

## **The Barn that Became a House of Worship** **By Edward Brender**

The temple once a farmer's barn; part of America's rural farm  
Furnished with a century-old church's pews,  
Yet filled with devout and dedicated Jews.  
At Temple Bethel-El, we like to stay with American uplifted heart's we pray.  
For 75 years, the temple filled our spiritual needs,  
While Rabbis planted righteous seeds.  
The halls resounded with Chief Justice Lawrence H. Cooke's praise,  
Reminding us of Hebrew sacrifices during American's revolutionary phase.  
During the time of our Country's greatest need,  
Recounting tales of Jewish patriot" deeds.  
High on a majestic verdant hill stands stately Temple Bethel-El;  
For 75 hears a beacon of freedom's faith,  
Spreading boundless love and tales to tell.