

Religious events are scheduled

BETH SHALOM

Kabbalat Shabbat Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 Lincoln in Oak Park. At 9 a.m. Sabbath services for the Bar Mitzvah of Harry Brett will be held. Rabbi David A. Nelson will deliver the sermon. Cantor Samuel L. Greenbaum will chant the liturgy. There will be birthday greetings at this service.

HOPE METHODIST

Worship service at Hope United Methodist Church, 2779 Civic, will be at 10 a.m. Sunday. Adult Bible study and church school will be at 11:15 a.m. The sermon topic will be "Covenants Build Bridges."

BNAI DAVID

Friday services will be at 5 p.m. and Saturday services will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Congregation B'nai David, 2435 Southfield Road. Rabbi Morton F. Yolken will officiate and Cantor Hyman J. Adler will chant the liturgy.

ST. BEDE

Sunday mass will be said at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

BNAI MOSHE

Services at Congregation B'nai Moshe, 14300 Ten Mile in Oak Park, will be at 4:45 p.m. Friday and at 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Robert Martin Greenfield will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday. Rabbi Stanley M. Rosenberg will deliver the sermon and Cantor Louis Klein will chant the liturgy.

NORTH CHURCH

Sunday mornings at North Congregational Church, 23275 Northwestern Highway in Southfield, include study at 9 a.m. and morning worship and church school at 10:30 a.m.

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JNF women work for Israel

BY SHIRLEE IDEN

Once poet Joyce Kilmer waxed eloquent when he said there are poems as lovely as trees.

Most members of the Women of the Jewish National Fund would agree that trees are lovely, but for Israel trees are vital.

"They are planned to hold down the soil so that farmers can plant and earn a livelihood, they are put where nothing else will grow, and they are used as shelter belts from the hot winds," said Belle Levin, longtime Women of the JNF leader in a Southfield interview.

Mrs. Levin explained that JNF means trees to most people, but the organization is the official land reclamation and reafforestation agency of Israel.

"We build roads and engineer drainage. Many buildings such as the Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University are built on JNF land," she said.

Several hundred members and friends of Women of JNF will gather on Tuesday, Jan. 9, for the group's 49th annual donor tea at noon at Congregation Shaarei Zedek.

Among them will be women who have raised JNF funds for more than 50 years.

"The tea is simply a culmination of great efforts by many women," said Reba Bloom of Southfield, president of the group. "Much of the fundraising will have been done prior to the tea."

IN THE coming year, the local JNF

group has pinpointed their 1979 project by "adopting" a settlement in the Galilee, the northern region of Israel near the Lebanon border.

Mrs. Bloom said the women have a three year plan to raise \$250,000 for their project, a settlement called Moshav Dishon.

Shirley Kraft, fundraising chairperson and the government of Israel has asked JNF to concentrate on the Galilee at this time.

"This is the new peace salient," the Southfield resident said. "It is more vital now than ever, since the Galilee is under-populated and under-developed."

Moshav Dishon was established in 1933, but development has lagged, the women said.

"The original settlers came from North Africa and Salonika, Greece, and now the second generation finds few opportunities in the area for jobs, education and social services."

Mrs. Levin said the JNF goal is to improve the quality of life in the settlement while the government broadens the economic base by establishing industrial plants and aids in increasing agricultural yields.

"What we want is to encourage young people to stay in the area," Mrs. Levin said. "Only 32 per cent of the populace in the Galilee is Jewish today."

Mrs. Bloom said when JNF adopts a specific project such as Moshav Dishon, the members seem to identify better with their goals and to comprehend the human equation involved.

LOCALLY, WOMEN OF JNF HAVE

been associated with projects for Israel for 38 years now. Altogether, some 500,000 trees have been planted in the last 38 years.

Mrs. Bloom, who calls herself "an immigrant from Philadelphia" has worked in the JNF auxiliary here for 27 years.

"I've done just about every job imaginable," she said. "So now I have been promoted to president."

Thirty years ago, Mrs. Levin was recruited into her first Zionist association by Anna Slomovitz, wife of the Southfield publisher of the Jewish News.

"She came here as a bride and organized a chapter of Young Judea and I became a member," Mrs. Levin said. "I've been involved ever since."

Both women have visited Israel and hope to return there.

When they do, they will have a number of JNF projects to visit, and hopefully one will be Moshav Dishon.

"We hope to build picnic areas and camp grounds in the Galilee in addition to the roads and homes that are necessary," Mrs. Bloom said.

An avid spokesperson for JNF accomplishments, Mrs. Levin stressed

that JNF has changed the geography of Israel.

"The Galilee is all mountains, and without the approach roads we have built, settlements would have been impossible and also the military movement that has been so vital," she said.

"JNF HAS the equipment to do the necessary building. We have cut through mountains to build approach roads and literally have sliced off the tops of mountains too."

Rabbi William Berkowitz of New York, president of the Jewish National Fund of America will be the guest speaker on Jan. 9. Entertainment will be provided by Ezra, a leading Israeli personality.

Mrs. Slomovitz is the program chairperson. Her co-chairpersons include Mrs. Levin, and Beatrice Feigelson of Southfield; Betty Silverman of Farmington Hills and Rena Winkelman of West Bloomfield.

Special Gifts Committee members include Fannie Cooper, Pearl Nosen, Libbie Posen, Edith Kolodney and Belle Hordes of Southfield and Helen Rosenfeld of Oak Park.

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