

Jewish holidays to be explained

Jewish holidays and festivals will be highlighted during a "Walk Through the Jewish Year" March 4 and 5 at the Jewish Community Center.

Table displays will recreate home celebrations of Jewish holidays, and explanations of traditional and ceremonial rituals will enable the public to better understand Judaism.

On the hour, Jewish youth groups will demonstrate observances of holidays.

Holidays to be highlighted are: Holy days — Rosh Hashana, Jewish New Year; Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement; Sukkot, Feast of Booths (Tabernacles); Pesach, Passover; Shavuot, Feast of Weeks; and Sabbath.

Memorial days — Tish B'va, Destruction of the Temples, Yom Hashoah, Holocaust; and festivals — Chanukah, Feast of Lights;

Purim, Feast of Esther; Tu B'Shvat, New year for trees; and Yom Hatzmaut, Israeli Independence.

Holiday foods will be displayed and recipes given to the public. There will be continuous movies on the holidays in the Community Center theatre.

The event, which is open to the public free of charge, will be open Sat., March 4 from noon until 6 p.m. and Sun., March 5 from noon until 5 p.m.

School tours for Sunday morning may be arranged by calling the Jewish Community Center, 342-1450.

Rabbi Jacob Petuchowski, research professor of Jewish Theology and Liturgy at Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati will speak March 5 at 8 p.m. at the JCC. His topic will be "An American View of Israel and the Diaspora."

Monday, March 6 Rabbi Petuchowski will be the speaker at the Ministerial Institute for Christian Clergy of Mobile and vicinity.

The institute is sponsored by the Spring Hill Avenue Temple in association with its Men's Club and the Sisterhood and the Jewish Community Cultural Series.