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Dedication of the Rabbi Robert D. Schreibman Sanctuary

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*Friday, December 13, 2002
8 Tevet, 5763*

Temple Jeremiah

Program

Chanukat Bayt Ha-Tefillah

Dedication of the Rabbi Robert D. Schreiber Sanctuary

In this place we seek God.

In this place we may find our way in the world.

In this place may we draw near to our people, Israel.

In this place may we be bound to our fellow human beings,
everywhere.

In this place may we be drawn to the Torah.

In this place may we learn

To do justly

To love mercy,

To walk humbly with our God.

In this place may we learn

To love our neighbors as ourselves,

And our God, with all our heart,

And soul, and might.

Teach us, our God, to convert our thoughts into faith,

Our words into deeds,

Here and everywhere,

Now and at all times.

Teach us so to live, that as we come and go from here,

day after day, year after year,

We will become changed, deepened, lifted up.

Sermon:

Rabbi Robert D. Schreiber

Remarks:

Dr. Mitchell L. Slotnick, President

Benediction:

Rabbi Paul F. Cohen

Robert D. Schreiber, D.D., Rabbi Emeritus

Rabbi Robert D. Schreiber has served as a source of religious inspiration and an icon of community and social involvement that extends far beyond the religious arena. Temple Jeremiah is the beneficiary of his 25 years of spiritual leadership at our synagogue.

A native of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Rabbi Robert D. Schreiber is a graduate of Dartmouth College. Initially pursuing a pre-med curriculum, Rabbi Schreiber's interest shifted to Reform Judaism. He enrolled in Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he received several academic awards, graduated with honors and later received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity.

Upon graduation, Rabbi Schreiber served double duty as Principal of the religious and Hebrew school at Community Reform Temple in Brooklyn and its youth group director. He also ran a school and conducted services at congregations in Philadelphia and later in Queens. Through these internships, he discovered a passion for teaching and preaching. During an army stint at Fort Leonard Wood, Rabbi Schreiber served as Assistant Post Chaplain. After serving congregations in Maryland and New York, he assumed the position of UAHC's Assistant Director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues and Director of the New Jersey Council of Synagogues in 1970. A dynamic and engaging teacher, his favorite part of the job was teaching at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

In 1975, Rabbi Schreiber was called to the pulpit at Temple Jeremiah. Under his leadership, the congregation grew from under 300 families to over 800. Programming also blossomed, including youth groups, a senior program, adult education classes, Brotherhood and Sisterhood, among others. His duties extended beyond the Temple Jeremiah community. During his tenure, Rabbi Schreiber was involved with the Winnetka Interfaith Council, LINKS, North Shore Hospice, Hillel Advisory Council of Dartmouth College, the American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress, among other organizations.

Rabbi Schreiber and his wife, Patricia, reside in Northbrook. He has three children, Debra, Daniel and Tamar. They are also the proud grandparents of Jane, born to Daniel and his wife, Dr. Katie Jones.

Program

Prelude: Psalm 19...Benedetto Marcello
David Lornson, Organist

Processional: S'u Sh'arim...Max Janowski
Choir

Sounding of the Shofar:
Michael Kamen

Reading:

MAY THE DOOR of this synagogue be wide enough
to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for fellowship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden,
thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough
to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block
to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency,
selfishness and harshness.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter,
the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

- From "May the door..." by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg

History

On February 7, 1993, the Joan and Stanley Golder Chapel was dedicated in honor of their 40th anniversary. Designed by temple member, H. Gary Frank, Architect, AIA, it won the 1995 Religious Architecture Award.

In the 1990's, Temple Jeremiah staff reached new heights of achievement as Fern M. Kamen became president of the National Association of Temple Administrations, Anne M. Lidsky received the prestigious Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education and Cantor Amy J. Zussman received her cantorial certification. In 1999 Rabbi Victor S. Appell joined the clergy as Assistant Rabbi. In 2000 he became Associate Rabbi.

Rabbi Robert D. Schreiber retired in 2000 after 25 years of service. He was honored over several months, culminating in a gala weekend in June, 2000. He received the title of *Rabbi Emeritus* in December, 2000. Rabbi Paul F. Cohen came on board in July, 2000, ready to lead Temple Jeremiah into the next century.

October 28, 2001 marked the groundbreaking of a major renovation project. High Holy Day worship services were held in the newly renovated sanctuary in September, 2002. Today, Temple Jeremiah hosts a beautiful main entrance, opening into a spacious foyer and the Tarshish Lounge. The Center for Learning has a separate canopied entryway and new classrooms. An elevator and handicapped accessible *bima* enable everyone to fully participate in the life of Temple Jeremiah.

Temple Jeremiah continues to be a vibrant congregation, meeting the spiritual needs of its members and contributing to the betterment of our world.

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History

Temple Jeremiah was founded in 1959 by a small group of dedicated individuals who wanted to combine the enduring ethics and traditions of Judaism with the ongoing needs of contemporary society. Jews were moving into the area in rising numbers at that time and current religious facilities were inadequate to meet their needs.

Initially, Temple Jeremiah's worship services and religious school took place at Hubbard Woods School in Winnetka. A student rabbi officiated at services, supervised the school and tended to the needs of the small congregation. Within 18 months, the congregation had grown to the point that a permanent rabbi was needed. Rabbi Allan Tarshish was appointed as the temple's spiritual leader in 1961.

By 1962, in response to a growing congregation, Temple Jeremiah moved its services and religious instruction to Winnetka's Skokie School. The need for a permanent sanctuary and religious school became apparent when membership numbers reached nearly 400 families.

After an extensive search, the current parcel on Happ Road was selected as Temple Jeremiah's permanent site. In 1970, members voted to proceed with construction. Groundbreaking commenced on May 2, 1971 and on Saturday, September 9, 1972, Temple Jeremiah, for the first time, held High Holy Day services in its own building.

After serving 14 years, Rabbi Tarshish was elected *Rabbi Emeritus* in 1975. He passed away in 1982. The Rabbi Allan Tarshish Fund for Humanity was established to perpetuate this spiritual leader's dedication to ecumenism and humanitarian objectives.

Program

Shabbat Services III

Gates of Prayer for Shabbat and Weekdays

"Grant That We Lie Down in Peace"...Marshall Portnoy

- Commissioned by Temple Jeremiah
in Celebration of Rabbi Robert D. Schreiberman's
25 Years of Spiritual Leadership

Prayer for Builders:

The people Israel is like a vine, a vine that needs care and tending for its fruits to be sweet and abundant. The Synagogue we dedicate this evening attests to the care and tending, the faithfulness and devotion of many people -- officers and leaders, workers and donors, many caring friends who have contributed to its completion. Their labor, gifts and help in creating this magnificent space show their concern for the congregation and its goods, and confidence that its program will nurture the vine and nourish the young people in whose hands will be its future. To these good and loyal friends of Temple Jeremiah, we offer our appreciation and our blessing:

MI SHEBARACH...May the One who Blessed our Parents, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel, bless you who have given your time, your means, your devotion that this building could become our home. May the Holy One grant you strength and vigor and prosper the work of your hands. May Torah be your craft and your eyes be alight with joy.

And let us say: Amen.