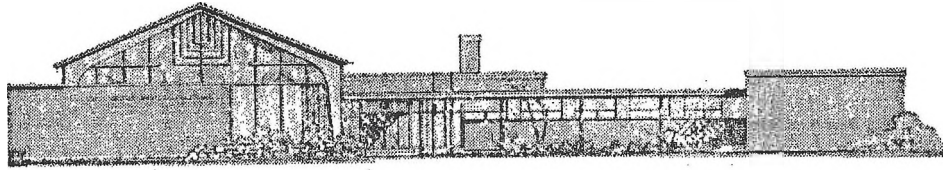


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We wish to thank our fellow workers who assisted in making the Cantor's Testimonial the tremendous success that it was.

People are still talking about this joyous event and consider it one of the very best in the annals of Shaarey Tphiloh social functions.

Your efforts, in whatever capacity, large or small, made this possible and made our jobs a whole lot easier. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of you.

Saul Brenerman
Bertram Silverman
Co-chairmen

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A THANK YOU FROM CANTOR SAMUEL ZIMMELMAN, EMERITUS

I, Cantor Samuel Zimmelman, would like to express my sincere thanks to the overall co-chairmen, Bertram Silverman and Saul Brenerman, Rabbi Steven Dworken, Presidents of Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue, Shaarey Tphiloh Sisterhood, Shaarey Tphiloh Brotherhood, Mizrachi, Jewish Home for Aged, Etz Chaim Synagogue, Federation, Chevra Kadisha, Jewish Community Center, acting Mayor Edward I. Bernstein, and all the committees who worked in my behalf for the testimonial.

I want to say thank you for the magnificent testimonial tribute by all of you who participated with the congregation, for the expressions of appreciation, and the plaudits of all the speakers, who were so impressive. They still awaken within me emotions of great pleasure and delight.

The effort that went into making such an evening possible, the hard work entailed by you all, each and everyone, on all of the committees, the accomplishment of bringing this to pass, showed me your devotion and much self-sacrifice. This tribute for three decades of service to Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue, which was my whole life's effort to please and accomplish only for the good and welfare of our entire community is really a milestone, which will never be forgotten by me, my wife Gizelle and our families.

I want to express my thanks to Professor Jacob Rosemarin and to the Choir for thirty wonderful years of harmonious and personal relationships that existed between us. Your heartwarming tribute for my recent testimonial celebration and the beautiful watch that you presented to me will always be cherished by me. I have only pleasant memories of our wonderful association and our sincere friendship.

I was exceptionally proud of the accolades given by my son, Rabbi Sidney, for the beautiful and very moving address presented by him and the "This is Your Life", episode which was written by my sons Ralph, Rabbi Sidney, Cantors Sol and Paul, which was narrated by Rabbi Sidney. As the story of my life enfolded in such a warm, tender manner, with choice wording, revealing much love and great respect from children to parents, I thanked God for such a priceless

From Cantor Zimelman:

gift.

Gizelle and I want to thank the Synagogue for the scroll, Brotherhood for the album of pictures of the evening's activities and the Sisterhood for their lovely gift. I want to thank Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Dworken for the immemorable placque. All these gifts will be treasured by us always.

Gizelle and I are especially grateful for your thoughtful and generous gift for our trip to Israel. We will surely derive a great deal of enthusiasm and inspiration from our visit and will also have the splendid opportunity of seeing our relatives in Israel once again. Our children join with me in expressing to you and to the entire organization of Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue our most sincere appreciation for all that you have done in our behalf.

I am very happy that my sons, Cantors Sol and Paul as well as Sol's two sons were able to present vocal numbers, for your pleasure, to round out a wonderful and memorable evening in my life.

With warmest personal regards, with best wishes for good health and much happiness for many, many years to come,

Cantor & Mrs. Samuel Zimmelman & family

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held on Sunday, May 16, the following officers were elected:

Howard J. Levitan, re-elected president of the synagogue
Dr. Morrill Shapiro, elected vice-president
Joseph Modes, re-elected vice-president
Jay Ketover, re-elected vice-president
Maxwell Wiesenthal, re-elected vice-president
Martin Sprince, re-elected vice-president
Martin Sprince, elected treasurer
Samuel Shatz, re-elected secretary

OFFICE- SUMMER OFFICE HOURS--9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Mon, Wed, Thurs.
8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Tues, Fri.

REMINDER: TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 1976 DUES, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE TICKETS FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS, THIS OBLIGATION MUST BE PAID OR ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE. DONT DELAY.

FROM THE RABBI:

TISH'AH B'AV THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

The ninth day of Av, mentioned in Zechariah 8:19 as the "fast of the fifth" month, commemorates such national calamities as the destruction of both Temples, the fall of Bar Kobbba's fortress Bethar, and the expulsion from Spain in 1492. According to tradition, the Second Temple, as well as the First Temple, was destroyed on the 9th of Av, the day referred to as predestined to misfortune. Tish'ah b'Av resembles Yom Kippur in its restrictions upon eating and bathing, maintained from sunset to sunset. Unlike Yom Kippur, however, which is observed by fasting even on the Sabbath, if Tish'ah b'Av happens to fall on the Sabbath, it is postponed to Sunday, as in the case of any other fast. With the exception of Yom Kippur, it is forbidden to observe any fast on the Sabbath.

The three weeks between the 17th of Tamuz and the 9th of Av (Thursday July 15 to Thursday, August 5) are observed by abstaining from all festivities and joyous celebrations. During the week of the 9th of Av and until after the fast, it is forbidden to take a haircut. It has long been the custom in Israel to eat no meat (except on the Sabbath):;during this week, until after the fast".

On the 9th of Av, when the book of Lamentations and other dirges(Kinoth) are recited before congregations seated on low stools as a sign of mourning, the curtain is removed from the Holy Ark and visits are made to the cemeteries, in order to stress the sense of mourning. The morning service is recited without Tallith or tefillin these are worn during the Minhah Service. The elegies known as Kinoth are descriptive not only of the calamities connected with the destruction of Jerusalem, but also of the Jewish catastrophies that occurred in various lands of persecution.

FAST DAYS

On July 15, we commemorate one of the four fast days centered around the loss of independence of our people during the Temple's existence. This fast on the 17th of Tamuz primarily commemorates that event when the enemy broke through the walls of Jerusalem. Three weeks later, the Temple was finally destroyed and on that day, we commemorate the fast of Tisha'b'Av on August 5.

The 17th of Tamuz, July 15, begins a period of semi-mourning, during which time many Jews observe customs which include no haircuts, weddings or other simchas, and a general demeanor of sober contemplation. According to the Talmud "Five misfortunes befell our forefathers on the 17th of Tamuz: 1, the tablets of the Ten Commandments were broken by Moses after he saw the Children of Israel worshipping the golden calf. 2. The offering of the daily sacrifice (Tamid) in the Beth Hamikdash was stopped because of the scarcity of cattle during the siege. 3. The city walls of Jerusalem were broken. 4. Apostomus, a Syrian general burned the scroll of the Torah and 5. he placed an idol in the Temple.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE IMPORTANT COMMEMORATIONS AND JOIN US IN THE SYNAGOGUE ON THE TWO FAST DAYS.