

# Learning Hebrew turns to video

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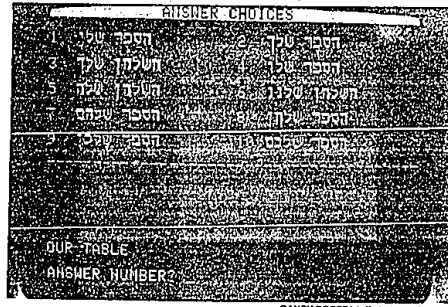
"Not many children like to come to a two-hour class at night after going to school all day, but using the computer is a game to them that they really enjoy," Kriechman said.

"Reviewing grammar and vocabulary on the computer takes the boredom out of learning," she said.

"Mathis says it took about two months

for him to convert an English language program to Hebrew. Jon Samuels, a student at North Farmington High School, helped Mathis design and incorporate the Hebrew characters into the computer.

This program has been so successful that the school is planning to purchase another computer in the near future says Kriechman. The computer presently being used was a gift from the Adat Shalom's Parents' organization.



This is what a typical question from the computer looks like to the Hebrew language student.

# Administrator resigns under pressure

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If the school board intended to dismiss Wright, it was required by law to give him notice within 90 days of the end of his contract. So, the board began probing Sheldon for Wright's evaluation at its Monday, March 26 meeting because trustees believed his contract expired in late June.

"We need to (understand) why you continue to support a person the board is having difficulty with," Trustee Pa-

tricia Jackman told Sheldon. "Things have been mounting up," she continued, and the board is beginning to ask, "Why is this person here?"

BUT SHELTON indicated that one of the administration contracts runs from January to December, rather than from July to June, like the others. Apparently referring to Wright, whose contract was signed in January, 1983, Sheldon noted that December, 1984, was the end of the two-year proba-

tionary period for this administrator.

Alarms at this explanation, several board members questioned whether it was the contract, or the two-year probationary period, that runs from January to December. Trustee Merlin Ross suggested the board hold a closed session after the meeting to discuss the discrepancy.

At the March 28 special meeting, it became evident that Wright's contract did, indeed, run from July to June. With this information, the board would have

"pressed" for Wright's evaluation, Tozli said. "We wanted to know where we stood," he explained.

But Wright tendered his resignation before any further inquiries by the board.

The assistant superintendent's resignation is effective June 30, Wright said he will carry the district through upcoming budget sessions. He presently is completing a two-year district budget, with four-year revenue and expense projections.

# Legal-assistance program readied

The final step has been taken by Madonna College to achieve its legal-assistance program by the American Bar Association.

A visitation committee spent three days at the Livonia college during February and March to meet faculty, visit classes and survey library resources. Its recommendation will be considered by the Commission on Approval of Paralegal Programs of the ABA at a May meeting.

Members of the visitation committee were Michael R. LaFrance, director of Legal Assistant Program, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Frank Keating, director of Legal

Assistant Program at Mallenckrodt College, Wilmette, Ill.; Susan Shapiro, legal assistant specialist with the law firm of Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodenow and Trigg, Detroit; and Thomas W. Watkins, General Motors Corp.

Before the visit, a self-study was prepared by Dennis Bozyk, director, and Jennifer Cote, assistant director, of the program.

THE MADONNA legal-assistance curriculum, which offers an associate degree, a bachelor's degree or a post-degree certificate, was developed in 1975 by a committee composed of Sr.

Mary Laurians, then academic dean, the program director, and local attorneys, judges and legal assistants.

During the course of the program, students gain valuable experience working with attorneys in student practices," said Bozyk.

He said that graduates of the Madonna legal-assistance program are employed in several of Detroit's top law firms as well as in the legal departments at Burroughs Corp. and the Ford Motor Co.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, in Occupational Outlook, states that in the 1980s the need for legal assistants is "expect-

ed to grow much faster than the average for other occupations."

A legal assistant's duties include researching and analyzing laws, investigating the facts of a case and drafting documents under the supervision of an attorney. The legal assistant can also interview clients, obtain releases for personal information and prepare cases.

Further information about the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna College may be obtained by calling the assistant director, Jennifer Cote, 591-5195. Madonna College is at 1-95 and Levan, Livonia.

# Director oversees OCC production

Paul A. Ferris, a professional actor and stage manager, is tapping into the side of his talent by serving as musical director for the upcoming Oakland Community College stage musical by

Stephen Soundheim, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

The production, which opens in the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus Friday and runs Saturday,

Sunday and April 12, 13 and 14, will be conducted by Ferris, who has served as

director of music for both the St. Louis the King Parish and the Cathedral of St. Simon and Saint Jude in Phoenix, Ariz.

While in Phoenix, he was also commissioned as musical conductor for the Phoenix Oratorio Society.

For ticket reservations and information, phone 471-7700

## on the agenda

City of Farmington Hills  
City Council Agenda  
Regular Meeting  
April 9 - 7:30 p.m.

### Unfinished Business:

- Consideration of setting date to hear applicants' seeking the one remaining liquor license.

### New Business:

- Consideration of resolution consenting to the transfer of employment of Key International Manufacturing Inc. from the City of Farmington Hills to the Charter Township of Plymouth.
- Consideration of application of Finnish Center to hold Ethnic Festival from May 25 through May 27, 1984.
- Consideration of selling city water for Mobile Home Park in the City of Novi.
- Consideration of request from Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan to hold a "Homearama" in Farmington Hills Aug. 29, 1984.
- Consideration of Capital Improvement Program submitted by Planning Commission and setting public hearing for May 7, 1984.

### City Managers Report:

- Recommends approval of resolution formally accepting into the local street system those sections of Jefferson and Green Hill Road.
- Recommends acceptance of low bid for repairs to Witherspoon Commons retention pond.
- Recommends adoption of traffic control orders re proposed changes and additions to existing speed limit signing on major and secondary roadways.
- Recommends adoption of traffic control orders approving change in traffic signing on Parker Street at the intersection of Tilman Avenue, Salvador Avenue, Junction Avenue and Colfax Avenue.
- Recommends approval of authorization for City Manager to issue a purchase order for the procurement of the city's annual supply of culverts for the Department of Public Works.
- Recommends approval of authorization for City Manager to issue a purchase order for the procurement of one aerial lift sign truck for the Department of Public Works.

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