



Rabbi Julius Shuback

Shortly after World War II, Rabbi Shuback became the spiritual leader of Beth (later B'nai) Sholom of East Chicago, where he served for nearly half a century. He was a motivating power for just about every good cause in town. He was also a historical figure. As an 18-year-old in 1938, he buried his father, who died of a heart attack on Kristallnacht (the night of the broken glass). Later, Julius was lucky enough to be sponsored for passage to the United States by a relative. However, three years later, his mother and sister died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz. A memory from Carol Smulevitz Friedman: "Listening to the deep, rich baritone vibrato of Rabbi Shuback, his amazing operatic chanting of the psalms and religious readings... It was like being at the Metropolitan Opera at every service. Rabbi exploded in joy at the birth of babies, Brit Milah ceremonies, B'nai Mitzvot, and weddings of his kids." When posting a picture of Rabbi Shuback on Facebook, numerous comments brought smiles and tears to those remembering him. He was a very fine man, indeed. He loved his congregation and was a comedian. One of the wisest men always had a joke to share. He received rabbinical leadership awards from the State of Israel Bonds, the United Jewish Appeal, and the Jewish Life Line. He was lauded for outstanding service to the community by two mayors on at least three occasions. Rabbi Shuback passed away on March 13, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jewel Dorothy Shuback, with whom he was married for 60 years. He is survived by two children, Joyce Hertz and Fred Shuback, and eight grandchildren.