



*The Mufulira synagogue*



*Placing a time capsule at the time of the consecration of the Mufulira Synagogue 1946*



*Children's play at Mufulira synagogue, circa 1950*

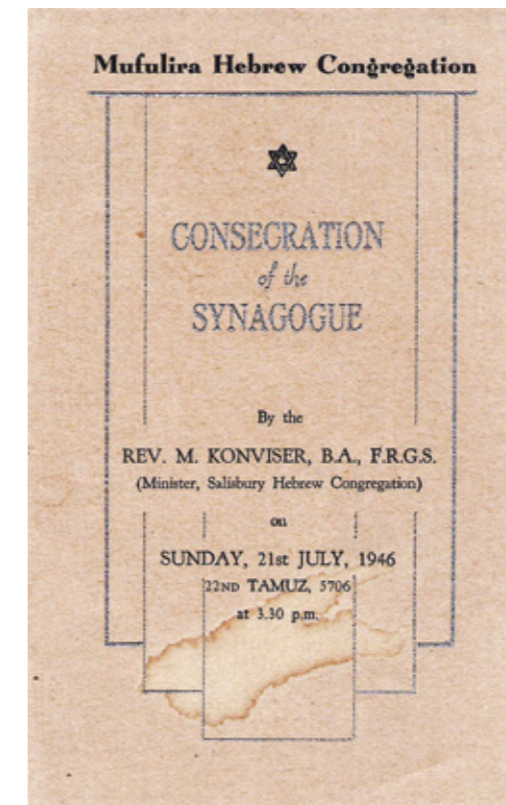
## CHINGOLA

In Chingola Boaz Israel Menashe, a prominent member of the Sephardi Jewish community, established B.I. Stores, the town's largest department store. For many years the dominant trading figure in Chingola, he also owned two African trading stores in the Chingola mining townships and served as chairman of the local Chamber of Commerce. Long-standing Jewish residents, who provided the stable nucleus of an otherwise itinerant Jewish community, included the brothers Moss and Andrew Dobkins, and Harry Dorsky.

## MUFULIRA

Mufulira had a small but active Jewish community; the town's Hebrew congregation was founded by Uri Iljohn, whose spiritual and financial support led to the building of the Mufulira Synagogue. Another prominent Jewish community member was Sam Surduvovitz, a Lithuanian army war veteran and furrier in Memel who, with his wife, Fay, was able to escape to Northern Rhodesia just before the outbreak of World War II. At first they lived in Livingstone before moving to the Copperbelt where, in 1940, Sam was employed as an operator in the old Mufulira mine steel foundry; He subsequently worked as a learner furnace hand, an electric furnace operator, and, in 1950, as an operator at the concentrate weighing and handling plant.

Barry Epstein, in addition to running the water purification plant for many years, was in charge of the local Hebrew school. David Messerer was involved in major electrification projects throughout Zambia, remaining in Mufulira until 1981 when he was the last of the Jewish community to leave the town.



*Programme for the consecration of the Mufulira synagogue, 21st July, 1946*