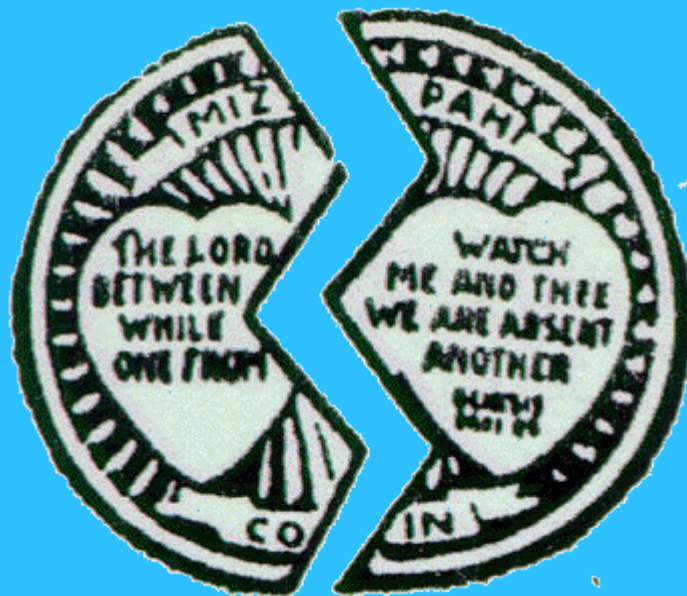


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During WWII Abilene suddenly became host to 30,000 new military residents. The small local Jewish community marshalled scarce war-time resources to build a synagogue for its expanded population. The name "Mizpah" (watch tower) was stamped on a popular set of charms made to look like a single medallion split zig-zag in half--each to be kept by parting sweethearts, husbands and wives, etc. until they were re-united after the war.

והמצפה אשר אמר יצחק ה' ביני וביניך כי נסתר איש מרעהו



"And as for the Mizpah--because he said, May God keep watch between me and you when we are out of each other's sight." (Genesis 31:49)



This simple, handsome structure is constructed of local stone. Flanking the foyer are the kitchen, restrooms, and lounge, and beyond which is the sanctuary seating as many as 250.

