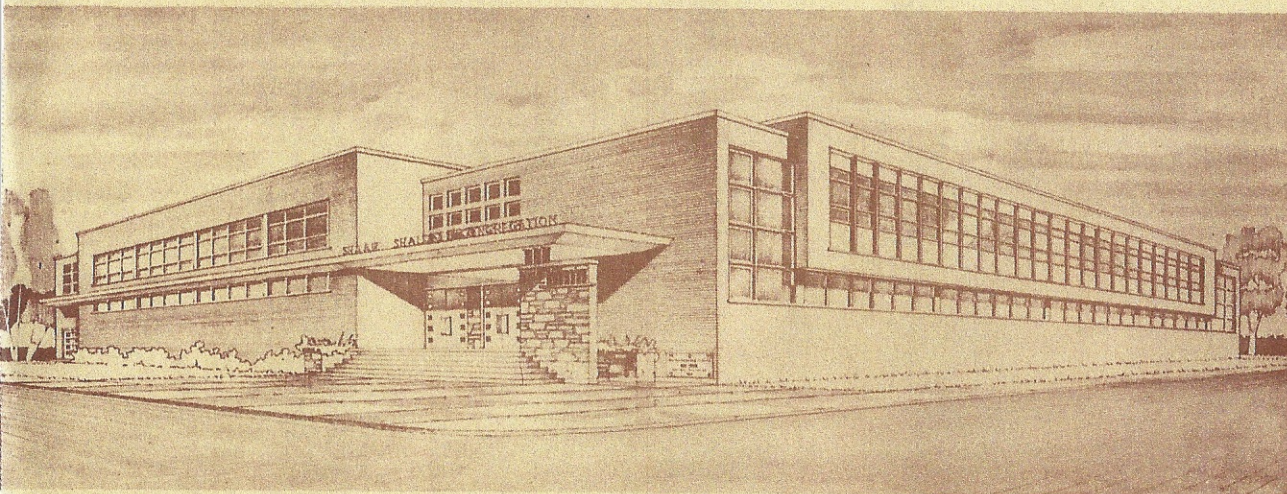


SHAAR SHALOM CONGREGATION

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA



"A Place for Thy Dwelling Hast Thou Made, O Lord." — Exodus

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI . . .

When King Solomon dedicated the Temple, the stage where man was to meet his God, he said that it is God's intention to dwell in the darkness: "Adonai amar lishkon b'aratel". The prophets also speak of the "El haMistater", the hiding God. The Divine advice for discovering God is a simple "Dirshuni v'Chai" seek Me and live.

The whole history of our faith has been this longing of our people after the living God. The Torah is the report of this search of man for his Maker.

The exceptional purpose of the new synagogue we dedicate today is to carry on this ancient endeavor. The men and women who have caused this new structure to rise are in truth those who are dedicated; dedicated to the purposes for which this building has been erected.

Indeed, as long as this building stands it shall be a perpetual tribute to the small group of people who have built it. This synagogue is valid testimony for God's own reason for His selection of Israel as his special treasure: "not that you are the greatest . . . but because you are small have I chosen you."

RABBI DAVID J. JACOBS

GREETINGS

From The President

It is with mingled feelings of jubilant celebration and thanksgiving that we of Shaar Shalom greet this day. We have travelled far and reached a great milestone. Through determination, perseverance and sincerity we have made our dream come true.

It has been a period of strenuous labor which has made exhaustive demands on our strength, time and thought; yet it has been worthwhile for the soul-enriching experience it has been as well as for the reward of this lovely new home for our congregation.

As your president, it has been an honor and a pleasure to lead so dedicated a group of men and women in this historical undertaking. I offer my personal and heartfelt thanks to the Board of Trustees and to the Building Committee, who have given unstintingly and tirelessly of themselves, in a degree of co-operation and self-effacement which, only, could bring about the success in which we now rejoice.

On their behalf as well as on my own, I extend to the entire congregation and to our many friends, sincere thanks for the tremendous effort which you have each and every one so willingly and cheerfully put into the task. Congratulations on the fine result you have achieved.

Above all, I take this opportunity to express the wish that the same spirit which prompted you in erecting the building may continue to guide you in its use and enjoyment through many years to come.

NOA HEINISH

GREETINGS

From The Building Chairman

It was just a year ago that the first sod of our new Synagogue-Center was turned. Our dreams and plans have become a reality, and it gives each and every one of us of Shaar Shalom a great deal of pride and satisfaction to see that in so short a time we have so successfully met the challenge.

I am very happy to pay tribute to the following:

Mr. Reuben S. Fisher, Architect, of Montreal, who designed the building; and Mr. A. E. Priest, Halifax, Associate Architect, for their efforts on our behalf.

To our Building Committee for their diligence, foresight, and careful attention to all details.

To Mr. H. L. Roper and Mr. Owen Hubley, of the Brookfield Construction Co. Ltd., for their close co-operation at all times in every phase of the building.

The new facilities include our combined sanctuary and auditorium, daily chapel, rabbi's study, library, classrooms, teen-agers' recreation room, meeting rooms, offices, social hall, gift shop, kitchens, check rooms, and janitor's quarters.

We are pleased to hand over the building to our House Committee, and I know that the entire Congregation will fully use and enjoy it.

I also wish to pay special tribute to the Congregation, for, were it not for their great enthusiasm and generous financial support this building could not have been erected.

I am very grateful to the Congregation for the confidence which you have placed in me, and I consider it a great honor and privilege to have served as your Building Chairman.

MAX PASCAL

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Prayer for Our Queen and Country

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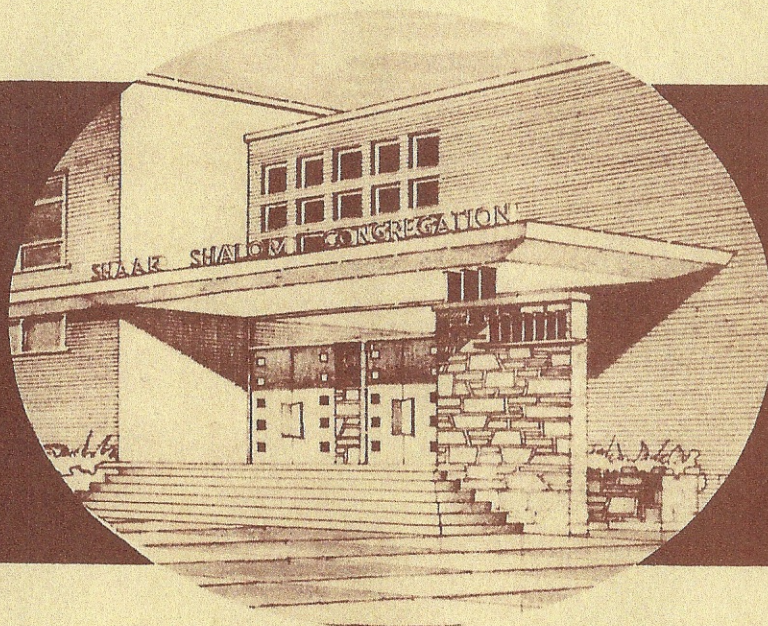
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