

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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talented family, he performed professionally as a child, both in Pittsburgh and New York, with such noted performers as Dick Powell, Kate Smith, Gene Kelly and others.

While attending elementary and high school, he kept up his singing career, gradually expanding to radio, television, and theatre. He was elected Student Government President in his senior year in high school, thus developing an interest in politics, which has followed him throughout his life.

Upon graduation from high school, he joined the U.S. Navy, and served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. After his discharge, he enrolled in Duquesne University, in Pittsburgh, where he majored in voice and musical composition. While there, he wrote the score and performed in two musicals, which were produced by the University.

While working a summer job as Program Director for a children's camp, he met his lovely wife-to-be, D'Vorre Rofey. After graduation from Duquesne, they were married and moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he started a Home Furnishing business. During the 7 years they lived in Johnstown, they had 3 children — Ron, Eddie and Jami.

In 1958, tired of the snow and ice, he sold his business, packed up the family, and moved to Tucson, where they spent the next 20 years. The climate must have agreed with the Obers, and 2 more children were born — Scott and David.

Up until 1970, most of his time was spent in the automobile industry, where he started yet another business. During this time, he continued to keep up with his musical interest, and served as President of the Playbox Community Theatre for many years. As a culmination of this involvement, in 1970, he was invited by the University of Arizona to play the lead role in Fiddler On The Roof.

While growing up, all of the Ober children were

deeply involved in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. In fact, the oldest two children became Regional Presidents. Their involvement extended to their father, who served as President of the B'nai B'rith Youth Advisory Council for many years. Hal has been a member of B'nai B'rith for almost 30 years.

In 1970, he sold his automobile business and joined U.S. Home Corp., as a Sales Consultant. Over the next 6 years, he was promoted to Executive Vice President, and finally in 1977, was sent to Las Vegas, Nevada, to start up a housing division, serving as Division President for the next three years.

In 1980, he resigned his position with U.S. Homes, and started his own company, R.A. Homes. Two of his children, Ron and David have joined him, and are currently working in the business also.

Hal has always felt that his involvement in the community where he lived, was a means by which to emulate the role model set by his father, and perhaps to provide a role model for his own children and grandchildren. Whether it be Johnstown, Tucson or Las Vegas, Hal has always been involved in community and charitable activities, serving on various committees and boards, City, Statewide and National. He is currently serving as a Director of Continental National Bank and President of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas. He is a Past President of Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association, Past State Representative for Nevada to the National Homebuilders Association, a National Director of NAHB, and was appointed by the Governor of Nevada to serve as a member of the St. Jukes Ranch for Children. The Obers have a special affinity for organizations which involve activities for handicapped children, and Mrs. Ober maintains an active role in both community and charitable organizations as well.

Although his musical performances have become limited to entertaining family and friends, it still plays an important part in his life, and he can often be found sitting at his piano, where he says he experiences the greatest form of relaxation.

Hal and Dee Ober are very proud of their 5 children and 9 grandchildren, and continue a close relationship with all of them. The Obers feel that Las Vegas has been very good to them, and they sincerely hope that they can continue to give back through their continued involvement in this wonderful community.


Ober is being honored by B'nai B'rith for the exemplary devotion of his time and resources toward enhancing and maintaining the quality of life in Las Vegas. As CEO of R.A. Homes, he has made an integral contribution to the thriving growth we have all enjoyed in Southern Nevada.

Funds raised at the Distinguished Man of the Year Banquet benefit numerous programs in Southern Nevada. The Nate Mack B'nai B'rith Lodge has provided support for Operation Bridge, Boys' Club, Focus, Helen J. Stewart School aurally handicapped program, Easter Seals, Blue Coats, Las Vegas Symphony, Variety Club, Lupus Foundation and scholarships for deserving students. Before the Clark County Suicide Prevention Center qualified for federal funds, the Nate Mack Lodge and one other organization wholly supported this worthwhile project. Four youth programs benefit more than 100 teenage Las Vegans and the Lodge maintains the Judaic Literature section at the UNLV Library. In September of last year, Nate Mack B'nai B'rith issued monies to the Jewish Family Service Agency fund for re-settlement of Russian refuseniks which benefitted four immigrants given permission to leave the Soviet Union and now residing in Las Vegas. Recently, the lodge joined with the Clark County PTA to provide transportation of young students to the world-renowned Anne Frank Exhibit currently being showcased in Las Vegas.

The public is invited to call Mike Novick at (702) 737-8114 for information and tickets to this year's dinner and to join in honoring this outstanding individual for his philanthropic endeavors and devotion to the B'nai B'rith ideals of Benevolence, Brotherly Love, and Harmony.

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