

# Arnowitz named director

Frank Newberg, district chairman of Workmen's Circle has announced the appointment of Harriet Arnowitz as district director in the metropolitan Detroit area.

In making the announcement, he said, "Workmen's Circle goals are threefold: dedication to the perpetuation of the Yiddish language and culture through its Jewish schools and Yiddish programs, community involvement for social progress and a fraternal program of cooperative benefits and services for our membership."

Mrs. Arnowitz' background and experience in community activity and commitment convinced us she could help further these goals."

Mrs. Arnowitz is a native Detroit currently residing in Oak Park. She is

a charter member of Congregation Beth Shalom and served on its school board and as a teacher in the Hebrew school.

For the past 25 years she has been active in community affairs, political

## Booklet explains genetic counseling

We can all feel for the family who has a child with a birth defect. And, we can understand the agony such a couple must go through when planning to have another child. But, today couples have genetic counseling avail-

able to them, as well as a test that can reveal many of the more common genetic defects.

The test is amniocentesis, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has a booklet that explains how the test works and what it shows. For a free copy of "The Right to be Well Born," write to Consumer Information, Dept. 68, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

The pamphlet includes the following:

Amniocentesis works this way. The doctor checks the exact position of the baby with an ultra-sonic scanner. Then he inserts a hollow needle into the uterine cavity—being careful to stop the needle well short of the baby. The needle gathers a small amount of the amniotic fluid, which will be tested in the lab.

If there is an abnormality in the fetal cells in the fluid, it will also be present in the fetus. It may take up to four weeks to get the results of the test. And, if the test does show an abnormality, then the couple can make the decision whether to have or not to have the child.

This test is of minimal risk to the mother and child. Among the diseases the test can detect are Down's syndrome (or mongolism), some types of cerebral palsy, and Tay-Sachs disease.

The Right to be Well Born is one of over 250 selected Federal consumer publications listed in the current edition of the Consumer Information Index. Published quarterly by the Consumer Information Center of the General Services Administration, the Index is available from Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81009 or at Federal Information Centers located throughout the country.

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