



*Man's Flight
Through Life Is
Sustained By The
Power Of His
Knowledge*

TO HONOR

IRVING BAUM

POW #1318, F/O Irving "Irv" Baum, B-17 bombardier, was shot down March 16, 1944, over Amiens, France, on a mission to Augsburg, Germany, his 21st mission. After ten months at Stalag Luft III, and after walking 52 miles to Spremberg, Germany, in the winter of 1945, and boarding 40&8 box cars, he arrived at Stalag VII-A in Moosburg, Germany. After liberation, Irv, who could speak German and Yiddish, volunteered to go to Dachau Concentration Camp, nearby. In questionable condition, he arrived at the camp to administer invaluable humanitarian aid to the Jewish victims of Adolf Hitler's Final Solution. Post-war, Irv continued his life of giving, attending nearly all the Stalag Luft III reunions, hosting former German ferret, Hermann Glemnitz in 1946, and later Stalag Luft III censor #34 in 1947. He has given fourteen school presentations at clubs, fraternal societies, the 92nd Bomb Group, churches, and synagogues, the latter on Jewish holidays such as Remembrance Week. A career Air Force officer and grandfather of an AFA graduate, Irv has edited the 92nd Bomb Group/Wing Newsletter for fourteen years continuing his quest to educate and assure that the next generation never forgets. A resident of Napa Valley, he created a wine called, "Prisoner."

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