



Bat mitzvah: never too late

Two sisters with the same determination to become bat mitzvah though they are adults and married women, accomplished their dream on Saturday, April 4.

Davida Doneson-Robinson and Shira Doneson-Klein, daughters of Jules and Ann Doneson of Farmington Hills, ascended the bimah (pulpit) at congregation Beth Israel in Ann Arbor to achieve bat mitzvah.

Doneson, who runs a travel agency in Southfield, said that the bat

mitzvah ceremony, whereby a male Jew achieves adulthood at 13, has been a custom for centuries.

"Only recently have girls, reaching that age, submitted to the bat mitzvah ceremony," he said.

He said his daughters were so determined to learn the "liturgical ropes" in the chanting of the Haftarah and Torah readings that Mrs. Doneson-Robinson traveled to Ann Arbor each week for months to join her sister for tutoring.

Both women have a thorough background in Hebrew and Jewish rites, having attended Congregation Shaarey Zedek's kindergarten many years ago.

They continued through consecration and were graduated from the Shaarey Zedek Hebrew High School in Southfield.

Attending the ceremony in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Doneson were the 9-year-old twins' husbands, Warren Robinson and Steven Klein.

Beaux Arts Trio stars in April 12 concert

A benefit concert honoring the 25th anniversary of the world renowned Beaux Arts Trio is planned for 8 p.m. April 12.

Scheduled for Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, the concert is cosponsored by the Brandeis National Women's Committee and the Chamber Music Society of Detroit.

Members of the trio are Menahem Pressler on piano, Isidore Cohen on violin and Bernard Greenhouse on cello. They have been hailed on three continents and have played more than 4,000 engagements.

Proceeds will help enrich the libraries at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, according to Phyllis Steinberg, president of the Brandeis group.

Others helping plan the event are Freddie Shiffman and Carmyle Farber of Southfield, chairmen, and Rachel

Kellman of Birmingham, chairman.

Southfielders involved in preparations include Jo Bloom, Joyce Blum, Evelyn Shapiro, Eleanor Rosen, Esther Sirin, Muriel Wetman, Irene Nemer, Barbara Marcuse, Hilda Erman, Jo Mollen, Virginia Hoffman and Estelle Robinson.

Appointment announced

Dorothy Blair of Birmingham has been named director of the emergency department at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Since joining the hospital staff in 1968, she has been a staff nurse, assistant director and director of clinical care. Her experience includes three

years of emergency department nursing. A graduate of the Providence School of Nursing, Mrs. Blair earned a bachelor of science in nursing from Wayne State University. She is completing requirements for a master of business administration degree from Central Michigan University.

Tickets are \$50 for benefactors, \$25

for patrons and \$12.50 for sponsors. Brandeis ticket holders are invited to meet the artists at an afterglow in the lounge following the concert.

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