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BICENTENNIAL - CHARLESTON JEWISH COMMUNITY



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BICENTENNIAL
OF THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY
OF CHARLESTON, S. C.

November 24, 1950

8:30 P. M.

K. K. BETH ELOHIM SYNAGOGUE

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN, *Ma Tovu*: Cantor Aaron E. Miller,
Brith Sholom Congregation

OPENING PRAYER: Dr. Allan Tarshish, Beth Elohim Congregation

Elohenu Velohay Avosanu. O Lord our God and God of our fathers, we lift our hearts to Thee in thanksgiving for memory and in a heartfelt prayer of hope. We recall that small band of men and women, who first on these Southern shores gathered together to establish a Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim U'nve Sholom, a holy congregation House of God and Mansion of Peace. We remember their pioneering efforts in worship as they sought "not to overthrow, but to rebuild, not to destroy, but to reform and revise. . . ."

We honor that staunch group of the Orthodox who set up a Brith Sholom, a covenant of faithfulness and peace with God and man, and those who established a Beth Israel, a House of Israel. And we of our day have watched with our own eyes those who came together with the prayer of Emanu-El, may God be with us.

We offer our reverent homage to all of these, who in their own way, in sincerity and devotion, have lifted their voices in prayer to Thee.

And we know that their efforts did not end in prayer, but in action. They fed the hungry and clothed the naked with the Hebrew Benevolent Society, and they cared for the fatherless and the widow through the Hebrew Orphan Society. To do Thy work on earth they took upon themselves the yoke of the covenant as B'nai B'rith. They assembled in a Jewish Community Center, they poured forth their efforts for the Holy Land, and the women gathered in a Council of Jewish Women and took upon themselves the name of Hadassah.

Through all this there has been a constant thread: a devotion to the covenant and the search for peace.

We pray fervently, our God, for Thy wisdom and guidance in the future, so that we may remain ever true to that ancient covenant, so that we shall ever continue to seek the ways of peace and understanding with each other and with all our fellow men. May Thy kingdom come speedily and may Thy peace be the heritage of all men. Amen.



RESPONSIVE READING: Dr. Allan Tarshish

Our God and God of our fathers
Do Thou bless us as we gather here with grateful hearts
To celebrate our community's Bicentennial anniversary.
*Because Thou wast with us in all our endeavors
Our efforts were fruitful, our work not in vain.*
Be with us, we pray Thee, in years still before us,
To show us the way and to guide us, O Lord.
*May this, our worship, renew our strength,
To give us courage for the challenge of life.*
We thank Thee for the tasks we shared together,
And for this hour of prayer and communion with Thee;
*For the joys we found in the fellowship of worship,
For the blessings of courage, comfort, and peace;*
For the will to strive and the wisdom to accomplish,
For hope when despondent and faith when in doubt;
*For comrades who labored, devotedly loyal,
With spirit undaunted, with vision undimmed;*
For all these we thank Thee and praise Thee, our Father;
Thy house is our refuge, our buttress, our strength,
*Our bond with the past, our hope for the future,
Our fathers' bequest and our children's sacred trust.*
We reverently pause to recall those departed,
Who loyally served with heart and with hand.
*They live in the Sanctuaries they helped to establish,
They live in our thoughts, in our prayers, in our deeds.*
O may we maintain and preserve what they builded,
And bring to fruition the seeds they have sown.
*We come with our children to pray at Thine altar,
That their hearts like ours, may be lifted to Thee.*
To cherish the truths that their forefathers proclaimed
And make them their own, even as we.
*Accept then, O Lord, our heart's earnest devotion,
And keep us united in service to Thee.*

(Congregation rises)

CALL TO WORSHIP: Cantor Aaron E. Miller

BORCHU ES ADONOI HAMEVORoch
Praise ye the Lord to whom all praise is due
BORUCH ADONOI HAMEVORoch LEOLOM VOED
Praised ye the Lord to whom all praise is due forever and ever.

(Congregation is seated)

UNISON READING: Rabbi Louis Tuchman, Beth Israel Congregation

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, ruler of the world, by whose
law the shadows of evening fall and the gates of morn are opened. In
wisdom Thou hast established the changes of times and seasons and
ordered the ways of the stars in their heavenly courses. Creator of
heaven and earth, O living God, rule Thou over us forever. Praised
be Thou, O Lord, for the day and its work and for the night and its rest.

AHAVAS OLOM: Cantor Aaron E. Miller

(Congregation rises)



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Cantor Jacob J. Renzer, Emanu-El Congregation

SHEMA YISROEL ADONOI ELOHENU ADONOI ECHOD

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God the Lord is One.

BORUCH SHEM K'VOD MALUCHUSO LEOLOM VOED

Praised be His name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

(Congregation is seated)

UNISON READING: Rabbi Louis Tuchman

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up. Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. Thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates. That ye may remember and do all my commandments and be holy unto your God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Rabbi Lewis A. Weintraub, Emanu-El Congregation

True and certain it is that there is one God

And there is none like unto Him.

It is He who redeemed us from the might of tyrants

And executed judgment upon all our oppressors.

Great are the things that God hath done

His wonders are without number.

He causes us to triumph over our enemies

And raises up our glory above our foes.

Wondrously he visited judgment upon Pharaoh

Performing signs and wonders in the land of Egypt.

He brought forth the children of Israel from bondage

And delivered them from slavery unto freedom.

In every age the Lord hath been our hope

He rescued us from those who sought to destroy us.

May He continue his protecting care over the children of Israel

And guard all his children from disaster.

When the children of Israel beheld the might of the Lord

They gave thanks unto Him and praised His name;

They accepted His sovereignty willingly

And sang a song unto Him.

MI CHOMOCHO BOELIM ADONOI: Cantor Jacob J. Renzer

UNISON READING: Rabbi Lewis Weintraub

Cause us, O Lord our God, to lie down each night in peace, and to awaken each morning to renewed life and strength. Spread over us the tabernacle of Thy peace. Help us to order our lives by Thy counsel and lead us in the paths of righteousness. Be Thou a shield about us, protecting us from hate and war, from pestilence and sorrow. Curb Thou also within us the inclination to do evil, and shelter us beneath the shadow of Thy wings. Guard our going out and our coming in unto life and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

VESHOMRU: Cantor Jacob J. Renzer



(Congregation rises)

AMIDAH: Silent Devotion.

*Havinenu Adonoy Elohenu Lodaas D'rochecho
Umol Es Levovenu Leyirosecho
Vesislach Lonu Lih'yos G'ulim Verahakenu Mimachov
Vedashnenu Binos Artsecho Un'futzoseinu
Mearba Kanfos Hooerets Tekabets. Vehatoim
Al Datcho Yishofetu Veal Hor'shoim Tonif
Yodecho. Veyism'hu Tsadikim Bevinyan Irecho
Uv'sikum Haecholecho Uvits'mihas Keren Ledovid
Avdecho Uvaarichas Ner L'ven Yishai M'shihecho
Terem Nikro Ato Saaneh. Boruch Ato Adonoi Shomea T'filch.*

Give us understanding, O Lord our God, to know Thy ways; incline our hearts to revere Thee and forgive us so that we may be redeemed. Keep us far from sorrow; satisfy us with the bounties of thy land, and gather the scattered ones from the four corners of the earth. Let them that go astray be judged according to Thy will, and wave Thy hand over the wicked. Let the righteous rejoice in the rebuilding of Thy Temple, and in the flourishing of the horn of David Thy servant, and in the clear shining light of the son of Jesse, Thine anointed. Even before we call, do Thou answer. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who hearkenest unto prayer.

KIDDUSH: Cantor Jacob J. Renzer

(Congregation is seated)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Allan Tarshish

ADDRESS: Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

RESPONSE: Rabbi Lewis A. Weintraub

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(Congregation rises)

OLENU: Rabbi Joseph Rothstein, Brith Sholom Congregation

*OLENU LESHABEACH LAADON HAKOL LOSES GEDOOLOH
LEYOTZER BERESHIS SHELO OSONU KEGOYEI HOAROTZOS
VELO SOMONOU KEMISPEHOS HOADOMO SHELO SOM HELKENU
KOHEN VEGOROLENU KECHOL HAMONOM
VAANACHNU KOR'IM UMISHTAHAVIM UMODIM
LIFNAY MELECH MALCHAY HAM'LOCHIM HAKODOSH
BORUCH HU.*

(Congregation is seated)

PRAYER: Rabbi Joseph Rothstein

We therefore hope in Thee, O Lord our God, that we may soon behold the glory of Thy might, when Thou wilt remove false gods and injustice, when Thou wilt establish the world under Thine Almighty rule, and all the children of men will call upon Thy name, and when Thou wilt cause all the wicked of the earth to return to Thee. May all the people of the world know that unto Thee every knee must bend, every tongue pledge loyalty. Before Thee, O Lord our God, may all worship and bow their heads; and unto Thy glorious name may they give honor and accept Thy kingdom, and do Thou rule over them for ever and ever. For the kingdom is Thine forevermore. Thou wilt reign in glory as it is written in Thy law: "The Lord shall reign forever and ever. And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; on that day the Lord shall be One and his name One."



KADDISH:

*Yis-gad-dal V'yis-kad-dash sh'meh rab-bo, b'ol-mo di'v-ro kir' u-seh
v'yam-lich mal-chu-seh, b'cha-ye-chon v-v'yo-me-chon u-v'cha-yeh
v'chol bes yis-ro-el, ba-a-go-lo u-viz-man ko-riv, v'im-ru O-men.*

Congregation:

Y'heh sh'meh rab-bo m'vo-rach, l'o-lam ul'ol'meh ol-ma-yo.

Reader:

*Yis-bo-rach v'yish-tab-bach v'yis-po-ar, v'yis-ro-mam, v'yis-nas-seh,
v'yis-had-dor, v'yis-al-leh, v'yis-hal-lol, sh'meh d'kud'sho, b'rich hu.
L'elo min kol bir-cho-so v'shi-ro-so, tush-b'cho-so v'necho-me-so,
da-a-mi-ron b'ol-mo v'im-ru O-man
Y'heh sh'lo-mo rab-bo min sh'ma-yo v'cha-yim, o-le-nu v'al kol yis-ro-el,
v'im-ru O-men.
O-seh Sho-lom bim'ro-mov, hu ya-a-seh sho-lom, o-le-nu v'al kol
yis-ro-el, v'im-ru O-men.*

(Congregation rises)

ADON OLAM: Congregation

*A-don o-lom a-sheer mo-lach, b'te-rem kol y-tzeer niv're
L'ays na-a-so v'chejt-so kol, a-zai me-lech sh'mo nik-ro
V'a-ha-ray kich-los ha-kol, l'va-do yim-loch no-ro
V'hu ho-yo v'hu ho-veh, v'hu yi-ye b'sif-o-ro
V'hu e-chod v'ayn shay-nee l'ham-sheel lo l'hach-bee-ro
B'lee ray-shees b'lee sach-lees, v'lo ho-oz v'ha-mis-ro
V'hu ay-lee v'chai go-a-lee, v-Tzur chev-lee b'ays tzo-ro
V'hu ni-see u-mo-nos lee, m'nos ko-see b'yom ek-ro
B'yo-do af-keed ru-chee, b'ays ee-shan v'o-ee-ro
V'im ru-chee g'vi-vo-see, A-do-noi Lee v'le ee-ro.*

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: Congregation

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

BENEDICTION: Rabbi Joseph Rothstein

And now, having lifted up your hearts and voices in prayer and
adoration, may the Lord our God look with favor upon you:

"May the spirit of the Lord rest upon you
The spirit of wisdom and understanding
The spirit of counsel and might
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."

Out of the peace that comes from communion with God and fel-
lowship of brethren, may you go forth comforted and cheered, and
may it be granted that you witness the fulfillment of the ancient prom-
ise:

"Peace, peace to him that is far off and to him that is near,
saith the Lord." Amen.