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Shavuot Greetings

Prepare Erwo Tavshilin Thursday Afternoon



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Thursday, June 3	8:15 P.M.
Friday, June 4	9:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.
Saturday, June 5	9:00 A.M.
Yizkor	10:30 A.M.
Evening	8:15 P.M.

Shavuoth

FROM THE DESK OF RABBI DWORKEN:

The Holiday of Shavuoth which commemorates the giving of the Torah by God to the Israelites impresses upon us that Torah is the property of the entire household of Israel. It was revealed to all of the people at the same time. It was not given to Moses as his private possession, nor was it given to a special coterie or clique, but to each and every Jew at that time, and for all time.

By making the Torah communal property, God sought to teach us that for Judaism to be viable, the great mass of Jews must accept its teachings and live by its dictates. It is not enough to have an elite group live by its laws, we all must practice its concepts. There are pious and righteous men and women within ours and other Jewish communities, but it takes a great number, the vast majority, not minority of people to insure the preservation of Judaism as a way of life. The words of Torah must become known to all segments of our people and its ideals must inspire the great mass of our community.

I am constantly told at meetings or at people's homes (Jews of course) "Oh Rabbi, you can't eat that", and I respond, "In truth, you can't eat it either, but you do". Torah, its way of life, laws, customs and mores, apply equally to all of us--the only difference is that some of us have awakened and responded to our responsibilities as Jews, while most have not.

How about it? Awake from your slumber. It's never too late for you, your children, and grandchildren.

Sue and the children join me in wishing you a happy, joyous Yom Tov.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR
SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

BULLETIN STAFF:

Editor Maxwell Wiesenthal
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Samuel Zimelman, Cantor
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CANTOR SAMUEL ZIMELMAN

The esteem and admiration which the congregation and community holds for Cantor Samuel Zimelman was demonstrated the evening of May 30 when some 250 persons jammed the synagogue for a testimonial program, dinner and dance.

The program in the sanctuary, which opened the memorable evening was indeed impressive. Leaders of the synagogue, the Rabbi and synagogue affiliates such as the Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Chevra Kadisha heaped praise upon the cantor for his 30 years of dedicated service. Spokesmen for the city, and Jewish organizations in the city also spoke of the esteem with which they hold the Cantor.

Letters were read from Governor James B. Longley and U. S. Senators Edmund S. Muskie and William D. Hathaway.

The audience was held spellbound by the moving address given by the Cantor's son, Rabbi Sidney Zimelman.

In addition to the accolades, presentations were made to the Cantor by the synagogue, the Brotherhood, the Sisterhood, and the Rabbi. They included a trip to Israel for the Cantor and his wife, and a scroll from the synagogue, an album of pictures of the evening's activities from the Brotherhood, and a gift from the Sisterhood. The Rabbi presented the Cantor with a plaque.

One of the highlights of the evening was a "This Is Your Life" program written and produced by the Cantor's sons, Cantor Saul and Paul and Rabbi Sidney. With words, pictures and personal appearances the program depicted the highlights of the Cantor's 30 years in Portland. It was truly a memorable program.

In addition, the dinner guests were entertained by the distinguished Cantors, Saul and Paul.

Few committees have worked so diligently in making the evening the outstanding event that it was. Bertram H. Silverman and Saul Brenerman were the overall co-chairmen. Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goldstein were in charge of the cocktail hour which was held under a tent in the synagogue yard. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gordon and Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Goldman were in charge of reservations. The dinner was prepared by the Brotherhood kitchen crew which included Sherman Setlin, Jack Rosen, Izzie Russman and Martin Sprince.

Other committee members were Mrs. Della Kates, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Ketover, Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Wiesenthal, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Levitan, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Goodman, Samuel J. Shatz, William Slade, Harry Modes, Robert Harrisburg, and Joseph Taylor.