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### CHANUKAH DATES

Our Jewish readers celebrate Chanukah this week. A schedule of events at local Temple Israel on Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains is listed below as a reader service. Next week, *The Times* will include a similar roster of religious services for the celebration of Christmas at local Christian churches.

**Friday, December 14** — First night of Chanukah, lighting of the first candle. Chanukah Service in Temple, 8:30 pm. Discussion on Holiday Wrappings.

**Saturday, December 15** — Chanukah Services, 9:30 am.

**Sunday, December 16** — Religious School, 10 am to 12 noon. Chanukah plays and skits.

**Monday, December 17** — Teenage Chanukah service, 6:30 pm.

**Friday, December 21** — College night (also eighth night of Chanukah). kCollege students to share college experiences.

**Monday thru Friday** — Chanukah service, 7:00 am.

**Saturday, December 22** — Chanukah Service, 9:30 am.

## Ah, shucks....I forgot my list!!



photo by Reflections

Santa visited with his favorite people last Saturday at the Municipal Building in Scotch Plains. This young admirer apparently had difficulty remembering just what she really wanted.

## Police teach youngsters how to babysit

by Joan Monahan

Most conscientious parents lecture and lecture their children about safety procedures. Oftentimes, it seems the kids don't even hear, perhaps because the lecturing parental voice is turned off. When the message comes from an official source, however, the kids listen.

Over 50 of them listened on Tuesday, as they gathered to hear Captain Robert Luce of the Scotch Plains Detective Bureau tell them how to be good babysitters...for themselves as well as for others. Every elementary school in Scotch Plains-Fanwood was represented, and boys constituted at least a third of the assembly.

The program was co-sponsored by PTA Safety Chairman Marilyn Minall and the local police. Why? Because there are so many working mothers today, and as children grow older, there are many of them who "babysit" themselves frequently.

A very recent event was cited by Captain Luce in opening remarks. He showed the youngsters a news clipping, detailing last weekend's death of five youngsters in Roxbury, N.J. The five had been left with a 13-year old babysitter. According to news accounts, when fire broke out in the home, the babysitter spent too much time calling her mother to seek help, instead of getting all

people out of the house immediately. Such a 15-minute delay was crucial, Luce noted.

Here are some of the tips he gave local self-babysitters:

### Get Out and Call for Help...

Whenever fire occurs, leave a house immediately. Be sure all people in the house leave with you. Make sure they all stay out of the house and don't return. Gather together as a unit. "Think of saving lives. Property can always be

replaced," he said. In all cases, police and fire departments would rather be summoned on a false alarm than run the risk of tragedy, so call.

### Know Your Numbers...

Wherever you are, know where you are. If you're at home, have important telephone numbers posted prominently. If you're visiting, know what town

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## Concert will raise funds for Skeets' parents to visit Moscow

In the circles where Olympic gold medals count heavily, one Rinaldo "Skeets" Nehemiah is often referred to as a national treasure. "Skeets", who grew up in Scotch Plains and graduated from local schools, is considered one of the nation's highest hopes for an Olympic gold. His speciality is the hurdles.

The U. of Maryland junior is virtually assured of a berth

on our Olympic team. Needless to say, his parents, Earl and Sheila Nehemiah, would love to be in Moscow to share his potential glory. Their church, Metropolitan Church, 32-34 Prionce Street, Newark, will sponsor a concert on January 20, 1980, with proceeds to go toward a Nehemiah Family Olympic Fund.

Admission to the 3:30 pm event will be free, but a volun-

tary collection will be taken. The concert will feature Rev. Lawrence Roberts and the Angelic Choir.

Rev. B.F. Johnson is pastor of the church. Information may be obtained from Denise Daniels, 677-3468. For those who do not wish to attend but would like to contribute, the mailing address is: Nehemiah Family Olympic Fund, P.O. Box 973, Newark, N.J. 07101.