

## Artisan's Gallery owner

# Israeli craftsman content here

By HELEN ZUCKER

Carl and Marilyn Fischer opened their Artisan's Gallery, 1866 Ten Mile in Southfield, during the snow storms of last winter.

At one point they were snowed in for a week and Ms. Fischer said, "Being snowed in was a positive boon. We got more done during that week than at any other time."

Fischer is the son of Mark Fischer, Farmington Hills decorator and antique dealer. The young people who decided to branch out on their own six months ago held a reception last Friday for two of their artists, Shalom Basha of Israel and Joyce Brodsky of Oak Park.

The Fischers didn't want their gallery to be a "straight gallery," a boutique or a repair shop.

As a result of this decision they stock stoneware dishes, jewelry, pottery paintings by new artists and at the moment they have Basha's hats, vests and embroidered blue jean shirts.

Basha makes furniture and designs jewelry as well as clothing.

There are some attractive rings using Elat stone, Yeminite stone and Roman stone made by this skilled craftsman in the current display.

Basha grew up in Israel, served in the army and fought in the war of 1973. He spent six years at Kibbutz Haron at Lake Kinneret.

This is his first trip to the United States and he said, "America is so very big, and I'm so small. It's good I'm not having my show in a giant gallery. I would get lost."

He said he felt there is more opportunity for artists in America and it is more difficult for an artist to have a show in Israel.

"The competition is enormous and the galleries seem to be running a closed shop. There is a more open feeling here."

Ms. Brodsky is her exhibiting paintings alongside Basha's crafts. She has spent a good deal of time in Israel and met Basha at Kibbutz Haron.

She does slightly abstracted impressionist work in oils and recently visited Safed, the artists community in Israel.

She said, "Israel has such a varied collection of people, there just is no one trend, no style that overrides others."

Ms. Brodsky said she "found no heavy trends like New Realism Earthworks or Conceptualism—there's just too many artists from different backgrounds for anything like that to develop."

Both artists said they felt the Fischers had done an artful display with getting a lot of things into a small space.

The Fischers do custom framing and he is especially good at blocking and framing needlepoint. He also repairs pottery, retouches furniture and can, apparently, remake or fix almost anything.

The best thing about the Artisan's Gallery, housed in a deceptively small white clapboard building, is the fact

that it's open to the new, the young, the unfired.

At present the Fischers are looking for good, new artists. They are hoping to hold several shows featuring new work during the coming year.

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—Joyce Brodsky



Spoutz-Misarar

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Spoutz of Southfield announce the engagement of their daughter Diane to Ronas S. Misarar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Misarar of Canton Township. An October wedding is planned.

Schultz-Poirot

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Schultz, of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Ruth, to Richard L. Poirot, son of Mrs. and Mrs. James F. Poirot, of Connecticut. A September wedding is planned.



Lembach-Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Lembach of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter Janice Elizabeth to Donald C. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Taylor of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Oakland University and employed by Here and Now Inc., Troy. Her fiancé served in the U.S. Navy and is also employed by Here and Now.

A September wedding is planned in the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.



Eathorne-Bahr

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Eathorne, 2193 Centerfarm Lane, Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter Jill Elaine, to Robert Ann Bahr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bahr, of Lucas, Iowa.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Farmington High School and a dance major at Akron University, where she is on the ballet teaching staff. She is also the assistant director of the Canton Ballet Company. Her fiancé has a masters degree in piano performance from Akron University and currently is performing in a Massillon, Ohio, supper club.

A September wedding is planned in First Presbyterian Church, Northville.



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