

McDonald-Collins

Tina Marie McDonald and James Joseph Collins III announce their engagement. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Dasch of Farmington Hills and Bruce McDonald of Grosse Pointe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Collins II of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are both graduates of North Farmington High School. He is also a graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology, employed as an architect for the firm of Horack Associates in Austin, Texas.

A January wedding is planned.



Jewish holiday season begins

Services featuring penitential or Selichot prayers will usher in the Jewish High Holy Days on Saturday evening. Traditionally held on the Saturday evening preceding Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) they signal the approach of the most sacred days in the Jewish faith. Congregations gather in the synagogues following the conclusion of the Sabbath, sweets are eaten, and a midnight service announces the approach of the new year.

Rosh Hashanah or "the head of the year" begins the 10 days of penitence which culminate at the end of Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement.

This year Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Wednesday, Sept. 26. In Southfield's Conservative synagogues, Shaarey Zedek, B'nai David and Beth Achim, it will be observed for two days.

Yom Kippur will begin at sundown, Friday, Oct. 5, and is observed by fasting and prayer for 24 hours.

During the 10 days of Penitence, Jewish people believe that mankind passes in judgement before God. They deeply reflect, pondering their deeds and spiritual behavior over the preceding 12 months.

ON YOM Kippur, families gather for a festive meal, light candles, and ask forgiveness of one another for any wrongs they may have committed against one another. This is the prelude to 24 hours of prayer and fasting.

Prayers are recited asking God to release persons from vows undertaken but not fulfilled. The traditional Kol Nidre chant is led by the cantor, a plea for absolution for the breaking of vows made to God.

Prayers during these services are recited in terms of "we" and not "I" because collective responsibility is taken for the shortcomings of mankind.

The Jewish festival of Thanksgiving, Sukkot, follows the 10 days of Penitence, a celebration of the harvest, beginning at sundown, Wednesday, Oct. 10, continuing through Oct. 19 this year. A booth or hut, called a Sukka, is erected near synagogues and homes.

The Bible describes the building of the Sukka as a reminder of the temporary dwellings the Israelites used during their 40 years of wandering through the desert after leaving Egypt.

Two symbols of the Thanksgiving rite are the etrog (citron) and the Lulav (palm branch) which denote man's dependence on the soil and obligation to God who causes the earth to be bountiful.

The first two days of Sukkot and the last two days, Shmini Atzeret (sundown, Wednesday, Oct. 17 through sundown, Thurs. Oct. 18) and Simchat Torah (sundown Thursday, Oct. 18 through sundown Friday, Oct. 19) are also special holidays.

Simchat Torah or rejoicing in the Torah, officially begins the new cycle of Torah reading with the last and the first passages in the scroll being read on that day. From Simchat Torah to Simchat Torah, the entire five books of the Pentateuch are read in the synagogue.

Unique symbol of the high holy days is the shofar, a ram's horn, which sounds 30 days before Rosh Hashanah and is the final long note of the service on Yom Kippur not to be heard again until the next year.

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