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uncovered an intact oil lamp and drinking glass in the basement of a Roman home dating back 2,500

Other activities included visits
to Yad Vashem (the Holocaust The farvive section of the follocaust Memorial Museum), Prime Mineter Itzhak Rabin's grave on Mount Herzl, The Knosset (Itrael's parliament), Jowish communal living in a Kibbutz, and the mountaintop fortress of Masada, where a community of Jóws in 13 C. E. chose suicide rather than giving up their faith. The group also toured the holy sites of Christians and Muslims. You can't isolate history, said Barnon. You have to understand all the pieces in order to knew

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Though the opening cereinguise of the Maccabiah Games
in Tel Aviv were meant to be
among the happy events, tourists
learned how quickly joy can turn
to irragedy in Israel. Borke was
among those who witnessed the
bridge leading to the stadium collapse into the Yarkon River,
killing two Australian athletes
and injuring 64 others.

Hyce Sandler, 26, of Farmington Hills, a political fund-raiser
fog U.S. Rey. Joe Knollenberg, RBloomfield Township, was among
thy group's 270 adults visiting
Israel for the first time.

"It was a totality experience,
said the Clovoland native. But
Jegualem interested me the
most. It was interesting to see
Muslim, Arab, Christian and
leraeli Jows all living together
and engaged in everyday activtice and day-to-day interactions."

The group also visited with the
Ethiopian Jows in Magdal Ha
Egnek, the Jowish Rederation of
Mytropolitum Octroits sister city
developed to form a living bridge
between Israel and the Diaspora.

"The significant thing is that
there was a connection there that
went beyond language or communication to fellow Jows who come
from a completely different country," said Sandler. "It's a bond
that goes beyond language or culture."



Spiritual reflections: Bryce Sandler (left) of Farmington Hills, Lisa Barson of Southfield and Marc Berke of Royal Oak were among the Oakland County singles who took part in the United Jewish Appeal's latest mission to Israel. sion to Israel.

Just days after returning to Oakland County, the group learned that Jerusalem's main fruit and vegetable merket was bombed in a suicide blast that took 14 lives and injured 150. But isolated incidents like these don't seem to be a deterrent for Barson, Berke and Sandler, who plan to make a return trip abroad.

I felt incredibly safe in Israel, said Sandler.

"If where afraid to go, then the terrorists win," said Barson, who brims with tears when describing how the tour group broke into singing, "There will be peace in Israel."

"Wo're so far away from Israel that we have to physically practice and physically remind our solves that we're Jewish."

The Jowish Federation of

Metropolitan Detroit works in partnership with Jewish institutions and agencies to build a unified Jewish community, enrich the quality of Jewish life, support larad, strengthen the bonds of world Jewry and create a climate of respect for the diversity of Jewish ideas and practices. The organization has been sponsoring mission trips to Israel for various age groups since 1950.

Mombers of this year's first summer singles mission are in the midst of planning a Septem-ber reunion in Oakland County. "The social aspect to the trip is unforgettable," added Sandler, who is eager to continue the fel-lowship in the States. "There were so many new friendships being made."

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mental health. "And it made me a little more self-assured... being accepted in such a way by a complete stranger and knowing you have helped someone." As she waits for another assignment. Flee discusses one of the drawbacks of the program. "People have to ask for it. And it's very difficult for some people to ask for help." she said. "But they should because it's a wunderful program."

The Stephen ministry program was founded in 1975 by Konneth C. Haugk, a pastor, clinical psychologist, author and educator.

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It was initiated to fill the needs of overworked church staffs, individuals needing quality care and lay church members seeking a meaningful ministry.

ministry. The Missouri-based, transde-

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Lana Leckie Lay leader

nominational ministry is active in 6,000 congregations representing 100 denominations worldwide.

"We extend the Stephen Ministry services to anyone in the community," said Leckie. 'Care receivers are not limited to Northbrook members.'

Leckie's involvement at Northbrook has taken on a number of forms from serving as camp counselor to chairing the Retirement Home Luncheen.

The directorship of the Stephen Ministry foll under het, care in June, when she left her job as an outreach consultant at the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Center in Southfield to assume a part-time position as director of adult ministries at Northbrook.

The Rev. R. Bruce Meyer, pastor of Northbrook Presbyterian Church, is among the trained Stephen Ministers on the church staff.

The program sorves as a structured extension of his ministry.

istry.
"The minister is still always "The minister to the needs of the congregation," added Leckie. "This is an adjunct to that... a way to greater serve and minister to the needs of the congregation."

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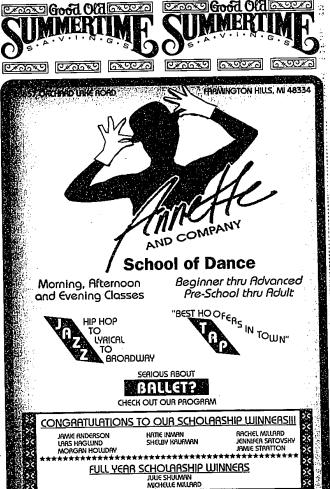




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