History has always been a passion for David Piser. According to his daughter, many weeknight dinners started with a “history quiz” based on the anniversary of some obscure event of the day. It was no surprise to his family that he helped co-found the Michiana Jewish Historical Society in 1994 and remains an important leader to this day. He served as the first treasurer, establishing the organizational structure and ensuring the financial management of the organization. Piser was president until 2016.

As a proud member of the Michiana Jewish community throughout his life, he has served in numerous leadership roles in the Sons of Israel/B’nai Yisroel Synagogue and as facilities chair for the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, where he capably managed the maintenance of and all improvements to the Federation building. He was instrumental in finding a suitable use for the Sons of Israel/B’nai Yisroel building by renovating it as the South Bend Cubs team store. He also created programs that include the Hands on History Family Fair, the Family Tree Project with a database of over 8,500 names in it and various publications, such as L’dor v’Dor—The Michiana Jewish Community. David was a board member of IJHS for many years.

David has instilled a love of history in his children and grandchildren, a legacy that will live on through this Jewish Hoosier legend.

His loving wife is Dayle, and his children are Aviva Wulfsohn and Larry Piser. He has three grandchildren.