

Charles Edwin Fox
President: 1923-1930

Rabbi Henry Berkowitz died in 1924 and was replaced by Rabbi Louis Wolsey. Fox was heavily involved in the school, and was President when the new building was dedicated on September 14, 1928. Fox made an impassioned speech that although he had many memories in the current building, it was time to embrace the opportunity before us. "When the new building is completed, when the doors are open, when we walk in, we will walk in equipped with these very memories. And the new building will be in an instant, no longer new, it will be old, very very old, old with the precious heritage of memories and traditions that are imperishable."



Fox established Camp Kennebec in Maine, a secular Jewish haven for generations of boys, many from Philly. In 1926, RS celebrated its 125th year. Two years after the establishment of a juvenile court, Big Brothers Association was established under the leadership of Fox, then an Assistant DA. He founded Fox Rothschild LLP, a prominent law firm. The old Evening Home for Boys at 25 South Van Pelt Street was sold in 1922 to Big Brothers. In 1936, it was renamed the Charles Edwin Fox Memorial Building. An addition was constructed in 1939 by architect Louis Magaziner and then-draftsman Louis Kahn. Fox was VP of the International Big Brothers Big Sisters Association and VP of the PA Child Labor Association. He also served as president of the board of managers of the Glen Mills Reform School.

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