

Silk flowers are smooth business

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When she gets rental flowers back, they are always rearranged so that every arrangement she rents or sells is different.

"I never liked doing the same thing twice," she said.

"I like to arrange things as though a person had done it in their own home. I want the flowers to represent the person's personality."

Mrs. Brinn works in the basement of her home. Although she said she likes it quiet, she will occasionally tune into her husband's ham radio conversations.

"As far as I know I'm unique in rent-

ing silk flowers," she said. "But I do know I offer as good a product as you can find."

STARTING with stock flowers which she buys, she redoes each blossom head, making them secure.

"I do work for a dress designer and just love anything creative," she said.

"One year I studied design at the University of Michigan and had a very demanding teacher. It was tough, but I learned."

Many times, Mrs. Brinn's customers will supply containers for her, but she is always on the lookout for interesting

vases or curios to fill with her delicate flowers.

"I need to know about the people I deal with," she said. "To please them I need to know if they like things that are massive or delicate, what their color preferences are, and if they like things that are traditional."

"One couple called and said they had a problem wall and could I help them. I worked up two hanging planters of silk flowers that turned out nicely."

"And it just gives me the shivers when I see the look on the bride's face when she sees her bouquet."

Mrs. Brinn even does an extra bou-

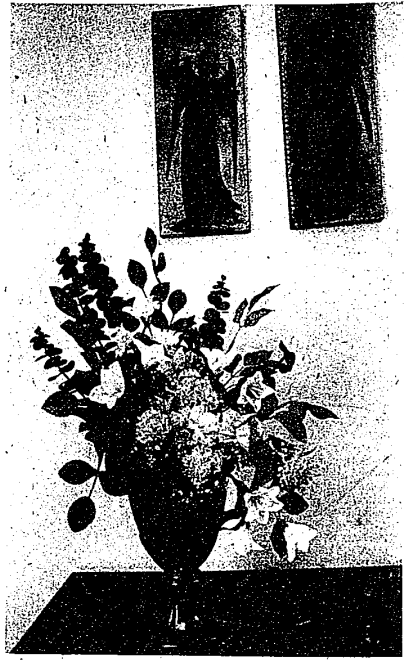
quet so that the lucky young women who catches the bridal bouquet really does keep it.

Her prices for bridal bouquets start at \$30 and can go to \$50 or more. Attendants bouquets are usually less.

"And I will coordinate the flowers for the brides' and grooms' mothers as well," she said.

Despite the fact she spends hours each week at fashioning and arranging the flowers, Mrs. Brinn admits she also spends lots of time at garage sales.

"That's my best place for finding containers, and I'm a real addict," she said.



Yeshivat Akiva opens Sept. 3

Yeshivat Akiva of greater Detroit will begin classes on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the school, 21550 12 Mile in Southfield.

The school is the only Jewish day school in the United States from which students spend their entire senior year in Israel. The eight Akiva seniors who will begin their final year will continue this program which has been in existence since 1973.

Girls will spend the year at Machon Gold and the single boy in the class will meet new classmates at Bais Midrash Lakota, Yeshiva. Both institutions are in Jerusalem.

During the course of the year, the students will have the opportunity to

meet with many of Israel's governmental leaders and will learn firsthand the ways of life in the Holy Land. They will take several tours of the countryside.

The students will meet with teenagers from many parts of the world.

Additional information about the Akiva program which begins with kindergarten and goes through high school can be obtained by calling the school office at 554-4664.

Students who will study in Israel this year include: Eddie Katz, Jay Jubas, Rachel Flaft, Annette Ryba, Sheryl Zuroff, Zoe Levin, Rochelle Ginsburg and Cheryl Snow.

Malover-Gilbert

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Malover of Southfield announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Maryalice Malover, to Stephen Gilbert of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The bride-elect graduated from

Southfield Lathrup High School and Oakland Community College. Her fiancé was graduated from Miami University in Ohio and is employed by the Burroughs Corp. in Cincinnati.

A September wedding is planned.

Rosh Hashana card offered

A Rosh Hashana card featuring traditional illustrations from the Archives of the Leo Baeck Institute is among the Michigan Cancer Foundation's collection of 1979 holiday greeting cards. Proceeds from the card sale help support programs of scientific research, patient and family care, rehabilitation; screening and detection and public education. For more information about the Foundation's Rosh Hashana card and other holiday greeting cards call 549-4600.



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