

Separate not thyself from the community~Ethics of the Fathers~

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Marvin C. Goldstein, D.D.S., F.A.C.D., F.I.C.D. was a product of his heritage and his faith. He was devoted to his profession and to his family—immediate and extended. A man of his community, he gave of himself unstintingly to help make it the best it could be. Marvin’s philosophy about doing good things, simply put, was “because it’s the right thing to do.”



community involvement knew no bounds. Civic leaders, regardless of faith, color, gender or political persuasion, turned to him as a man of courage and conviction. It was not only for financial help but also to seek his advice and counsel on subjects ranging from practicality to those of more esoteric nature.

Active in more than 20 dental organizations, he devoted 48 years as a volunteer to the Ben Massell Dental Clinic in Atlanta where he was Chief of Staff Emeritus at the time of his death. He served as President of no less than eight dental, civic, religious or volunteer organizations, was Chairman of the board of ten such activities and participated as a worker in countless other associations. In addition to being a Clinical Professor of Orthodontics at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dental Medicine, he presented more than 200 lectures in the U.S. and abroad and contributed extensively to the literature.

His plethora of activities make the point that one does what one wants to do and that time can be found to participate in total life-cycle experiences. Though realizing that many endeavors might not be completed, he knew he had to make the effort. But Marvin’s greatest passion was people. His

His efforts to assist students trying to enter schools of higher education and the professions are legend. Those concerns were outdone only by the friendship he offered as they traveled the road of life. And, yet, this plate he had been served—so full of doing and giving to and for others—always had special room for his devoted wife and helpmate, Rita, and their five children and their families.

Marvin Goldstein, whom we memorialize now and for the future, was truly “a man for all seasons”— a man for all reasons. Martin Buber, the great philosopher and theologian said, “God made no tools for himself; He needed none, for He created for Himself a partner.”

Such a partner was Marvin Goldstein. No more can— or need— be said.

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