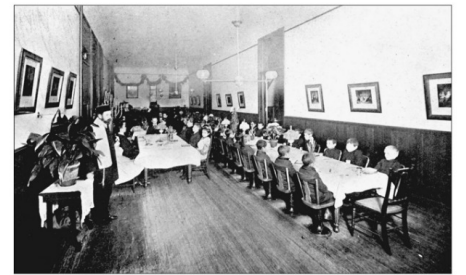


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# Building A Home For the Children of Israel: The Jewish Foster Home of Philadelphia, PA



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My thesis explores the development of American Judaism through the lens of the Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum of Philadelphia.

Founded in 1855 by a group of women led by Rebecca Gratz, the Jewish Foster Home existed for almost a century. Because of the dedication of its managers, the Home was a sanctuary for hundreds of Jewish children.

It has been an honor to explore the stories of the women, men, and children associated with the Home.