

Edward L. Snitzer
President: 1986-1989

Ed Snitzer was always a stabilizing force at Congregation Rodeph Shalom. As the 34th president from 1986 to 1989 he led the congregation through a sensitive rabbinic transition. He arranged for the Sunday edition of CBS TV series "For Our Times" to highlight Philadelphia's Congregation Rodeph Shalom. He demonstrated that our congregants were both Americans and Jews. For Ed, that concept had special meaning. Recalling his childhood when he was beaten up by neighbor because he was a Jew, Ed was proud that our children are free to be Jewish and American.



Born to two immigrant parents, Ed attended Central High School and Temple University. He was the first person in his family to attend college. He then went on to University of Pennsylvania Law School from which he graduated in 1955. He enlisted in the Navy in 1956. Ed wrote the pre-imminent text on Eminent Domain law in Pennsylvania. He left the practice of law in 1973 to start the Investment Management firm Prudent Management Associates in 1982 with his Wharton Professor Partner Marshall Blume. After 37 years, that firm is still thriving and still providing valuable services to RS.

Ed's over 50 year commitment to RS was surpassed only by his unfailing commitment to his family. Married to Gail for 59 years, they raised 4 very successful children: Paul, Andrew, Barbara, and Fred.

Their children, spouses and grandchildren have also participated at RS and continue to do so.

Ed, with Gail and his family, leaves an ongoing legacy to RS. Their contributions to our music fund and to the strength of the congregation will continue as a blessing.

Written by Rick Berkman