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URBAN EXODUS



People explore the new Seaver Street Temple on a quiet day in September 1925, the month Congregation Mishkan Tefila dedicated the structure. The congregation's decision to build the temple in Roxbury's Elm Hill district reflected and stimulated the migration of its members. However, with the growing popularity of the automobile in the early 1920s, another urban exodus was already under way. The congregation, like many of its members, eventually left this structure behind in its move to suburban Newton. (*Photograph courtesy of the Boston Herald.*)