

My Town

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Mind if I brag a bit about my town, Stamford, Conn.?

Well, we have what New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and many other cities have never had: a Jewish mayor.

He is Julius Wilensky, a Republican just elected to a second term though his party turned him down. His spiritual leader, Rabbi Alex Goldman, of Conservative Temple Beth El, is an author of note, whose father is a Chicago rabbi.

We also have a well-known Orthodox leader,

Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkrantz, whose congregation, Agudath Sholom, is the largest of its kind in Connecticut. The rabbi, who was in Israel when the Six Day War broke out, has just been named head of the rabbinical committee backing the United Jewish Appeal.

And, talking about mayors, one of our former ones was J. Walter Kennedy, the professional basketball czar. He and his friend, Jackie Robinson, a Stamfordite are often seen at local Bar Mitzvahs.

We also boast a man named Harry Rosenbaum, a publisher, who is a real maskil, a lay Jewish scholar, who is so eloquent and so sparkling a personality that he is asked to be toastmaster of almost all events. He is the head of our local UJA and also a leader of our Bi-Cultural schools, one of the best day schools in the nation.

Another ornament of our community is Martin Gorn, who came to this country a poor Russian immigrant and became head of a large electronic firm. Totally dedicated to our faith and our nation, Philanthropist Gorn and his wife, Otilie, have made numerous gifts to good causes, the most recent an intricate machine that diagnoses heart maladies to our local Catholic hospital. The Gorns are among the nation's leading Israel Bond purchasers, having not so long ago been saluted by Abba Eban. During the Independence War of 1948, Mr. Gorn saw to it that the new Jewish republic received much in the way of valuable equipment.

These are only a few of the highlights of our city, and I must include that the president of my own temple is a woman, Mrs. Sumner Wyman.

How about your city? Tell me something about it and I'll be glad to share your data with others.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Fifteen suspected terrorists were arrested for questioning in the Gaza Strip following an ambush attack on a private car in which an American nurse was killed and an American Baptist minister and his daughter were wounded.

NEW YORK--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry announced that Sunday, April 30th has been designated as National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry--the largest nationwide event ever to be held on behalf of Soviet Jews.

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For locals, John Grey, former pitcher with N. Y. Yankees, Phil. Athletics and Phillies and Cleveland Indians, will be at Flamingo Hotel over this weekend. Grey, also a golfer of note, is now travelling representative for American Agronomics.

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NEW YORK (WNS)--Rep. James Scheuer (D., N.Y.), who just returned from Russia, told newsmen that Soviet discrimination against Jews was "all pervasive" but despite this Soviet Jews were "not depressed" and continued to demand their rights.

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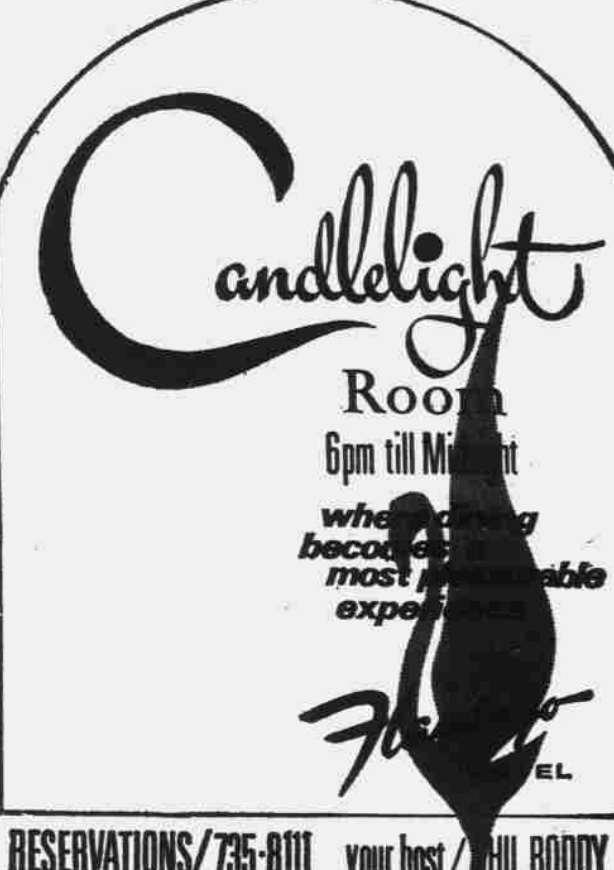


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- Use the unit's fan continuously by setting the control switch to the "ON" position. By letting the fan run constantly, air in your home will be recirculated and will eliminate hot or cold pockets. It will also provide more air filtration.
- When cooking, turn on kitchen ventilation fan.
- When using the tub or shower, keep bathroom doors closed and ventilator on. If there is no vent fan, open the window a crack. This helps exhaust excess humidity to the outside.
- Try to achieve good insulation. A full insulated home will normally require from 20 to 40 per cent less energy than a home that is insulated to minimum standards.
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