewanee Boiler Company in Kewanee, Illinois.

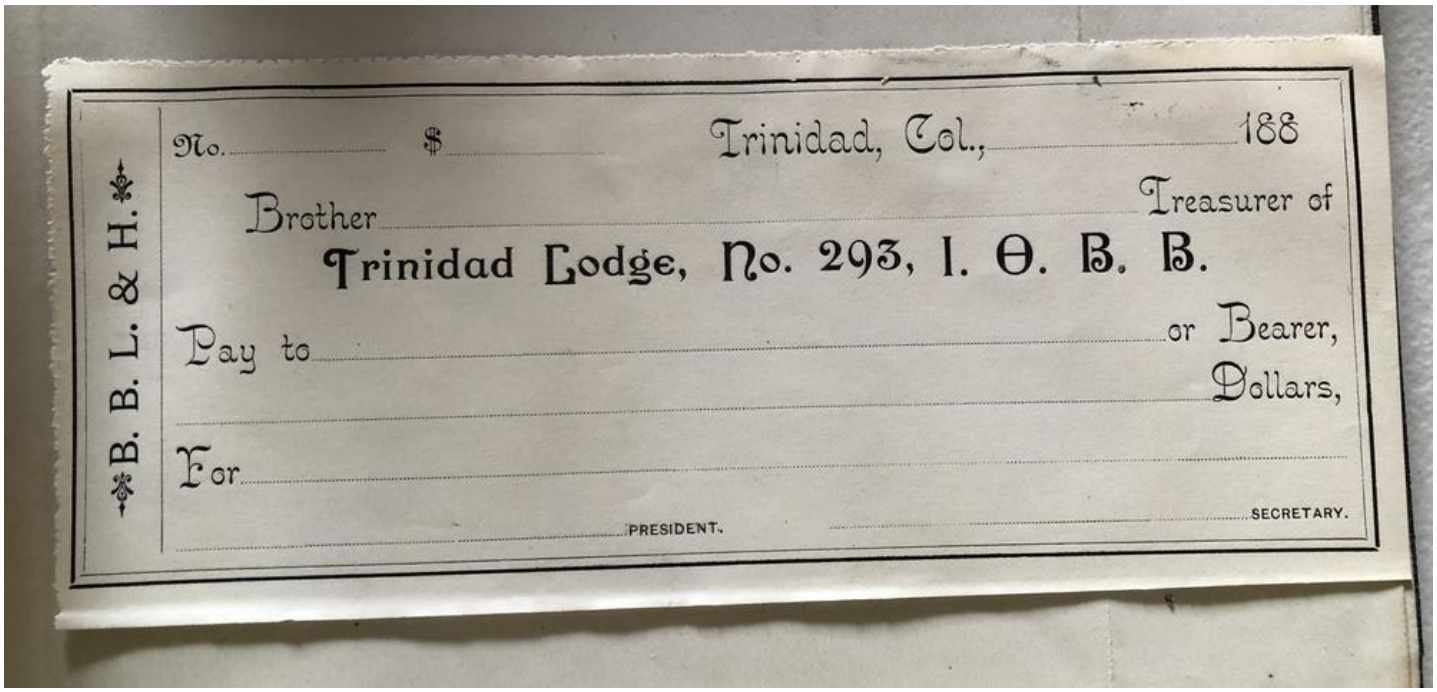


Photo 35 of 39. Ephemera, blank "check" or payment voucher, printed to be used by the Trinidad Lodge, No. 293, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, in the 1880s.

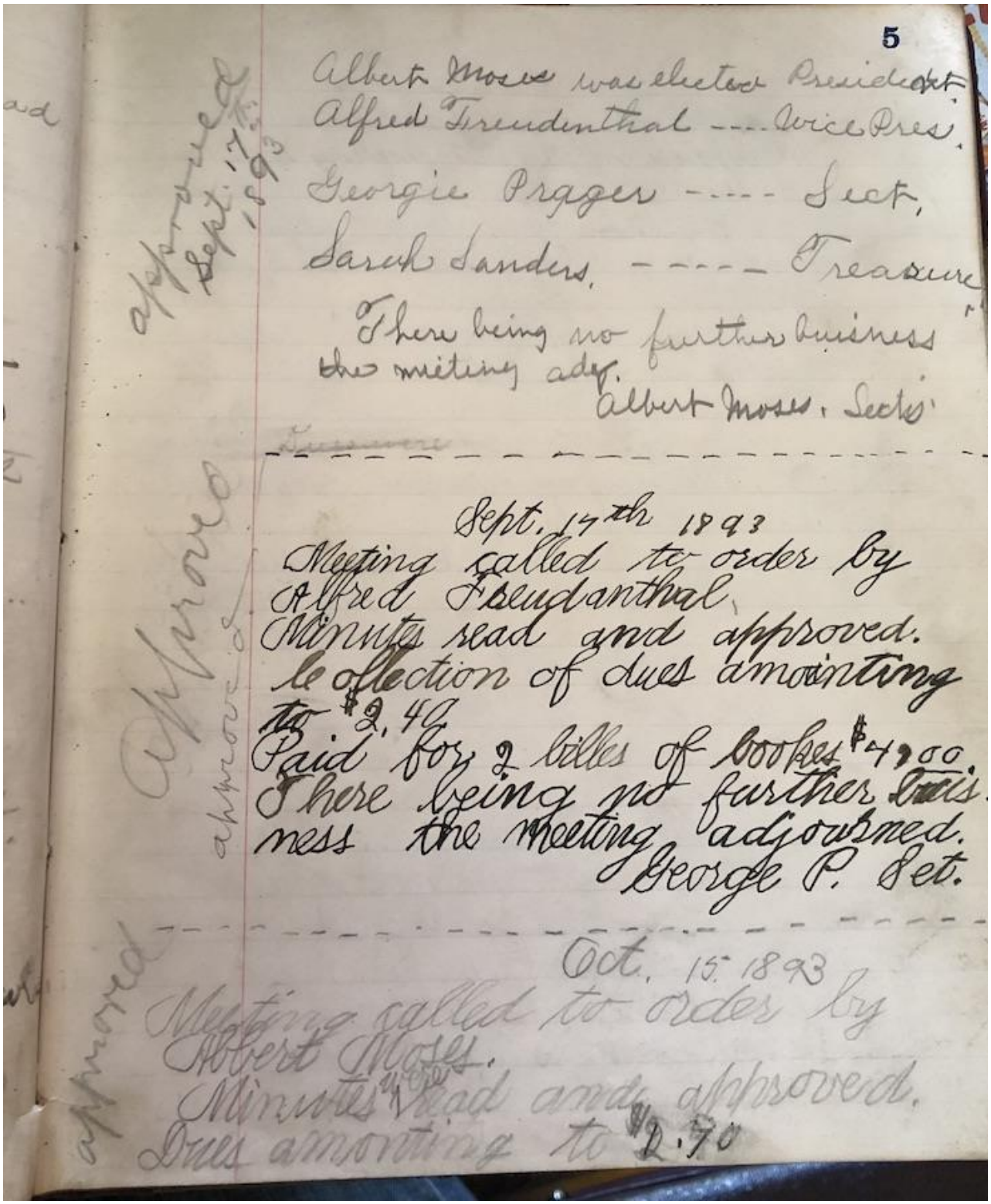
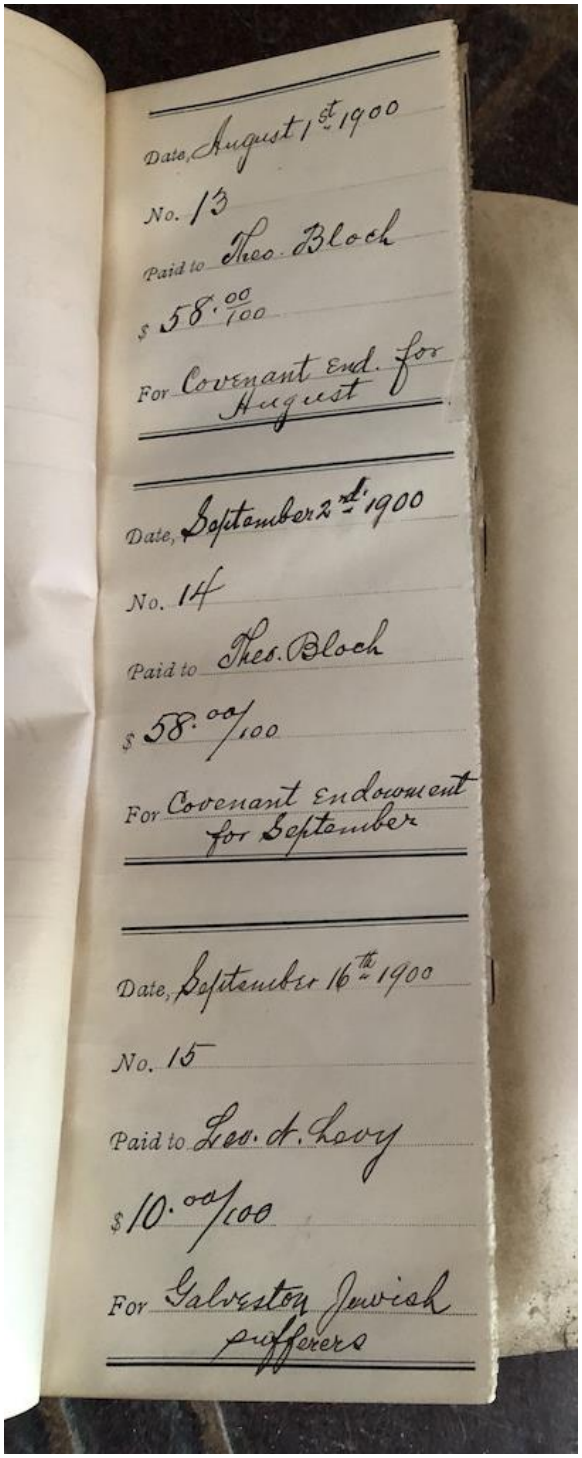


Photo 36 of 39. Ephemera, book containing the hand-written records of a youth organization or Hebrew school club. Club vice president and future physician Alfred Freudenthal—son of Rabbi Leopold Freudenthal and older brother of future state senator Samuel Freudenthal—would have been 13 years old in 1893.



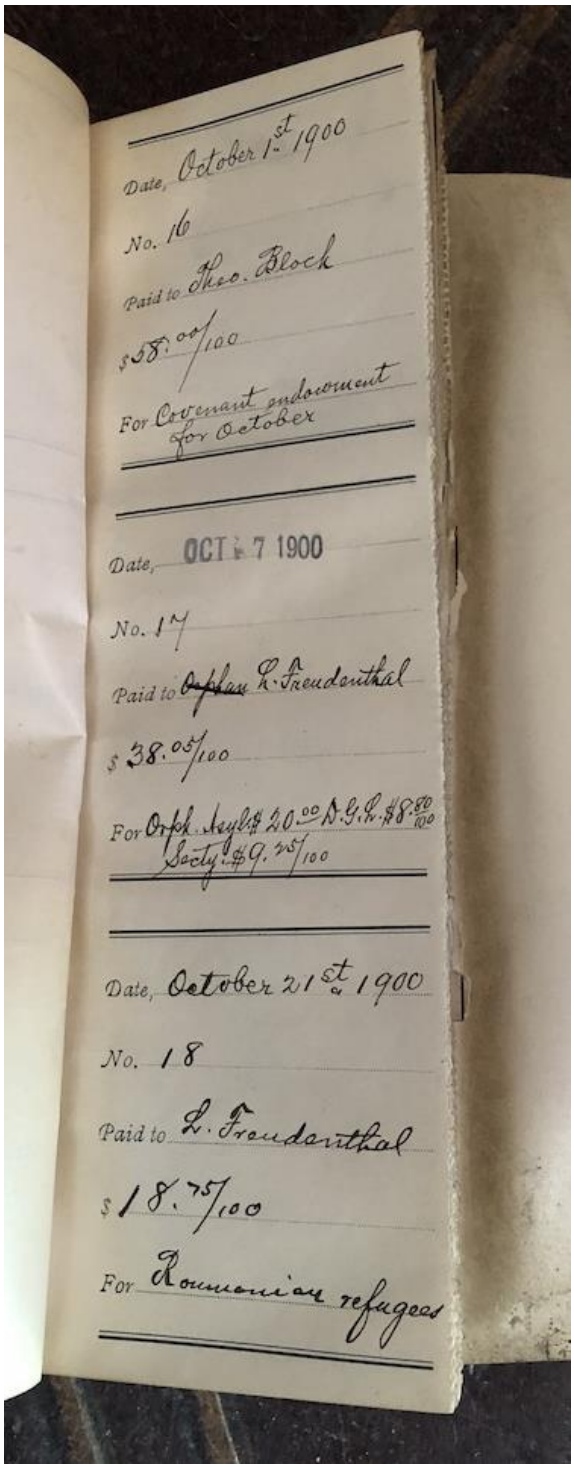


Photo 37 of 39. Ephemera, book of payments from the Trinidad Lodge, No. 293, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, with handwritten records on payment stubs of donations to charitable causes and an endowment for a Torah. Selected pages show: a donation of $10 on September 16, 1900, for "Galveston Jewish sufferers" (the catastrophic hurricane made landfall in Galveston, Texas, one week earlier, on September 8, 1900); a $20 payment to an orphans' asylum on October 7, 1900; and a payment of $18.75 on October 21, 1900, to "Romanian refugees."

Photo 38 of 39. Cemetery for Congregation Aaron members at the Masonic Cemetery, Trinidad, view west from Nevada Avenue toward Simpson's Rest. Many of the founders of Temple Aaron are buried here, including the Jaffa, Moses, Sanders, and Freudenthal families, among others. This cemetery is off-site and not included n the boundary proposed for this nomination.

Photo 39 of 39. Shabbat morning service, Saturday, June 22, 2019, celebrating Temple Aaron's 130th anniversary. Congregation member Ronald Rubin, carries the Torah down the left aisle as he makes his way around the sanctuary. Cantor Beth Cohen, of Congregation Nahalat Shalom in Albuquerque, New Mexico, follows behind, leading the congregation in song.