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The University of Dayton's Third Diploma Exercise of its 118th Commencement

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DAYTON, Ohio, July 30, 1968 --- Martin Turk of 1530 E. 256 Street, Euclid, Ohio, will graduate as the top student and Rabbi Selwyn Ruslander, spiritual leader of Dayton's Temple Israel for 21 years, will be part of the University of Dayton's third diploma exercise of its 118th commencement Saturday, August 3, at 2:15 p.m. in the UD Fieldhouse.

Rabbi Ruslander, who is known internationally for his contributions to Jewry and to military chaplaincy, will receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree while Turk, who majored in chemical engineering, carries an academic average of 3.810 into graduation and will receive his diploma magna cum laude. There are twelve receiving their undergraduate degrees with honors in a class of 497 which includes associate and master's degrees.

The 497 will bring the total of the school year graduates (December, April and August) to 1,953. In all, there have been 17,793 receive degrees since Carl Sherer of Dayton got the first college diploma 83 years ago in 1885.

Five are receiving their degrees magna cum laude and seven cum laude. They are:

**Magna Cum Laude**
- Martin Alan Turk, 1530 E. 256 Street, Euclid, Ohio, Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, 3.810.
- Patricia Ann Bowen, 7924 Constance, Chicago, Illinois, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 3.792.
- Dennis M. Conti, 177 Corunna Avenue, Akron, Ohio, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, 3.792.
- James F. Fitz, S.M., UD East Campus (Marianist College), Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 3.786.
- Stephen R. DeLong, 5011 Free Pike, Dayton, Ohio, Bachelor of Science in Pre-medical, 3.763.

**Cum Laude**
- Janis A. Bello, 7001 Moorfield Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, Bachelor of Arts in French, 3.676.
- Jane W. Lusinski, 4812 Wirt Street, Omaha, Nebraska, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, 3.666.
- Richard D. Joyce, 5336 Glendon Lane, Dayton, Ohio, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, 3.621.
- James J. Crawford, 25 Mt. Vernon Street, Saugus, Massachusetts, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, 3.593.
Rabbi Ruslander, who has served with international, national and local organizations and has been accorded many honors, will be feted at a luncheon in the Kennedy Union before the graduation ceremony.

Active in national affairs since 1947 when he was named vice chairman of the Committee on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbi Ruslander was cited in 1955 by the Montgomery County Medical Society for "inspired leadership in religious and social welfare programs and devoted service to the people of the community."

He was the first recipient of the Dayton-Miami Valley AFL-CIO meritorious citizens award in 1962 and is serving, or has served with, such local organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League Board, Community Welfare Council, Human Relations Council of Dayton, and the Ohio Valley Association of Reform Rabbis.

He was appointed to the Youth Service Advisory Board of the State of Ohio by Governor James Rhodes in 1963 and, in the late 1940s, was the first Jewish chaplain attached to a United States Navy combat fleet. He is a member of the Board of Alumni Overseers of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati.

He has toured Pacific area military bases as Vice Chairman of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy under the Defense Department and was presented an achievement certificate by the United States Air Force for a 1958 survey of chaplaincy work in the Far East. He also has conducted retreats for Army, Navy and Air Force chaplains in Europe and has served as technical advisor to the Air Force Chief of Chaplains.

He is one of the incorporators of the Cultural Development of Brotherhood in Dayton, has been chairman of Montgomery County Jewish Court Advisory Council, was vice chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, and National Chaplain for Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

He was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Jewish Welfare Board, established the Scholar-In-Residence Series in Dayton, and developed the Judaic Studies program at the University of Dayton. The latter program is one of the most popular among students at UD and is part of the Department of Theological Studies.

Rabbi Ruslander also has written many papers, articles and pamphlets and has lectured extensively.