### AN EXCEPTIONAL DAY FOR EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE



SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 1978 AT THE BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

## Rabbi Leib Heber serves as Jewish Chaplain at these State Institutions:

Allegheny Valley Jr. School
Allegheny Valley Sr. School
Altoona Center
Cresson State School and Hospital
Dixmont State Hospital
Ebensburg State School and Hospital
Highland Center
Marcy Habiltation Centre
Folk State School and Hospital
Robinson Development Center
Torrance State Hospital
Warren State Hospital
Western State School and Hospital
State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon

I am thankful to the wonderful ladies of our Auxiliary for Exceptional People, for their hard work, for their effort, and for their time to make this great event possible.

Our special appreciation to Sam Shear, the great philanthopist and humanitarian for making this great mitzah we experienced today a reality.

We cannot forget Mrs. Natalie Berez for her untiring devotion to this event.

Our deepest appreciation to:

Beth Shalom Congregation for opening its doors for our special guests and also for sponsoring breakfast for them.

We also remember to be grateful to:

Rabbi Moshe Goldblum
Cantor Moshe Taube
Mr. Marc Stern
Beth Shalom Sisterhood
and all the secretarial staff of the synagogue for its help and devotion.

We also recognize the B'nai Emunoh Sisterhood for its efforts.

#### A MESSAGE

After so many years as a chaplain, I have learned. He has to have the dedication of a saint and the will power of a great man combined in one package, reflecting a man who is wholly dedicated to the service of his fellowmen.

He has to demonstrate tolerance, flexibility, diplomacy and sensitivity to the needs of others regardless of what they may be, or whom they may be.

He has to have a pleasant personality, a sense of honor, humor and sincerity that enables him to relate to all people of all ages and backgrounds inferior, equal, or superior to him.

The community has also a large responsibility. They must care for all the members of the institutions. They must provide them with those requirements which they cannot individually obtain. They must lessen human misery. They must remove pain and suffering. They must find rest for the broken in spirit and in body. They must teach them self-understanding and guidance. They must care about them, to love them. They have to bring the resources of religion during their stay in the institution. These include worship and rituals, or just a friendly visit. They have to do it themselves with their heart, with their might and with their compassion. These residents of the state institutions need someone to care about them. Many of them are forgotten, and neglected, their life is miserable, their mental disorders have caused them to lose touch with their normal brothers. They feel abandoned and unwanted.

This Special Day of celebration has a twofold purpose: First and foremost, to bring a message of faith, hope and love to our "Exceptional Citzens". These people have no one. They need to feel that somewhere there are those who do care about them. Second, for the communities of Western Pennsylvania it is a reminder of its responsibility and commitment towards these off-forgotten "Children of G-d".

#### Rabbi Leib Heber

I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you will continue to be the great help you have been to me and my fellow Chaplains.

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M/M ALBERT ZIONTS
RABBI/MRS, NISSAN ZAETZ

#### SERVICE IN MAIN SANCTUARY

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Opening Prayer	19.	At The Ark:	Explanation about the Torah Scrolls
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24. Benediction	24.	Benediction	
25. Recessional Cantor Taube and Choir	25.	Recessional	Cantor Taube and Choir

# LUNCHEON in the SAMUEL and MINNIE HYMAN SOCIAL HALL

## **HAMOTZI** (Blessing over Bread)

#### LUNCHEON

Birchat Hamazon	Rabbi Moshe V. Goldbaum Congregation Beth Shalom
	Congression Dem Grandin
Toastmaster	Mr. Sam Shear
	Father Thomas Jackson ordinator, Institutional Chaplaincy Services
	By a Mother of a Special Child
Musical Interlude	
Introduction of Governor's Representative	
Greetings	Burton D. Morris Counsel To The Governor
Keynote Speaker	Deputy Secretary of Mental Retardation
Presentation of Gifts	Ralph Meader Commissioner, Mental Health Larry Jenkins Mental Retardation
Response	

Dear Rabbi Heber:

It has come to my attention that a long overdue and richly deserved tribute will be paid to you on Sunday, March thirteenth, for your devoted and dedicated work in the Jewish community of Pittsburgh. I cannot think of a person more deserving of recognition. The outstanding work you have done with Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah age retarded boys and girls is an inspiration to everyone.

I know that you and your family will take great pleasure in your special day - and I know that you will continue to provide loving service. God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Milton J. Shapp

Today the entire religious community of Pittsburgh has the opportunity to see what a group of people can do for the beautiful ones we call the retarded under the leadership of a tremendous man, Rabbi Leib Heber.

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Johanna C. Stroll, D.Ed. Acting Superintendent

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I am happy to be a part of this Exceptional Day Program for our developmentally disabled people in Pennsylvania. Occasions such as this sould serve as a probe to our conscience reminding us that our goal for the developmentally disabled is full participation by all in all of the opportunities our society presents for people not so labeled. It is more appropriate this reminder comes from the lewish Community.

Donald L. Hartley, Ph.D. Superintendent

#### TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

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#### **WESTERN REGION**

Any attempt to adequately describe the positive effects of the religious experiences offered these residents could only result in a gross understatement.

Ralph L. Meador
Commissioner of Mental Health

#### **WESTERN REGION**

The Western Region Office of Mental Retardation, thanks the Jewish Community of Pittsburgh for inviting us to participate in the religious service and luncheon for mentally retarded Jewish residents of our state centers. As Maurice Horspool once said, "One of the best things about a very little child is that he never thanks you for doing things for him -- He is so sure you want to."

Larry A. Jenkins

Commissioner of Mental Retardation

You and your wife both have a very respected reputation of being hard working and filled with human compassion for the needs of people. You obviously carry forth your mission and service on the basis of your love for people, and your commitment to serve, doing those things which so many others feel would be very difficult to do.

Peter P. Polloni Deputy Secretary Office of Mental Retardation

The continued service by Rabbi Heber to the Jewish residents of Western Center is outstanding. Without question he provides a service that is most essential. The efforts that he has made to have the Jewish residents of Western Center an integral part of the Jewish community are most appreciated by all of the staff.

Most Sincerely,

Ruth L. Scott Superintendent of Western Center

I have known Rabbi and Mrs. Heber for many years as friends as well as patients, and have developed a deep admiration for both of them. I am aware of his strenuous schedule, his long devoted hours to his "congregtions," and the physical effort expended by him. I am also aware of the patience and understanding exhibited by his wife and the encouragement she has given him thru these difficult years.

I had the opportunity of working with him at the Bar Mitzvah service a few years ago and witness for myself the joys and happiness on the faces of his "congregants". The emotional experence was as profound as any that I have experinced thru my life and indeed established for me another sense of commitment.

Rabbi and Mrs. Heber are the unsung heros of our community. May the "Day of Commitment" bring a moment of happiness to our "Exceptional Citzens" and may it establish a true and sincere tribute to our dear Rabbi Heber.

Sincerely, Stanley H. Bushkoff, M.D.

## Lower Dais

- 1. MRS. CAROL MITCHELL, Director of Verland Foundation
- 2. REVEREND FATHER JOHN KREBS, Catholic Chaplain of Marcy Center
- 3. SISTER DIANE McCALLEY, Ecumenical Chaplain of Ebensburg Center
- 4. REVEREND GEORGE GIBBS, Protestant Chaplain of Cresson and Altoona Centers
- 5. REVEREND ROGER PETERS, Protestant Chaplain of Polk Center
- 6. MS. MARY LOU PONTIUS, Community Organization Representative-Western Region
- 7. MS. KAREN KELLY
- 8. MR. DONALD DiMICHELE, Director of Robinson Developmental Center
- 9. RABBI MORRIS SKLAR, Assistant Rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation
- 10. RABBI PAUL REIS, Assistant Rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation
- 11. MR. AARON SACKS, Executive Director of Infomation and Volunteer Services
- 12. MS. GRACE CRULL, Director of the Epilepsy Foundation
- 13. MR. REGIS CHAMP, Administrator of Allegheny Valley School
- 14. DR. JANET KLINEMAN, Director of the School for the Blind
- 15. MR. CHARLES H. BISDEE, President of the Home for Crippled Children

## Middle Dais

- 1. DR. JOSEPH STEWART, Superintendent of Polk Center
- 2. MR. MICHAEL TROWBRIDGE, Executive Director of Allegheny County PARC
- 3. MR. ROBERT NELKIN, Acting Executive Director, PARC
- 4. MRS. MARLENE BURDA, Past President of PARC
- 5. MS. PATRICIA GISHBAUGHER, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Mental Retardation
- 6. MR. REGIS CHAMP, Administrator of Allegheny Valley School
- 7. RABBI MOSHE GOLDBLUM, Rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation
- 8. MR. GREGORY COLEMAN, Director of Intergovernmental and Congressional Affairs
- 9. DR. RUTH SCOTT, Superintendent of Western Center
- 10. DR. JOHANNA STROLLO, Assistant Superintendent Of Cresson Center
- 11. MRS. ANNA DONNELLY, Director of Altoona Center
- 12. MR. JACK SACKS, Business Manager of Ebensburgh Center
- 13. DR. JARED FALEK, Assistant Superintendent of Marcy Center
- 14. MRS. RUTH KAPLAN, Residential Care Director in Mental Health/Mental Retardation
- 15. MR. DAVID DINKIN, Esecutive Director, Tree of Life Congregation

## Stage Dais

- MR. SAMUEL SHEAR, Master of Ceremonies (and to his right)
- 1. SENATOR JAMES ROMANELLI
- 2. SENATOR WILLIAM DUFFIELD
- 3. MR. IVAN ITKIN, Member of the House of Representatives
- 4. MR. LARRY JENKINS, Regional Commissioner for Mental Retardation-Western Region
- 5. MR. RALPH MEADOR, Regional Commissioner for Mental Health-Western Region (to Mr. Shear's left)
- 1. MR. BURTON MORRIS, Counsel to the Governor, and Representing the Governor
- 2. MR. PETER POLLONI, Deputy Secretary of Mental Retardation
- 3. MRS. ANNA BELLE CALLOWAY, Deputy Decretary, Dept. of Public Welfare-Western Region
- 4. REVEREND FATHER THOMAS JACKSON, Coordinator of Chaplaincy Services for the State of Pa.
- 5. MRS. VIRGINIA THORNBURG, wife of the Republican Candidate for Governor
- 6. RABBI LEIB HEBER
- 7. MRS. HEBER
- 8. MRS. BURTON MORRIS
- 9. MRS. SHEAR