

# Menorah erected at Tally Hall

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A 25-foot menorah was erected above Loehmann's clothing store at Tally Hall, in an effort to remind Jewish people of the Hanukkah holiday.

"There are a lot of people that would see it there, and it will remind them of the holiday and its special meaning," said Rabbi Chaim Moshe Bergstein, who heads Bais Chabad of Farmington Hills, which is an orthodox synagogue of the Hasidic sect.

The six-year-old, kerosene powered, copper candelabra was in disrepair for the past two Hanukkah celebrations. It was the largest menorah in the mid-

west until a congregation in Minnesota recently had a 30-foot replica constructed.

THE CHABAD movement, sometimes referred to as Lubavitch, teaches how understanding, wisdom and knowledge relate to God.

"This is probably the largest group of Jews in the world, and we teach mysticism — in a relative way — in life," Bergstein said.

The Chabad movement emphasizes the need for people to meditate and understand their relationship with God before they pray.

"In this way, they are not just saying words that don't have a meaning,"

Bergstein said.

Each year's function has been, especially in the past three or four years, to bring Jews close to Judaism by using the Chabad philosophy.

DISPLAYING THE menorah is a symbolic move to jar fallen away Jews back to the faith.

"The Chabad congregation is primarily involved in reaching alienated Jews and to reach out to Jews who are alienated from their roots," said Rabbi Elimelech Silberberg, who heads the Congregation Bais Chabad of W. Bloomfield.

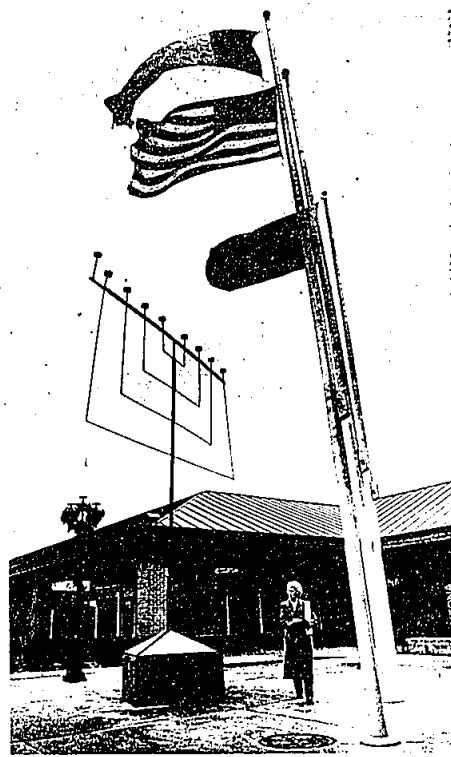
The erection of the gargantuan menorah at Hunter's Square marked

the beginning of Hanukkah at sundown on Nov. 30, and will last for eight days. Each night Bergstein will light an additional candle.

The symbolic gesture of lighting one candle every night has been relearned by Jews across the world for more than 2,500 years.

Lighting a menorah became a tradition when the Jews defeated the Syrians, who defiled the holy temple, Rabbi Bergstein said. The Jews found one jug of oil, which was enough for one day of lighting, but the oil lasted for eight days.

"They look at it as a miracle, and it represented the pure and holy wisdom of God," Bergstein said.



A large menorah in front of a clothing store at Tally Hall in Farmington Hills will remind Jewish people of the Hanukkah holiday.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

# Fine hiked for parking on street by bar

By Diane Gale  
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Parking illegally on Brookdale Street, which abuts Bootlegger's Bar, will now cost violators \$25 instead of the old \$10 fine, according to 47th District Court Judge Michael Hand.

The escalated fee is intended to keep bar patrons out of the residential area, and is tentatively scheduled to go into effect today, Hand said.

"They (residents) didn't think the fines were high enough to deter parking," said Farmington Deputy Public Safety Director Frank Lauboff.

Patrons might find that it will cost more to leave their cars in front of the homes because "word seems to get around in the bar on how much it will cost to park there," Lauboff said.

For more than 17 months, homeowners have been complaining to the Farmington City Council about patrons blocking their driveways, trespassing, shouting obscenities, urinating in the parking lot, fist-fighting, squealing wheels and hooking horns.

They recently returned to the council chambers, and reported the problems haven't subsided. They suggested that the court increase the fines.

Joe Ascone, owner of Bootlegger's Bar, declined to respond to telephone calls from the Farmington Observer.

RESIDENTS ARE even paying for the privilege of parking in front of their homes.

Parking stickers, alerting police officers that it is the resident's car in front

of the house, cost \$7.50 for the first permit, and \$5 for each additional permit. Visitor parking stickers also are sold.

After studying the constitutionality of enforcing the city's first parking district, Hand decided in May to begin enforcing the city ordinance that was passed by council in December 1982.

He used a 1982 court decision, Virginia versus Rudolph A. Richards, as a precedent for his decision.

A community may decide to enforce an ordinance restricting the flow of traffic in residential areas if it "would enhance the quality of life by reducing noise and traffic," according to the court decision.

The initial fine hasn't solved the problem, according to homeowners and city officials.

"A review of the (police) department's records indicates that since the street was designated as a permit parking area, the department has issued between 210 and 300 violations," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said.

"We believe this would indicate that the department is spending an inordinate amount of its patrol service time in an effort to maintain a peaceful condition in the neighborhood," Deadman said.

Other suggestions to keep bar-goers from parking in front of the houses was to make the area a tow-away zone.

The city surveyed 35 of 38 homeowners and asked if they would support this, Deadman said. Two-thirds of the residents said they wouldn't favor the idea.

# Walled Lake millage would raise taxes

By Patricia N. Bowling  
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Approval of a five-mill increase in school taxes, requested in tomorrow's election, would boost the district's total tax rate from one of the lowest to the 10th highest in Oakland County.

Last year, Walled Lake's total millage levy, including 1.091 mills for debt retirement, was 22nd out of 26 school districts. With the proposed five-mill increase, the district's total millage would jump from 34.631 to 39.631 mills.

The proposal would increase the district's operating millage rate (excluding debt retirement) from 33.540 to 38.540. In the 1982-83 school year, Walled Lake had the 15th highest oper-

ating millage in the county. Oakland County has not yet compiled 1983-84 operating millage statistics.

One mill is equal to \$1 on every \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. If the new millage passes, district residents will pay an additional \$5 on every \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

A RESIDENT WHO owns a home with a market value of \$80,000 has an assessed value of about \$40,000. A five-mill increase for this resident would mean an approximate increase of \$200 in school taxes.

However, taxpayers 65 years of age and older can benefit from the state Homestead Act and receive a 60-percent tax credit on the proposed rate increase. Those under 65 years of

age also may receive the 60-percent break if their property taxes are more than 3.5 percent of the household income.

Those qualifying under the Homestead Act, therefore, would receive a rebate of three mills of the proposed five-mill increase (60 percent of five mills).

The remaining two mills can be applied to federal income taxes for an additional tax credit.

The net result for those taxpayers, qualifying under the Homestead Act, would be an increase of less than two mills.

If a senior citizen's property taxes are more than 3.5 percent of the household income, the Homestead Act provides a 100-percent credit for all prop-

erty tax exceeding that 3.5 percent.

ACCORDING TO Oakland County Schools statistics, Oak Park has the highest tax rate in the county with 42.810 mills. Ferndale is second with 42.790 and Berkley is third highest with 42.421 mills.

Royal Oak, Brandon, Huron Valley, Clawsonville, Clawson and Avondale all have tax rates between 40 and 41 mills. With the five-mill increase, Walled Lake would follow with 39.631 mills.

Taxes in the Walled Lake School District consistently have been near the lowest in Oakland County for the past six years, according to county statistics.

# Mime workshop is set in B'fld

The Andover High School mime troupe, under the direction of J. Sina, will conduct a mime workshop 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Boys and girls age 8 and older are invited to attend and participate in a variety of mime skits.

The free workshop will be conducted

during a meeting of the library's children's drama club. Drama club membership is not required to participate.

There is also no charge to join the drama club and no acting experience is needed.

For further information, call the library, Liba Fine and Telegraph, at 642-5800.

# INSIDE ANGLES

Know someone doing something notable? Let us know. Write: Inside Angles, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024.

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL is proud to present Agatha Christie's whodunit thriller, "A Murder is Announced," to be performed by the Harrison Troupe on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8 and 9 in Harrison auditorium, 29995 W. 12 Mile. Tickets are \$1 for children, \$2 for students and \$2.50 for adults.

JENNIFER RADER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rader of Farmington, was named to the dean's list for the 1982-83 winter and summer semesters at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C. She has also been accepted as a pledge to Rappa Delta fraternity. Jennifer is a 1982 graduate of Farmington High School.

A SPECIAL SENIOR CITIZEN holiday shopping spree has been scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6. The senior shoppers will be entertained by the following outstanding groups in the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt: Livonia Senior Citizens Kitchen Band at 1 p.m.; Senior Dazzler Dancers at 2 p.m.; and Canton Senior Citizens Kitchen Band at 3:30 p.m. Special attention and courtesy will be given to the seniors by the shopping center management and security staff.

STEVEN SCOTT GILLESPIE of Farmington Hills has been accepted into the Usher Corps at Western Michigan University for the fall semester. This is the largest volunteer student organization on campus. Each member of the Usher Corps serves as a volunteer usher, helping patrons find their reserved seats, passing out printed programs and operating the coat check rooms in the auditorium. Proceeds, by donation only, are used for the Usher Corps Scholarships Program, with several members of the corps receiving scholarships each year to assist with the purchase of books and supplies.

FARMINGTON AREA JAYCEES will take nominations for the Distinguished Citizen Award up until Jan. 2, 1984. The award is to be given at the Jaycee Leadership Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 19 at Glen Oaks Country Club. Nominees must be residents of the Farmington area. Send the name and a brief outline of qualifications to: Citizen Award, P.O. Box 182, Farmington 48024.

APRIL ARABIAN, daughter of Suzanne and Halg Arabian of Farmington Hills and a 1978 graduate of North Farmington High School, is a graduate assistant in choral conducting at Western Michigan University. She directs two vocal jazz ensembles: Gold Company and the Community Art Ensemble. In addition, she sings with the University Chorale, studies conducting with Mel Ivey and vocal jazz with Stephen Zegree. A four-year veteran of WMU's nationally acclaimed Gold Company, April is an accomplished jazz vocalist and stylist. She has served as guest clinician throughout the midwest, and recently made several demonstration recordings for Shawnee Press Publications and Studio PW, Columbia Publications.

A 1983 graduate of WMU, April earned the bachelor of music degree in music education and is listed in the Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges.

KIDS KLASS for 3-10-year-olds who are expecting a new brother or sister meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first Sunday of each month in Fostler General Hospital. The kids will learn a little about what to expect and a little about new baby care. Reservation information is given by calling the hospital, 857-7188.

KRISTINA SEPEVTS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sepevts of Farmington Hills, was named to the dean's list at Smith College in Northampton, Mass. Kristina is a double major in government and religion. She is a trustee committee member and a research assistant. Kristina received the Henry Lewis Foote Prize in 1982-83 and in the last year and a half worked as a legal clerk for both the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and the Office of the U.S. Attorney in Detroit.

DONATING BLOOD gets pushed to the bottom of a lot of people's priorities during the holidays. Many organizations that normally sponsor blood drives, such as schools and businesses, are closed. But the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Take some time out from your busy holiday schedule for a blood donation — a few minutes of your time may help save a life. And bring a friend or relative along to donate with you. The Red Cross Blood mobile will be at the American Legion Post No. 346, 11775 Grand River, 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. For an appointment, call Frank Walker, 349-4325.

## Gifts of distinction, from the Gucci Accessory Collection

The signature speaks for itself...and speaks well of you. This holiday give her a handbag in the famous Gucci fabric. Shown, front to back, from our selection: organizer, \$152. Swagger clutch, \$115. Small duffel, \$166. Tote with web handles, \$84. And a gleaming gold-plated key ring to tuck inside her handbag, \$28. Find them all in The Gucci Accessory Collection at Hudson's Northland, Eastland, Oakland, Fallaine, Twelve Oaks and Ann Arbor.

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