

# Fall season premieres with series of lectures

Temple Israel in West Bloomfield will mark the opening of the fall season with a Selichot scholar-in-residence weekend, featuring Dr. Lawrence A. Hoffman, newly appointed dean of the School of Sacred Music.

He will deliver a series of three lectures on the subject "A New Year's view of 5745: Looking positively at tomorrow."

Sponsored by the Dr. Robert B. Goldberg Memorial Fund of Temple Israel, the series will begin with an address at Sabbath services at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, when Hoffman will speak on "Approaching a Golden Age for American Jews."

At the 11 a.m. service on Saturday, Sept. 22, Hoffman will speak on "The Third Great Age of American Jewish Life: Going from Truth to Art."

Finally, at a pre-Selichot lecture at 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, Hoffman will

conclude the series by speaking on "Searching for God in West Bloomfield."

**THE PROGRAM** will be followed by a social hour and refreshments. The Selichot service then will begin at 11 p.m. and will offer traditional prayers of repentance that will culminate in the High Holy Day service.

In addition to serving as the head of the Reform movement's school for cantors, Hoffman is professor of liturgy and related literature at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR).

Born in Canada, he received his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto, and in 1959 was ordained a rabbi at HUC-JIR.

His special interest in liturgy was sparked by three years spent as a student rabbi at Temple Beth Or of the

Deaf in New York where he pioneered in the development of sign language expressive of Jewish concepts.

**HOFFMAN** is the author of many articles and five books, the most recent being "The Canonization of the Synagogue service."

He is active in the liturgical renaissance of the Reform movement and has composed "Gates of Understanding," a two-volume companion work to the daily and sabbath prayerbook and the High Holy Day prayerbook.

Hoffman travels widely and has been a visiting lecturer in liturgy at Notre Dame and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Goldberg Fund, which sponsors the series, is named for Dr. Robert B. Goldberg, a confidant and graduate of Temple Israel.

# Murder suspect dies

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

A suspect in the shooting death of a 73-year-old woman earlier this month at the Bethany Villa Apartments died last Saturday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Troy police said.

Ironically, the body of James Roller — a neighbor of slaying victim Elsa Justin — was found by Justin's son in Roller's apartment around the corner from where Mrs. Justin lived.

Roller, 70, had been acquainted with Mrs. Justin for about 10 years, said

Phil Steele, a Troy police spokesman. Police still aren't talking about a possible motive for Justin's killing. There were no signs of forced entry or a struggle in her apartment.

Police and representatives of the Oakland County Medical Examiner were summoned to Bethany Villa shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday. Roller was pronounced dead at the scene. He had been shot in the chest with a 12-gauge shotgun which he owned, Steele said.

A spokesman for the medical examiner confirmed that the fatal blast was

self-inflicted. Blood/alcohol and toxicology tests will be analyzed next week, the spokesman added.

**NO ONE** who lives in the senior-citizen housing complex reported hearing any shots Saturday, Steele said.

Police must await the outcome of tests on a .32-caliber revolver found last week in a retention pond at Bethany Villa before closing the books on Justin's killing.

That gun was registered to Roller, Steele said.

"We had executed a search warrant after the (Justin) homicide at the Roller residence at 1871 Eldridge and had recovered five spent shell casings and one live round from the toilet of that address," Steele said.

Edna Stanley, a neighbor, described Roller and Justin as close friends. "Not too many people knew much about him," she said. "He was a very quiet man."

"**HE WAS** a great guy for about three years," said Bertha Watson, another neighbor. "But about a year ago he started to drink and that was his downfall."

Frank Watson recalled that Roller was intoxicated Labor Day — the day before Justin's body was discovered.

"I came out here and took him into his apartment," Watson said.

"He was sitting there smoking a cigarette," Watson said pointing to a garden area. "After a while, he was lying there just on the lawn drunk. So, I got him off the ground, led him into the apartment, put him on the couch and left him there."

Funeral services for Mr. Roller were conducted in McMinnville, Tenn.

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