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Teens join fun, prayer for Sukkot celebration

Junior high schoolers at Hillel Day School celebrated Sukkot with a sleep-in when 53 youngsters trooped into school with bed rolls and sleeping bags for an overnight of both fun and prayer.

"The sleeping bags," administer June Weinstein explained "are only for sleeping if they feel sleep is necessary." Otherwise an around the clock agenda for dancing and music was available, ending up with a walk to Congregation Adat Shalom for early morning services.

"Sukkot is a happy time," said Rabbi Robert Abramson, who arranged the sleep-in, "it is the feast of the tabernacle, the celebration of the harvest of the fruit and we've planned an ongoing service, geared for children of this age."

One of the assignments stemmed from the Cabala, a mystic tradition, which required that groups draw symbols representing historic Jewish figures who were known to have a particular virtue. "You invite the figure to participate as a guest of the family and so you invite the virtue. It's a link to your Jewish past," the rabbi told his charges.

Chaperones who fasted under the Sukka with the teens, and provided the music for Israeli folk dancing, were Larry Sklar and Lynne Avadenka.



Bucket Brigade calls for more volunteers

Florence "Dinghy" Sharp explained the function of Farmington school district's Bucket Brigade to about 200 listeners in the public library this week. Organized five years ago, the volunteer group gives aid and comfort to first and second graders who have difficulty with their introduction to reading and/or arithmetic.

Mrs. Sharp has a new title this year, Consultant for the Learning Disabled, which will allow her to expand the program to every elementary school. This means that many more volunteers would be welcome to join the group.

No previous teaching experience is necessary. Moms with two half

hours to spare each week will find it rewarding to share them with a "Bucket Buddy."

The brigade operates in 207 Michigan school districts and is represented in every state of the union.

Mrs. Sharp described some of the problems Bucket help is designed to correct.

"There are reversal problems of left or right and up or down," she indicated. "There are difficulties with parts to whole conceptions or just the struggle to master fine motor movements required in learning to write."

Materials are actually carried in a colorful plastic bucket, thus the

name. Everything in it is some simple item readily available in the home.

"There's nothing new under the sun," said Mrs. Sharp, "but what's important is to bring it to school to help children. The kind of love carried in the bucket can inspire a little 'buddy' to do a better job."

In detecting children's learning hang-ups in the early grades, parent volunteers can often prevent them from becoming major stumbling blocks.

Those who are looking for a way to invest some time are invited to sign up at their neighborhood schools.



FLORENCE SHARP

Men's fashion show benefits cancer society

Some very elegant and classy clothes with accent on the rugged side were shown by designer Ralph Lauren this week in the Raleigh House when 400 guests turned out to a benefit for the American Cancer Society.

Plaid shirts with ascots, vests and weskits to mix or match were predominant. Suede patches were on yokes and elbows. Jackets were belted. Shoes were on the brogue-ish side. Pants were all cuffed, and many of them were fashioned in corduroy. Turtle neck sweaters were worn under tweed. Turned up collars and parkas were lined with plaid.

LAUREN IS THE first winner of the American Fashion Award. He designs under the Polo label, and outfitted the male actors in "The Great Gatsby."

The Gatsby look was apparent in pieces such as a cable knit sweater modeled by Conrad Patrick, or a trench coat modeled by Lions fullback Steve Owens.

The two models were among about two dozen local celebrities who walked down the runway in an hour-long show of fashions.

Lauren described his clothes as "nothing extreme. The quality is in the cut and the quality is in the cloth," he said.

The most extreme outfit shown was a gray flannel jump suit, borrowed

from the women's line. The most flamboyant was a frog-closed tuxedo worn with velvet evening slippers.

Business suits were of both conservative patterns and conservative styles, "all understated," said the designer who did the commentary on his own clothes.

"They have the kind of look," he continued, "that Astaire and Fanny Branks may have worn in their heydays."

Lauren has just completed the male costuming for another film, "The Wild Party," and has been called by New York magazine "the best dressed man in town."

His men's line is available in Mackenzie's Men's Store, in Somerset Mall, and his clothes for women, modeled at the gala by Marilyn Turner Kelly, are available in Saks Fifth Ave.

CHAIRMAN FOR the party was Tom Schoenith, and master of ceremonies was Sonny Eliot.

Guests were introduced to Ron Krupper, another football star at the get-together, who will serve as state chairman for the American Cancer Society during the 1975-76 year.

Co-chairmen for the Oakland County Unit of the society for the coming year are Nancy Puffer, a resident of Orchard Lake, and television personality Bob Allison.



Tom Schoenith was chairman of the benefit and also doubled as model for the event that brought out 400 guests to the Raleigh House.



Wayne County Sheriff William Lucas, in corduroy and plaid, was one of many local celebrities who modeled for the benefit.