

Vietnamese boat family finds sanctuary in a new country

By SHIRLEE IDEN

In the Jewish religion, if you save one life, its like saving all of humanity. Bea Sachs and her husband, Abe, and six other area families have made themselves responsible for saving five lives.

The group is cooperating in the support of a Vietnamese boat family that recently arrived here.

Fleeing for their lives from Vietnam where, as ethnic Chinese they were the "enemy," Mr. and Mrs. Toy Dang Lieng, left South East Asia searching for sanctuary somewhere.

They spent several months in a refugee camp in Hong Kong before coming here. In fact, they left two other sons and a daughter-in-law there.

At this end, Mrs. Sachs, a social studies teacher at Southfield High School, became more and more aware of the boat people and their terrible plight.

"Anytime I'd read about groups of

people bringing in boat people, I'd say that's an important thing and we should get involved," she said.

No stranger to involvement, Mrs. Sachs adopted a foster child in Vietnam through an agency six years ago.

"For four years I sent monthly checks for her support," she said. "Her name was Cue and she would write to us. When the Communists took over, the program ended.

"I think of her a lot. She's a teenager by now."

MRS. SACKS said she went to a meeting recently at Temple Beth El about boat people and heard all about the rewards and frustrations of adopting such people.

"They said to remember the 1980s when there were Jewish boat people and no one would take them in," she said.

And she did remember and was encouraged to adopt a family.

"They don't want welfare, they want to make their own way. We'll continue to subsidize them until they are self-supporting."

— Bea Sachs, Southfield teacher

"Lieng's grandparents were born in Vietnam," she said. "But as ethnic Chinese they lived in a separate community. Sometimes the ethnic Chinese abroad are called 'the Jews of the Orient,' because they are middle class entrepreneurs, merchants and bankers."

She said Lieng was a boat navigator and that helped when the family decided to get out.

"Fifty people got on a boat at Haiphong," she said. "While they were on the high seas, at least 10 died. He described the waves as higher than the house he lives in now."

"Everyone but Lieng was seasick, but most made it."

Mrs. Sachs and the other families, all members of Temple Emanu-El in Oak Park, inquired at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) about a family and got an immediate response.

THEY WERE told about the Lieng family and within two days, they arrived in Detroit.

"We actually had two days notice," Mrs. Sachs said. "We had to prepare very fast. When they arrived, they didn't speak one word of English."

Today, Lieng is a porter at the Jewish home for the Aged and the children are in school. Arrangements are being made to register the parents for night school so they can learn English.

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