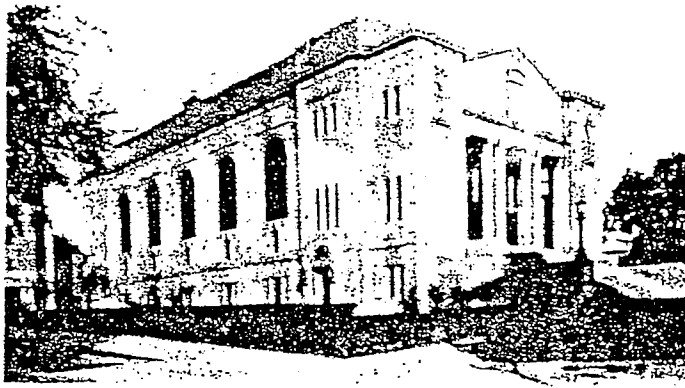


# CONGREGATION MISHKAN TEFILA



SEAVER STREET at ELM HILL AVE. - BOSTON 21, MASS.

March 8, 1948

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Cantor Wolf Garbarz of Dublin, Ireland, officiated at the High Holiday Services at our main Temple, which has a seating capacity of over 1800.

Cantor Garbarz was chosen from a list of over fifty candidates whom we auditioned for the position. After the Holiday Services, our Board of Directors voted unanimously to engage him as our permanent cantor to succeed our late beloved cantor, Izaac G. Glickstein, who served us for a period of twenty-five years. However, due to possible delays in Cantor Garbarz' obtaining a permanent visa to remain in the United States and also to the possibility that we might not obtain the services of another cantor on whom we had an eye, if it turned out that a visa for Cantor Garbarz could not be had, we engaged this other cantor. However, since we signed our contract with this other cantor, we found a formula by which Cantor Garbarz could very easily obtain a permanent visa.

As Vice-President of the Congregation and Chairman of the Cantorial Committee, I am pleased to state that, in my humble opinion, Cantor Garbarz has no peer in the American Cantorate. He is gifted with a beautiful dramatic tenor voice of unusual range and quality. He is a pious Jew who fears God and may truly be called an "Ish Yehudi". When one gets to know him intimately, one will find in him the genuine "Sheliach Teibur" , a personality who is worthy to be a true messenger of his people. He is a great Hebrew scholar, whose "Parush Hamilus" is "par excellence". His "Nusach Hatfilah" is the truly traditional Jewish "Nusach" and is not the kind of "Nusach" based on operatic or other foreign sources.

I feel certain that after one meets Cantor Garbarz and one gets fully acquainted with him and one listens to his inimitable renditions of our sacred chants, one will find that I have understated rather than overstated his true worth.

B. LEONARD KOLOVSON  
Vice-President, Congregation  
Chairman, Cantorial Committee