

# Spotlight on Women

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## Gown Sees Its Ninth Baptism In 60 Years

A lace-trimmed baptismal gown, a family heirloom for 60 years now, had its ninth wearer Sunday, Oct. 15, when six-week-old Mathew John Van Horn of Livonia was baptized in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Bright-eyed Mathew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Van Horn, 11030 Blackburn. He represented the fourth generation to wear the gown, sewn in 1912 by Mrs. Eda Helms in Lakewood, Ohio, for the christening of her nephew, Robert Henry Meyer.

**MATHEW'S MOTHER.** Mrs. Cathy Lee Heimforth Van Horn, wore it when she was baptized in April, 1917. So did her mother, Mrs. Lenore Meyer Heimforth, at her baptism in August 1922. Mrs. Heimforth is Robert Meyer's niece.

Between times, it was worn by five other babies in the Meyer family.

Two of them served as sponsors for the baby on the occasion of the big family gathering. They are Linda Lintern Hasecke, Mrs. Van Horn's cousin, who wore the gown in June of 1948, and came from Pittsburgh for the occasion, and Keith Heimforth, Mathew's uncle, and a student at Central Michigan University. He was the gown's seventh wearer in 1953.

**ON HAND** to make the gathering a four-generation one were Mrs. Van Horn's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Heimforth of Traverse City.

The baptism went smoothly, Mrs. Van Horn reported, and "Mathew behaved very well - he didn't fuss when all his grandparents kept taking pictures."



MRS. CATHY VAN HORN admires her tiny son, Mathew, and his 60-year-old baptismal gown (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)



MRS. LARRY ISRAEL (Leda Margolin)

## B'Nai Moshe Is Setting For Rites

Leda Margolin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Margolin of Sharon, Lane, Southfield, became the bride of Larry Israel in a recent wedding in Congregation B'Nai Moshe, Oak Park.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Israel of Huntington Woods. Rabbi Moses Lehrman officiated.

The bride wore a Priscilla of Boston gown with a bodice of ivory alençon lace on English net and a skirt and train of white silk satin. Her veil was a short mantilla of matching lace.

Mrs. Mitchell Merzin of Royal Oak was matron of honor for her sister, and the bridesmaids were Michele Margolin, another sister, Barbara Israel of Deerfield, Ill., sister-in-law of the bridegroom, Sheryl Baker of

Fowlerville and Sylvia Gotlib of Royal Oak.

Cary Israel of Huntington Woods, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Seating the guests were two other brothers, Randy Israel of East Lansing and Dennis Israel of Deerfield, Ill., Mitchell Merzin of Royal Oak, brother-in-law of the bride, Jimmy Colman of Huntington Woods and Louis Rubinstein of Royal Oak.

A reception in Congregation B'Nai Moshe followed the ceremony, and the couple's honeymoon trip was to London, England.

They will live in Portland, Mich. The new Mrs. Israel teaches deaf and blind children at the Michigan School for the Blind and her husband works for Connecticut General in Grand Rapids.

Both are graduates of Michigan State University.

## YWCA Celebrates International Week

A team of foreign affairs experts from the U.S. State Department will give a talk next week in the Oakland Branch, YWCA, 839 S. Crooks Road, Clawson.

The group will discuss "Contemporary China and International Trade" at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25. The meeting is open to the public. Reservations are requested.

THE PROGRAM is part of a series of special events in observance of Michigan International Week Oct. 22-29 at the YWCA.

The theme "The World - Our Neighbor" emphasizes the growing understanding of mankind's interdependence and the need to work together to solve common problems.

## Seniors Meet At K-C Hall

The Happy Hour Club of the Plymouth Senior Citizens organization is now meeting in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth.

Interested seniors are invited to join club members at the hall every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4. There are no dues and coffee is served.

## New Members

The Women of North Farmington, a charitable organization, is opening its membership rolls. Interested women may call Louise Dolsley, 28825 Ravenwood, Farmington.

## Holiday Foods

"Entertaining for the Holidays" is the theme of a new series of shows in Kitchen Glamor's food auditorium, 26770 Grand River, Friday, Oct. 27, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Ben Tanner and Dot Wierler, home economists, will make mince-meat cookies, nutty cheese balls and fancy dips. No reservations are required. The show is being sponsored by Kitchen Glamor and the Oster Co.

## Belly-Dance Reaches YW

Belly-dancing comes to the YWCA Friday, Oct. 20, when the Northwest Chapter, 25940 Grand River, begins an eight-week course.

The classes, scheduled from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., are offered in response to many requests for housewives looking for a fun way to slim down the midriff.

Fee for the course is \$20, and those interested may telephone to reserve a class place. YWCA membership is required.

## She Makes 3-

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Minehart of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, Christie Raquel, on Sept. 22. Christie has two brothers. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Minehart of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Engel of Northville.

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