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This issue of the Harvester is dedicated to the memory of



EDITH KAUFMAN

The special quality that shone from Edith was so well known to so many of us that it is painful to think we will not see her again. The love and nurturing she gave Harvest Lodge for so many years will be remembered always when we think of the Lodge. A suitable commemoration for her work was suggested to me this week in the proposal that the annual Interfaith Award of C.I.F.I. and Harvest Lodge be renamed the Edith Kaufman Memorial Interfaith Award. I endorse the proposal and hope that we can find a way, with C.I.F.I., to so name the award.

Charles Heft



In Tribute to Edith Kaufman

Passover ended this year and the holiday spirit was severely dampened. It was with a feeling of deep sadness to learn that Edith Kaufman died on April 12. Edith and her husband Rabbi Sam Kaufman were Executive Secretaries of Harvest Lodge for the past 36 years and managed to serve under 32 presidents.

This long term commitment and devotion to Harvest Lodge and the ideals of B'nai B'rith has established a record of accomplishment which will probably never be equalled. Edith was more involved individually in every facet of Harvest Lodge programs than any other person. These programs became a passion for her promptness and attention to every last detail of preparation that always resulted in successful affairs. And she delighted that the needy Jewish community were the beneficiaries for educational and social benefits.

Edith also believed wholeheartedly in social interaction with the associations of other faiths related to the food industry and worked equally hard for the success for the Interfaith and Brotherhood programs.

Helping people was not just a belief it was her life and she was respected and loved by everyone. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son Gary who is senior tax counselor for CBS, a brother David Silverman, president of Beth El Congregation and Young Israel of Bore Park. Her cousin is Rabbi Reuvin Siegel affiliated with the 55th Street Conservative

Synagogue and another cousin named Rabbi Simcha Kaplan was Chief Rabbi of Safed, Israel and recently deceased. He was Rabbi of the Yeshiva, also the Judge of Safed.

For the first time in 36 years of Harvest Lodge, the presence of Edith and Rabbi Sam Kaufman at the reception table for the installation ceremonies of new officers and board members was sorely missed. Beth Jerry Mandell, our chaplain and Charles Heft our new president spoke most eloquently regarding Edith Kaufman's extraordinary accomplishments.

Rabbi Kaufman relates that Edith actually delayed entry to the hospital for several months because she insisted that all of the details for the Brotherhood Dinner Dance had to be cleared up. Also while in the intensive care unit, Edith was yet concerned about the approaching Raceway and next meeting notices. She also managed to whisper to Sam that she would like to serve Harvest Lodge for another decade. She was one of a special kind, never gave up, never quit.

She will always be remembered as Ms. Harvest Lodge.

Irving Mendelson

Grace and I were sorry to learn about Edith Kaufman's death. We think it would be a good idea if the members of Harvest Lodge would send a note about their feelings and memories of Edith. Then you

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PERSONALS

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Dear Mr. Harrison:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the bonds received in the amount of \$50,000.00 and made payable to the B'nai B'rith Service Fund, which supports the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Hille Foundations and Career and Counseling Services.

These bonds, of course, will be credited to your quota. You are well aware of the need for B'nai B'rith to continue the work begun so long ago by our founders.

Let me assure you that the kind of effort as expressed by this contribution will go a long way to helping us achieve those goals.

Please extend our thanks to the members of your Lodge, and I remain . . . Very truly yours,

Harold Shulman
Fund Raising Chairman
B'nai B'rith District One

Forthcoming Programs

Program chairman George Applebaum has arranged the following programs for the regular Harvest Lodge meetings:

The Sept. 4 meeting will be set aside to memorialize Edith Kaufman and decide on a meaningful way to honor her 36 years of devoted service to Harvest Lodge.

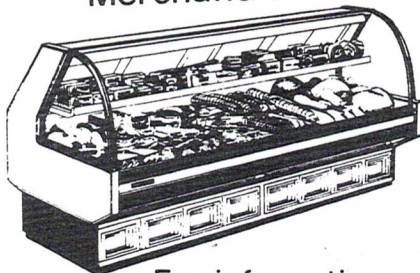
The Oct. 2 program will continue with the 2nd annual "Food for Thought Award" initiated by Arthur Harrison. The recipient will be Sister Rose Thering. She represents the "national Christian leadership conference for Israel." This organization works diligently for the welfare of Israel. The Jewish community should be made more aware of these efforts.

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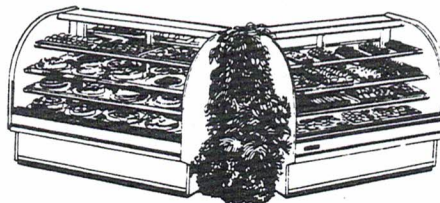
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