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Downsizing AND “STUFF”

Dear Friends,

Sometimes we refer to the objects we own and use as "stuff." It's a light term - almost slang - although our memories, and even our identity can be bound up with these objects. And it can be a difficult, heart-wrenching process to weed through these things when downsizing from a large home to a small apartment.

I recently watched a whole community in Erie, PA, go through this same process as they downsized from a grand synagogue into a small, modest building - making decisions about nearly a century's-worth of accumulated "stuff."



To read more about this story, check out my article [“When an old synagogue downsizes, what do you do with all its stuff?”](#) published on the JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) website.

Best,
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