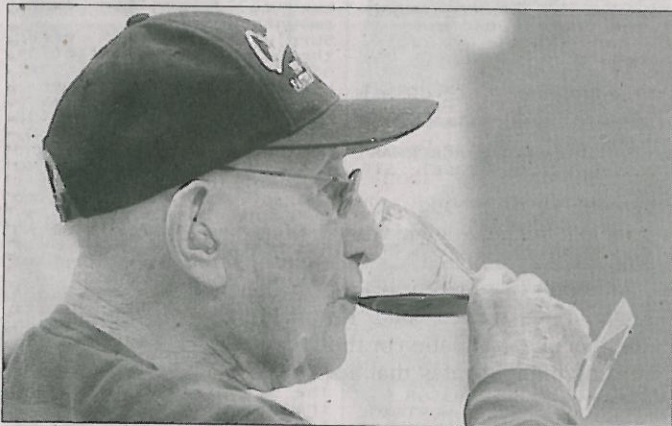




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### A time for all to come together

In West Orange, Rabbi Zvi Karpel, center, conducts a Seder, the Jewish holiday feast that marks the beginning of Passover, for residents and family members of the Daughters of Israel Plafsky Family Campus. Taking part in the event, from left, are Louis Kaplan, 93, and his wife Ruth Kaplan, 90. Joining them is son-in-law Ed Newman of West Orange and Anthony Apter, 78, of Newark.

## Importance of ballot position is up for debate

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Ras Baraka, Peter Pantoliano and Yvonne Garrett Moore were among the lucky Newark candidates in yesterday's drawing, scoring top positions on the ballot in the May election.

While the benefits of being placed high on the ballot were debated among candidates yesterday, most political

belief that every voter in my district is very educated."

Former councilman Donald Tucker said that ballot positioning was important but not decisive.

"You always want to get 1A or at the end," Tucker said, adding that the last name one sees can be as important as the first. When asked if ballot

Clifford J. Minor will be fourth and last on the ballot.

In the East Ward race, Peter Pantoliano, who is running to unseat Councilman Augusto Amador, pulled the top slot.

"It's a good place to be," he said yesterday, adding, "That's a matter of luck, and I'm getting where I'm going on the merit of the issues."

"In my experience Newark voters, through the years, have shown that they are easily intelligent enough to find their candidate of choice on the ballot," he said.

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