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BROTHERHOOD VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Temple Israel Center Brotherhood invites you to a Veterans Day breakfast program on Sunday, November 11 at 9:30 am to honor TIC members who served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II.

During this program, we will highlight those momentous times in U.S. and Jewish history and give thanks to our local heroes. The thirteen individuals named below, now all octogenarians and nonagenarians, were in their teens or twenties when they served. Twelve of the members we honor are current members of our community; one fallen soldier was the husband of a current member.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt addressed Congress and the nation and said that the attack on December 7, 1941, was “a date which will live in infamy,” and declared a state of war between the United States and Japan. Germany declared war on the United States four days later with Hitler stating his contempt for a “half Judaized America” in front of a cheering Reichstag.

The thirteen we will honor on November 11, and whose stories are featured in the November, 2012 issue of Hadashot, are:

- Seymour Eisenstat, navigator of a Liberator bomber, who was severely injured when he was hit by German anti-aircraft fire.
- Marvin Flisser, who worked for the American prosecution staff during the Nuremberg trials.
- Paul Fox, z’l, husband of member Joy Borgos, who was a pilot of a Liberator bomber and was killed along with his entire crew when his plane was shot down.
- Sam Fredman, former president of TIC, who served in the Pacific during the war against Japan.
- Norman Goodfarb, recipient of the Bronze Star for bravery, in the Battle of the Bulge, and was hospitalized for four months before returning to active duty.
- Ralph Katz, who served in France as a signalman and interpreter.
- Seymour Kleinman, who served in the Quartermaster Corps both in the U.S. and in Europe.
- Paul Lubliner, who joined the Navy and served stateside.
- Lionel Semiatin, former TIC Executive Director, who served in France.
- Claire Swirsky, who served as a volunteer in the WAVES (a division of the Navy).
- Eli Tanklefsky, who served in the Pacific during the war against Japan.
- Sam Witchel, who was a member of a B-29 unit assigned to bombing Japan.
- Arnie Zisselman, who volunteered for the Army and spent his years in stateside service.

In Sam Fredman’s words, “I have always felt service in the armed forces was a privilege, seriously appreciated by those lucky enough to come home with mind and body not affected negatively.”

Please join Brotherhood in our privilege of honoring those members of our community, the Greatest Generation, who fought to preserve our freedoms during World War II.