My grandfather, Cantor Elias Abraham Gittelsohn, in his synagogue in Osnabrück, Germany is the bearded man, representing the old Jewish generation.

The young man wrapped in the shawl is the artist, Felix Nussbaum, a schoolmate of my Aunt Lori Gittelsohn who watched Nussbaum while he painted the picture. Born in 1904, Nussbaum was hunted down in Switzerland, captured, and gassed by the Nazis in the concentration camp at Auschwitz in 1944. The original of this 1926 painting by Nussbaum hangs in the Kulturgeschichtliches Museum in Osnabrück. (See Chapter 2.)