The Home Maker

Alexander Jozsa Bodnar, center, was 15 when he came to Pittsburgh in 1957, having fled Budapest, Hungary, after participating in the failed 1956 Hungarian revolution. Mr. Bodnar settled in Hazelwood where there was a thriving Hungarian community with three churches and a synagogue serving large Hungarian congregations. But the traditions he was familiar with as a youth slowly faded as the neighborhood began to decline economically.

Yet, like others in Hazelwood, Mr. Bodnar did not give up on the community. He opened Jozsa Corner in 1988 in a building that he says was built in 1886 by Transylvania Saxons. The restaurant creates an ethnic, home-style experience centered on Hungarian traditions.