

SAM ISRAEL

MR. SAM ISRAEL WAS BORN IN LITHUANIA AND CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1907. SINCE COMING TO SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA, IN 1909, MR. ISRAEL'S BUSINESS CAREER HAS EXEMPLIFIED THE AMERICAN DREAM OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL. FROM A HUMBLE BEGINNING AS A GROCERY CLERK, HE ENTERED THE WHOLESALE GROCERY BUSINESS AND LATER FOUNDED THE ALABAMA WHOLESALE GROCERS ASSOCIATION. IN 1949 HE WAS COFOUNDER OF PAPER AND CHEMICAL SUPPLY COMPANY AND IS STILL ACTIVE IN ITS MANAGEMENT.

WHILE HIS BUSINESS RECORD IS IMPRESSIVE, MR. ISRAEL IS BEING HONORED BY THE FLORENCE EXCHANGE CLUB PRIMARILY FOR HIS MANY CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE ADDED SO MUCH TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HIS ADOPTED COMMUNITY AND STATE. MR. ISRAEL'S RECORD OF SERVICE INCLUDES 5 TERMS AS A BOARD MEMBER AND 2 TERMS AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALABAMA SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS; DONATING THE LAND AND SPEARHEADING THE FUND-RAISING FOR THE NORTHWEST ALABAMA REHABILITATION CENTER IN MUSCLE SHOALS; CHAIRMAN OF THE COLBERT COUNTY UNITED FUND; CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSCLE SHOALS AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITY FOR 15 YEARS; CHAIRMAN OF THE RATION BOARD; SERVING AS A LEADER IN THE UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATION AND AS A MEMBER OF THE AUXILIARY COAST GUARD DURING WORLD WAR II. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE RED CROSS AND YMCA MOVEMENTS AND RECEIVED THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. HE IS A PAST PRESIDENT AND CURRENT TREASURER OF TRI-CITIES JEWISH FEDERATED CHARITIES.

MR. ISRAEL HAS HELD LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN VARIOUS CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE KIWANIS CLUB, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TRI-CITIES JEWISH CONGREGATION, AND B'NAI B'RITH.

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