



CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH

1961-1986

A CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS

Allan Samansky, President

Gary A. Huber, Rabbi

PROGRAM

Invocation. Rabbi Huber

Welcome. Allan Samansky

Introduction. Carol Folkerth

KLEVELAND KLEZMORIM - First Set

Intermission

Introduction of Joe Vogel. Marty Seltzer

Presentation to the Congregation. Joe Vogel

KLEVELAND KLEZMORIM - Second Set

Reception and Art Exhibit

Klezmer music, the sound that captured the soul of the Jewish people from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the ports of America, the Kleveland Klezmerim (Klezmerim, the plural of Klezmer, is Yiddish for itinerent musician), are part of a revival across the country of this swinging, stomping, and sometimes tearful music. The Klezmer originally wandered from village to village playing for any festive occasion. Playing his heart out, developing his own personal style and virtuostic techniques, the fame of the Klezmer grew far and wide. It would be common to find a Klezmer entertaining guests at a Count's palace, then on to a wedding celebration that might last from one day to a week, or a crazy jam session in a water-side cafe.

The Klezmer came to America with the late 19th century wave of European immigrants. His sound mixed in perfectly with Jazz, from Ragtime to Swing, Bop, and the Big Band era. By the mid-forties, Klezmer musicians had completely assimilated into American culture, leaving behind a rich treasure of recordings. The Kleveland Klezmerim listen to, transcribe, and then arrange these old melodies to fit their own unique instrumentation. Consisting of Greg Selker on marimba, Richard Uhler on clarinet, Alan Douglass on bass, and Joel O'Sickey on his hand-made ceramic drums, the Kleveland Klezmerim proudly carry on the innovative Klezmer tradition by, not just reiterating the sounds of the past, but by adding new melodies, new styles, and new zest to the melting pot that is Klezmer music.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Past Presidents of Congregation Beth Tikvah

- Bernard Bayer (1974-75)
- Harold Chern (1964-65)
- Carol Folkerth (1983-85)
- Bill Gilbert (1969-70)
- Manny Luttinger (1968-69)
- Bob Mayer (1979-81)
- Gil Nestel (1981-83)
- Morris Ojalvo (1965-66)
- Marty Seltzer (1970-72)
- Sandy Shapiro (1966-67)
- Don Simon (1976-78)

- Toni Selsley, Sisterhood
- Faith Leibowitz, 25th Logo
- Laura Zakin, Publicity
- Sam Robbins, Reception
- Milt Lessler, History
- Arlene Levy, History
- Sue Levin, Exhibition
- Judith Nestel, Exhibition, Posters, Flyers
- Joe Vogel, Exhibition
- Rose Luttinger, Archivist

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has helped to make this celebration a success.

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A year of celebration.....

---November 16, 1986, a forum on Beth Tikvah's past present, future.

---May 15, 1987, Rededication of the Congregation featuring a weekend of events.

---A written history of the Congregation

---A special event focusing on women by the Sisterhood

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