

Stone Laid For Town of Modi'in

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In the Jerusalem hills, halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, the foundation stone has been laid for Modi'in, planned to become Israel's third-largest city.

The city will stand just inside the old "Green Line" on the site where the Maccabees launched their rebellion against the Hasmonean Greeks, for which Chanukah is celebrated.

The new city, situated between Ben-Gurion Airport and the pre-1967 border, is being built at the hub of the country's major north-south and east-west road complex.

The cornerstone was laid by Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, at a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a half-dozen Cabinet ministers, Israel's two chief rabbis, a score of foreign ambassadors and many invited guests.

Ben-Eliezer noted that the city is being planned for a population of 250,000. Public tenders for some 4,000 of 65,000 planned housing units have recently been issued.

Modi'in is the first of three new towns to be built in the next decade that will parallel the coastal plain.

The planned towns are a crucial part of Ben-Eliezer's answer to the growing housing demand in the country's central region and could provide an alternative to the inexpensive housing in the territories.

Many of the 130,000 West Bank residents are believed to have moved across the pre-1967 border not for political or idealistic reasons but because of the territory's inexpensive housing prices.

Modi'in is said to be one of the world's first new towns being built for the 21st century in terms of services, planning and quality of life.

Its entire infrastructure system will be underground, and an ultra-modern city center is intended to include all commercial, community and education services, including vocational colleges, art schools and a university.

The Housing Ministry plans to invest \$205 million in infrastructure for Modi'in, while housing and other construction is to be financed by private contractors.



Gertzman - Hildreth

Tamara Denise Hildreth and Steven Marc Gertzman, both of Charlotte, were married Nov. 6 at Sharonview County Cub.

The bride is the daughter of Vivian Bohnaker of Weddington and the late Harry Hildreth. She is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School and Central Piedmont Community College and attended UNC-Wilmington. She is a dental hygienist with Dr. Richard Kincaid.

The groom is the son of Jeri Gertzman of Charlotte and the late Stanley Gertzman. He is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School and Western Carolina University. He is employed with the N.C. State Magistrate.

The couple live in Charlotte.



Gertzman

Nabow - Goldberg

Sandra Iris Goldberg and Robert David Nabow, both of Spartanburg, SC, were married Nov. 28 at Temple B'Nai Israel in Spartanburg.

The bride is the daughter of Helen Price of Spartanburg and the late Irving Price. She is a graduate of Spartanburg High School and Trident Technical College. She is employed with Novacare Inc. in Spartanburg.

The groom is the son of Elizabeth and Stanley Nabow of Charlotte. He is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School and Georgia Technical Institute. He is an electrical engineer with Milliken Research Department.

The couple live in Charlotte.

Newman - Denson

Susan Diane Denson and Dr. Randy Newman, both of Atlanta, were married Oct. 23 at Temple Sinai.

The bride is the daughter of Jeanne and Allan Denson of Gadsden, AL. She is a graduate of Gadsden High School and the University of Alabama. She is an account manager with Campbell South Co. in Atlanta.

The groom is the son of Jill and Dr. Ed Newman of Charlotte. He is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School, Vanderbilt University and Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He is an anesthesiologist with Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

The couple live in Atlanta.



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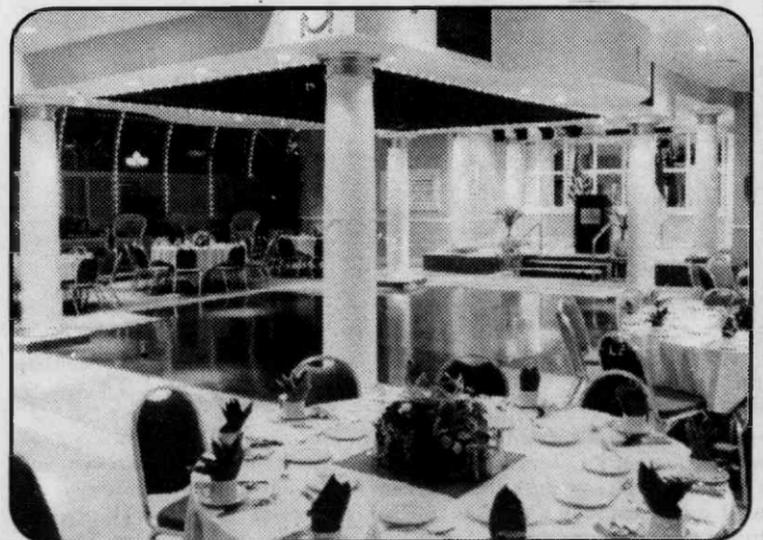
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