



Sam Baum was the Superintendent of B'nai Israel Cemetery from 1911-1962. One of the entrance pillars at the cemetery is dedicated to him. Additionally, a plaque was presented to him at the congregation's Annual Meeting in October 1954 "in recognition of 43 years of faithful service and devotion to the congregation as Superintendent of the Cemetery."

At that meeting, Julius Lindy (President of the Congregation) said:

Sitting among us tonight in this very room is a gentleman who in his own quiet, humble, and dignified manner has been Superintendent of the Temple Cemetery since 1911. This date is recorded in the Temple's own minute books when Victor Woerner was President of the Congregation. The old by-laws called for 3 annual trips by the Superintendent, but this man has averaged two trips a week, come rain or shine, winter and summer, over 100 trips a year. I measured the mileage on my car speedometer. He has driven his car 8,600 miles looking after the Cemetery for us, with his only compensation being the satisfaction of a job well done.

The result is a cemetery unequalled in beauty anywhere in this area. Just a few months ago he conducted a one-man campaign to beautify the Cemetery and collected single-handed \$1,065.00. He wrote 100 letters by hand to out-of-town people, those that he could not see in person, but he got the job done.

A member of the Congregation for 60 years, he served as Sunday School Superintendent for two years until we got our first rabbi—Rabbi Schreiber—for the old Temple on College Street. He was on the Board of Trustees in 1913 and was Financial Secretary from 1920-1932 under the administration of J.L. Rosenbloom, Sr. He was appointed to the Building Committee in 1913 and has served off and on the committee to the present day.



Sam Baum
(January 2, 1871 - June 15, 1962)

*Zichrono Livracha
May his memory be for blessing.*