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Dedication Program



Tree of Life Synagogue
Sanctuary

Sunday, June 12th, 1960

Ellwood City, Pennsylvania

A Message From The Rabbi

The completion of our new sanctuary is without doubt one of the most thrilling moments in our community's history, and indeed to me as its spiritual leader an experience of unbounded joy.

The appropriate verse which comes to mind is Exodus 25:8—"And let them make unto Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." Our commentaries are quick to point out a very significant message in these words, "that I may dwell **among them**" for in reality, it would appear that the words "That I may dwell **in it**" would seem more appropriate. The choice of the former words, however, conveys a vastly important concept. The true purpose of a sanctuary is not merely to provide a dwelling place for God, for indeed "The heavens and the earth cannot contain Thee;" but rather the true purpose of a synagogue is to inspire and impart sanctity to its people, thus enabling them to carry the spirit of God into their homes and daily lives. Let this therefore, be our hope and prayer, indeed our aim and goal—May this sanctuary, which we, by the grace of God, have just completed, ever be a source of inspiration to goodness and Godliness, so that the Divine Spirit may always "dwell among us," wherever we go and whatsoever we do.

SIDNEY RAPPAPORT,
Rabbi



A Message From The President

Today, we the members of the Tree of Life Synagogue, are privileged to enjoy a double "nachas." It is fitting and proper that we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary of Synagogue history with the dedication of our beautiful new sanctuary. The zeal and determination of our forbears, who strived and succeeded in establishing a House of Worship, served as a challenge to us. Their accomplishments stand as living monuments, urging us on to renewed dedication of our faith. We trust that our symbols which we have built, will light the way for future generations.

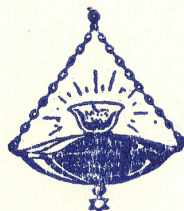
To all of you who have toiled so diligently, go the honors of this day, for without your efforts and confidence, nothing could have been wrought. You are truly deserving of the highest praise. An extra measure of thanks must be given to the Jewish Women's League and to the B'nai B'rith Lodge. These members have shouldered a great part of our financial and guidance problems, thereby, earning the respect of all of us. To the Rabbi, the officers, and the chairmen with their wonderful committees, who have taken such a personal interest in the building of this sanctuary: Your efforts have been invested in our future. May you have multiple blessings throughout the years.

Abe Greenberg, president

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Sunday, June 12, 1960

3:00 P. M.



Mah Tov _____ Cantor Simon Bermanis
Dedicatory Verses _____ Rabbi Sidney Rappaport
Opening Sanctuary Doors _____ *Dr. Aaron Caplan - *Milton Schweiger
Responsive Reading—Psalm 118 _____ Rabbi and Assembly
Procession with Torahs _____ *Harry Caplan, *Adolph Lebowitz, *Louis H. Simon
Sh'ma _____ Cantor and Congregation
Opening of Ark _____ *Victor Cohen
Ki Lekach Tov _____ Cantor Simon Bermanis
Prayer Before the Ark _____ Rabbi Nathaniel M. Keller
Kindling Ner Tomid _____ Mrs. Esther Kraus
Shehechiyonu _____ Cantor Simon Bermanis
Scripture Reading _____ Rabbi Sidney Rappaport
Presentation of Sancturay To Congregation _____ Dr. Milton Caplan
Acceptance of Sanctuary for Congregation _____ Abe Greenberg
Hymn—Psalm 150 _____ Cantor Simon Bermanis
Dedication Address _____ Rabbi Sidney Rappaport
Adon Olom _____ Congregation
Benediction _____ Rabbi Sidney Rappaport

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DEDICATION BANQUET

Sunday, June 12, 1960

7.00 P. M.



The Star Spangled Banner.....Assembly

Invocation.....Rabbi Sidney Rappaport
Tree of Life Synagogue

Blessing of the Bread.....Cantor Simon Bermanis
Cleveland, Ohio

Greetings.....Abe Greenberg
President, Tree of Life Synagogue

Remarks.....Allen D. Keller
Toastmaster

Violin Solo.....Mrs. Milton Caplan
Accompanist.....Mrs. Joseph Ginsburg
"Hassidic Impressions".....Zinovi Bistritsky
Prayer (Tefilah)—Based on a Traditional Melody
Hora.....Marc Lavry - Julius Chajes

Introduction of Guests.....Allen D. Keller

Greetings.....Mrs. Victor Cohen
President, Jewish Women's League

Greetings.....Benjamin Keller
President, B'nai B'rith Lodge

Cantorial Selections.....Cantor Simon Bermanis

Guest Speaker.....Dr. Nathaniel M. Keller
Rabbi, Temple Anshe Emeth, New Brunswick, N. J.

Benediction.....Rabbi Sidney Rappaport

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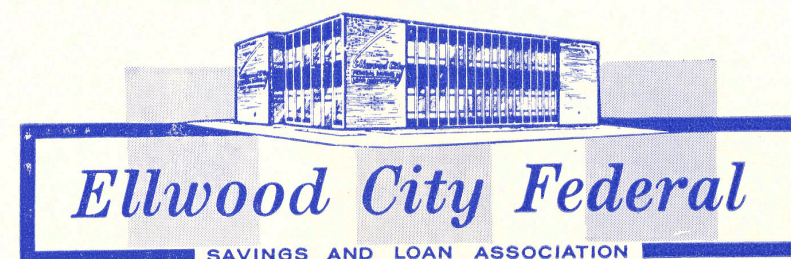
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