

School: West Roxbury High, Teacher: Daniel Jordan.

I think that peace is a very important part of the life of a community because it keeps it organized, it keeps your neighborhood calm, quiet and makes it a better place to live . . . To keep the peace we need good parents.—Student: Ebony Williams, Grade 10, School: West Roxbury High, Teacher: Daniel Jordan.

. . . if you keep busy there's no room for thinking violently.—Student: Adina Sutton, Grade 10, School: West Roxbury High, Teacher: Daniel Jordan.

I think that teaching kids about God will promote peace in the community because the kids will be going to church every Sunday instead of going somewhere else to get themselves into trouble or even getting killed.—Student: Joliane Charlotin, Grade 10, School: West Roxbury High, Teacher: Daniel Jordan.

I . . . help many of my peers get involved in programs that keeps them off the street. This is the way I promote peace.—Student: Raquel Pinto, Grade 10, School: West Roxbury High, Teacher: Daniel Jordan.

I tried to influence [children] by setting a good example.—Student: Julia C. Austin, Grade 11, School: West Roxbury High, Teacher: Daniel Jordan.

I devoted all of my knowledge to each one of these children to help them become a better person.—Student: Kevin Stallings, Grade 10, School: West Roxbury High, Teacher: Daniel Jordan.

Instead of trying to see who is the jiggiest, who is the hardest, and who is down with whom, we need to be down for each other, unite as one and make and promote peace.—Student: Gracie White, Grade 12, School: Greater Egleston Community High School, Teacher: Terri Coyle.

. . . peace does begin with a simple friendship.—Student: Jada Reid, Grade 10, School: Health Careers Academy, Teacher: Bethany Wood.

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HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Mr. Richard Goldstein and his students Alan Amaya, Cynthia Barber, Maria Benner, Christopher Bond, Elliott Bundy, Cynthia Clark, Daniel Cleary, Leah Davis, Courtney Duffin, Lizza Easley, Earlene Eaton, Karoline Enzenberger, Lindsey Faulkner, Justin Garretson, Katherine Greim, Namita Kalyan, Rebecca Lindermann, Kristin McCarrey, James McElligott, Brooks Miner, Justin Mohr, Aaron Tucker, Benjamin Wagner, James Welt, Gretchen Wieman, and Eric Wieman from West High School in Anchorage, Alaska.

These students won an award at the We the People . . . the Citizens and the Constitution national finals held in Washington D.C. in May 1999. These students were recognized for their expertise on Unit 1: What are the Philosophical and Historical Foundations of the American Political System? Of the We the People . . . text. This award is presented to the school achieving the highest cumulative score during the first two days of the national

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finals in each of the six units. These outstanding young people competed against 50 other classes from throughout the nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional government.

Congratulations students and Mr. Goldstein on your achievement!

IN MEMORY OF ARLIE WAYNE NEAL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Arlie Wayne Neal, 59, City Manager of Nevada, Missouri.

Mr. Neal was born Aug. 18, 1939, in Higgenon, Arkansas, to Ira Earl and Viola Pearle Cole Neal. He married Patricia Walters on July 19, 1960, in Uxbridge Middlesex, England.

Mr. Neal joined the Air Force in 1959. He served in the Viet Nam conflict and two tours in Germany and Thailand. He served for 31 years, retiring in 1990 at the rank of Colonel. His decorations include the Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Legion of Merit Medal.

Mr. Neal was the City Manager in Frontenac, Missouri, prior to his move to Nevada, Missouri in 1993. He served as City Manager of Nevada from 1993 to present.

Mr. Neal was active in the community. He managed the Nevada Boxing Club for the past four and one-half years. He was also a member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Nevada, Missouri. He belonged to many running clubs in Germany and Mississippi, participating in numerous marathons. He was a member of the Kansas City Golden Gloves Boxing Association, and coach of the year in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia; his four daughters, Carol Ann Michaels, Donna Davenport, Patricia New, and Sara Lundin; his mother, Pearle Neal, three brothers, Earl, Jimmy, and Archie; one sister, Rita Davis, and six grand-children. Mr. Speaker, I know this body joins me in expressing sympathy to the family of this great Missourian.

CELEBRATE THE PAST

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, one of my constituents, Margaret Ingram of Albany, Oregon, has made it a personal crusade to encourage people to keep journals and otherwise record the events of their lives. The following bill was introduced in the Oregon Legislature at Ms. Ingram's request. In honor of her efforts and to advance the pursuit of journal and diary-keeping, I would like to insert the text of that resolution in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

OREGON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8

ENCOURAGES CITIZENS OF STATE TO OBSERVE MEMOIR TRAIL 2000: CELEBRATE THE PAST.

Whereas history is an account of the past events of all persons, individuals, families and communities; and

Whereas historians are writers of history, preparers of records and finders of past events, and the people of Oregon and the United States are historians; and

Whereas history informs, measures change, preserves a way of life and shares stories, legends and tales; and

Whereas today's Oregonians are the proud inheritors of a trail of personal stories that winds through the past century; and

Whereas recording and collecting memoirs will help preserve the past for future generations; and

Whereas the year 2000 will mark the end of the 20th Century and the beginning of another 100 years; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventieth Legislative Assembly, encourage all citizens to observe Memoir Trail 2000: Celebrate the Past.

HONORING RABBI HOWARD SIMON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, this week, Knoxville is losing a wonderful spiritual and community leader who has devoted many years to our community. After serving thirteen years, Rabbi Howard Simon is retiring from the oldest Jewish Congregation in East Tennessee, Temple Beth El, founded in 1864.

Rabbi Simon received his Bachelor of Hebrew Letters degree from Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in 1960, a masters of Hebrew Letters along with his rabbinic ordination in 1963 and a doctor of divinity in 1988.

Rabbi Simon has served on the board of directors of the United Way, Leadership Knoxville, the Knox County Mental Health Association and the executive committee of the Knoxville Jewish Federation.

He is also a member of the Knoxville Ministerial Alliance and the ministerial board for East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Rabbi Simon has also been honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his dedication and service to the community.

Before coming to Temple Beth El, Rabbi Simon served as rabbi at Har Sinai Temple in Baltimore; Beth Israel Congregation in Atlantic City, N.J., and K.K. Bene Israel Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Simon has been a tremendous spiritual leader in our Nation, but I would like to highlight one of his accomplishments that I am especially proud of. Rabbi Simon had a huge impact on the creation of the Interfaith Health Clinic in Knoxville. This clinic provides medical services for those who otherwise would not be able to afford proper medical care. I believe this says a tremendous amount about Rabbi Howard Simon.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I join with all Americans in thanking Rabbi Simon for his service to Temple Beth El and the Knoxville community for the past thirteen years. I have included a copy of a story written in the Knoxville News-Sentinel honoring Rabbi Simon that I would like to call to the attention of my fellow members and other readers of the RECORD.

[From the Knoxville News-Sentinel, June 12, 1999]

TIME FOR NEW CHAPTER TO BEGIN—RABBI HOWARD SIMON LOOKS AHEAD TO RETIREMENT
(By Jeannine F. Hunter)

Rabbi Howard Alan Simon greets people as if they shared many moments of tears and cheers together.

He embraces one with a firm grip and an engaging smile. To him, they are family.

For 13 years, he served as spiritual leader at Temple Beth El, East Tennessee's oldest Jewish congregation. The Jewish Reform congregation was established in 1864 and became a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations 11 years later.

Members are like siblings, calling upon one another and adhering to Simon's open door policy.

"And people waltz in all the time, which is nice," he said, in his nearly empty office. "We've shared so much together."

Friday, June 25, marks the beginning of Simon's last weekend at the temple. He will retire from the temple, ending his 36-year rabbinic career.

During a recent visit, Simon and his wife, retired educator Rona Simon, discussed Simon's rabbinic, their philosophy on teaching and humanity, and their retirement plans.

As the pair talked about their time at Temple Beth El, they smiled frequently.

"The people have been so warm. We have a loving, warm congregation," Rona Simon said.

Howard Simon agreed.

Simon will be replaced by Rabbi Beth L. Schwartz, the temple's first woman rabbi.

Schwartz is a newly ordained graduate of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, where Simon also was ordained. Her work experience includes being an academic adviser at George Mason University; a senior analyst for the U.S. Department of Education; a senior business analyst for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. in McLean, Va., and a book buyer.

Schwartz assumes leadership of Temple Beth El on July 1. She is married to Larry Washington, and they have two adult children.

"I told the congregation I feel the best years at Temple Beth El are ahead of them," Simon said. "It's difficult to leave. It has been wonderful for us."

After 10 years as director of education at the temple, Rona Simon retired in 1998. In May, she retired from her private practice as an educational consultant, specializing in learning disabilities.

The temple's school grew from 36 to 120 children during their tenure.

"The focus of my attention the first few years of being here was our religious school, seeing it grow in numbers and enhancing its curriculum," he said.

Howard Simon said another goal of his administration was to create a familial atmosphere so that the membership interacted with each other in a variety of ways.

Outreach and adult education were also emphasized.

"We learned more and more people want the temple, and they want it to be a focal point of their lives," Simon said.

Simon, the only rabbi in his family, said his experiences at his home temple in Colorado and subsequent leadership roles at a youth camp influenced him.

"Teaching the kids Judaism, I loved the interaction we had with the children," he said, adding in college he initially wanted to study law.

Throughout his rabbinic he has met officials from former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He was among the first religious leaders to spearhead the creation of Knoxville's Interfaith Health Clinic in 1991. He has served as chairman of the clinic's board of directors.

He cited it as one of his most important endeavors.

"I am proud to have been a part of the group that brought this into being," he said.

When commenting about service, Simon used a Hebrew term which means "repair the world," a Judaic belief.

"We're supposed to, as individuals, try to make the world a better place," he said. "Part of my rabbinic is to be committed to the community we live in. We do not live in a vacuum. Fortunately I had a congregation that agreed with that and supported me."

Simon, a humanitarian and scholar, also is an author. He has a book of poetry, "Back from the Abyss: Thoughts on Life and Death" and looks forward to completing other works, one on his experiences as a rabbi in New Jersey, before and after gambling was legalized in Atlantic City.

One book may be about retirement: How to plan for it and how to respond to the emotions it may evoke.

"You need to be active," he said. "Also you need to have a realization that retirement is not a lowering of your self-esteem but an opening of a new chapter in your life."

Rona Simon added, "It's a new beginning."

In their new beginning, the Simons will reduce but not eliminate all of their civic commitments. They want to spend more time with each other, their children and three grandchildren.

A few of their road trips will be to away Lady Vols basketball games.

When the Lady Vols basketball team's schedule is released, the Simons, who are perennial ticket holders, have a planning meeting.

"She tells me to block those nights out so I try not to have meetings," says Simon. "At this point, the ideal job for me would be the team's chaplain."

He laughed.

"They have done so much for Knoxville and are excellent role models," Rona Simon said. "They are role models not because they win but because they inspire young people and are committed to various causes."

A special Shabbat service, prepared by Simon, on June 25 will be followed by a special oneg Shabbat to honor Simon at the temple. On Saturday, June 26, there will be a program beginning at 7:30 p.m. that will also celebrate the 80th birthday of temple member Millie Gelber.

At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27, there will be a special dinner honoring Simon's 36 years of service to Reform Judaism and his 13 years at the temple. It will be at the Hyatt and will feature a toast and a roast of Simon by his relatives and friends.

AT A GLANCE: RABBI HOWARD SIMON

Born in Davenport, Iowa, and moved to Denver, Colo. He graduated from Colorado University in 1958.

Bachelor of Hebrew Letters degree from Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of

Religion in 1960; master of Hebrew Letters and rabbinic ordination both in 1963; and doctor of divinity in 1968.

Temple Beth El is Simon's fourth congregation. Also served as rabbi at Har Sinai Temple in Baltimore; Beth Israel Congregation in Atlantic City, N.J.; and K.K. Bene Israel Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati.

Samuel Neustadter Memorial Award for Service to the state of Israel, 1977.

Rabbinic Services Award from the Council of Jewish Federation, 1989.

Participated in study mission to Poland and to the Soviet Union.

Was scholar in residence at the Sam and Esther Rosen Institute in Knoxville; adjunct professor at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion from 1981–86; taught at Xavier College and Hiwassee College.

National affiliations: Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Committee on Judaism and Health and its Committee on Cults and Missionary Movements; National Rabbinic Cabinet of United Jewish Appeal.

Local affiliations: Board of directors for the Interfaith Health Clinic, the United Way, Leadership Knoxville; the Knox County Mental Health Association; executive committee of the Knoxville Jewish Federation.

In 1996, became a UT Chancellor's Associate, one of several Knoxville-area community leaders who advised Chancellor Bill Snyder and his staff on community issues.

Members of Knoxville Ministerial Alliance, the Knox County Steering Committee for the Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration, the Metropolitan Drug Commission's Faith Committee and the ministerial board for East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Chair of Leadership Knoxville Class of 2000's selection committee.

Awards include National Conference of Christians and Jews, now known as the National Conference for Community and Justice and the American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training Federation based in Israel.

GRANT OF FEDERAL CHARTER TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE GEOLOGISTS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today I along with the gentleman from Nevada, JIM GIBBONS, are introducing a bill to grant a federal charter to the American Association of State Geologists. Indeed, the grant of a federal charter to this organization would have a direct correlation to the very first such charter ever granted by the Congress, in 1863 to the National Academy of Science. Both organizations are premised on serving the general public through scientific research and the advancement of knowledge.

The American Association of State Geologists was established in 1908 and today is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance the science and practical application of geology and related earth sciences. Its membership is comprised to the heads of Geological Surveys in the various States, territories and commonwealths of the United States. In fact, the first State geological survey was established in 1823 in North Carolina and by the