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"With God's help, I will continue."

Rabbi Leib Heber

1984

Dear Friends,

Rabbi Heber and the Western Pennsylvania Auxiliary must again request your support to continue their program on behalf of our Exceptional Children.

The past year was greatly saddened with the passing of Mrs. Heber whose contribution to the Auxiliary was unmeasureable. We all must join in our support of the Rabbi in his continuing endeavor. Let's hope he finds the strength and health to continue, as we are certain Mrs. Heber would have wanted.

Our program succeeded again in serving our "Special Children" with visits to their widely scattered homes and institutions. High Holiday services and meals were provided at various synagogues as well as special gatherings throughout the year.

We must continue to pay a driver for Rabbi Heber and purchase the foods which are personally distributed as well as served at these events.

So, we again ask for your help and thank you for your continued support. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Samuel T. Shear, President



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September, 1988

Dear Friends:

The High Holidays are upon us and the Western Pennsylvania Auxiliary for Exceptional Feople is planning its activities for another year. The luncheons, celebrating the Jewish holidays, were a tremendous success and will be continued for the coming year. The regular visitations by Rabbi Goldblum and the wonderful members of the committee will continue, for the residents and the staff of the institutions and the Community-related homes feel that these visits are of great value. Refreshments are provided with each visit and this, too, is appreciated by our "exceptional family."

At this High Holiday season we turn to you for assistance in keeping this program going. Your generosity in the past has permitted us to accomplish great things. We want to perpetuate Rabbi Heber's legacy and hope that we can count on your continued support.

We value your membership in our organization and hope you will help us to be able to maintain our important work by sending an amount in excess of your basic dues.

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Your entire contribution remains tax-deductible.

I, too, want to wish you and yours a very happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely.

Samuel T. Shear, Fresident



July, 1990

Dear Friends and "family,"

I need not tell you that the obligations and responsibilities of the Western Pennsylvania Auxiliary for Exceptional People are increasing with the passing of each month. The special people of Jewish faith of our area are growing in numbers and the channels by which they may be assisted are expanding.

As it has been said that one picture is worth a thousand words, I am enclosing one for you to see some of the results of our efforts. Mike, Beyerl, and Kenny on the photo, lived for many years at Polk. Now they are in community living arrangements located in McKeesport, Wilkinsburg, and Homestead. Along with our other "scattered brethern" we gather them together several times a year for the beautiful holiday meals which Sernice arranges. We also visit them individually on a regular basis between times.

Many wonderful volunteers are giving of their time and energy but much of what they are doing demands financial support. Wonderful luncheons prior to each Jewish holiday and the bringing of food with each regular visit make our budget an ever expanding one.

But we are making progress, for the professional staff at the institutions and group homes which we visit inform us that our people eagerly await our visits and they are elated to be remembered by people who have become their personal friends.

You will be fulfilling an important mitzvah if you will make as large a contribution as you can to this very necessary program. You will have the satisfaction of bringing true fulfillment to those who have so few opportunities to experience genuine joy in life.

We have set our 1990 dues-date as August 1, 1990, in order not to conflict with the many other organizations to which you belong. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience in sending your reply. On behalf of our special and unique congregation, we thank you for your continued support.

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Sincerely,

Samuel T. Shear, President



November, 1992

Dear Friends, Family and Associates:

Have you ever noticed how some people react to the words "disabled" and "retarded?" **DISABLED** and **RETARDED**. They are such nice polite terms that they hardly ruffle the emotions.

But you and I know how the **Western Pennsylvania Auxiliary for Exceptional People** has endeavored to carry on its important program on behalf of the mentally and physically challenged persons of the Jewish community.

Rabbi Moshe Goldblum has continued to visit the Institutions and Community Living Arrangements within the Pittsburgh area with the very fine assistance of Bernice Elinoff, Ruth Fargotstein, Bessie Yecies, Marian Hershman, and Natalie Berez. The staff at these institutions tell us how the clients eagerly await these visits. Because of this warm response, the volunteers consider this to be a most meaningful activity as well as a personal mitzvah.

I take pleasure at this time in announcing the special Hanukkah party planned for Wednesday, December 16, 1992, at noon at Congregation Beth Shalom. Approximately one hundred people will be present to participate in the program. Rabbis Irving Dick and Albert Goldman also serve as chaplains and will help us conduct the program. A luncheon will be served which will include a number of Hanukkah delicacies. Bernice Elinoff continues to be co-ordinator of special events, so please contact her at 521-7970 if you wish to attend.

The Hanukkah party is only one of the many services we provide to our exceptional people. We must not let them down, so please use the enclosed envelope to send us some Hanukkah gelt in addition to your renewed 1992 donation. As you do your year-end tax planning, perhaps you would like to enclose your 1993 dues as well. It means a lot to us to know that you still remember -- and still care.

Best wishes and many thanks from all of us to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Samuel T. Shear, Fresident