



Farmington District Judge Michael Hand (left) swears in George Halverson as Farmington Hills Police Chief. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Jewish dramatists perform at Laikin

Dramatic artists Dorothy and Reuben Silver will be featured in the annual Moishe Haar Memorial Foundation event of the season at 8:30 p.m. May 20 in the Laikin auditorium, 28535 Middlebelt, Farmington, at an Oneg Shabbat.

Their theme will be "Dramatic Readings from the Jewish Experience," with a contemporary Jewish perspective.

Both former Detroiters, Silver learned acting from Moishe Haar at the Sholem Aleichem Institute, of which he is a graduate. From the time he was 8-years-old, he performed in both children's plays and adult programs. He credits Haar's gift as a director and sense of theater discipline with influencing his own career.

Silver is professor of theater arts at Cleveland State University. He has directed productions throughout the United States and in the West Indies and Israel. He holds a variety of offices in state and national theater organizations and is a board member or trustee of both local and national theater organizations.

Dorothy Silver is director of cultural arts at the Cleveland Jewish Community Center.

She has guest directed at various colleges and at community and stock theaters around the country.

THE SILVERS HAVE appeared jointly in more than 100 programs of dramatic readings. They are on their fifth season as special narrators and

scriptwriters for the Cleveland Orchestra's educational concert series.

Together they have traveled widely on theater assignments, both at home and abroad, and are well-known freelance performers in radio and TV commercials in the Cleveland-Pittsburgh area.

The May 20 performance is in memory of the late Moishe Haar, a secular leader in the Detroit Jewish Community who was associated with the Sholem Aleichem Institute from 1926 until his death in 1966. Haar was instrumental in the development of the institute, which was founded in 1926 and as director headed its branch schools which flourished under his guidance.

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Halverson takes top cop position

Farmington Hills city leaders and police officials gathered in city hall this week to greet incoming police chief George Halverson who was sworn in as the city's top law enforcement officer.

Halverson came to Farmington Hills to replace Ronald Holko who resigned earlier this year. Halverson, who recently resigned as the director of the Michigan State Police, will draw a \$30,000 salary for his law enforcement duties, according to city manager George Majors.

The 48-year-old, gray-haired police official served on the state police force for 25 years, three of those as its top officer.

Halverson said he decided to retire from the state post to allow more time for his family and to get away from the increasing demands of being state police director.

Saying he is uncomfortable in establishing changes immediately in the Hills department, he said insuring that residents and businesses can feel safe is a top priority.

"WE ALL ARE concerned with safety of homes and businesses

People have a right to feel secure," he said.

Majors said he shares Halverson's concern for crime prevention, particularly in youth-related problems.

"The allocation of scarce police resources to the apprehension of youth offenders could be more effectively applied to programs of prevention," said Majors.

Majors and Halverson plan to meet with local school and other youth-related community agencies to develop a coordinated approach to the problem.

The new police chief is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has completed courses at numerous training institutes throughout the country. He has lectured at various universities and holds an adjunct professor appointment at Michigan State University.

Halverson has been active in community affairs including the Boy Scouts, Jaycees, Community Chest, Safety Council, American Red Cross and the PTA.

He was elected to the Okemos Board of Education in 1971.

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