

# Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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ceed against its traditional bias.

Declared one of the fighters for equal rights here:

"For the UN to really change, to be truly universal (and to act as such), it will have to incorporate women's point of view at all levels and in all sectors. Geographic composition along patriarchal boundaries is no longer enough to reflect universality -- especially since women comprise the majority of humanity. The UN today is a patriarchal stronghold, still rejecting transformation and evolution. This is abhorrent...and we all know that patriarchy has not invented any new way out of any crisis except through wars..."

Is is too much to hope that with the eradication of its bias against women, the UN will also eliminate its bias against Israel?

## The Do's And Don'ts Of Purim Celebrations

The following are some tips for "The Do's and Don'ts of Purim Celebrations" from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York School of Education's Educational Resource Center.

1. Make Purim a family celebration. Don't merely focus on the juvenile aspects of the holiday. Instead, include learning and study for

### Neo-Nazi Party Sets Election Plans

BONN (JTA) — A political party that polls just 0.06 percent of the popular vote in a national election would seem to be headed for oblivion. But the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) took encouragement from that

showing in January's Bundestag elections and will participate in upcoming local elections, its leaders have announced.

NPD was heartened because under federal law any party which exceeds 0.05 percent in an election is eligible for generous public funding. The 250,000 votes cast for the NPD translates into several million Marks. This will allow it to broaden its organizational structure and advance its political activities.

NPD is expected to enter candidates in the state elections in Hesse, Bremen and possibly Hamburg.

Although the leaders concede they have little chance of winning seats in those legislatures, participation in the elections will give the NPD a chance to show it has solid, though marginal, support among the electorate.

Of the several neo-Nazi political groups in the Federal Republic, the NPD is the most "respectable" and the oldest.

children and adults of all ages.

2. Don't treat Purim as if it is simply a Jewish Halloween. Plan Purim masquerade parties; encourage children to dress up like the characters relevant to the Purim story. Purim carnivals should reflect festival themes, as well.

3. Teach songs whose implicit values we want to encourage. Avoid songs that take human life and religious freedom for granted.

4. Encourage the creation of new family traditions for Purim such as family debates on the "latke vs. the hamantaschen."

5. Sponsor a contest for making the most unusual groggers in your synagogue. Include a fine art and home-made category.

6. Reteach the story of Purim for adults, making explicit all of the underlying issues in the festival. For example, Vashti should be recognized as a hero for not wanting to flaunt herself in the presence of a drunken king and his companion.

7. Have a hamantaschen baking contest or eating contest -- focusing on the frivolity of the festival.

8. Make shelakmones (mishloach manot) baskets for neighbors, friends and family. Get everyone at home to bake, fill the baskets and deliver them. Be creative with the baskets. Make them different sizes and shapes.

9. Each year, try a new filling for your hamantaschen -- maybe chocolate chips or peanut butter this year.

10. Give tzedakah to poor people. Or, as a family, choose a particular charity and make a donation to it on Purim.

11. Plan a Purim Fair this year with make it/do it booths for masks, groggers, hamantaschen and more.

12. Recreate the Purim Balls of the past for the adults in the community. Make them elegant and formal.

13. Create a living megillah (ala "living people" exhibits). Each family would be responsible to create a scene in the megillah.

14. Point to the meaning of the holiday that speaks to the contemporary world.

15. Develop a drama troupe to tell the story that "tours the community" several weeks prior to Purim. Libraries and community centers are great places for performances.

16. Prepare a comic strip for your local community newspaper that would appear for several weeks prior to Purim.

17. Bake a great hamantaschen and have a community eat-in at a local park.

18. Build a giant Haman pinata that can be beaten and broken during the reading of the megillah.

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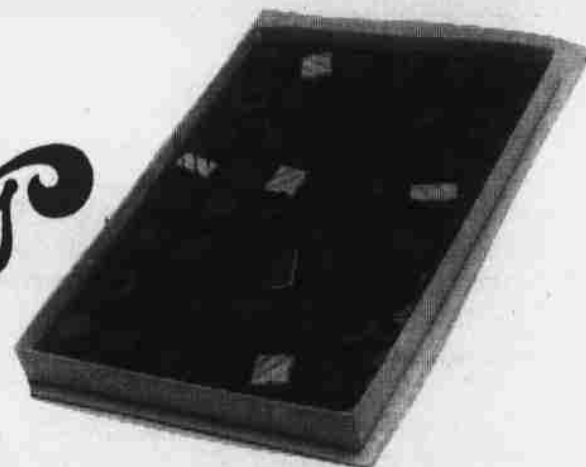
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