

Harold S. Rosenbluth
President: 1976-1980

Harold S. Rosenbluth grew up in Philadelphia. He was educated at Central High School, the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Law School. His education was interrupted by service in the Army where he saw action in the ETO. He then joined Rosenbluth Travel, the family business. In addition to providing traditional travel services to individual and corporate clients, Rosenbluth Travel assisted many families in bringing their relatives to the United States.



Mr. Rosenbluth and his wife Franny enjoyed travel and collected native art from the four corners of the globe. He similarly loved classical music and served with distinction on the Board of the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Curtis Institute of Music. He worked closely with the congregation's cantors to update the Congregation's sacred music, while keeping a role for the traditional. One musical highlight was his sponsorship of a concert in the Sanctuary with David Kim, Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and Juliette Kang, Field Chair.

Mr. Rosenbluth's global view of the world supported his acceptance of everyone's faith. Accordingly, he was active on the Board of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations at St. Joseph's University. He also studied his own roots through his involvement with the American Jewish Historical Society.

Mr. Rosenbluth chaired the committee which planned the congregation's 200th Anniversary celebration in 1994-95. The year-long celebration included renown intellectual leaders including Anne d'Harnoncourt from the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Samuel Their, M.D., President of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harold Shapiro, President of Princeton University, Daniel Schorr, TV news commentator, and William Safire, columnist.

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