Albert Brenner Glickman Family

The library we are dedicating today is named for a family with a demonstrated commitment to giving and caring for the Greater Portland community. Joseph Brenner of Portland (1873-1943), Albert Brenner Glickman's grandfather, was known for his generosity, both to public causes and to private individuals. He was a founder of the Jewish Home for the Aged. As owner of the Portland-based Mountford Coal Company, he ensured that needy families did not go without heat during the Depression.

Mildred Brenner Glickman, Albert Glickman's mother, was a pioneer in fundraising for the Jewish community, and the first woman to chair a division of the Jewish Federation. She also served as a field director for the U.S.O. in World War II.

Portland native Albert Glickman has assumed a lead volunteer role in numerous charitable, community, and business organizations, at the local and national levels. He is former chair and current director of the Federal Loan Home Bank of Boston and a member of the New England Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. In addition, he is former chair of the Cedars Sinai Medical Center Board of Governors and former member of the President's Advisory Committee to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Locally, he served on the boards of the Portland Symphony Orchestra and the Portland Museum of Art. A longtime supporter of education, Albert Glickman is a trustee of the University of Maine System and the UCLA Foundation, and a former trustee of Westbrook College, the Waynflete School, and the Spurwink School. He is also trustee emeritus of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History and the Aspen Museum of Art.

Judith Glickman is a noted international photographer whose work has been shown at museums as well as college and university galleries throughout Maine, the U.S., and Europe. Locally, her work has been featured at the Portland Museum of Art, the Maine Coast Artists Gallery, Bowdoin, Colby, USM, the University of Maine, the University of Maine at Farmington, the University of Maine at Machias, the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the College of the Atlantic and the University of New England. In addition to numerous one woman shows, Glickman was featured as part of the exhibit, "Women in Photography International," that included showings at the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain and the Los Angeles Center of Photography. Glickman, a recipient of a number of awards for her work, is a fellow of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

She frequently lectures on the Holocaust, the subject of her photography. She has exhibited and lectured at colleges and universities across the United States, at the Royal Danish Embassy in London, and at the Danish Cultural Center in Edinburgh. She is a 1996 recipient of Westbrook College's Deborah Morton Award, and has served as a trustee of the Maine College of Art and the Samantha Smith Foundation.

The Glickman's four children are demonstrating the same commitment to the family tradition of community and philanthropic service. Rabbi Jeffrey Glickman has a congregation and lives in South Windsor, Conn., with his wife Shauna, a special needs educator, and their four children. Dr. Tigraw Kastenberg teaches psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband, David, a gastroenterologist, live with their four children in Haddonfield, N.J. David Glickman, a successful entrepreneur living in Los Angeles, is founder and owner of Justice Technology, a major long distance telephone company. His fiancee, Paige Budd, is an attorney-at-law. Brenner Glickman and his wife Elaine are studying at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. They will both be ordained as rabbis in June of 1998.