

Suzanne's Retirement June 6th, 2010
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My, how time flies when you are having fun!

Suzanne, can you believe it – 21 years, or is it 22, as our Executive Director. It seems like only yesterday, but it was actually 18 years ago, when Saul Simon, of blessed memory, suggested to me that I take over for him as the Synagogue Treasurer, a job that supposedly would take 2 - 3 hours per week – apparently he meant 2 - 3 hours per day!

Thanks to Saul Simon, that's when our friendship began, as well as our daily routine. My phone would ring each morning about 8:30. We would discuss the daily synagogue happenings. The day didn't seem complete without that phone call! For many years, that was my wake up call.

A few years ago, when I started walking at the reservoir in the morning, my cell phone would ring. If I was lucky enough to be in an area with a signal, I'd walk and we'd talk! Often, my next stop was to meet with you to further discuss the synagogue's goings on.

As an expression of our friendship, and I believe are also the feelings of

The Emanuel Family, following are a few lines from a poem that are appropriate for the “clean-up hitter” that you have been.

**I (We) remember always, your smiling face,
So willing and able to help, no matter the place.
You’ve showed in so many ways, how much you care,
That type of genuine concern can really be rare.**

I’m not sure we will have to continue our talks at 8:30, but the Emanuel community wanted to make sure that you’ll be able to keep track of time – wherever you may spend it – so Suzanne, please come up to accept this gift from everyone at the Emanuel.