



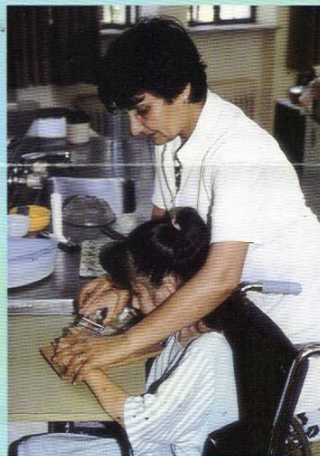
Carnival atmosphere as students dress up in costume for Purim festivities

One of the Institute's Most Outstanding Employees

Tamar Hevroni has taught home economics to some of Israel's most well known hostesses and homemakers. She has instilled both etiquette and professionalism in her years of instruction on the high school and college level. She is the first to agree, however, that her work at the Jewish Institute for the Blind is far more important.

"Here we teach the rules of safety before we stir the first gravy or white sauce," Hevroni explains. "First our students must be totally comfortable with their workplace, and this takes some doing for pupils that are both blind and oftentimes suffer from other handicaps."

Not only do Hevroni's pupils become very familiar with chopping vegetables and making hot tea, but after individual and group classes with her, they can prepare entire meals, clean up their work space and set the table with ease. "We have students whose parents have sheltered them so that a



Tamar Hevroni helps Meirav learn to peel potatoes

knife is a foreign object and at home their food is served to them in bite-sized pieces," she explains. After home eco-

nomics with her, however, they are comfortable and adept in the kitchen.

Not only does Hevroni work with pupils, but she also expects co-operation from their families as well. In at least one or two seminars yearly, parents are invited to the modern teaching kitchens at the Institute, and blindfolded, they are helped to develop skill retention and organizational skills!

In addition to Hevroni's expertise in the kitchen, she works with students in the Institute's model apartment where they learn living skills firsthand - whether they record a movie on the video, vacuum the rug or change the linens. "Our students must learn the skills of everyday living and we try to prepare them for everything they might encounter in their own homes," Hevroni explains. And after 28 years at the Jewish Institute for the Blind, Hevroni knows who her students are and how she can best help them.