

PROFILE OF OUR FOUNDERS



Though ARON C. SCHARFF was born in Natchez, Mississippi, he was brought to St. Louis at such a young age that he was considered a native St. Louisian where he attended school and where he grew up to be associated with the local firm of the Rice-Stix Company as one of their travelling representatives. One of his accounts was the clothing store established in 1876 by the Regensberger Brothers in Denison, Texas. One of the brothers had a daughter SELMA, about whom young ARON heard and liked what he heard making him eager to meet her and meet her he did. He courted SELMA by mail and frequent trips to Denison. Marriage, of course, was inevitable and ARON brought his bride to live and make their home in St. Louis. SELMA's father decided to sell his half of the business to his brother and moved to St. Louis where he lived until the age of 93.

SELMA and ARON SCHARFF had two children—ELINOR and BENJAMIN. ELINOR attended St. Louis schools before entering Monticello College, a "prep" school for young women. With ambition to become a fashion designer, she enrolled at the Washington University School of Fine Arts. It was not destined that she become a "designing woman" because DR. JACK EIDELMAN married her before that could happen. They met through a mutual friend who, at first, had difficulty getting the pair together but he probably still feels that all of the time and effort were the best things he ever did in his life.

DR. JACK EIDELMAN was born in

St. Louis of parents who emigrated from Russia as young children. JACK's father was in the retail "dry goods" business. The EIDELMAN Family reared two sons—JACK and HARRY. HARRY built and operated St. Louis' first FM radio station, KCFM—he is still interested in filling the airwaves with beautiful music though he has long since sold the station he created.

JACK attend St. Louis schools receiving his medical degree from St. Louis University. He is actively engaged in the practice of Psychiatry. He served as President of the St. Louis County Medical Society, 1972-73. He is still involved with St. Louis University where he is a clinical professor. He served in World War II as a Psychiatrist in Africa and Italy and was discharged with the rank of Major one day before his son DAVID's second birthday.

ELINOR and JACK have four sons of whom they are justly proud: DAVID was profiled in a previous issue when he assumed the chairmanship of our Religious School. He was in this Temple's second Confirmation Class. He, and his wife RACHEL, have two children, AMY and TOMMY. JIM EIDELMAN is an attorney who lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he is a leader in the American Bar Association's computer application in the practice of law. He has two children: BRIAN, who just turned 15 and LISSA, 10. DR. WILLIAM EIDELMAN, like his father, is a physician but practices Holistic medicine in Boulder, Colorado and, at present, is unmarried. ANDREW EIDELMAN, also unmarried, lives in Redwood, California. He is in business with BOB MOOG, son of our Temple members, JEAN and ALVA MOOG, JR. Their business of fun and intellectual games is known as University

Games of Menlo Park. ANDY and BOB recently returned from a safari in Zimbabwe.

All four EIDELMAN children were confirmed at Temple Emanuel. ELINOR and JACK were among that very special farsighted group who got together with a special concept of what Reform Judaism should be but not offered by other local Temples. Both ELINOR and JACK fondly and vividly recall that they joined this group of pioneers before the Temple was formed and before their 33 year old son ANDY was born. ELINOR delivered flower bulbs (a T.E. fund raising project) and taught first grade in the Religious School. Once this idealistic group became a congregation and built the Temple, JACK served on the Temple Board.

Both ELINOR and JACK love to travel and have been to most parts of the world. They are avid golfers—they enjoy art, especially the Impressionists; and also enjoy music attending symphony performances regularly.

ELINORE planned to have a surprise party for one of JACK's mile-stone birthdays; their family from both near and far were invited for a week-end of festivities. The secret was well kept until the night before the party when planes had to be met and JACK was pressed into service to welcome those loved ones who would celebrate with him. One of the nicest presents we know was that some of their dear friends arranged to have a photographer present to record this memorable occasion for posterity.

The are a very popular couple with a wonderful family and many friends. It is apparent that the EIDELMANS enjoy a full, rich, and wonderful life in which this Temple also serves a vital role.

Ruth Bialson



NEW FAMILY DINNER

Preceding the special performance by Cantor Harold Orbach on Friday, December 8, the Temple Emanuel Board of Directors and the Women's Club will co-sponsor a dinner in honor of families who have joined our congregation in 1989. Fifteen individuals and families will be our guests of honor.

SUPER START

The Temple Emanuel "Feed A Family" program got off to a great start in October. Forty-one meal bags were filled representing enough food to feed approximately 164 individuals. We would like to emphasize that the program has not ended; we hope to continue to collect food for the hungry throughout the year. As you shop for your family this holiday season, please also set aside a few packaged goods to create a meal for a family in need.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS

A meeting for parents of Confirmation Class students has been scheduled for Sunday, December 3 at 11:00 a.m. In addition to making plans for the class retreat on January 28 and the Confirmation Class dinner in the spring, we will be discussing ways to make the Confirmation experience more interesting for the confirmands and their parents. Hopefully, our discussion will lead to some ideas for developing more youth programs at Temple Emanuel.