Symphony plans late for winter season

A Southfield "angel" is the prime reason the West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra will play its second concert of the 1982-83 season at 7:30 p.m. Sun-day at West Bloomfield High School, and is making plans for next year.

A city-wide drive to collect old Yiddsh books began this month in the greater Detroit area.

Bette Schein, president of Sholem Aleichem Institute, Farmington Hills, spokeswoman for the National Yiddish Book Exchange, announced vlars to

"We're in much better shape now than we were a year ago," said Harold Patrick, a Southfield resident, who last year was thrust loto the symphony board presidency when half the board – including the symphony founders – resigned. The Issue was dishanding the orchestra, formed in 1975, for lack of funds.

Yiddish books are being sought

Patrick reports putting in 40 hours per week to keep the orchestra afloat since that time. Although the symphony continues to maintain an office and telephone answering service at 5640 W. Maple, files have been moved to Patrick's CPA office, to which telephone calls are also referred.

packed away and forgotten by a new generation of American-born Jews, who read no Yiddish.

who read no Yiddish. Today, after a gap of almost 50 years, Yiddish is experiencing revival. Courses in Yiddish language and literature have been introduced at more than 60 North American universities.

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Patrick joined the West Bloomfield Symphony's board early on, when the Detroit Symphony Orchestra went on strike in 1975 'and I want't going to be able to hear any good music."

He joined the board, serving until he was catapulted into the presidency last March. He doesn't find it unusual that the West Bloomfield Symphony board president lives in Southfield.

"I DON'T think the West Bloomfield "I DUN'T think the West Bloomfield Symphony is only for West Bloomfield. We don't want people to think in these terms." Season ticket holders are from West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Royal Oak and Troy, he said.

Besides Patrick, Isabel Forster from Bloomfield Hills and Ward Lamphere of Birmingham sit on the symphony board, alongside the following West Bloomfield residents: Lou Basso, Rob-Bloomfield residents: Lou Basso, Rob-ert Duchin, Kenneth Eaton, Gerry Herrington, Wenzell Koch, Andrew Lo-bodocky, Naomi Retter, Lillian Rosen-berg and Susan Shevitz. Patrick is committed to serve until the end of June, when he is hoping to budget a half-time administrator. "It's taken its toll on me—physical-ly and financially." Patrick said. "But I

feel it's all worth it. It's so sad to have 70 instruments shut up and not being

TICKET SALES are down this year, Patrick admits. Just 500 of 800 available tickets have been sold by subscription. But a grant from Bendix Corp., and some individual contributions have eased the financial crunch.

"I don't know whether people aren't attending because they can't afford to — or people don't know we're there," Patrick said. The board will consider the possibility of reducing ticket prices if feasible next year.

Tickets are available at the door for Sunday's concert billed as "A Musical Trip Around the World" featuring-works from Austria, Spain (by a Russian), France, Scandinavia and the United States.

The program includes: Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, Mozart's Symphony No. 35 in D Major, Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccic Espagnol: Finlandin by Sibelius and Gould's American Salute.

Tickets are \$\$ for adults and \$\$4\$ for students and senior cilities. The re-

can Salutare \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. The remaining four concerts can still be purchased as a series for \$1 less per ticket.

"Musical Tales" is stated for March 20, "A Celebration of 5pring" is April 17; "Music of the Theater" with Harold Orbach, tenor, is May 22.

Call 557-6611 for reservations.

Organizers hope that volumes will be found in local homes. All donations of Viddiab books and periodicals are welcome Books abould be brought to the area drop-off point, 17800 W. Eight Mile Road, between 10 and 11:30 a.m. area drop-off point, 17800 W. Eight Were they will be restored and made or to your synagogue or temple. Pack in small boxes or bags, no more than a dozen to a box or bag. Pick-up services to also available. For more information Sewage rates will increase

"Percentage-wise, it's a very sub-stantial increase," said Porter.

stantial increase," said Porter.

"The explanation we got from De-troit was that the old rates established by Detroit were based on the estimated number of water meters in the district. It's the industrial waste control, and gram that this money finances, and the estimated budget that they were work-ing around produced a shortfall for the last fiscal increase,"

Because domestic customers do not contribute sewage with high concentra-tions of pollutants, they are exempt from the quarterly surcharge increase.

Rates will be raised as follows Five-eighth-inch meters, surcharged \$1.65 last year, will pay \$8.49. Meters sized %-inch, formerly paying \$2.49, will be surcharged \$12.69. For one-inch meters, the surcharge rises from \$4.14 to \$21.12.

One-and-a-half inch meter rates in-crease from \$9.09 to \$46.47, while two-inch meter surcharges rise from \$13.23 to \$67.59.

Customers with three-inch meters who in the past paid \$23.97 will pay \$122.49. Four-inch meter rates rise from \$33.06 to \$168.96 and six-inch meter users' surcharges will jump to \$253.41 from \$49.59.

Porter estimates most of the short-fall will be made up after two quarters, and that surcharges will be reduced July 1.

The City of Royal Oak, also affected by the rate hike, is protesting the in-crease and is pushing for the establish-ment of a regional authority to review rate increases imposed by Detroit's sewer department.

Savage said that because many cities are bound by contracts to pay rates charged by Detroit, Royal Oak is un-likely to garner much support in its ef-forts.

Porter refused to comment on the matter.

The present sewage disposal rate of \$5.99 per 1,000 cubic fee of metered water consumption with a minimum charge of \$8.60 per quarter, as well as the present flat rate charge of \$29.95 per unit per quarter will remain the same.

founding of the National Yiddish Book Exchange — a non-profit agency dedi-cated to the preservation and dissemi-nation of Yiddish literature. Adminis-tered by faculty members from Amberst, Hampshire, Mt. Holyoke and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachuseits, the exchange has re-trieved more than 100,000 rare and out-of-print Yiddish volumes in its first two years of operation. *ARTHURACIONALION

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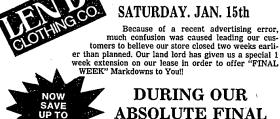




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