

South Of The Border

"Fiddler on the Roof" To Be Presented At Rock Hill Little Theatre

The Rock Hill Little Theatre of Rock Hill, S.C. proudly presents *Fiddler on the Roof* as you have never seen it before. Yes, we have a director, an orchestra, cast, crew, script, music and set, but we have found the best!

Steven Haas, international opera singer and director, will direct this great event. He has studied at the N.C. School of the Arts and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He has been a featured performer on the stages of Portugal, Italy, Australia, Israel and Germany. He has also appeared in our own area in cities such as Columbia, Charlotte, Savannah and Charleston. Mr. Haas is sure to produce a rare performance that will be memorable, professional and educational.

The authenticity of Jewish life and tradition will be utmost in our performance. To help achieve this goal we have sought Rabbinical advice for our sets, wardrobe and customs. There will also be a Jewish exhibit featured in Johnson Hall lobby for the month of May. The exhibit entitled "Images of Polish Jewry: Arts and Cultures" focuses on "the artistic and intellectual life prior to World War II" says Stu Schwartz,

director of the Museum of York County. More than 100 of these rare photos were obtained from the Institute for Jewish Research in New York and will be on display to help depict the quality of life of modern Jews similar to life depicted in *Fiddler*.

There will also be a special section reserved in the York County library for featured books on Jewish life, Jerusalem and historic information. These books will be featured for the month of May.

However, we would not have a musical such as *Fiddler* without songs such as "If I Were A Rich Man", "Matchmaker" and "Sunrise, Sunset" and who better to perform these songs than VIVA KLEZMER! The Charlotte quartet, consisting of Eugene Kavadlo, Ali Kavadlo, Mike Mosley and Leo Bjorlie, isn't the only musical ensemble in the southeast specializing in the performance of klezmer music or Jewish folk music. VIVA KLEZMER! has performed for the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Musical Festival at Temple Israel and the University of North Carolina to name a few.

Mark Dickinson, our musical director and director

of several musicals, will help grace our stage, as well as his wife Elaine who will be our pianist.

With the Little Theatre's largest cast ever of over 70, we have assembled talent as never seen before in the Rock Hill area. These performers help to create and tell the beautiful story of Tevye, played by Lee Young, and his struggles with "Tradition" and his changing society. Come and be a part of this Jewish family for an evening.

Come to Johnson Hall on the Winthrop College campus on one of these nights May 15, 16, 22 or 23 and see for yourself. The event of the season will begin each night at 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained by simply writing the Rock Hill Little Theatre, P.O. Box 4464, Rock Hill, S.C. 29730 and enclosing your payment and date of preferred performance. If this is not suitable, tickets may be bought at the York County Library in Rock Hill or the JCC in Charlotte. Admission for this spectacular event is \$10 general admission and \$8 for senior citizens and children. However, you will want to purchase your ticket in advance because tickets for everyone will be \$12 at the door.

Rock Hill Community Celebrated A Passove Seder Together

For the past eleven years, the Wesley Foundation Newman Community and Westminster Fellowship of Winthrop College has offered the Rock Hill and Winthrop communities a hopefilled celebration of Passover. Reverend Randy McSpadden, Presbyterian Campus Minister for Winthrop College, has organized it every year. This spring festival was held on April 7 at 6 p.m. under the leadership of Gerry Schapiro, George Ackerman, Frances Underwood and Lil Adickes. During the evening they re-experienced the Israelite journey from bondage to freedom with songs, readings from the Haggadah and a

delicious Seder meal prepared by Jewish and Christian friends from the Rock Hill community. There was no charge for those attending; those who wished could make a donation.

The event was well attended and was very much family oriented. In fact a booklet of drawings depicting various aspects of the holiday (the finding of baby Moses; Pharaoh; Slavery; crossing of the Red Sea; the four questions) were distributed along with crayons to the very young to occupy them if they got restless during the readings. What a clever idea and what a nice way to remember the event.

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