

Women of JNF gather for 48th Donor Tea

By SHIRLEE IDEN

For most people, planting a tree is a pleasant act, ecologically positive and forward looking. For members of the Jewish National Fund, planting a tree is an act of faith and a way to nation building.

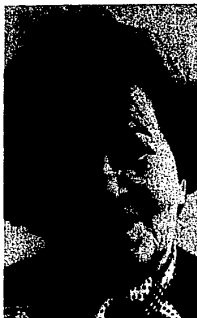
Diane Levine, president of Women of Jewish National Fund in this area, says her more than 30 years of work for this group and there are her way of honoring her parents.

"I always say the Ten Commandments are all beautiful, but the most striking is the one that says to honor the parents," she said. "What better way to honor our parents than to keep the faith and support the land of Israel."

Women of Jewish National Fund is the auxiliary to JNF, the sole land reclamation agency for the state of Israel. It was started here 35 years ago by a small band of eleven women.

Today its membership numbers close to 1000 and many of those members and their guests will gather at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 10 to celebrate a job well done.

This 48th Annual Donor Event, planned as a dessert luncheon, will



SHIRLEY KRAFT

Hills, fund-raising chairperson, the camp will cost \$250,000.

"Two years ago, we raised a similar amount to build a family recreation center in Kiryat Shmona near the Lebanese border," Mrs. Levine said. "That area suffered greatly from Palestinian terrorism and we wanted to improve the quality of life there."

To that end, the women solicited donations, large and small to build the center and they succeeded. That same tactic is being employed now.

"We get donations from \$10 to many thousands," Mrs. Levine explained.

One generous donor is Mrs. Shirley Kraft of Southfield who has donated \$10,000 to build the kitchen for the camp. Her record of giving to Women of JNF, however, goes back a long way.

"My sister-in-law got me involved over 30 years ago," Mrs. Kraft said. "My first job in the group was to act as recording secretary and we used to read minutes aloud at our big monthly meetings. I was so scared I would lose my voice."

Mrs. Kraft admits she has lost a great deal of that shyness and this year is serving as program chairman for the donor event.



DIANE LEVINE

"Our guest speaker will be Rabbi William Berkowitz, spiritual leader of Congregation Bnei Yeshurun in New York City who is a noted lecturer and author," she said. He is also the national president of JNF."

ENTERTAINERS for the afternoon

will be the Israeli-Russian Duo of Michael Elngorn of Israel and Victor Shulman, who recently emigrated from Russia. Their program will include Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian folk songs, Mrs. Kraft said.

Both Mrs. Kraft and Mrs. Levine have been Women of JNF president in previous years and both have long histories of service with the group, dating back to the days before there was a State of Israel.

Today, with Israel celebrating her 30th year of statehood, both women and the many others who work with them are well acquainted with the many needs of the tiny country and her pioneer people.

"Through JNF, we cleared swamps, crushed boulder, and prepared the land for productive use," Mrs. Kraft explained. "JNF buys land from the Arab people and others. All the organizations such as Pioneer Women Hiddessah and Mizrahi have projects and all are built on JNF land."

The Bicentennial Park, expected to be completed this year, will include recreation, tourism, agriculture and forest areas. It is a JNF venture saluting 200 years of American independence and is built in the Judean Hills, near Jerusalem, in a Biblically historical region where David pastured his

sheep and fought Goliath and where Sargon battled the Philistines.

The Youth camp is expected to be one of the busiest projects in the ark, according to Mrs. Levine.

MORE THAN 2000 campers used temporary facilities this summer, mostly Israeli and some 300 from South America and Europe.

Educational programs will include scouting, forestry, improvement of the environment and excursions into the Judean Hills for studies of geology and flora and fauna.

"When completed, it will have all facilities and will be one of Israel's leading camps," Mrs. Levine said.

Helping to plan the culminating donor event are fund-raising co-chairpersons Beatrice Feigelson and Belle Greenbaum of Southfield, Belle Levin of Detroit, Friedman Stollman of Oak Park and Rissa Winkelman of Southfield, president of Young Women of JNF.

Pearl Nisan of Southfield is special gifts chairman and she is being assisted by Fannie Cooper, Belle Hordes, Edith Kolodney, Libbie Posner and Helen Rosenfeld, all of Southfield. For further information concerning the 48th Annual Donor Event or any Jewish National Fund project call the office at 968-0820.

culminate a two month fund raising effort. The goal is to complete a Youth Camp located in the American Bicentennial National Park in Israel.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. Levine and Mrs. Frank Silverman of Farmington



The art of woodcarving

Whittling becomes an art under the tutelage of Joanne Wood, who will teach an eight-session class beginning Jan. 31 in the Farmington Community Center. By class end, students carve simple birds and animals. Mrs. Wood studied under Loretta Hawkins and at Greenfield Village, before teaching students in the center. Registration for all of the center's winter classes are taken on a first-come-first-served basis.

FOR MEN ONLY will meet at 8 p.m. Jan. 6 in the East Lounge of Mercy Center to hear Rev. Bob Weikart.

The group, for widowers only, is open to all widowers in the area. Guests are asked to enter the center from Gate 4, on Eleven Mile, east of Middle Belt. A \$2 charge will be asked at the door.

Persons wishing information on the group are invited to call Jean Peteri, 476-8011.

PIONEER WOMEN'S growth and history will be discussed on "Jewish Community Highlights" aired on Channel 2, at 9:45 a.m. Jan. 8.

The discussion will be an exchange between Frieda Leeman, National President of Pioneer Women and Betty Rath, president of the group's Greater Detroit Council. Both are residents of Farmington Hills.

The women join Nancy Fisher Stein, representative of Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, on the program.

Pioneer Women was started in Israel as a women's movement more

than 50 years ago and now has 50,000 members in the United States.

Jewish Community Highlights is a weekly production of the Jewish Community Council in cooperation with WJBK-TV.

LIVONIA JEWISH CONGREGATION SISTERHOOD meet at 8 p.m. Jan. 10 in the synagogue.

Guest speakers for the evening are Marian Shenkman and Rena Tobes who will talk on "The Torah Fund."

WELCOME WAGON CLUB of Farmington meets at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 in Farmington Community Library, 23550 Liberty for a program on home safety.

Speaker for the evening is a detective from the Farmington Police Department who will show a movie called "How to Protect Your Home."

All meetings of the club are open to all residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills who have lived here for less than one year.

In addition to regular monthly meet-

ings the club schedules other events and special group activities for newcomers to the two communities. Membership information is available by calling Jean Chagn, 477-5286.

FARMINGTON AMATEUR RADIO

CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in Room 101-G, Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee.

All meetings of the club are open to all persons interested in amateur radio.

Club Circuit

Schmidt-Lichtman

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schmidt, of 3438 Lakehurst, Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Ann, to Lawrence Alan Lichtman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lichtman, of 28618 Kendallwood, Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect, a former Miss Farmington, and now Miss Michigan 1977, is a freshman at Michigan State University. Her fiance, whose father was mayor of Farmington Hills in 1974, is a pre-medical student at University of Michigan.

A July 29 wedding is planned in Sheandoah Country Club.



Pull over to the curb

America's first traffic regulation saw light on Dec. 17, 1971. To alleviate traffic congestion in front of the John Street Theater in New York City, officials issued the declaration that "Ladies and gentlemen will order their coachman to take up and set down with their horse heads to the East River."

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