

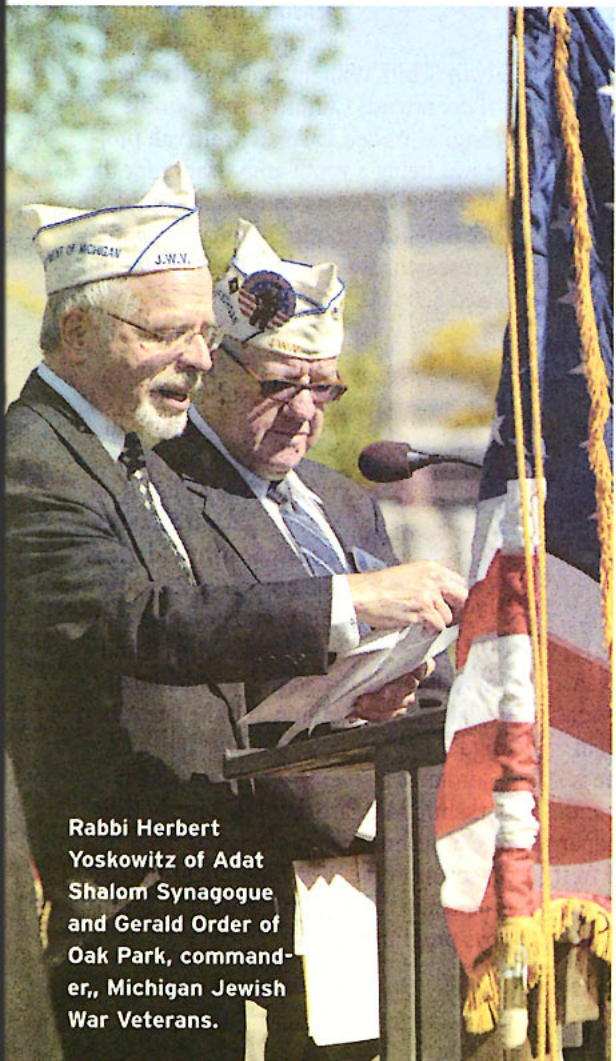


The American and Canadian flags are displayed during the memorial service.

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Remembering The Fallen

Memorial Day service brings war veterans together.



Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Adat Shalom Synagogue and Gerald Order of Oak Park, commander, Michigan Jewish War Veterans.

Jewish war veterans from Michigan, Canada and Russia, looking grand in their respective uniforms, gathered with friends, family and ladies auxiliary members at Machpelah Cemetery in Ferndale Sunday for their annual International Memorial Day service.

Amid bright sunshine, Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, who is a Jewish War Veterans chaplain, led a service for about 70 participants to remember Jewish veterans of various wars, including those in Israel. Yoskowitz has conducted this service for 14 years.

"I am a veteran myself and it's a gift to be able to defend one's country," he said. "How can we not remember those who helped defend what our country is and strives to be?"

Buglers from Ferndale High School as well as Ben Duchan, 16, of Huntington Woods sounded taps. Members of the Boy Scouts of America's local Venturing Crew 18 also took part.

Additional services were held at Hebrew Memorial Park in Mt. Clemens later on Sunday. Members from the Michigan Jewish War Veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion and the Russian War Veterans were urged to take part in the Ferndale Memorial Day parade on Monday. □



Left: Ben Duchan, 16, of Huntington Woods sounds taps.



Veterans Jonathan Hyams of Oak Park and Jack Langer of Windsor



Right: Izzy Sigal of Windsor speaks at the service.