

David J. Kaufman
President: 1983-1986

Born in Harrisburg, David Kaufman graduated Cum Laude from Franklin and Marshall College in 1952 with a B.S. in economics. Following college, he graduated Cum Laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1955 where he served as Note Editor of the Law Review. After service in the U.S Army, he joined the law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr, and Solis Cohen where he served as chair of the estates department for many years and was the managing partner for a short time.



David Kaufman had a long and distinguished career in leadership at Rodeph Shalom. He served as a Trustee from 1967-1969, Secretary from 1969-1973 and as Vice-President from 1973 until becoming President in 1983.

Just prior to David's term as President, he co-chaired the Endowment Fund Committee, which raised \$1,000,000. Also serving on the committee were past Presidents Donald Bean and Ivan H. Gabel.

During his term as President, Rabbi Holin and Cantor Kazansky were installed and renovations were done to both the Suburban and Metropolitan (name used for Center City) campuses. At the Center City site, renovations were done in the Sanctuary where there was scaffolding up to 80 feet high in repairing the dome and ceiling, which cost more than \$100,000.

Mr. Kaufman was involved in many other charitable activities as well, including prior service as President of Jewish Community Chaplaincy Service and a Board member of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and the Jewish Chautauqua Society. David was active in the Federation Allied Jewish Appeal and a recipient of The Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Award. He was a Trustee of the Federation of Greater Philadelphia and served for many years as trustee of Abington Hospital where he was also a board chairman.

David was married to Ginger z"l (formally Virginia Stern) who was a lifelong member of Rodeph Shalom. Together they had two sons, David Jr., and James. Rodeph Shalom was and continues to be a significant part of David's life and we are grateful for all he has done for RS.

Written by Mickey Simon

