

## Henry C. Baigelman

Died in June 2007. Born in Poland, 1911 to Shimon and Rivka Baigelman, one of eight children. The Baigelmans were a well-known music family with



a prominent music school in Lodz, Poland. The family also performed in the Lodz Symphony Orchestra and in the Jewish Theater in Warsaw. Henry was a talented musician who played violin, sax and clarinet. He was also a composer, a bandleader, and began his professional career at 16.

He survived the Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz and a death march and was liberated by American troops. He and his band, The Happy Boys, performed for US troops and the displaced persons in the camps.

Henry and his wife Gita (who survived the Lodz Ghetto and Ravensbrück) came to the US in 1949, where he continued to perform. In addition to a successful musical career, Henry was also involved in various community events around the city.