

Teen Suicide: A Crisis On The Rise

By Susan Coen

Do you know what the following warning signals mean? Decline in school work, unusual neglect of personal appearance, withdrawal from friends and families, change of eating and sleeping habits, complaints of physical symptoms, i.e.: stomachaches, headaches, fatigue and persistent boredom. According to the American Academy of Child Psychiatry and the American Psychiatric Association these are some warning signals of adolescent suicide. Did you know that teenage suicide is now the number one leading cause of death among

young people aged fifteen to twenty-four years. The adolescent suicide rate has tripled over the last thirty years. According to many studies the suicides are thought to be the result of increasing and decreasing support from families and society. Most parents who have survived their child committing suicide have stated "this could never happen to me!"

On October 9, at Temple Beth El sanctuary, from 7 to 9 p.m., Alexis Stein and Howard Winokuer, from TO LIFE, will present a program on Teenage Suicide. B'nai B'rith Women, Charlotte Chapter, is sponsoring the pro-

gram which is open to the entire community. If you are interested or know someone who will be interested, please plan to attend. This program is open to all parents and teens. Remember, we can all learn from each other. We, as parents and society, need to hear from you, the Teens! We promise to listen!

There will be an admission charge of \$2 per person or \$3 per family.



KOCH VISITS ABSORPTION CENTER: New York's Mayor Edward I. Koch greets Ethiopian Jewish immigrants at the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center near Jerusalem. Later, the Mayor told the UJA Press Service that the visit "made clear why support of UJA and Federation is very important — because they fund these projects." He said American Jews should provide aid through the UJA/Federation Campaign despite disagreements with Israeli policies and needs at home.

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namely Wouk's gifts as a story teller, a warmth and remarkable sense of humor that are wholly captivating. Characters and sequences frequently burst into joyous life. Wouk's long but absorbing dramatization of Goodkind's immigrant parents and grandparents adjusting to America, the youth's career at Columbia College, and his apprenticeship to a precariously successful and garishly flamboyant gag writer in the 30s

are all permeated with a sense of time, place and feeling that is both accurate and enthralling.

A Big Band Kaddish indeed. Mr. Wouk eventually has us swaying and stomping to his music. Dance. Read. Enjoy.

Benjamin Nelson, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Fairleigh Dickinson University, has written books on Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams.

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