

Adas Israel Congregation Synagogue demolished

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Heavy equipment operator and owner of Construction Services, Inc. Dale Cich of Duluth uses an excavator to tear down the remains of the Adas Israel Congregation Synagogue in Duluth Sunday afternoon. (Clint Austin / caustin@duluthnews.com)

A small crew used an excavator to tear down the remains of the Adas Israel Congregation Synagogue Sunday afternoon.

Heavy-equipment operator and owner of Construction Services, Inc. Dale Cich of Duluth remarked, "It is a perfect day to do this. It is quiet in the neighborhood; there is no wind and the snow helps keep the dust down." Cich said that it will take about a week for trucks to haul the remains of the building away from the site on the corner of Third Street and North Third Avenue East.

The 118-year-old synagogue was destroyed Sept. 9 by a fire started by a homeless man, [Matthew James Amiot](#), who was attempting to stay warm near the building. Amiot was sentenced last month to a year in prison for starting a negligent fire.