

EULOGY, TRIBUTE PAID MERCHANT DULUTH PIONEER

Masonic and Hebrew Services Mark Last Rites at Funeral of Bernard Silberstein.

Impressive services marked the last tribute of friends, beneficiaries and relatives over the body of Bernard Silberstein one of Duluth's leading citizens and head of a local business house, who was laid to rest at Woodland cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Eulogy and tribute came from every quarter to this man who has been a fixture in Duluth's progress for more than a half a century. Services were conducted both in the Jewish faith and at the Masonic temple, where his former fellow lodgemen paid their last respect to a member of the Palestine lodge.

Body Lies In State.

Following short and private services for a limited number of close friends and relatives, the body was removed from the residence 21 North Twenty-first avenue East to the Masonic Temple, where it lies in state until 2 p. m. Masonic services were then conducted.

At the temple Rabbi Alvin Luchs, of the Temple Emmanuel congregation, delivered a short eulogy. Following the Masonic services, the body was taken to Woodland cemetery for interment. Here Dr. Maurice Lefkowitz, of Minneapolis, formerly a Duluth rabbi, delivered an eulogy over the grave. Dr. Lefkowitz was a personal friend of Mr. Silberstein for many years.

Eulogizes Merchant's Character.

Dr. Lefkowitz quoted a passage from the Jewish scriptures and paid the following tribute to the deceased:

"And thou shalt sacrifice a peace-offering; and thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God; and thou shalt write upon the stone this law very plainly. (Deuter. xvii-7-8).

"The words are appropriate, the thought significant. For we are engaged, at this hallowed spot, in the bringing of a peace-offering without blemish. Bernard Silberstein was pre-eminently a man of peace, a lover of peace and a pursuer of peace. Always true to himself, never compromising with his conscience, fearless and persistent in what he deemed right and just, he was ever at peace with himself.

Courteous to All.

"Treating all his fellows alike, equally courteous and gracious to prince and pauper, to patrician and plebian, to the humblest as to the highest—giving to each man his due, and encroaching upon the right of no man, he was at peace with his fellow men. Demanding little of life and giving much, modest in his claims and generous in his benefactions, accepting whatever came to him of joy or of sorrow, of triumph or travail, of success or failure, in a spirit of equal self-possession and fortitude, he was at peace with his God, to whose benign will he was ever ready hopefully to submit.

"At peace with himself, his fellow men, and his God, we are yielding our beloved, in response to the summons from on high, as a peace-offering without blemish."

Personnel of Pallbearers.

Active pallbearers from the Covenant lodge, B'nai B'rith of which Mr. Silberstein had been a member for 52 years, were: A. B. Kapplin, Hugo Freimuth, David Lowens, Louis Z. Zalk, Dr. E. Z. Shapiro and Harry Gordon.

Active pallbearers during the Masonic ceremonies were: Sam and Lewis Loeb, H. R. Armstrong, George Spaulding, John H. LaVaque and Lionel Ayres. Members of the Thirty-third degree Masons in Duluth acted as honorary pallbearers.