



I Heard It Through the Grapevine

Deserving of a Good Conduct(or) Medal

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SHE LOVES HER husband and she loves her almost-newborn son. But for Noreen Green, her exhilarating life truly zooms to a zenith when her shiny evening dress shoes are planted atop the flat, black podium on stage, her elbows are raised toward the ceiling.

At the crash of the downbeat, her heart starts racing. It is as if she were dashing up a thousand-step stairway, twenty-five at a time. Soaring through vast floating clouds, she feels bumps named for geese that perhaps only another performer can even imagine, a moment so transcendent and magical that she knows it never can be duplicated.

joined by the noted Theodore Bikel, in possibly the most stirring salute yet to Israel's 50th anniversary.

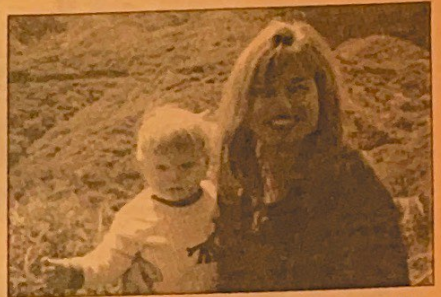
In spare hours, she is ambitiously endeavoring to go national with her fiscally hungry but musically muscular Jewish Symphony, one of the most unique projects in both entertainment and Jewish life.

In the meanwhile, the Symphony, which offers three major concerts a year between September and June, still is trying to gain its footing in Southern California, seeking more funding and more patrons who are generous beyond its core audience of 500 loyalists, and a steady home, too.

For Dr. Green, life really began 20 years ago when she was a self-doubting teenager in the Valley, searching for a niche. And then it happened.

She found that everytime she stood in a choir and sailed her finely tuned voice across a crowded room, she gained a coveted sense of self-confidence of she'd never known.

Reaching for a power that she couldn't see and couldn't describe, her success in the chorus souped up her sagging psyche, and before she was knee-high to her 20s, she was propelling through the musical universe, and as her reputation widens, her career continues to soar.



Aaron Drew, newly turned 1, on an afternoon outing with his mother, Dr. Noreen Green.

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The Los Angeles Jewish Times urges its readers to light the Shabbat candles. Why? Because it will bind you to your people, inspire you, and offer hope and peace in the home. Don't Forget: put a few coins into a tzedaka pushka (charity box) before lighting. A married woman lights 2 candles and may add an additional one for each child. Teach your daughters the Shabbat candle blessing: **BARUCH ATAH ADO-NOY ELO-HEINU MELLECH HA'OLAM ASHER KID'SHANU B'MITZVOTAY V'TZIVANU L'HADLIK NEHR SHEI SHABRAT KODESH** — and don't forget to consult the right time each week.

- * CANDLE LIGHTING: Friday, May 22 at 7:34pm
- * HAVDALAH: Saturday, May 23 at 8:38pm
- * TORAH: Behar-Bechukotai (Lev. 25:1-27:34)
- * HAFTORAH: Jer. 16:19-17:14

