

# Chapter 11 Beyond the Temple Walls

All that goes on under the sun . . .  
—Ecclesiastes 9:3

Long before they formed a congregation, Fort Worth's Reform Jews were involved in the community. Their contributions to the outside realm have not abated. Congregants interact with the larger world in business, finance, politics, the military, social services, leisure, and interfaith endeavors. Numbering some 2,500 residents within a city of 516,000, Fort Worth Jewry naturally integrates with the larger universe.

Illustrating that high degree of involvement was Marcus Ginsburg, a lawyer active in Jewish and secular causes. As longtime legal counsel for Texas Christian University, Ginsburg enjoyed the irony of being called the "Texas Christian attorney." Upon learning that Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger was teaching at TCU's Brite Divinity School, he phoned Mecklenburger, congratulating him on becoming a "Texas Christian rabbi."

## First Things First . . .

Spotlighting congregants' accomplishments during the first 100 years —By Marian Haber

We take pride when fellow Jews at Beth-El become the first in their fields to earn recognition for varied endeavors—from drafting legislation in Austin to reporting the war against terrorism in far-away Afghanistan. Their accomplishments demonstrate that there are few barriers to Jewish involvement. Their Temple affiliation conveys shared religious identity. There is collective pride when members of the extended Temple family become trail-blazers. Following is a small sampling . . .

It all began in 1856 with founding member **Simon Gabert** (1836–1911), the first Jewish pioneer

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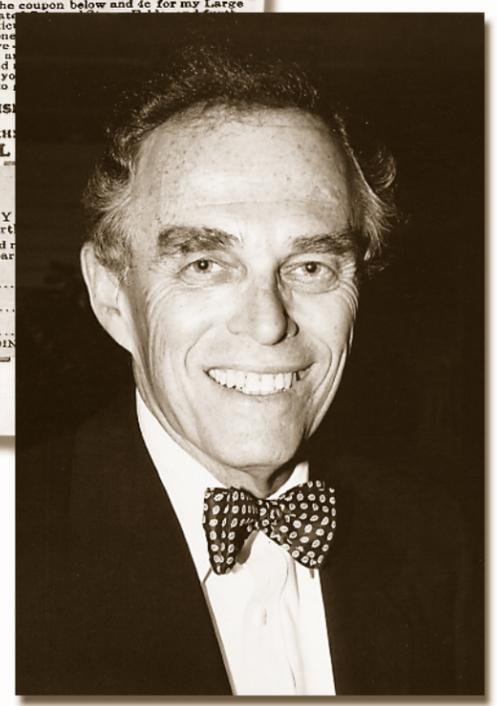
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to settle in Fort Worth. When gold fever broke out in California, Gabert headed West. He later returned to Fort Worth, becoming a cotton broker. When the first railroad line reached Fort Worth in 1876, **Oscar Seligman** (1855–1934) arrived, becoming "one of Fort Worth's first trade emissaries to

**BAYARD H. FRIEDMAN,**  
Fort Worth mayor, 1963 to 1965.



West Texas." According to the *Star-Telegram*, Seligman traveled on horseback, selling wholesale liquor and tobacco to stores in outlying towns. In 1892, attorney **Theodore Mack** (1864–1952) argued the first case on the docket of the Second Court of Civil Appeals, which had just been established in Fort Worth. Two years later he moved from Albany, Texas, to Fort Worth, becoming Cowtown's first Jewish attorney.

**Sam Rosen** (1868–1932), a Russian immigrant to Texas, pioneered in residential real estate development, planning a North Side neighborhood for stockyards employees. Rosen is the only Fort Worth Jew to have a school (Sam Rosen Elementary) and a church (Rosen Heights Baptist) named for him. Brothers **Will and Henry Nureburg**, who moved to Fort Worth in 1903 from Greenville, Texas, were pioneers in the lumber business and the first in the nation, according to their descendants, to market plywood.

**B. Max Mehl** (1884–1957), who made his fortune from rare pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, was the first in the world to launch a mail-order coin-collecting business. The *Saturday Evening Post* of February 5, 1949, ran a cover story about Mehl titled, "The Dean of American Numismatists: Want \$3750 for a Nickel?"

## Coast to Coast

The first congregant to make it big in the Big Apple was **David Carb** (1885–1952), a New York playwright and a drama critic for *Vogue*. He wrote several Broadway plays and a biographical novel, *Sunrise in the West*. The novel was about his grandmother, Babette, who emigrated from Alsace to the antebellum South and later to Fort Worth. David Carb, along with Eugene O'Neill and Edna St. Vincent Millay, was a member of the Provincetown Players, the Massachusetts troupe that sparked the nation's Little Theater movement in the 1920s. Carb often said that Fort Worth's Greenwall Opera House, operated by Beth-El founder Phillip Greenwall, gave him his first taste of Broadway.

On the opposite coast was **Rufus LeMaire**, the first congregant to make his name in Hollywood. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer casting director got a phone call in 1936 from Fort Worth publisher Amon Carter, asking how Cowtown could outshine Dallas during the Texas Centennial celebration. LeMaire introduced Carter to Broadway impresario Billy Rose, who created the first Casa Mañana

production, a summerlong extravaganza complete with nude showgirls and live elephants.

**Politics**

**Sam Davidson**, an early Beth-El president, was the first Jew elected to the Fort Worth City Commission, the equivalent of the city council. Voted in during 1906, Davidson served as the first parks commissioner, earning the sobriquet “father of the city parks.”

**Abe Greines** (1898–1978), a family physician, TCU football star, and co-founder of the Fort Worth Boys Club, was the Fort Worth School Board’s first Jewish member, serving from 1953 to 1962. The school district’s \$6.5 million Wilkerson-Greines Activities Center, an athletic complex dedicated in 1981, honors his memory.



CONGRESSMAN MARTIN FROST, left, got his start in politics through the Temple Youth Group launched in 1957 by Rabbi Robert Schur.

**Bayard H. Friedman** (1926–1998), called “Mr. Fort Worth,” was the city’s first Jewish mayor, serving from 1963 to 1965. Friedman is credited with helping negotiate the agreement with rival Dallas to build the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. When Friedman died in October 1998, mounted police units led a procession downtown to the first memorial service held at the Bass Performance Hall, which Friedman was instrumental in creating.

**Martin Frost**, another politician who grew up at Beth-El, is the first practicing Jew to represent Texas in Congress. The third-highest ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, Frost went to Capitol Hill in 1978 and is the highest-ranking Jewish congressman in history. Frost says he is proudest of his work on behalf of his district, creating and retaining jobs in the defense industry, funding a regional veteran’s cemetery, and helping launch rapid transit in Dallas. Frost’s first taste of the campaign trail came in 1957, when he was elected regional reporter of the Texas Federation of Temple Youth. In 1960 he was elected treasurer of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), becoming Beth-El’s

first national officer in the Temple Youth movement.

**Civic Involvement**

Attorney **Henry Mack** (1903–1968) did not hold elective office, yet he was responsible for what may well be the first gun-control legislation in Texas. Concerned that local Jewish pawnbrokers were marketing firearms to gangsters, he drafted a bill outlawing the sale of machine guns, except to licensed law enforcement officials. He persuaded state Rep. Tom Renfro to shepherd the bill through the Legislature. Mack’s motivation was the Page 1 kidnapping on July 22, 1933, of an Oklahoma oilman. The weapon used in the abduction was purchased from Wolf & Klar, a pawnshop owned by fellow Jews. Details of the notorious kidnapping are dramatized in the 1958 movie, *Machine Gun Kelly*,



Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Mack Scrapbook, American Jewish Archives

starring Charles Bronson.

Many congregants perform civic duties. **Arnold Gachman**, a third-generation scrap metal dealer, served as president of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. He coordinated Fort Worth’s 20-year plan on solid waste, which mandates recycling up to 40% of the city’s trash. The Gachman family history is an immigrant success story that began with Arnold’s grandfather Jake, a Russian refugee who reached Texas through the Galveston Movement. He founded Gachman Metals & Recycling in 1913, a family business that continued with his son, Leon Gachman, and has stood the test of time.

**Louise K. Appleman**, the Temple’s first woman president, was the first Jewish member in the Fort Worth Junior League, the women’s volunteer organization that spearheads social-service initiatives. Appleman was tapped for membership in 1970 and elected president in 1980. Today, religion is no longer a barrier to Junior

League membership or to leadership in a host of volunteer and social activities once tacitly restricted. Louise and Gordon Appleman’s daughter, **Anne Appleman Mann**, was the city’s first Jewish debutante, making her bow at a Steeplechase ball in 1990. Their son, Michael Appleman, a Temple board member in 2002, served as Steeplechase president in 1997. **Louise Appleman** was also elected to the board of Tarrant County College in 1988 and won reelection into the millennium.

Some get their name on ballots, others on buildings. The first congregant to have a major Dallas landmark named after him is **Morton H. Meyerson**. Meyerson, who was confirmed at Beth-El in 1953, played piano and sang throughout high

school and college. His love of music and his business skills—he was president of Electronic Data Systems—led him to become the Dallas Symphony Orchestra’s building committee chairman in the mid-1980s. Meyerson’s boss, billionaire H. Ross Perot, contributed \$10 million to the orchestra’s downtown home “to assure that the new hall would meet . . . international standards.” When the Symphony Association offered Perot the opportunity to name the facility, he

surprised the public by choosing to honor his “friend, business colleague and [symphony supporter], Morton H. Meyerson.” The center opened in 1989.

**Leonard H. Roberts**, chairman and chief executive officer of RadioShack Corporation, was named United Way of America board chairman in 2002. The previous year, in the wake of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center, Roberts headed the United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County’s annual campaign. Faced with local layoffs and a slowing national economy, he managed an aggressive, innovative campaign that raised \$25.4 million, the most successful United Way drive in Tarrant County history.

**Medicine**

Medical milestones are another way in which Beth-El congregants have made a difference. **Polly Mack** (1873–1939) and others active in the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) were responsible for establishing the city’s first children’s hospital in 1918. Called the Fort Worth Free Baby Hospital and located in Park Hill, it was the forerunner of Fort Worth Children’s Hospital. Mack’s motivation for launching the baby hospital was her first pregnancy. Skeptical about local medical care, she returned home to Cincinnati in 1903 for the birth of her son. She returned to Texas convinced that Fort Worth should develop a health-care facility for newborns and their mothers. Mack, as NCJW president, raised funds,



MORTY MEYERSON (inset) grew up at Beth-El. He is the namesake of Dallas’s Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

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**These 25 First Century Distinguished Alumni Award winners are graduates who have brought honor to the FWISD through their accomplishments. Awards will be presented at the Centennial Celebration, 7 p.m. Monday, March 7 at the Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center (next to Clark Stadium). Come help us honor some of Fort Worth's most outstanding people.**

**Charlie Mary Noble\***  
Fort Worth High School, 1895  
One of the foremost astronomy teachers of her time, Charlie Noble was namesake of the Noble Planetarium at the Museum of Science and History. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1923, after she had already taught five years. Her example and her lessons inspired many serious scholars before her retirement from the FWISD in 1943. Ranking high among her honors is an award from the Astronomical League — the first ever presented to a woman. She also "won the Altrusa's First Lady Civic Award."

**Marion Day Miller\***  
Fort Worth High School, 1908  
Marion Day Miller has been recognized as an author of note, cultural and educator of the Fort Worth Women's Club.

**Versie J. Evans\***  
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The NCJW worked closely with **Dr. Edwin G. Schwarz** (1894–1962), Fort Worth’s “father of pediatric medicine.” A native of Lockhart, Texas, Schwarz was chief medical officer at Benbrook’s Taliaffero Field during World War I. While stationed in the area, he attended Beth-El, where he met his future bride, Annette Lederman. Post-war, Schwarz opened the city’s first pediatric practice, notifying the newspapers that his specialty would be “limited to children’s and contagious diseases . . . [including] infant feeding consultation.” Schwarz cared for three generations of children and became the first chief of staff at Cook Children’s Hospital. That hospital merged with Fort Worth Children’s Hospital to become the Cook Children’s Medical Center, which named its physicians’ library in Schwarz’s memory.

**Dr. Louis J. Levy** (1913–1993), a nationally prominent orthopedic surgeon,



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**MARCUS GINSBURG** worked globally for human rights.



was among 25 Fort Worth public-school graduates tapped in 1982 for the district’s First Century Distinguished Alumni Awards. The list also included astronaut Alan Bean and singer John Denver. Levy, a second-generation congregant, was a widely published researcher who pioneered surgical techniques for repairing bone and muscle tissue. As a civic leader, Levy is credited with taking the first steps toward the creation in 1965 of the Medical Hall at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

**On campus**

At the college level, **Michael Winesanker** was the city’s first musicologist, an academician versed in the historical and theoretical analysis of music. He was also the first Jewish department head at Texas Christian University, leading the School of Music from 1956 to 1981.

The first TCU building named for Beth-El congregants is Brachman Hall, a co-ed dormitory honoring the university’s longtime benefactors **Sol and Etta Brachman**.

**Roz and Manny Rosenthal**, of Standard Meat Company, established the nation’s first endowed chair in meat sciences in 1987 at his alma

mater, Texas A&M University. The chair, designed for research and education, was created to restore the profitability of meat in the Texas agriculture industry. The campus’s E.M. “Manny” Rosenthal Meat Sciences and Technology Center was named in his honor. The Rosenthals’ Standard Meat Company modified Cryovac packaging to extend the shelf life of meat products and pioneered with custom packaging and portion control tailored to restaurant chains. **Manny Rosenthal** (1922–2001) also served as vice chairman and honorary vice chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In 1987, he was among 17 Jewish leaders to meet in Miami with Pope John Paul II.



**MANNY AND ROZ ROSENTHAL** are first in many people’s hearts for their generous gifts of leadership, compassion, and philanthropy.

**Barry Shlachter**, a *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* writer, covered the pope’s 1987 visit to America. In 2002, Shlachter was named the state’s premier reporter by the Headliners Foundation of Texas. Shlachter, on loan to parent company Knight-Ridder and its wire service, covered the war against terrorism in the autumn of 2001. He reported from New York, Afghanistan, Israel, Bahrain, the Persian Gulf, and from three aircraft carriers. A former overseas correspondent for the Associated Press, Shlachter observed: “When I covered Afghanistan in the 1970s, I was the youngest correspondent at age

Jewish delegation to Jordan since 1948. Two secretaries of state, Christian Herter and Dean Rusk, appointed Ginsburg to the United States Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Social, and Cultural Organization). He served from 1959 to 1965 and was chairman of a committee that produced a 1963 United Nations booklet titled, *Advocacy of the Great Questions of Human Rights: A Guide for Community Action*. Ginsburg personally presented the booklet to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant.

**Firsts at Beth-El**

Within the Temple walls, congregants have initiated a number of firsts. The first bat mitzvah girl, dubbed a *bas Torah*, was Tami Hoffman Jara in 1972. The first bar mitzvah was 18 years earlier in 1954, and the boy was **Sherwin M. Goldman**. Now executive producer of the New York City Opera, Goldman is also the first congregant to receive a Tony Award, presented for his 1977 revival of *Porgy and Bess*.

While Goldman made Temple history on the *bimah*, his sister, **Carol Goldman Minker**, achieved a less visible milestone. She was the first

Temple member to ride down Beth-El’s elevator, in 1980. The two-person conveyance was financed by **Laura**

**Stein** in memory of her sisters Harriet and Katie. Although the elevator was installed with seniors in mind, Minker, in her 30s, gratefully hobbled on. A Colorado ski accident had put her in a plaster cast from hip to heel.

**Ruby Kantor, Susan Mitchell, and Jo**

**Beth Williams** shared the spotlight January 26, 1979, as the first in the congregation to celebrate an adult bat mitzvah. The trio took an 11-week class exploring Judaism and completed independent work on issues relating to their thoughts on Judaism.

The first congregant to celebrate his second bar mitzvah was 83-year-old **Charles Miron**. Because the Bible teaches that a natural life span is “three score years and ten,” the sages declared that when people reach age 70, they start counting again. As he approached his 83rd birthday, Miron, a Russian-born retired engineer, decided he was ripe for a second bar mitzvah. Relatives from Brooklyn to Odessa, Texas, attended the ceremony April 6, 1990. “I’m thankful for being healthy in body and mind, and it’s about time to celebrate it,” Miron told the *Star-Telegram* on the eve of his second coming-of-age.

At Beth-El, we look forward to more trailblazing firsts during our second 100 years. 🌟



**TALENTED SHERWIN GOLDMAN** grew up to win a Tony award for his Broadway revival of *Porgy and Bess*.

29. But now, at 52, I was older than the warlords.”

Attorney **Marcus Ginsburg** (1915–1996) was also a global thinker. As national vice president of the American Jewish Committee, he headed its Commission on International Affairs. That position that took him, in 1985, to the Middle East to seek peace with heads of state in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan. It was the first official

## All Over the Map

Throughout the past 100 years, Jewish builders and land developers have named more than a dozen city streets and landmarks after their coreligionists.

Rosen Heights, the residential area launched a century ago to house meatpacking plant employees, is named for developer Sam Rosen, whose children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren grew up at Beth-El. Rosen Heights' streets include Ephriham Avenue, named for Rosen's oldest son, who actually spelled his name *Ephriam*, without the extra h. Rosen Avenue, of course, is named for the developer.

Carb Drive, off Roaring Springs Road in Westworth Village, carries the surname of homebuilder Meredith Carb, a Temple president during the 1930s. Simondale Drive, which intersects with Colonial Parkway, is

named for U. M. Simon, another Temple president. Simon bought this property when it was part of the TCU addition. He platted the residential streets, naming one for himself. Leo Karrens, a developer who lived in Fort Worth during the 1950s, used his name but altered the spelling when he platted Karen Circle in Ridglea. Rashti Court in Bluebonnet Hills got its moniker from builder Aaron Rashti. He named nearby Jeanette Court for his daughter.

Throughout Wedgwood, each street begins with the letter w, a promotional gimmick, said its developer, Irwin Krauss. When Krauss's friend Jerry Wolens saw the street sign pattern emerging, he asked that a thoroughfare be named for him and his wife, Sylvia. The developer agreed and dubbed one street

Wolens Way. Another Wedgwood thoroughfare, Winesanker Way, is named after Rebecca Winesanker, a childhood friend of Krauss's daughter Barbara. "Rebecca, in her own gentle way, was not bashful," Krauss recalled. "Like Jerry Wolens, she also asked me to name a street."

Ben H. Rosenthal Park, is three blocks east of Dan Danciger Road—a street named for the oilman who donated land for the old Dan Danciger Jewish Community Center. The JCC's acreage encompassed some green space that the city wanted for a neighborhood park. In the mid-1980s, the center's board deeded the property to the city with the suggestion that it be named in memory of Ben Rosenthal (1896–1965), the

articulate consensus-builder who had served multiple terms as president of the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. "It was a beautiful gesture," recalled Ben's daughter-in-law, Roz Rosenthal.

These Jewish surnames, imprinted on municipal signs and reprinted on maps gauge Jewish involvement in Fort Worth. They provide indisputable evidence that since 1902, Jewish businesspeople were breaking out of the ethnic merchant mode, integrating into the general economy, and shaping the town.

Wolens Way

Winesanker Way

Dan Danciger

Rosen Av 240

Simondale Dr 2800

Ephriham Av 2600

5800 Carb Dr

Roaring Springs Rd

BEN H. ROSENTHAL PARK

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## Mitzvah Day

The *Mission of Israel*, as it was termed a century ago, is to make the world a better place—more ethical, more moral. The terminology has changed, but the focus remains the same. In the 1930s *Mission of Israel* was called *social justice*. Reform rabbis as a group advocated an end to child labor and the beginning of health insurance, minimum wages, and workers' compensation. During the 1960s, the buzzwords for Israel's mission became *social action*. Rabbis marched for civil rights and enlisted their congregants in President Lyndon Johnson's war on poverty.

Today's terminology for the *Mission of Israel* is *tikun olam*, Hebrew for *repairing the world*.

Beth-El's chief *tikun olam* activity is Mitzvah Day, a Sunday in April when more than 200 congregants of all

ages begin their day at the Temple with bagels and prayer, then disperse across the county to assist with social-service projects. Some grab hammers and nails to help construct a house with Habitat for Humanity. Others prepare lunches for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. At the John Peter Smith Hospital nursery, volunteers cradle infants in rocking chairs. At nursing homes, teen-agers arrive with bouquets of fresh flowers and entertain with song and dance. Animal lovers walk stray dogs and clean cages for the Humane Society.

Volunteers who remain at the Temple sort toys, clothing, and household goods for donation to women's shelters. Congregants sew sock puppets for abused children and stuff goodie bags with sample-size toiletries for hospice patients.

Mitzvah Day literally

### MITZVAHS ON THEIR MINDS.

At right, founding chairwoman Susan LaMere is pictured at the first annual Mitzvah Day with Temple President Bruce Weiner and her perennial co-chairwoman, Ellen Rubinson.

means a day for performing the commandment to do good deeds. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations started promoting annual Mitzvah Days around 1990. Fort Worth's first Mitzvah Day was in 1995. After several years, the event expanded beyond the Temple walls to include the participation of neighboring Congregation Ahavath Sholom and Arlington's Congregation Beth Sholom. Susan LaMere and Ellen Rubinson, working together, coordinated five of the first eight Mitzvah Days.

"My goal as chairman is to show congregants how rewarding community work can be, so that they will seek to do it individually all year long," LaMere said. "Additionally, the fellowship of the day reminds us that as we 'repair the world' we heal ourselves as well."

## Jewish volunteers in Fort Worth spend day doing God jobs

BY JUSTIN BACHMAN  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — A threat of rain, Jonathan Knopf said yesterday as he oversaw the painting of Laura Scurry's east Fort Worth home, is really no threat at all when one is engaged in God's work.

"It won't rain," he said. "See, we've got God on our side."

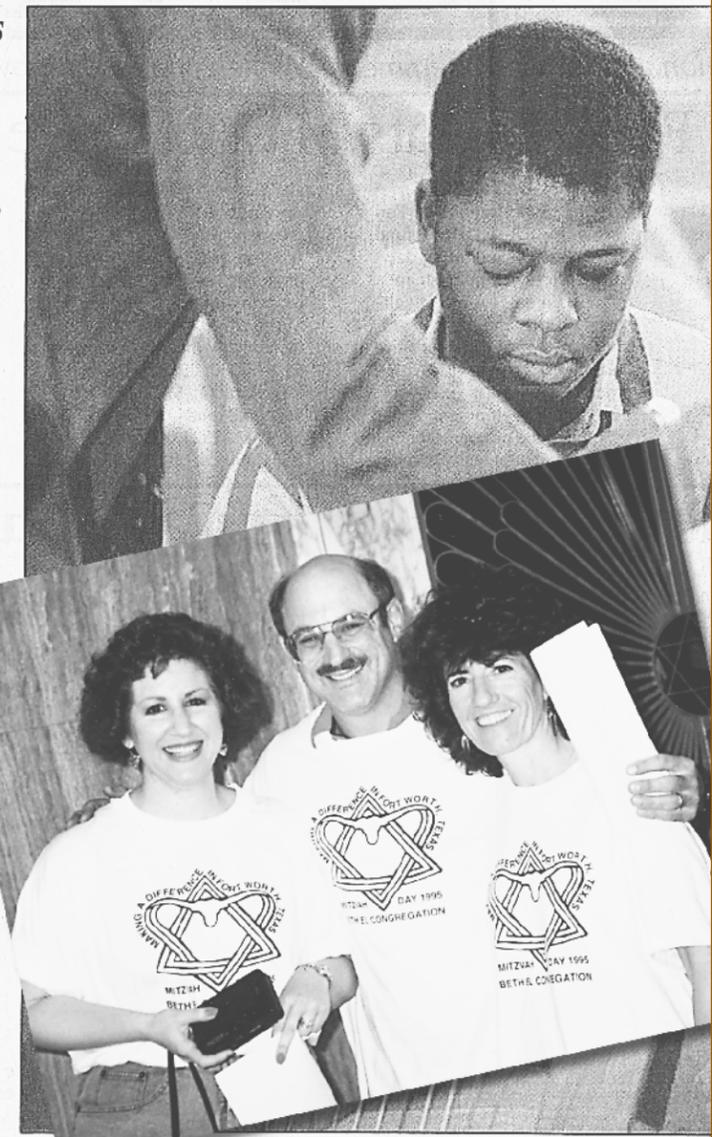
And Scurry, who has lived there for half a century, was among the first to say her abode needed the paint. But

"What do you think of colors?" the 74-year-old asked visitor, uninterested in any answer. "I think it's just making prettier."

And so it was. The peeling white and lime green bungalow on East Cannon Avenue became an impeccable cream-with-garden-green-trim memorial of Fort Worth's first Mitzvah Day.

Embracing the concept of *tikkun olam* — "repairing the world" — members of Beth-El Congregation embarked yesterday on the first of what organizers hope will become an annual day of community service in Fort Worth.

The idea for Mitzvah Day came from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said Susan LaMere, co-chairwoman of Beth-El's social action committee and popularly



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been completed by Jewish congregations in Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin. The project have been pleased with 150. In the end, 220 people signed up. Keenan who is v

# War and Remembrance



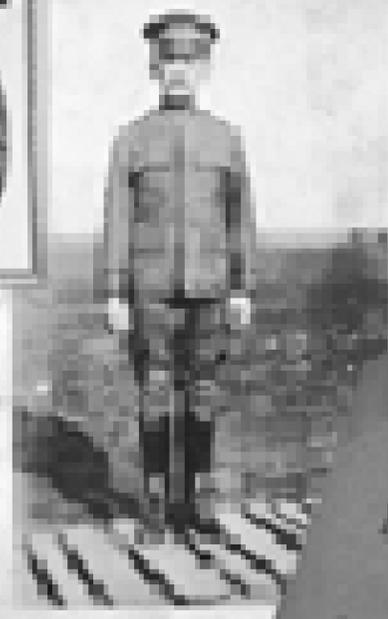
The call to defend America resounds strongly in the Jewish community. The false stereotype of Jews as meek scholars rather than fighters developed in Europe when our ancestors endured centuries of pogroms. It took bravery and cunning to flee conscription in the czar's army, as multitudes did.

In ancient times, the Jewish military tradition was evident when David faced Goliath and when the Maccabees fought for freedom. In the United States, Jewish soldiers enlisted in the Civil War. Immigrant Jews, born without a country, sought to defend their new homeland. At least six Civil War veterans are

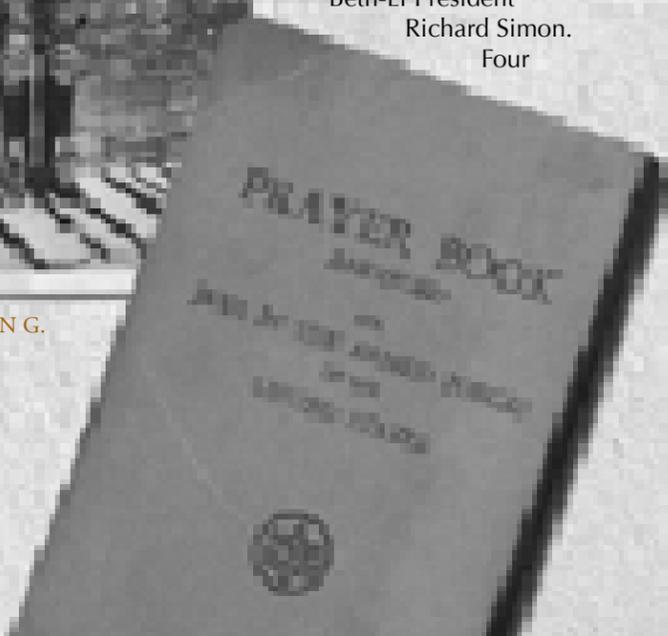
interred in Emanuel Hebrew Rest.

During Beth-El's first century, Fort Worth's small Jewish community sent 89 soldiers to fight in World War I. One soldier, Samuel Raiz, was killed in action. During the Second World War, 226 Jewish soldiers from Fort Worth served in the armed forces, including

Beth-El President Richard Simon. Four



**CAPT. EDWIN G. SCHWARZ**



hometown boys—Harold Gilbert, Alvin Rubin, Richard Burt, and Walter Sanders—did not return. On the home front, scores of soldiers stationed from Stephenville to Mineral Wells enjoyed Saturday night socials and Passover seders in Fort Worth. Dozens of soldiers corresponded with Regina Gernsbacher, our liaison to the USO.

Still later, Jewish soldiers from Fort Worth served overseas in the sometimes forgotten war in Korea, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and the war against terrorism. The community's Jewish War

**AL POLSKY** at work on an F-86 in Korea,



Veterans post had 122 members in 2002. Many congregants' fathers and grandfathers were introduced to Beth-El and to Ahavath Sholom while stationed at Camp Bowie, Taliaferro Field, Fort Wolters, and Carswell Air Force Base. Because the local community extended such warm hospitality, many soldiers transplanted to Fort Worth by the armed forces elected to stay and enrich our congregations. We salute them.

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS**, left to right, Gary Baum, Ken Sherwin, Nat Cohen, and Herbie Berkowitz, hoist the colors during the final leg of the Torah march that brought five sacred scrolls from Beth-El's second Temple to its third Temple, August 13, 2000.



**AIR FORCE NAVIGATOR** Capt. Mark Weiner (left) was deployed to the Arabian Desert after the attack on the World Trade Center.

**NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATE** Lt. Misty Steinberger, (right) on a U.S. Navy destroyer, remained on alert during Operation Enduring Freedom.



**ZIPPO LIGHTER** from the war front.