

Folksinger Honored



Mary Travers, of "Peter, Paul and Mary," was awarded the National Honorary Life Membership of Pioneer Women/Na'amat for 1983-84, "in recognition of her commitment to freedom for Jews in Russia." (L. to R.) Gloria Eibling, National Membership Vice President; Phyllis Sutker, National President and Mary Travers.

To inaugurate National Membership Month of Pioneer Women/Na'amat in October, Mary Travers, of the world-famous folksinging trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, was presented with National Honorary Life Membership in Pioneer Women/Na'amat.

"At this crucial hour, when conditions in the U.S.S.R. have declined severely, Mary Travers has raised her voice loudly against the op-

pression of Russian Jews," said Gloria Eibling, National Membership Vice President. "As we embark on our 1983-84 membership campaign, we feel that Ms. Travers typifies the kind of concerned, outspoken woman who is part of our organization."

The blond-haired, statuesque Ms. Travers described to national board members of Pioneer Women/Na'amat her recent trip to the Soviet Union: "For Americans, there is a lot of unreality about oppression. But when I got to Russia, I found out how quickly oppression effects the spirit."

Ms. Travers urged American Jews to visit the Soviet Union to show support for refuseniks. "We cannot allow them to be buried alive," she said.

A lifelong human rights activist, Ms. Travers suggested that protests in America must be more creative -- perhaps, even, with a touch of humor -- to keep attention focused on the situation of Russian Jews. Smiling mischievously, she said: "The Russian Jews would like to tweak the nose of the system that is so oppressive."

Freedom for Soviet Jews is a major component of the social action agenda of Pioneer Women/Na'amat. Ida Nudel, a former Prisoner of Conscience who has repeatedly been denied permission to emigrate to Israel, has been adopted for special attention by the 500 clubs of Pioneer Women/Na'amat.

In the United States, Pioneer Women/Na'amat also advocates progressive social legislation for women and children. Through Na'amat, the largest women's organization in Israel, Pioneer Women/Na'amat supports day care centers, women's clubs, vocational training, and a Center for Problems of Family Violence in Israel.

High School Exchange Program With Japan

Nevada Senators Paul Laxalt and Chic Hecht have announced the start of the third year of an exchange program designed to give Nevada high school students a first-hand opportunity to learn more about Japan.

The Japan-U.S. Senate Scholarship Program of Youth for Understanding is an intercultural exchange program which allows each U.S. Senator to annually appoint an outstanding high school junior to spend the summer in Japan with a host family.

In a joint release, Laxalt and Hecht said "this program has proved to be extremely valuable to recipients in the previous two years, gaining insights into themselves and the world around them. We believe it has prepared them to be better citizens in the future."

Each high school principal in Nevada has been invited through a letter from Senators Laxalt and Hecht to submit the name of one outstanding junior from their school to be considered for the two scholarships to be awarded. Deadline for nominations is October 25, 1983.

Funded by the Government of Japan, the program was inaugurated in 1981 by Prime Minister Suzuki. Under the plan, 100 American students representing every state have the opportunity to have an overseas family living experience in Japan.

Nominees must have minimum 3.2 grade average on a four-point scale, exhibit leadership in school and community activities and have the ability to adapt to a new or unusual environment.

Besides spending eight weeks in Japan with a host family, the scholarship recipients will go to Washington to meet with their senators and the Japanese ambassador.

For additional information, contact Youth for Understanding, 3501 Neward St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 or call toll free 800-424-3691.

Mens Club News

The Bard said 'THE PLAYS THE THING.' With these words from the great man ringing in our ears, we are happy to write that the 'ever go' Mens Club will be going into another FIRST adventure, this time, yes, you guessed it its going to be a PLAY. Contrary to theatre tradition, like formats, and plots, and themes and trying to get movie moguls to attend, we of the Mens Club, don't need all of the above, in fact I understand that even if Broadway producers want our script and cast, we wouldn't be interested; that's how

good we think we are. There will be a call for tryouts soon so guys and dolls keep an eye alert for tryouts. Pay attention to the temple bulletin board and the local papers, and of course you must attend Mens Club meetings to get the word first hand.

In glancing at the unfinished script, rest assured it's a 'BELLY LAFFER' if ever there was one. Our target date is for sometime early December. So all you would be people who always wanted to go Broadway now is your

chance for the big time. Tryout when you are asked to and you'll be guaranteed fun more so that a kid at CIRCUS-CIRCUS.

The Mens Club of Temple Beth Shalom would like to take time out at this moment and thank each and everyone of your people who supported our previous two affairs. The Dunes & Slichot Night were both resounding successes mainly because of you who attended. We the Mens Club and Minyonaires don't mind working hard especially if it's appreciated. The tremendous turnouts at these affairs, the fabulous supportive encouragement by you the public, all of these things are the reasons we are willing to go forward, and try to entertain you as best and economically possible as we can. We will definitely continue to do this by our latest first adventure -- a play. We know that you will enjoy this amateur production everyone will put their best foot forward and display 'true grit' in performing for you and when any person does this they can't help but being a success.

A couple of Minyonaires did a 'MITZVAH' which certainly should be told about even though they modestly will not speak of it themselves. Norm Shlisky & Sol Goldin visited before the High Holidays the Las Vegas Convalescent Home. They not only shook everyone's hand and chalah and a bottle of wine and made KIDDISH in the true Hebrew tradition. Nice work guys you and your group are still aces -- you're tops. Another service which The Minyonaires perform, which is also not publicized and little known, is that anyone whether an out of town visitor or local who attends morning services, are driven by volunteer Minyonaire drivers back to his hotel. My hats off to you guys again. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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