

# Note of appreciation from Cantor Mendel Fogel



*We all have certain moments and occasions during our lifetime when we feel the need to pause in our daily activities and reflect on days or even years gone by.*

*I just have had such a moment when I reached my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is, I believe, a special blessing to reach this age in relatively good health and strength, and I am most thankful to G-d for this gift of life He granted me.*

*But in addition to this kindness from Hashem, I have had the heartwarming joy of being joined in celebration by the members of my beloved Congregation Shaare Zedek during prayer services.*

*I was presented with a "Precentors Koren Edition Siddur" by Rabbi Bright on behalf of the Congregation, followed by a Congregational kiddush luncheon served in the banquet hall, sponsored by Past Chairman of Shaare Zedek, Allen Spector and his wife Carole.*

*Further honors were extended to me and my blessed wife, "tzu lange yohren", Frances, on the following Monday by the daily Minyanaires, tendering a special catered breakfast sponsored by Past Presidents Larry Wexler and his wife Charna, and Arthur Newman and his wife Diane.*

*Reflecting on all this, I utilize this edition of "Reflections" to express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the Congregation Shaare Zedek for this great honor, and even more, for the pleasure and privilege to serve this distinguished Congregation for fifty-six fruitful years.*

*I hope and fervently pray for the continuation of this extraordinary close relation in the days and years ahead.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you all and wish you a Happy and Blessed Year on Rosh Hashanah. Shalom, Todah Rabah  
Mendel Fogel, Cantor Emeritus*