

### Organizations

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POALE ZEDECK Men's Club is holding regular Father-Son Minyan Breakfasts every Sunday morning at 8:45 under the chairmanship of Alick Portnoy. A series of speakers has been scheduled to discuss topics of general interest after each breakfast. All interested members of the community are invited to attend.

The Men's Club is also conducting a late Maariv Minyan at 8 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

SHAARE TORAH: William Hoffman, President of the Shaare Torah Men's Club, will address the Shaare Torah Minyan Breakfast Sunday, November 10. His theme will be "Property Rights of Home Owners." The morning services begin 8:45 a.m. and are followed by the breakfast in the Horelick Hall 9:30 a.m.



Mr. Hoffman

SHAARE TORAH Men's Club will hold a Game Night at the Horelick Hall of the Shaare Torah Synagogue, Murray Avenue at Nicholson St., November 10, 11, and 12 at 8:30.

Refreshments will be available. William Hoffman is President of the Men's Club.

Thursday is deadline for all Organizational and Social news releases. Publicity should be sent to 315 S. Bellefield Ave., Pgh., Pa. 15213.

### NCJW

National Council of Jewish Women invites all "global-travelers"—men and women - to Anathan House on Nov. 13, at 8:30 p.m., to hear Samuel Tappis of Unitours discuss the trips that are available to Pittsburghers throughout the year, Council-sponsored. Refreshments will be served.

Reservations are being taken by Chairman, Mrs. Stanley Morovitz, 421-7258, and Co-Chairman, Mrs. Harry Pollock, 681-2674. Vice-president of the Department of Administration is Mrs. Leo Kostman.

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## Quoth the Maven

By BEVERLY KING POLLOCK

WHEN "family" gets together, there is lots of kissing and asking how the children are and reminiscing. Especially about the good old days when the family's "pilgrim fathers" came to America (from Eastern Europe). And no matter how often I hear the stories about the small Pennsylvania town where my husband was born and grew up, I always enjoy.

I can picture the mining town (population 3,000) where my husband's father had a store. With windows proclaiming "Hats, Shoes, Waists, Skirts". It was not what Menasha Skulnick would call "a department store". It was a department store. With swayback aisles and sox hanging from the ceiling and an overhead pulley system that shot charge accounts to the office, which was on a level seven steps higher.

There were hats and boots and coats and shoes and linoleum and red handkerchiefs and work clothes. The hours were long. And a working knowledge of Polish, Italian and even English was vital for communicating with the customers.

The store was a training ground for most of the family's first generation Americans just off the boat; and the house was home for these same relatives for varying periods of time.

Uncle Shloimeh recalled for me his awe upon seeing the house for the first time. When he was shown to a bedroom of his own on the third floor, he wiped his feet on the rug before entering. And when he spied the large brass bed with the patchwork quilt, he fairly gasped. Surely Tsar Nicholai himself never had such a bed!

At the store, Uncle Shloimeh got a first class course in practical business administration. His first course was in economics. It seems the store had a 2 watt bulb that burned all evening as a night light. And at the crack of dawn, Uncle Shloimeh had to get up from his warm bed, go down to the store, and turn off the light.

(He swore that if the bulb burned all year, it wouldn't use more than 7 cents of electricity. But that 7 cents was a fortune!)

Also, Uncle Shloimeh got a course in Business Law. That is, he had the law laid down to him: Shloimeh would be the one to carry wood and coal for the pot belly stove in the middle of the store. And he would serve as window trimmer, stock boy and salesman.

When he was able to count out change in dollars and cents, Uncle Shloimeh graduated into a business of his own in another small town. And he made good.

Forty years from now when my children are reminiscing, will they refer to our life today as "The good old days"? And will the changes then be as great as the changes of the past 40 years? I hope we can find out.

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