

זמי ז"ל

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Not because of his departure on Rosh Hashana, because of his life as an example of everything good and just. My memories of him are truly a blessing.

Honoring Saba Zami's legacy, great grandson Ari expressed the following in his Bar Mitzvah speech:

Ari Ben Zvi – Great grandson

On May 4th, 2019, I decided to dedicate my Bar Mitzva D'var Torah to my great grandfather, Zami Ben-Zvi.

Saba Zami, born Shmuel Hirschfeld, March 17th, 1925, is a founder of a kibbutz in northern Israel, near the Sea of Galilee, the Kineret. Kfar Hanassi, the village of the President, is named for Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel. Incidentally, the second president of Israel, Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, had the same last name as my great grandfather – and me.

As a child Holocaust survivor, Saba Zami was forced to leave his home in Germany, and was separated from his mother and sister. He was rescued by the Kindertransport program, which relocated him to England. Alone, and with no family, he lived in various foster homes across the United Kingdom. He eventually arrived in Scotland, where he met my great grandmother. After he served in the British army, my great grandparents immigrated to Palestine. Choosing to move to Palestine at that time, with all of the existing dangers and challenges, and working extremely hard to establish a new life and set down roots, took extraordinary initiative, determination, and courage. I am grateful for what you have achieved in your life Saba Zami, and I feel fortunate to have met you. You will always be a true inspiration to me.

Suellyn Ben-Zvi – Daughter in law

