



The Sadugor Gazebo at the Garden of Remembrance was the site of the Tenth Annual Community Memorial Service.

More than 200 Attend September 12 Community Memorial Service

On a cool, drizzly morning, on September 12, over 200 people gathered at the Sadugor Gazebo for the tenth annual High Holy Days Community Memorial Service at the Garden of Remembrance. Rabbi Susan Shankman, joined Cantors Mikhail Manevich and Ilana Wolpert of B'nai Israel, and Rabbis Mark Raphael of Kehilat Shalom, and Jack Luxemburg of Temple Beth Ami in leading the service.

All were joined in a community of memory as their loved ones were honored. Families listened as Rabbi Luxemburg recalled the old children's story *The Graveyard Book*, reminding us that it takes a graveyard to be a community, and then joined the other clergy in reading a long list of names of those buried here. This reading was a powerful statement that our loved ones did live, and will not be forgotten. This gathering, in between our most important High Holy Days, was a powerful symbol that emotionally connected us with our own mortality. The service was a time of reflection and remembrance, and a time to gain perspective of our lives.

The congregation joined in song and responsive readings. Many visited the resting places of their loved ones. As the service ended, the skies temporarily cleared with meaning, on this special September day of continued remembrance.



There are many opportunities to memorialize and honor loved ones in the Garden of Remembrance. To learn more, visit www.gardenofremembrance.org or call Sheldon Grosberg at 301-428-3000.