## Fond Farwell A Night With Mickey And Leo Wilner



Herb Kaufman, right, president of KVVU TV Channel 5, is general chairman of the testimonial dinner for Leo Wilner, left, executive director of Temple Beth Sholom, who is retiring after 18 years as the Temple's chief executive. The dinner will be held at 8 P.M. Sunday, January 29 in the Americana Room of the Frontier Hotel.

The Las Vegas Jewish community joins with leaders from all levels of life in Southern Nevada to salute the retiring executive director of Temple Beth Sholom on January 29.

"An evening with Mickey and Leo Wilner" will be held in the Americana Room of the Frontier Hotel on that Sunday night at 8 P.M.

The testimonial dinner will pay tribute to Wilner, who leave the important post at the Temple after 18 years as its chief administrator.

Dinner chairman, Herb Kaufman, is organizing the affair "so that every possible Nevadan who has been touched by the deeds and personality of Leo Wilner has a chance to honor him as he retires to the quiet life with his Mickey."

Wilner came to Las Vegas from Los Angeles where he served for 14 years as executive director of the former Judea Congregation. He assumed the same post at Temple Beth Sholom on January 1, 1966.

Among his countless accomplishments is Wilner's charter membership in the nucleus group that met and organized the Las Vegas Combined Jewish Appeal, known today as the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas.

Rabbi Dr. Louis Lederman hails the achievements of Wilner as "significant milestones in the development of Temple Beth Sholom as the spiritual stronghold it is today."

An active member of the Temple Men's Club, Wilner is a charter member of the Nate Mack Lodge #2825, The Jewish Family Service Agency and the Jewish Federation. He is past president of the Association of Temple Administrators, a member of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators and a senior member of the Professional Association of Temple Administrators in the 11 Western states.

Two years ago, he was appointed by the Pacific Southwest Region of United Synagogue to a Judge-chairman position, in charge of a tribunal adjudicating a case in New Mexico.

On numerous occasions, Wilner has served the Temple Beth Sholom congregation as substitute rabbi and has conducted sabbath and holiday services. He has even pinch-hit as cantor, when necessary.

The Israelite newspaper chose him "Man of the Year" a few years ago and the entire Wilner family was honored guest at the 1983 picnic of

the Jewish Family Service Agency.
Mickey Wilner, besides being the Temple's first lady, is mother of their two sons, Robert in Laguna Hills and Martin, a PhD living in Las Vegas. A life member of Hadassah, she is active in the Temple's Sisterhood, the B'nai B'rith Women and the Judy Bayley Cancer Group. Mickey was a volunteer at Sunrise Hospital for many years and today is a member of that hospital's Auxiliary. She also belongs to the Juvenile Diabetes Group.

Wilner is a native of Brooklyn, New York, who plans to spend his retired life right at home in Las Vegas.

Serving with Kaufman on the testimonial committee are other prominent Las Vegans, including: Alvin Benedict of the MGM Grand; Jerry Gordon of Caesars Palace; Mel Exber, Las Vegas Club; and Mel Wolzinger of the Temple.

Dinner tickets will be \$50 per person and \$500 per table. They are available by invitation or through the Temple office.

Center Court at The Meadows Mall will be the site of a Miniature Doll House Display on Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, 1984. Nearly one-dozen individual exhibitors will feature their finest examples of miniature-work in this two day show.

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## **BBYO To Sponsor First Advisors' Mission To Israel**

WASHINGTON — Carol Taper and Diane Bomash of Dallas, Texas, are members of a very dedicated group of individuals. For almost three years they have served, along with nearly 1,200 others, as volunteer advisors for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the world's largest Jewish youth movement. This spring they will share in a new development program when they participate in the first BBYO Advisors' Mission to Israel.

Twenty-five advisors from the United States, Canada, Europe and Israel will participate in the two-week trip, scheduled from March 25 to April 8. For some, it will be their first visit to the Middle East.

Says Taper, "I want to gain enough insight from my experiences in Israel to be able to encourage BBYO youth to participate in similar missions.

The program, which will provide intensive training on Israeli-related subjects and issues, will offer advisors an opportunity to share in developing creative, Judaic programming for teen-agers. Much of the focus will be on such concerns as the Israel-Arab conflict, settlements in Judea and Samaria, the Palestinian problem, the military security of Israel, and challenges facing Israeli society.

Phyllis Newman, BBYO's assistant international director for program services and staff coordinator for the mission, believes the trip will give international impetus to the recruitment and training of advisors.

"The training of participants will gain from this mission is bound to improve the status of the BBYO advisor and enhance efforts to attract new advisors," Newman says. She called on all potential advisors in America to "just contact any local BBYO offices," she said.

As for Diane Bomash, she believes the goals of the trip are vital to the training of advisors. "I think it's a great opportunity to influence me in both how I look at Jewish youth and in my helping them in developing and strengthening their bonds to Judaism."

The Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an 8 hour CPR class for the hearing impaired. The course will be held on February 4 and 5 from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. An American sign language interpreter will instruct this class. Enrollment is limited. Preregister at the Red Cross Office, 1823 E. Charleston Blvd. The Clark County Chapter is striving to make this training available to everyone living in Clark County.

On Monday - January 30 see "Showboat" - the 7th film in the Charleston Hgts. Classic Musical Film Series begins at 7 P.M. at the center located at 800 S. Brush. The musical comedy masterpiece stars Irene Dunne, Allan Jones, Paul Robeson, Helen Morgan & Hattie McDaniel. Songs by Jerome Kern. Admission \$1. Call 386-6383 for upcoming films.

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