

## Concert features ex-Soviet star

A Russian immigrant who was once a singing sensation in the USSR will be presented in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 3.

Emil Gorovets and his wife, Margherita Bolonskyts, will be featured by Women's Circle Branch 684 at the United Hebrew School, 21550 12 Mile in Southfield.

They will present a program of Yiddish, Russian, Hebrew and English songs and skills.

Gorovets gave up a successful musical career in the 1960s to live in this country as a Jew.

Growing up in a village in the Ukraine, he attended one of the last Jewish schools allowed to function in the Soviet Union.

After the Nazi invasion in 1941, Gorovets' father moved most of his

family to safety in Tashkent, except for two sons. They remained behind for army service and both were killed.

Gorovets attended studio classes of the Jewish Theatre of Moscow in Tashkent and later joined the troupe in Moscow. First an actor, he was encouraged to become a singer and was on his way to stardom when Stalin closed all Yiddish theaters in 1950.

Later restrictions became even more repressive and many of his friends were murdered by the Russians. They included some of Russia's leading Jewish poets.

Gorovets and his wife and son left Russia for Israel and then this country, where he believes it is more important to be free than to be famous.

## Faithful mourn death of patriarch

By SHIRLEE IDEN

Twice a visitor to Southfield, the head of the Syrian Orthodox Church will be honored in death here at a July 6 mourning service.

His Holiness Mar Ignatius Yacoub III, patriarch of the Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and Rome, died of a massive heart attack on June 25.

The faithful here, members of St. Peter and Paul Syrian Orthodox Church, will conduct the mourning service at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 6, according to James Jardeck, a church leader.

A large number of church hierarchy will attend the service, Jardeck said.

His Holiness Mar Ignatius Yacoub was to Syrian Orthodox faithful as a Pope of the Roman Catholic Church would be to his Catholic flock.

"Within 30 days the bishops of the

church will elect a new patriarch," Jardeck said.

He estimates there are about 4 to 5 million members of the Syrian Orthodox Church around the world. A large percentage of them are in India.

WHEN HIS holiness visited Southfield in June 1971 he was greeted by members of all faiths at St. Peter and Paul's.

Then Southfield Mayor Norman Feder proclaimed a special day for the visiting church leader.

The visit marked the first time in history that a Patriarch of Antioch had visited North America.

While in Southfield he conducted a Pontifical Divine Liturgy at the Lahser Road church which was followed by a reception.

His second visit was made in 1976 when he was again received by church and civic leaders.

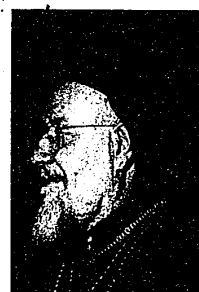
His Holiness was raised from age 6 in St. Matthews Monastery near Mosul, Iraq. Later he studied theology in Beirut, Lebanon and was ordained in 1933 in Homs, Syria.

He was considered a master of the Syriac-Aramaic and Arabic languages and also spoke English and French.

IN 1957 he was made Patriarch, and he continued as the leader of his church until his recent death.

Informed of the death of the Patriarch, local church leaders immediately formulated plans to honor the late Mar Ignatius Yacoub III in a suitable service.

Jardeck said a large delegation of church hierarchy will attend the mourning service as well as representatives of other churches and the lay community.



MAR IGNATIUS YACOB III

## Aerobic dance begins July 1

A summer session of aerobic dance to be called "Dreams" begins on July 1 at the Lathrup Village Municipal Building.

Six weeks of dance sessions are planned. They will be led by Jackie Soransen who promises participants a better figure.

Easy to learn dances, choreographed to popular songs will be incorporated in the fitness program. Aerobic dance is a

blend of dancing and jogging which include all the essentials of a physical fitness program into one sport.

The sessions include a warmup routine, choreographed sit-ups, eight aerobic dances and a cool-down dance.

Classes will be a 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursdays with evening classes at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

For registration information call 644-3460.

## Hairdresser is a winner

Guy Minnella, Southfield hairdresser, took first place for haircutting and first place overall in a recent competition in Windsor.

The event was the Intercontinental Coiffures Congress of 1980.

Minnella represented the United States in the event in which 10 coun-

tries and five continents competed. Men and women from the U.S., Canada, West Germany, Australia, Japan, France, South Africa and Holland were entered.

Minnella is a co-owner of the Excelsior Barber Shop at 24901 Northwestern in Southfield.

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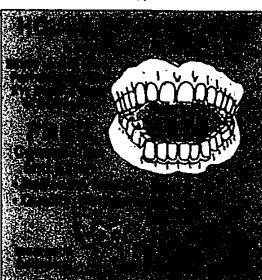
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