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Synagogue Vandals **Arrested In Mahopac**

NEW YORK (JTA) -Rabbi Philip Fleischer of Temple Beth Shalom in Mahopac, N.Y. is satisfied that two local juveniles taken into custody by the police are the vandals responsible for defacing his synagogue with swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti a week ago and two previous times.

The two, Andrei Fedoroff, 16, the son of Russian Orthodox a priest, and a 12-year-old friend, not identified

because of his age, were arrested at 3 a.m. Saturday by Sgt. Gerald Schramek of the Carmel, N.Y. police department. He caught them in the act of spraypainting swastikas and "Heil Hitler" on the synagogue walls. Fedoroff, a high-

school dropout who lives with his parents at a Russian monastery about a mile from Temple Beth Shalom, was charged with three counts of aggravated harassment and three

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mischief. He was held in Putnam County Jail man. in lieu of \$10,000 bail. His companion was however, that charged with juvenile delinguency and released in the custody of his parents. Fleischer, who heads

the 230-family Conservative congregation in suburban Mahopac, told Jewish the Agency Telegraphic that he was convinced the desecrations were the work of professionals, rather than youthful vandals, because the graffiti were neatly applied,

counts of criminal and some of the of vandalism against caught in the act of slogans were in Ger- the temple. 1.00

The teen-ager had He told the JTA, studied German in high the school, was obsessed Fedoroff youth had with the Nazi era and made a full confession was a collector of Nazi to three previous acts memorabilia. When

The March of Dimes Birth Defect Foundation will be holding the "NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS BANQUET," on December 3, 1987 at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino's South Pacific Ballroom from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to honor nurses in Southern Nevada.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$300.00 per table (round of ten). Bernard Feldman, M.D., will be the guest speaker, John Kurlinski, M.D., of the Neo-Natal Unit at Humana Hospital Sunrise will serve as Program Chairman and they will be joined by Miss Nevada, Stacie James and the Nellis Air Force Color Guard to complete the evening's program.

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desecrating the synagogue, he was dressed in a brown SS uniform, black boots, goggles and carried an SS knife.

About 500 Jewish families live Mahopac, a community in southern Putnam County. Fleischer said more Jews lived there years ago when the area was a summer resort. He said he knew of no neo-Nazi groups in the area.

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