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**Priests, ministers
and rabbis
agree some
kind of marital
preparation
is a plus...**

easy I say so and may even suggest counseling."

Rev. Gentile said 75 per cent of those he sees have already lived together prior to marriage.

Rabbi David Nelson, spiritual leader at Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park, said his premarital interview with couples is mainly to question them on the nature of their Jewish commitment.

"I'm seeing more commitment to marriage and to each other than in past years," he said.

He said he has discerned a trend to more marriages between the 20 and 21-year-olds, a return to prior conditions.

"They are very much aware of the high per cent of marital failures and they want to succeed in their own marriages," he said.



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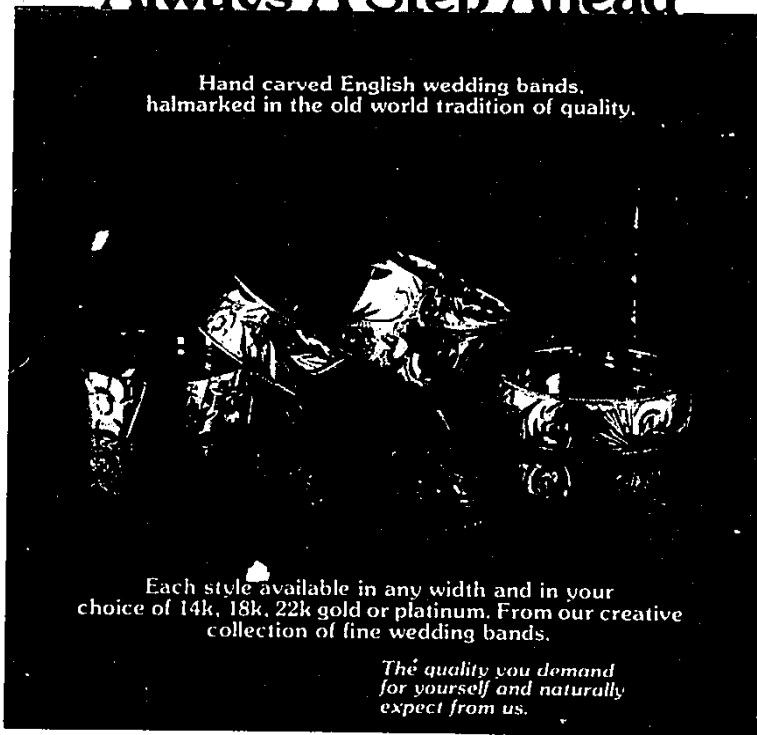


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