

C O N G R E G A T I O N B N A I Y E H U D A

Growing up on the South Side was a wonderful experience for me. My father Sam Dosick ran a produce business peddling from his truck to all our neighbors along 47th Street on the near South Side. Soon he did well enough to open his own store at 47th and Indiana. We had a full life which included going to shul (Agudath Achim on Escanaba). We had gone to either Conservative or Orthodox synagogues our entire life, so when I got married we continued this tradition with our own four children.

As life went on we moved around to other South Side communities eventually settling in Jeffrey Manor near 80th and Clyde. There we joined our first Reform Temple, B'nai Yehuda located at 82nd and Jeffrey. This was quite a change from the more traditional synagogues we had gone to our entire lives. It was in the mid 1960s when our youngest daughter, Nancy was about 8 years old and we were attending our first High Holiday service at B'nai Yehuda. All of a sudden, Nancy came running up to me and said "Mommy, are we in a church?" I was rather awe struck by her question and asked her why she thought we were in a church. She said, "well don't you see and hear the organ on the bimah?" I laughed to myself and wondered how such a young child could draw such a distinction between a Conservative and Reform synagogues.

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