

Children, seniors gather together at Hanukkah



Gayle Keller, 9, looks intent as she sings for the seniors.

They came to sing the traditional songs, light the candles and share a feeling of togetherness.

That's what happened when students from the Hebrew school at Adat Shalom synagogue in Farmington Hills made a Hanukkah visit to the Jewish Home for the Aged, Borman Hall in Detroit, Monday.

"Oh, they're so nice," murmured one resident as she listened to the children sing, and watched as they lit the candles in observance of the holiday.

It was a service which they had seen many times before. On the first evening of the holiday, one candle will be lit in the menorah. Each evening another light is added on the eight-branched menorah until eight candles are burning for each of the eight evenings the holiday is celebrated.

For the elderly residents of Borman Hall, the holiday brings mixed feelings, according to Judy Korn, spokeswoman for the hall.

For some, Hanukkah holds the promise of being part of the family circle. For others, it serves as a reminder of friends and relatives now dead or left behind in Europe.

But for all it's a time to reaffirm their Jewish identity.

The holiday commemorates the rededication of the temple at Jerusalem in 168 B.C. after the Jews defeated the Syrians for control of the city.

UNDER THE leadership of Judah Maccabee, the Jews fought the Syrians who sought to suppress their beliefs and traditions.



Jodi Rubin holds a candle while participating in a Hanukkah service for residents of Borman Hall.



Students gather in a semi-circle as they entertain the seniors Monday night. All the children are Hebrew school students at Adat Shalom synagogue.

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THE INSIDE * ANGLE

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

SAVE THOSE EMPTIES and load them on the Farmington Community Center Thursday at 8 p.m. in the center on Farmington Road near Ten Mile. The Farmington Area Jaycees are collecting empties for the Community Center's coffers. They're hoping to collect about \$10,000 worth of empties. Never fear, even the Jaycees don't try to raise that much money in one night from collecting bottles. They'll be going door to door on Jan. 5 to collect your holiday stash of empties. Each bottle collector will have an identification card. The Jaycees are looking for friends of the Community Center to donate an hour spent in collecting those empty cans and bottles next month. After they're through collecting the bottles will be whisked away to the manufacturer for reimbursement. (Don't worry, you won't be caught behind a Jaycee in the supermarket trying to cash in \$10,000 worth of bottles.) So this holiday season, remember, you may lift a glass of cheer to anyone you wish, but Angles hopes you save the bottle for the Community Center.

THE STUDENTS down at Forest Junior High School were wearing red, white and blue Tuesday. Originally the student council set the observance as a show of school patriotism but it coincided with President Jimmy Carter's call for a show of unity of support for the hostages in Iran.

BY NOW the situation in Iran is seeping a bit into Farmington community life. There's an address where persons can send holiday greetings to the hostages posted on the door of a local stationery shop. And in the window of one clothier, there are a couple anti-T-shirts — the kind with the target drawn over Ayatollah Khomeini's face.

AND THEN there's Flipper Power down at the Farmington Hills Cop Shoppe. At least in the cubicle belonging to juvenile division officer Richard Murphy. Murphy's place is littered with litters of penguins. Those little overdressed birds decorate the window sill and door of the place. His kids and sister-in-law make penguins, bake penguin shaped cookies and crochet penguin wall-hangings for Murphy. Why penguins? "They say I walk like one," fesses up Murphy, mournfully.

ON THE other hand Murphy's boss, John Nichols, has a thriving pig collection. Ceramic onkers clutter his office. (Would I venture to call it a sty of knick-knacks?)

OUR WINDOWS on Farmington Road proclaim Noel now, but they could be a showcase for your organization's flyers or posters after the holidays. Just give us a call or stop by.

IF YOU HAVE A YEN to read during the holidays, better stockpile those books and magazines before Christmas and New Year's. Both Farmington Community Libraries will be closed (right) on Dec. 23-24 and 30-31 as well as Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. (Act now and you won't find yourself re-

reading the fiber content label on the sweater great aunt Olga gave you.)

THE SCHOOL BUS drivers of Farmington have been collecting food and money to provide turkeys and a gift certificate for several needy families in the area. Several of those will get a perky poinsettia courtesy of Farmer John's Greenhouse on Haggerty. "As first time Santas, everyone was pleased with the enthusiastic response," reports Evelyn Johnson of the district's transportation department.

THOSE HARD workers in the Women's Association of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington report that their SERV Boutique netted \$14,000 this year. That's the best boutique they have ever had. That money will be sent to help persons in developing countries around the world. A nice line of Angles' stars to you, ladies. ★ ★ ★ ★

ROBERT Weslowski of Farmington Hills, a teacher at Churchill High School in Livonia, has been chosen by the American Institute for Foreign Study of Conn. to accompany a group of students to Europe.

THERE ARE STILL a few more days to use the SANTA-Phone line sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department. Just dial 478-7075. The line is operative until Dec. 21. After that Santa's got to get the reindeer into shape. (Rumor has it he's enrolled them in Slimnastics classes.)

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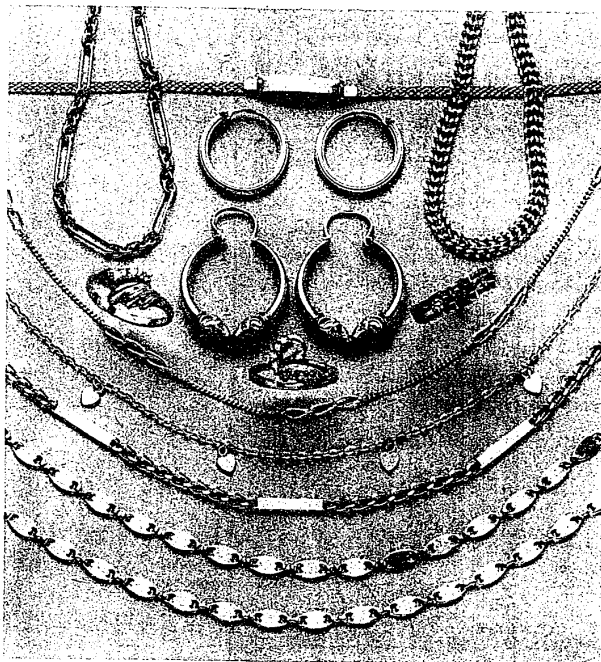
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