

High Holy Day special filmed by Channel 4

By NATALIE HALPERN
Congregation Shaarey Zedek wore a new look recently as television cameras winked and cables undulated across the corridors.

"The Ties That Bind," a High Holiday special program, was being filmed.

In an innovative move, this Jewish Community Council Special, dealing with preparation for the coming holidays, was shot in cinematic style according to producer Evelyn Orbach.

As individuals and in groups, from age 5 to 80, "minors, menschen, and madders" were asked by narrator Irving Tukul how they as Jews felt about the impact of the High Holy Days on their lives.

The program will be aired at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, on Channel 4.

AS PART of its public service program, Channel 4 offered its 16-man crew and equipment for on-location shooting.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek made available its physical site, staff, plus sandwiches and coffee for all, during the seven hours of shooting time.

Teenagers, adults, and community leaders spoke of the holidays as a time which focused on family togetherness and continuity of the tradition.

Some recalled the Yom Kippur War in which Israel was embroiled just one year ago.

THE CHOIR was in rehearsal dress.

The Kol Nidre prayer, as Cantor Jacob Barkin explained, has a melody which is much more powerful than the text.

"The music itself conveys a sense of awe," he said.

Two elders of the congregation were occupied with changing the Torah Mantles, indicating that white covers were used for the New Year, as a symbol of purity and forgiveness.

Tamar de Sola Pool, distinguished author and lecturer, in town for a family visit, was interviewed.

Mrs. Pool reminded her listeners that the Yom Kippur prayer repeatedly refers to collective trans-

gressions, emphasizing the "we" aspect.

"This is because the sins of society are the guilt of each one of us," she said.

"I approach the High Holiday with a sense of humility, for I believe if we try hard enough, perhaps we will one day be able to say: we have not sinned."

Rabbi Irwin Groner, spiritual leader of the congregation, added his view that the central idea of the holidays is the brevity and preciousness of life.

"In addition," he said, "the memory of events of last Yom Kippur have caused us to rededicate ourselves as a congregation to our brethren in Israel and behind the Iron Curtain."

ELIZABETH MacDONALD

Women to host speaker

The women of Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold a mini-retreat from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 19) at the church, 1890 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Elizabeth MacDonald will be the guest speaker. Workshops will take place both morning and afternoon on such topics as: A Christian Adventure in Parenthood, Improving Personal Relations, How to Handle the Loss of a Loved One, Daily Living with Your Bible and Living with Grandma and Grandpa.

Tickets are on sale at the church office, church library or book nook or from Mrs. Arthur Hesskamp, 7036 Lindenmere, Birmingham. The deadline for obtaining tickets is Monday (Sept. 16).

Free nursery reservations also may be made with Mrs. Hesskamp. A sack lunch should be provided for children.

Temple sets Friday service

Temple Kol Ami will hold its regular sabbath service at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward Avenue at Lone Pine Road.

Rabbi Ernst Conrad will lead the pulpit discussion on the topic "Why Pay for Religion?" Since this is the last sabbath before the high holidays, there will be special readings befitting the occasion.

The Jewish New Year 5753 will begin at sunset on Monday. The temple will conduct its worship services on Rosh Hashanah at the auditorium of the Hillel Day School, 32200 Middlebelt Road.

Services will take place at 8:30 p.m. Monday. Rabbi Conrad will deal in his sermon series with the topic of "Peace in Our Time." The temple choir will sing assisted by soloist Cynthia Blough and Dr. Irving Friedman. Music director for Temple Kol Ami is Nathalie M. Conrad.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Members of the Temple Youth Group will conduct a service for children of the primary grades at 3 p.m.

Theologian to speak

Author, psychologist and theologian Fr. John Powell, S.J., will be the guest speaker at a full-day meeting Wednesday in a new series at the Mercy Center, Eleven Mile Road just east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

The series, sponsored by the Psychological Studies Consultation Program, Inc., is intended for clergy, other professional church workers and interested laypersons.

Father Powell is an associate professor of theology at Loyola University, Chicago. He holds degrees in the classics, English, psychology and theology.

His appearance is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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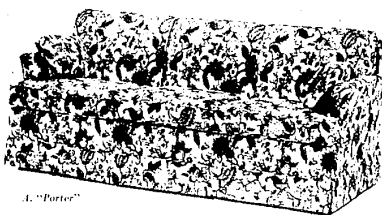
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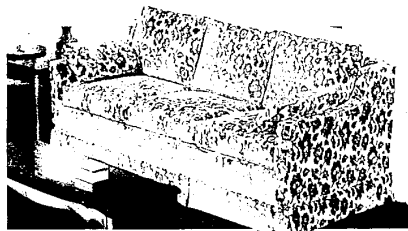
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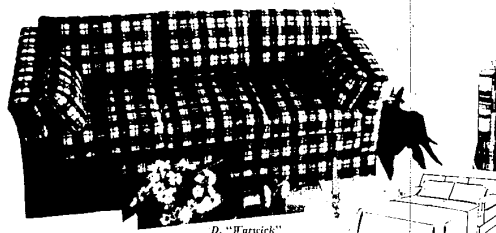
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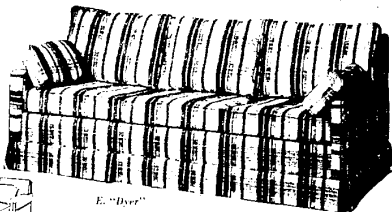
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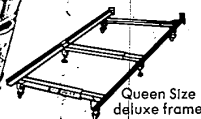
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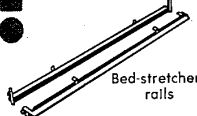
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