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FAIR LAWN JEWS VOTE FOR UNIFICATION; TRUMP TO BUILD SUPERSHUL TENPLEX

FDA Approves New Chicken Fat Substitute

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WASHINGTON, March 11--The Food and Drug Administration today approved for general use a new chicken fat substitute, which its manufacturer claims contains no fat, no cholesterol, and no calories. The new product, to be called *Schmaltzesse*, is expected to cause a revolution in Jewish cooking.

The taste of chicken fat has fallen into disfavor in recent years because of the trend toward a more healthful diet. Now it will be back in force as soon as *Schmaltzesse* production reaches planned levels. An advertising campaign kicks off today, with the slogan "Ess Schmaltzesse."

MOVIE PREVIEW

Coming Soon to a
Theater Near You

THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER

A group of Soviet emigres takes over the etrog and lulav business, triggering a power struggle between them and the Chasidim who have controlled the business since time immemorial.

9 to 5

Riveting drama of an Orthodox Rosh Hashanah service in Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

LEAN ON ME

The railing around the *bimah* at Ahavat Achim takes on supernatural powers and lures unsuspecting worshippers to violate the board's rules.

TEHILLIM SUNRISE

Story of how nine men spend their time each morning while waiting for a tenth man to make a minyan.

CHRAIN MAN

Saga of a man's obsession with finding the finest horseradish for his seder table.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

After successfully establishing a rule of silence during his sermon, a suburban rabbi is caught whispering during the president's announcements.

MOONSTRUCK

Kiddush Levana turns into a nightmare when an unexpected lightning storm strikes.

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FAIR LAWN, March 11—In a striking demonstration of how the spirit of democracy has swept across the globe in recent months, the Jews of Fair Lawn have agreed to set aside their differences and unite in the construction of a mammoth mall to accommodate all their needs.

The massive structure, to be built by Donald Trump on a ten acre site in the center of town, will be known as the Trump Temple Tenplex when it opens for the High Holidays in September. This name is expected to prevail because the full Hebrew name, Temple Beth Shalom Ahavat Achim B'nai Israel Shomrei Torah V'Avodah is a real mouthful.

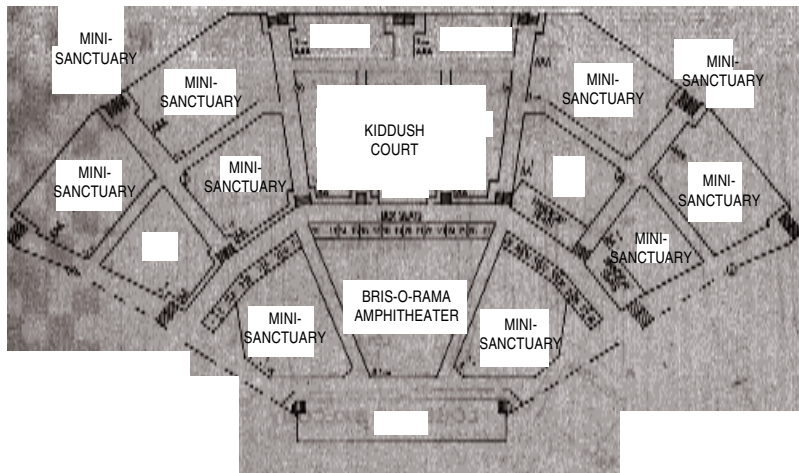
Jews of all persuasions will be made comfortable in the superstructure because it will be divided into ten mini-sanctuaries. Areas for common use will include a Kiddush Court, a Bris-O-Rama amphitheater and operating room, and a Mikva Motel, consisting of a central mikva and

ten one-bedroom suites with parking spaces, for post-immersion relaxation.

Also planned for construction above the

Trump Temple Tenplex are apartments for those active synagogue members who spend most of their lives in shul.

At press time, the forms of



services in the ten mini-sanctuaries were not finalized, but preliminary plans call for (from left to right) Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative, Traditional, Original Young Israel Orthodox, Modern Orthodox, Current Young Israel Orthodox, Super-Frum-who-like-to-think-of-themselves-as-Modern-Orthodox-but-really-aren't, and Classical Judaism (for readers of the Jewish Voice).

For those who don't fit into any of these categories, one mini-sanctuary will be designated as a "Have it your way" shul, in which congregants will be able to indulge in their fantasy and customize the seating arrangements, height and material of the mechitza, nusach of the Chazzan, and length of the Rabbi's sermon. Reservations for this mini-sanctuary are already booked through December, 1995.

The Fair Lawn Trump Temple Tenplex will be watched by Jews in other communities as a possible model for similar projects. Its potential is being assessed in Brooklyn, where talks are already proceeding toward construction of a Lubavitcher-Gerer-Satmar triplex. Two more chassidic sects may be added, but not a third. "Quadruplex and Quintuplex are OK, but a Satmar Sexplex, NEVER!" said a spokesman for the Satmar rebbe.

The tenplex will offer many advantages. Worshippers will be able to shop around and move from one service to another, until they find the one that they are most comfortable with. At Bar Mitzvah receptions, the Orthodox will be able to daven Mincha in their own mini-sanctuary rather than stage an impromptu minyan in the hallway to avoid worshipping in a Conservative sanctuary.

The massive project does present some problems, though. One of the Orthodox rabbis wants it to be known that while he approves of the project, he does not want to imply recognition of equal status for those "who are not yet Orthodox." Monumental traffic problems are expected for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and a building fund is being started for construction of a 5,000 car garage. Rabbis are also expected to be under heavy pressure from their congregations to keep their sermons short, lest their congregants find themselves with meager leftovers at the