



The landlord and the Rabbi

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After War II, a young holocaust survivor and Rabbi, arrived in New York City. He would conduct Shabbat services in the basement garage of the apartment building he lived in. Many other survivors and Jews from Europe had moved to the same building they would attend the services. Their weekly Shabbat grew rapidly.

The Rabbi had an idea. He approached the landlord of the building. The landlord was a millionaire. His parents were German, and the Holocaust and World War II were both still fresh in the minds of people.

Nevertheless, the Rabbi asked the landlord if he would help them with a new larger space.

The landlord agreed.

He donated a piece of real estate at 723 Avenue Z. This became the Beach Haven Jewish Centre and it is still open to this day. The landlord also gave his own financial contribution for the building of a synagogue.

In 1956, when the cornerstone for the new synagogue was laid, the landlord attended the ceremony as well.

This landlord quickly became good friends with the Rabbi. He would help out other Jews in desperate need of assistance and provide extremely generous financial aid.

The landlord also continued providing financial aid to the synagogue over the years.

He was a generous and kind Christian man and he would instill his own respect for the Jews into his 14-year-old son, who was a wild and adventurous boy.

Today, the Rabbi's own son vividly recalled seeing landlord's 14-year-old boy collecting coins from the laundry machines as he and his fellow Jews were praying the morning prayers.

The landlord was teaching his son the importance of responsibility.

Anyway, the landlord's name was Fred Trump.
And his 14-year-old boy was Donald Trump.

And as the Rabbi's son recalls, Donald learned to be a supporter of Israel and generous friend of the Jews from his own father.

The Rabbis said this about Fred Trump in a recent news article: "His respect for my father was incredible. He was a fine person with a generous heart. I have no doubt that that merit helped Donald Trump, who was always very respectful of his own father and obeyed him in everything."

Below is a picture of landlord Fred C Trump and the Rabbi at the groundbreaking for the construction of the synagogue.

I googled "Fred Trump synagogue" just to do my due diligence and verify before posting and found the active Synagogue's about us page!
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Our Center:

The Beach Haven Jewish center, prides itself for it's inclusive environment and welcoming atmosphere. The goal is to continue the expansion of this Jewish community of Gravesend, where Jewish people of all backgrounds and affiliations can find a home.

Our story began in the 1950's, when Rabbi Israel Wagner was appointed as Rabbi of a newly established Jewish community of Beach Haven. Many of the local residents were holocaust survivors and army veterans who had witnessed the horrors of WWII.

In its infancy, the community's approximately 30 members prayed in an underground garage in one of the development's buildings. After just a few years under Rabbi Wagner's warm leadership, the community expanded exponentially and the space was no longer large enough to accommodate the congregation's needs.

Having only heard about their landlord, Mr. Fred Trump, by name, Rabbi Wagner set out to meet him in the hopes that Mr. Trump would assist them in establishing a new facility as a Jewish community Center.

From the first meeting, a deep friendship sparked between Mr. Trump, a Lutheran land developer, and Rabbi Wagner, a Polish Jew. Their mutual love, respect, and friendship only deepened over the next 48 years.

Mr. Fred Trump donated the plot of land where the synagogue was built and contributed towards the construction. He then attended the dinner every year and generously donated to the Beach Haven Jewish Center. He affectionately referred to Rabbi Wagner as "My Rabbi" at their yearly meetings.

Our Vision:

From the onset, the Beach Haven Jewish community was founded on a few core principles: deep faith, Ahavat Yisrael (loving your fellow as you love yourself,) the love of Israel, and a firm belief in the power of a strong and authentic Jewish identity.

The community understood that the future of the Jewish people lies in the education and involvement of the youth. One of the first communal programs established was a Hebrew School. The Youth Congregation was also a focus of the Beach Haven Jewish Community. Under the guidance of Rebbetzin Wagner, the Young Women's Group was also established.

The community was established on a base of unity and friendship and continues to be that way until today. The love, warmth, and energy upon which the Beach Haven Jewish community were founded, have only grown.

Our Rabbi & Rebbetzin:

Since 2013, Rabbi Shimmy and Sarah Silver and their family have dedicated their life to support the continued growth of family and youth programs. They host Bar/Bat Mitzvah Clubs, Monthly Shabbat Children's programs, Shabbat and Holiday Festivities, Weekly prayers, and so much more- all permeated with vibrancy and joy of Judaism.

Step inside! With a searching heart and a curious mind, you are sure to find something you connect to.

