New book explores Jewish history of area

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A group of people gathered for a Jewish Federation Banquet at Beth El Synagogue in Flat River in the 1950s.

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Dorothy Miller was married to Leopold Miller, who operated his store what is called Blue Goose Grocery Store, as well. Jake Meyer Nudelman had a men's ready-to-wear. Louis Goodman, which sold clothing for the Harry Tucker family. Most of those Jewish people came from St. Louis. Many were of a Polish background, he said. The chief lived up from their house in the area.

Bernard talks about how the Temple Beth El opened in 1925 across the street from his house in 1960s. They sold the services on Friday nights. They sold the building in the 1970s or 1980s. It was the last Jewish store in the area.

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