FIERMAN, Morton C.

B: 26 January 1914 Cleveland, OH

D: 7 November 1995 Laguna Niguel, CA

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Rank: Captain

MOS: 5310 - Chaplain

Unit: 4th Headquarters Squadron

4th Service: 1944 – 1945

Served as Jewish Chaplain, conducting services when on station. Though he resided on station, his area of responsibility was large, so he was away frequently. Permanent assignment was with Chaplains-at –Large, 8th Air Force.

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom in Santa Ana, California. Later, he founded the department of religious studies at Cal State Fullerton and later became the director of its Institute of Judaism.

He was the first teacher on the West Coast to offer a course on the Holocaust, and established the Holocaust Archives at the university.

Decorations:

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal.