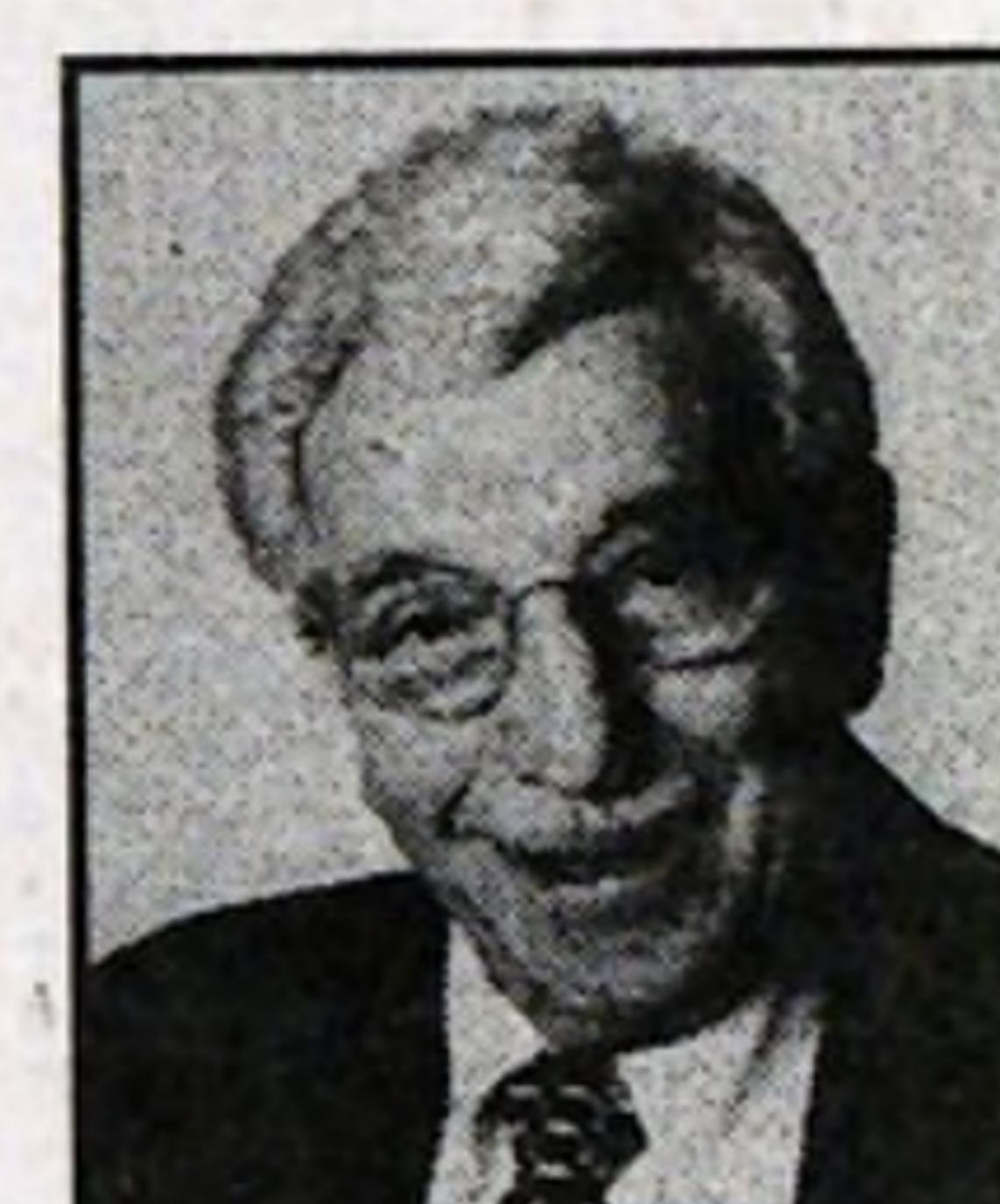


Celebrating Our Seniors



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They are today's real heroes — men and women who, after years of devotion to career and family, continue to make the world a better place through their volunteer efforts.

On Sunday, May 7, eight of these heroes will be named to the Senior Adult Jewish Hall of Fame, a program of Jewish Apartments and Services. Called "Eight Over Eighty," the program honors eight top volunteers over the age of 80, as nominated by those who know them best.

This year, some of the nominations came from rabbis and others from Jewish communal institutions. One honoree's five grandchildren nominated him.

Each name will be added to a plaque, which is displayed in the community room of the Prentis Apartments in Oak Park. New names will be added each year.

Sunday's induction ceremony, which is free and open to the public, begins at noon at the Hechtman Apartments, on the Applebaum Jewish Community Campus in West Bloomfield. Leading the festivities will be Sherry Margolis of WJBK-TV's *Fox2 News* and Alan Muscovitz of *The Dick Purtan Show* on Oldies 104.3, WOMC-FM.

"Eight Over Eighty" ceremonies to be held May 7.

The induction ceremony will be preceded by an 11 a.m. brunch, at a cost of \$65 per person.

"Eight Over Eighty" takes place each year during the national celebration of May as Older Americans Month, explained Marsha Goldsmith-Kamin, JAS executive director.

The original reason for the program "was to combat 'ageism,' to promote a positive image of older Americans," Goldsmith-Kamin said.

Then the JAS board decided to tie in the honors with Chanuka, using the number eight for the holiday's eight nights and to suggest the leadership of the heroic Maccabees — noting that honorees are the brave few of their age group who continue to lead the Jewish mission in America.

Each person named to the Senior Adult Jewish Hall of Fame receives a glass-blown dreidel on a pedestal. The event also has a charitable purpose. All proceeds are used to provide food subsidies for senior adults, said Damon Bradley, JAS marketing and development director. Last year's event raised about \$80,000 in cash and in-kind gifts.

"More than half of our residents have annual incomes of \$20,000 or less, and a lot of them have less than \$10,000," he said. "Many don't have families nearby to help them out."

Sponsors of the event include the *Jewish News*, Sav-Mor Drug Stores, Sav-On Drugs and Sinai-Grace Hospital.

At The Core

Eight new superstars will be named to the Senior Adult Jewish Hall of Fame.