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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT: IN MEMORIAM

Three memorial services for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt were held in the Shelter.

On Saturday, April 14 at 10:30 A.M. a religious service took place in the Temple in presence of Joseph H. Smart, director of the Shelter, accompanied by his family and many members of the administration staff.

Rabbi Moses Tzechoval officiated, assisted by Haijm Hazan and Leib Hammer, cantors as well as by Rabbi Sidney Bialik of the Synagogue of Adath Israel. After the prayers Rabbi Bialik in a few simple and moving words stressed the great loss which the American nation and the world have suffered by the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

After the religious service a second ceremony was held on the ground of the old Fort where a tribune decorated by the American flag was erected. The Ontario Orchestra, conducted by Charles Abelles, played the American anthem and then Leo Mirkowiec sang Prayer of Peace by Sibelius.

FREDI BAUM SPEAKS

Then Fredi Baum in the name of the residents, addressed the community. "Franklin Delano Roosevelt has passed away" he said, "one of the greatest statesmen of American history. George Washington has liberated this country, Abraham Lincoln has unified it and welded it into one great commonwealth, Roosevelt was guiding it towards the establishment of lasting peace. He has lived and died to bring to fulfillment the victory of justice

liberty and security—that eternal dream, that eternal longing of mankind. He was a great, fearless leader of warm human qualities, upon whom the whole world has focused its attention to lead it out of barbarism to the light of liberty, of freedom and happiness.

"Though we are not citizens of this country—though most of us have become stateless or perhaps something like world citizens—or maybe because of it—we understand what a personality like Roosevelt signified for the whole world and we understand perhaps better than many others what this death means to the entire world which has recognized him and acclaimed him as one of its greatest leaders. He was a true gentleman, full of comprehension, strong, yet full of compassion, ever ready to help, he was a man free from all prejudices, a true and genuine representative of democracy.

"We, the residents of this Shelter, too, mourn sincerely and with all our hearts this wonderful, noble and great man. We still gratefully remember the visit of his consort, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who so thoughtfully revived our morale, when soon after our arrival she honored us with her visit as an interpreter of her husband's kindly sentiments towards all oppressed and persecuted people.

"We mourn in deepest sympathy with his family with the great American people, with the whole world that has lost one of its best and greatest sons.

"May the Lord grant

this good and noble man eternal peace."

MR. SMART SPEAKS

After Fredi Baum Joseph H. Smart spoke. "We are here," Mr. Smart said, "to express our grief and to mourn Franklin D. Roosevelt whose death is a great loss not only for the American people but for the whole world. When in 1932 this country was threatened by a social revolution, Roosevelt saved it. He gave a new hope to the worker, he strengthened the weak. Now in the war Roosevelt again gave hope to his people and to the world, the hope of a lasting peace and a new security organization. But so great the loss, so deep as our grief may be, we cannot forget that we in America have more faith in principles of freedom and justice than in actions of great individuals. And that faith in just and noble principles on which was based the policy of Franklin D. Roosevelt, justifies our hope and confidence in Harry S. Truman, the new President, who would never have been associated with President Roosevelt, he had not shared his ideals. So continuing our tasks, let us look with faith to the future which will bring to us victory, freedom and a lasting peace."

The Largo by Haendel terminated the simple but impressive ceremony.

A third memorial service was held Sunday morning in the orthodox Synagogue where Rabbi Moses Tzechoval and Israel Rothschild delivered moving speeches.