

FARMINGTON
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Japan and Judaism

Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills will host two programs that focus on the link between Japan and the Jewish religion. On Tuesday, May 31, Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, rabbi of the Tokyo Synagogue from 1968-81, will speak at Adat Shalom at 7:30 p.m. The author of 18 books, Tokayer was the first to reveal the details of "The Fugu Plan," the story of the Japanese and the Jews during World War II. Tokayer, who currently serves the North Shore Hebrew Academy in Great Neck, N.Y., holds degrees from Yeshiva University and The Jewish Theological Seminary.



Tokayer

On the following Monday, June 6, also at 7:30 p.m., Adat Shalom will host Mkhelut Hashachar, a 40-member choir whose renditions of Israeli, Jewish liturgical and Japanese music overcome differences in culture and history.

Both events are sponsored by the Kapes family in memory of Inez Kapes. There is no charge, but tickets are needed for the concert and may be obtained at the synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, at 13 Mile.

Seating will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Adat Shalom at 851-5100.

Volunteers honored

Randolph Trager and Jay J. Schwartz, Farmington-area residents, were honored by the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Ann Arbor and its VA Outpatient Clinic in Toledo at the 40th annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Dinner May 9 at Weber's Inn.

The Ann Arbor VA Medical Center receives volunteer support from Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Jackson and Wayne counties, with the number of combined volunteer hours totaling 91,881 in 1993, the equivalent of 45 full-time staff positions.



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Sun, ceremony team up for opening



The dedication of the Founders Sports Park was a big hit with those who attended the ceremony last Saturday. Then came some real hits as the young baseball players took to their new diamonds.

BY BILL COUTANT
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If Saturday events were any indication, Farmington Hills' new sports park is going to be very popular.

The weather cooperated, delaying

the worst fears of special services director Dan Potter, and making the dedication of Founders Sports Park a big hit. Some real hits followed the 11 a.m. dedication ceremony as baseball and soccer teams broke in the new facility.

"Rain was predicted earlier in the week for today, and we had a bulldozer buried in the mud," Potter said. "I was a little concerned."

With temperatures in the 70s and sunshine, city, county and state officials along with soccer and baseball enthusiasts were able to try out the new 86-acre mega-park.

After speeches by Mayor Larry Lichtman, Robert Courvreur of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, city manager Bill Costick, parks and recreation committee chairman Jerry Ellis, Paul

Jacobs, who chairs the major sports complex ad hoc committee, and Susan Laarman of Legacy Tours '94, ribbons were cut, lunch was served and an umpire gave the familiar cry, "play ball!"

Team Farmington Special Olympians put on a VIP luncheon and all-star teams began play at the three new baseball fields that flank the new concession/rest room building. Skill events and soccer games were also up and running Saturday.

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Parisian is a family fashion department store offering clothing, shoes, cosmetics, and accessories for women, men, and children, and we're opening a new store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia on Monday, August 1. We look forward to becoming part of the community, so before we open our doors, we will present the "You're Somebody Special" Award and \$10,000 to an organization that helps families in need.

We invite you to participate by nominating an organization doing outstanding work. Simply fill out the nomination form on the right, attach a description of how your nominee serves families in need, and send it to the address shown.

Additional nomination brochures are available at the Laurel Park Place management office. For more information, call 464-2352.



YOUR NOMINATION MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Organization must be a not-for-profit US organization recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.
 - Organization must be located in the greater metropolitan area.
 - This nomination form must accompany your nomination to be eligible.
 - Nomination form must be filled out completely and legibly. Incomplete forms will be disqualified.
 - No additional materials will be considered.
- Selection is based on the quality of the nominee's work, not the number of nomination forms received.
- The winning organization will receive a cash award of \$10,000. Finalists will receive certificates honoring their accomplishments.

NOMINATION FORM

Please complete and return to the mail office at Laurel Park Place or mail the form to:

"You're Somebody Special" Award
Parisian
17370 Laurel Park Drive North
Suite 100
Livonia, MI 48152

Nominations must be received by June 10, 1994. The judges' decision is final. Nomination forms become the property of Parisian, Inc. and cannot be returned.

YOUR NAME _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ YOUR PHONE NUMBER _____

I nominate the following organization for the "You're Somebody Special" Award:

ORGANIZATION _____

CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ NOMINEE'S PHONE NUMBER _____

I certify that the organization I have nominated meets the eligibility requirements outlined above.

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On a separate sheet of paper, respond to the following statements in 300 words or less. Please be specific. Selection will be based on the information you provide. Attach your sheet to this nomination form.

1. Describe how the organization's commitment to serving families in need is sustained over time.
2. Explain how the organization has helped families regain their self-sufficiency.
3. Describe how the organization's actions have an ongoing and lasting effect on families in need.
4. Describe how the organization has shown outstanding initiative in serving the family by one or more of the following methods: by creating supportive relationships among community groups, starting a new program, or expanding an existing one.