

Closet-makeover

Organizing is a big job but worth effort

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If it's typical, you have to send your trusty bloodhound in to find the other shoe you've been looking for.

It's your closet; dark in the back, crowded in the front and a mess in between.

After a fall fashion spree, you'll recognize this fact even more when you can't find a decent hanger upon which to rest that stunning Saint Laurent you just purchased.

Better send in the troops for a closet make-over. It could be a lit-

tle like the facial we should get now and then, but never do.

But, my dear, there has to be a better way than hanging five pairs of slacks on one rusty metal hanger.

Start at the top, it's the hardest to reach. Those sweaters you've been piling up on that top shelf, need some airing out, if not demoting by this time.

There are see-through plastic boxes which serve as perfect storage receptacles for sweaters and other perishables like wool scarves and hats.

They will be protected from the varmints that lurk on the top shelf and the contents will be much more accessible in individual boxes than in one unwieldy pile that falls down regularly.

These boxes also give a pretty classy look to the top of any closet.

THE BOTTOM of the closet comes next. Dust aside, it's a mess in need of a good cleaning.

There are lots of ways to look at shoes — and you cannot do that if they are in boxes they came in (which presumably are not clear plastic).

A simply made diagonal board with lateral rungs nailed to it, will hold an assortment of heeled shoes neatly. It will keep them directly off the floor and out of the dust, should you forget to give it a once over now and then.

If you like the plastic box routine, it's a good one, but can be less costly and less convenient. It also depends on how many pairs of shoes you own.

If you're lucky enough to have scads of closet space and can do it, a closet devoted entirely to shoes, handbags and hats can be made by dividing the space with permanent hoisted shelves.

Belts and ties should be hung on racks specially designed for the purpose. Nails will snag beautiful silk ties and will scratch belt buckles.

Organizing the closet as far as clothes go, will be a big job, but one worth the effort if you want to keep your clothes in the best of shape.

IF THERE is a space problem closets are NEVER really big enough there are several solutions. A double hung closet, one

with one bar over another, can provide space for skirts, jackets, shirts and blouses in space formerly wasted beneath a row of shirts.

Other alternatives are the blouse rack, the multi-skirt hanger and a multi-slack hanger. These are not quite as convenient as a row arrangement, but they don't take up as much space, either.

If you are hanging slacks on individual hangers try to find ones like the ones cleaners send them home only which have a cardboard "roller" attached. These will keep your slacks from creasing just where you don't want it — at the knee.

Skirts should never be hung over the hanger like slacks because they will crease terribly, but to mention take up more precious space.

Suits and jackets should be hung on hangers that are fat and heavy. They allow the tailor's hand work to stay in the shape he intended and the garment will last longer as a result.

Also, heavy hangers made of wood (the sure they are splinter-free) or bent hollow metal tubing, will never droop like the blouse hangers would under the weight of a worsted suit.

IT IS A good idea to plastic or cloth bag your clothes when they are not in use. Despite the closet door, dust does seep in through the cracks and precious silks do not take well to such treatment.

Evening clothes, especially, should be as far away from the kitchen as possible to avoid possible grease infiltration. Bagged clothes will be even more beautifully protected.

The bags needn't be expensive — just the kind that come from the cleaners will be a big help. To make them dust proof, take a small amount of string or yarn and tie the top close to the hanger.

Padded hangers are luxurious and a boon to those who collect knit dresses or skirts. Also furs should be stored on fat and non-slip hangers.

See-through bags which hold summer and winter wardrobes separate will help immensely in closet organization schemes.

To really finish off this job which has hopefully taken a well-spent month of Sundays, consider

lining the "winter" closet with cedar paneling for real luxury.

Papering your closet to match the bedroom or dressing room wallpaper is also an elegant touch and will also help psychologically to make you want to keep that closet organized.

Another chic finishing touch is shelf edging ribbon which is pretty and not so expensive as one might think.

Comprehensive study offered

Adat Shalom Sisterhood will sponsor a mini education series called "Children: Yours and Mine" to run for four Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 6, in the synagogue at 2901 Middle Belt Road, Farmington.

It will be a comprehensive study of children, their development, the role of the parent, the role of the school, children's legal educational rights, and negotiating between parent and child.

All sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and each is expected to last about two hours in the synagogue's youth lounge.

The sisterhood welcomes the entire community to participate.

On Nov. 5 the guest speaker will be Dr. Thomas Z. Cassel, a psychologist at Wayne State University. His topic will be "The Evolution of Indi-

viduality: Negotiating Between Parent and Child."

On Nov. 12, Florence Sharp, speech therapist and tutorial consultant, will speak on "Learning Should Be Fun."

"Learning Should Be Fun, But Sometimes It Isn't" continues the series on Nov. 19 with Fran King, training coordinator for the State of Michigan.

The series winds up on Nov. 26 with "The Adolescent: Let Me Go!" with Dr. Sandra Lyness, associate professor of educational and clinical psychology at Wayne State.

A FEE OF \$5 will be asked for the complete series, or persons may attend individual sessions of the series for \$2.

The sisterhood will offer parent's babysitting facilities for children of all ages, including infants. Registration may be made by calling the synagogue office.

Womancenter holds its seminar program

Beginning Oct. 7 and running through Nov. 25, the Womancenter of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus will sponsor a series of films, panels and open discussions on topics of interest to women.

All sessions will be held in Building room 191 or 409 from noon to 1 p.m. Free child care will be provided.

Programs include:

• Tuesday, Oct. 21: A member of the League of Women Voters will speak on the status and implications of the Equal Rights Amendment in room J-409.

• Tuesday, Oct. 27: Feminist therapist Marilyn Becker, who works with Project Hope, will speak on the mental health industry.

• Tuesday, Nov. 4: A film, "Jane's Journey," of a white New Jersey mother who struggles to develop her own strength and potential. Room J-191.

• Tuesday, Nov. 11: Just Fellor will discuss child care and creativity in planning. Room J-409.

• Tuesday, Nov. 18: A slide presentation and discussion about a woman's role in the Vietnamese revolution and the women's movement by Lynn Case, an active member of the Indo-China Peace Campaign and President of Indo-China. Room J-191.

• Tuesday, Nov. 25: Katie O'Leary, Buffy Sinclair and others will provide information and strategies for single parents, the unemployed, people on welfare and working students in survival economies. Room J-409.

Christian Women plan guest night

A "Guest Night Buffet" is planned by the Christian Women's Club to be held in Schoolcraft College Friday, Nov. 7, beginning at 7 p.m.

Guests are invited to join for dinner, music, a comical fashion show, and hear guest speaker Boyd Livingston, chaplain for the Detroit Lions.

Members of the club meet monthly, though the club is without membership, and meetings are open to all church women in the area.

Reservations for guest night are requested before Friday, Oct. 24, with Jackie Crow, of Livonia, 522-1528.

Adat Shalom Men's Club to host fall conference

The Great Lakes region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will hold its fall conference, Oct. 24-28, in Adat Shalom Synagogue, Farmington Hills.

The conference theme will be: "The Shofar calls for Jewish Survival: Here and Now."

The major program will deal with ways in which the clubs can organize to counteract challenges to Jewish survival—anti-Semitism, pro-Arab propaganda, business boycott, campus anti-Jewish movements and threat of assimilation.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a series of buzz sessions around the theme, "Strategies for Jewish Survival."

The keynote address will be given by Richard Lohenthal, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

RESOURCE SPECIALISTS and buzz session leaders who will be working during the Saturday afternoon sessions include: Jack Ludwig of Amherst, N.Y., and Michael Feigelman of Southfield, youth; Leonard Baron of Southfield and Herschel P. Fink of Detroit, media; Donald Laitman of Ontario and Dr. Boaz Kabana of Oak Park, community groups; Samuel Shulman of Ontario and Ronald Portnoy of Southfield, business.

The political activities session will be chaired by Larry Wymor of Pepper Pike, Ohio, with Jordan Rossen Detroit attorney as the resource specialist.

A dinner dance will be held at the synagogue Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning the conference will summarize the information from the buzz sessions.

There will be a special Sunday morning program for the women when Mrs. Rae Mink of West Bloomfield presents, "The Jews of Bokhara."

ALBERT FARBBER of Farmington Hills is the Adat Shalom Men's Club president. Emanuel Feinberg and David Zeff of Southfield are co-chairmen. Carl Lichtenstein of Detroit is registration chairman.

Those assisting include: William Farber, Albert Farber, Jay Weiner, Dr. Harvey Nussbaum, Milton Weiss, and Harry Portner of Farmington Hills.

Others working on committees are: Saul Left, Oak Park; Meleem Rivkin, Oak Park; Steve Goldensht, Birmingham; William Zimmerman, Huntington Woods; Dr. Harry Miskel, West Bloomfield; and Gerald Clayton, David Leibowitz, Dr. Fred Bandoroff, Sol Hammerstein, Allan Rosenberg, Leonard Baron, Morry Gould, Charles Finer, William Robin and Nye Volles, all of Southfield.

Among the women on committees are: Charlotte Nussbaum, Shirley Farber and Mildred Weiss of Farmington Hills; Ann Bender, Rosemarie Lichtenstein, Tina Bobbin and Silvia Wilman of Southfield; Ray Miskel of West Bloomfield; Beatrice Katman and Edith Rivkin of Oak Park; Ann Zimmerman of Huntington Woods; and Lillian Kaufman and Nita Lichtenstein of Detroit.

The Great Lakes region includes upper New York, Ontario, Ohio and Michigan. Local clubs participating are from Beth Shalom and Brat Mashe synagogues in Oak Park; Beth Achim and Shaarey Zedek in Westfield; Beth Moses in Detroit; and Adat Shalom of Farmington Hills.

Registration for the conference will be at the Ramada Inn, Southfield. Adat Shalom is at 2901 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills.

Pioneer Women meet in Miami

Ruth Miller of Birmingham, president of the Greater Detroit Council of Pioneer Women, will head a group of 47 area delegates to the group's Golden Jubilee Year Convention Oct. 19-23 at the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla.

Among speakers addressing the convention will be Senators Lloyd Bentsen and Birch Bayh; Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin, wife of Israel's Prime Minister; Simcha Dinitz, Israel Ambassador to the United States; Dr. Marie Syrkin, author and editor of the Herzl Press; Tamar Eshel, secretary-general of Moshav Hapolim in Israel; Dr. Allen Pollack of Yeshiva University and Dr. Judah Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance.

A panel honoring International Women's Year, moderated by Dr. Syrkin, will include Elinor Guggen-

mer, New York City commissioner of consumers affairs; Joyce Miller of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; and Dr. Sara Feder early women's rights activist.

The delegates to the convention from this area include: Ruth Miller of Birmingham; Tania Saslow of Bloomfield Hills; Goldie Wasserman, Betty Rath and Elaine Kohner of Farmington Hills; Carol Betman of Farmington Woods; Judith Weinstock, Ruth Fischer, Ethel Danitz, Elsie Harrod, Blanche Rose, Lily Rubenstein, Sarah Kanter, Ann Gerber, Fanny Stern, Regina Weisman, Pearl Nussbaum, Sylvia Reisman, Sarah Friedman, Hilda Lakritz and Judy Krass of Southfield; Billie Krauer of West Bloomfield and Lillian Shapiro of Livonia.

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