

# Temple from page 1H

from within ourselves." Wine said most people in the congregation would describe themselves as agnostic. The Birmingham Temple has 430 families among its members, and 90 percent of the members are Jewish, 10 percent not Jewish. "Most non-Jewish members of the congregation are married to Jewish members of the congregation," he said.

## Rabbi since 1956

Raised in Detroit, Wine graduated from the city's old Central High School, then from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts and a master's degree in philosophy. He studied at a traditional seminary and was ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1956. "For the first seven years I served Reform congregations," Wine said. In 1960, he became a rabbi for a Reform congregation in Windsor.

Beginning in 1969, Wine and eight families met in the Birmingham area for two years, at locations including the Birmingham Masonic Temple, Birmingham Unitarian Church and two public school auditoriums. "After one year, it was clear we weren't an



SHARON LEVINE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Celebrating: Rabbi Wine marked his 65th birthday in this 30th anniversary year for Birmingham Temple.**

area temple, we were an idea temple," he said.

Members thought property was too expensive in Birmingham so, in 1965, the congregation bought

seven acres in Farmington Hills. It turned out to be a good choice because, "Members were coming from everywhere," he said, and the location was close to the expressway.

"We continued to meet in public school auditoriums until 1971 when this building was completed," he said. "In June 1971, we dedicated this building and have been here for 22 years."

## Culture, ethics

Humanistic Judaism has three aspects to its program. One is Jewish culture, "in connection to our roots." Two is ethics, "an attempt to train and encourage people to behave in a caring fashion." Three is character development, "helping people discover their own power and raise their self-esteem."

Wine said in May the congregation is expected to approve an addition to the building, and ground-breaking will be held in the fall. The addition will provide a center for Humanistic Judaism where national and international outreach can be headquartered. One of the activities in that building will be the International Institute for Secular Humanistic

## 'If our movement is to grow, we have to provide trained spiritual leadership.'

Sherwin Wine

Judaism — the rabbinic program. "We have begun the training of our own rabbis. If our movement is to grow, we have to provide trained spiritual leadership," Wine said. He plans to retire as rabbi of Birmingham Temple in 1998, when he is 70. "I will remain as chairman of the institute and remain in my teaching role," he said.

## Special programming

The Birmingham Temple has always been interested in cultural and intellectual programming, Wine said. A Monday Forum and the Humanistic Forum are part of the intellectual programming, and cultural programming includes the Vivace series, with local and national concerts open to the public.

"The temple does provide many workshops for the community, including one on intercultural marriage," he said. "The temple initiated a workshop for orphaned parents, whose children have moved away. We always try to benefit both the Jewish and general community."

# Rabbis from page 1H

"I was raised very much outside this movement," said Schiff, whose started out in Reform Judaism. She spent a year at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. She also was a Conservative movement rabbi, and served as "chief rabbi" of a tiny congregation.

"I had wanted to be a rabbi most of my life," she said. "I had been accepted at all seminaries that take women in North America, but I decided I wanted to be here."

Schiff pointed out that the requirements for the rabbinic program of Humanistic Judaism are much higher than at other seminaries. One of the requirements of the Humanistic program is getting a Ph.D. in Judaic studies.

The rabbis-in-training also must take supplementary courses taught by the faculty of the Institute in the ideology and practices of Humanistic Judaism, must train in the skills of the rabbinic profession, and must serve an internship to a rabbinic mentor in a Humanistic Jewish community.

Feldstein said that after rabbinic training, she and Schiff may be sent anywhere in the United States, to work in one of the 27 communities across the country affiliated with the Humanistic movement.

"Our movement is the only one

that embraces intercultural couples (Jews and non-Jews)," Feldstein said. She explained Humanistic Judaism can be "a haven" for these couples. The movement also has a lay leadership training program.

Schiff is licensed to do weddings. "Ninety percent of the wedding that I have done are intercultural," she said. Many rabbis, in other branches of Judaism, will not perform intercultural wedding ceremonies, she pointed out.

Feldman said, "For me, that would be real important that we welcome intercultural couples to join our Humanistic community, and that we see there is a growing need in 'Jewish community' in 1993. I would like to fill that need and not lose the next generation of Jews."

Schiff and Feldman were looking forward to attending the annual conference of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, scheduled for four days last week in San Diego.

Schiff said, "The conference focuses on how we define family in 1993 — intercultural, same-sex couples, partners living together, we hope to address positively." She is engaged to marry Tom Fine of Beverly Hills, who will graduate in August with a master's degree in psychology from the same program Feldman is taking in Detroit.

# Area women teach sewing

Several area residents are among instructors at the 12th annual Sewing Seminar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

They include Linda Watkins of Birmingham, Barbara Gash of Bloomfield Hills, Judy Graning of

Bloomfield Hills, Lauri Fenster of West Bloomfield, Carol Hoke of Troy and Jan Laughlin of Rochester Hills.

Activities for those attending the seminar include 44 different workshops: sewing machine, fabric, accessory, beading and

needlepoint displays, and a book sale. For information on registration call 462-4448.

Price for the all-day seminar is \$47 per person. An optional luncheon is available for \$7.25. Following luncheon, a fashion show "The Fashion Spotlight" will be presented for all those in attendance.

The seminar is designed to interest sewers with both beginning and advanced skills. Among topics are professional tailoring, how to design your own fabrics, beading and creative embellishment, and working with different kinds of fabrics.

Other workshops tell how to work with micro-fibers, patterned fabrics, colorblocking, hand-dyeing handweaves, machine applique, sewing for children, sewing for the large figure, accessories, and pillows and window treatments. A new class this year is on colorful house flags and wind-socks.

# Rabbi Schwartz speaks in spring lecture series

Rabbi Dannel Schwartz of Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield is the second speaker on the spring lecture series "Awareness: Look About You" 1-3 p.m. today (Thursday, April 29) at the Trowbridge rental retirement facility at 24111 Civic Center Road, Southfield.

The series concludes with a talk by Dr. Agnes Mansour, executive director of the Poverty and Social Reform Institute in Farm-

ington Hills, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

For more information about the free program call 352-0208.

First speaker in the series was Farmington Hills photographer Monta Nagler, who is a columnist for the Observer & Eccentric. His award-winning black-and-white landscapes are on view in the Trowbridge atrium lobby through Friday, May 6, to coincide with the lecture series.

When you want...  
 • Commission wood furniture  
 • Built-in bookcases  
 • Libraries  
 • Mantels  
 • Crown Mouldings  
 • Finish trim carpentry  
 You deserve...  
 • Choice  
 • Experience  
 • Responsibility  
 • Artistry  
 • Fulfillment  
 Our references guarantee it.  
 Finest design... installation that endures...  
 Bruno Tremblacini (313) 628-1406

*The Renoir Woman* Fabulous Full-Figured Fashion

Always the Finest Selection and Service  
 Sizes 14-32

304 S. Main St. • Royal Oak • 542-4747

Assisted Living  
 Skilled Nursing  
 Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapy

Hair Salon, Ice Cream Parlour, Restaurant, Movie Theater, Gift Shop, Guest Room, Social, Recreational and Religious Activities.

Special Care Unit for Alzheimer's and other dementias  
 Choice of accommodations with private baths and landscaped views

# Peachwood Inn

3500 W. South Boulevard, Rochester Hills  
 313.852.7800

Medicare Certified      Tours by appointment, Monday-Friday

# THE SILK CORP™

## FACTORY OUTLET

# SILK 4 DAY

## PUBLIC OFFER

50% to 70% OFF Tickered Price  
 Dealers Welcome

Fri. 12-9 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-5, Mon. 10-5  
**Why Pay Retail?**

Over 2000 Silk Trees, Plants, Flowers Just Arrived! We are the Midwest's largest manufacturer of silk trees & plants. Our credit manager stopped a huge shipment of product to a specialty retailer due to their credit problems and rerouted it to be sold direct to the public!

5' to 6' Ficus	\$25.70
Silk Potted Tulips	\$45 \$16.70
Silk Boston Ferns	\$20 \$6.70
Ledge Plants	\$30 \$14.70
Rose Bushes	\$45 \$19.70
Hanging Ivys	\$48 \$16.70
Silk Ficus 5'-6'	\$80 \$25.70
Capensia 7'	\$179 \$67.70
Willow Tree	\$399 \$119.70
Flowering Trees (Assl)	\$53 & up

All Potted & Shaped  
 Over 1000 trees 4-12' at Huge Savings  
 We will load all purchases in your car for you or make arrangements for delivery!

**\$19.70**

**LIVONIA**  
 Wonderland Mall - (Plymouth Rd. Entrance)  
 INSIDE **Montgomery Ward**  
 513-5030

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
 29325 Orchard Lake Road  
 Orchard Lake and 13 Mile  
 488-1144

**ROCHESTER HILLS**  
 2771 S. Rochester Road  
 (Between Target & T.L. Mazzo)  
 298-5922

**ANN ARBOR**  
 Coronado Plaza  
 104 & Ann Arbor/Saline Rd.  
 995-9099