

around Farmington

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● BOUTIQUE TABLES

Sept. 8 through Nov. 19: St. Agatha's Women's Club, Redford, is taking reservations for tables at the Christmas Boutique set for Nov. 19. Price is \$20. For details call Martin at 534-0914.

● SCIENCE ON WHEELS

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 8-11: "Science on Wheels," a Detroit Science Center hands-on science museum experience with hourly demonstrations, throughout shopping hours in Hunters Square-Tally Hall, Orchard Lake Road at 14 Mile.

● AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Thursday, Sept. 8: Two classes in American Sign Language will be taught at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 at Our Lady of Loretto School, 514 Mile at Beech Dale in Livonia. One class is aimed at beginners; the other is taught at the intermediate level. Registration is limited. For further details call 542-4806.

● CHAMBERS MIXER

Thursday, Sept. 8: Farmington Hills and Livonia chambers of commerce "After Hours Mixer" from 5-7 p.m. in Boisfort Inn, 28005 Grand River, sponsored by AT&T. Reservations are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Reservations made by calling the local chamber, 474-3440.

● BASEBALL CARDS

Saturday, Sept. 10: Baseball card trading session from 10:15-11:30 a.m. in the Farmington Hills Branch Library auditorium, 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge or registration.

● AUCTION AND BREAKFAST

Saturday, Sept. 10: All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, served from 8-11 a.m., followed by auction of merchandise from some 100 area merchants, on the grounds of Farmington Hills Salvation Army, corner of Inkster and Shiloh. Items for bid run from vacations and TVs through furniture and gift certificates. Pancake breakfast tickets are \$2.50; \$1.50 for children or \$7.50 for a family. All proceeds benefit the corps' Send-Kids-to-Camp fund.

● FAMILY FAIR

Sunday, Sept. 11: St. Fabian hosts a family fun fair from 1-9 p.m. on the church grounds, 32200 W. 12 Mile between Farmington Road and Orchard Lake Road.

● LIVING LETTERS

Sunday through Friday, Sept. 11-16: "Living Letters from the Living Lord," revival services with Dr. Gerald Colbert, at 7:30 p.m. each evening in Ford Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road.

● AUTHOR'S RECEPTION

Sunday, Sept. 11: Reception for Perle Briggs, author of recently published "World Travels of a Middle-Aged Nave," hosted by Farmington Players from 2-4 p.m. in the Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road. No charge. Complimentary refreshments.

● FINNISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Monday, Sept. 12: Finnish language classes will be offered from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile. Classes run for 10 weeks. Register at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 before the first class. Tuition is \$20 plus the study book.

● SQUARE DANCE

Monday, Sept. 12: VFW Stars Dance Club sponsors a square dancing workshop class at 7:15 p.m. and a beginners class at 8:15-9:45 p.m. every Monday beginning today at the VFW Hall, 34222 W. Nine Mile, one-half block west of Telegraph, Southfield. Mike Brennan is the caller and instructor. For details call 274-3394 or 541-7533.

● BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Sept. 14: The American Red Cross conducts a blood drive from 2-8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile. Babysitters are available.

● TASTE OF FARMINGTON

Wednesday, Sept. 14: The Farm-

ington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Farmington Community Center sponsor the 5th annual "Taste of Farmington" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the center. Guests can sample food from a variety of restaurants. Tickets are \$9. Advance purchase is required. For details call the Chamber of Commerce, 474-3440 or the Community Center, 477-8404.

● PERIOD COSTUMES

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Trunk Show of Period Costumes follows lunch in Bonnie Brook Golf Club, 19990 Shiloh, south of Eight Mile and east of Telegraph Road, to benefit Children's Museum. Show is coordinated by Meadow Brook Theater Guild and sponsored by Children's Museum Friends. Tickets are \$20, available from the friends office, 494-1223.

● REVERSING UNDERACHIEVEMENT

Thursday, Sept. 15: Farmington Public Schools program for gifted students, The Dele Program, hosts a discussion of reversing underachievement for parents at 7:30 p.m. in the North Farmington High School auditorium. Dr. Sylvia Rimm will speak.

● BLOODMOBILE

Wednesday, Sept. 14: American Red Cross Bloodmobile accepts donors from 2-5 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road. Appointments can be made with Carrie Wilson, 474-1272.

● AUTUMN ATTITUDES

Thursday, Sept. 15: "Autumn Attitudes," fashion show at 7 p.m. in Designer Area, Jacobson's, Livonia.

● **FASHIONS-BREAKFAST**
Saturday, Sept. 17: Cairwood fall fashion show with breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. in Jacobson's Livonia. Reservations are \$3, made by calling 591-7696, ext. 271.

● FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 18: Family style picnic sponsored by Farmington Area Republican Club at 1 p.m. in City Park, Shiloh between Farmington and Power roads, with food, raffles, games, softball, to attract new members and elect Republicans at all levels of government. Inquiries taken by Lucy McRae, 553-4180.

● FALL FASHIONS

Wednesday, Sept. 21: Deadline for purchasing tickets for Farmington Area Community Women's Fall Fashion Show set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 in the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. Donation of \$5. Limited seating. Call 476-3977 or 474-3633 for ticket information. Proceeds go toward the group's community focused projects. Fashions by Dress Barn and Hit or Miss.

● FUN AND FITNESS

Thursday, Sept. 22 to Nov. 17: Cooking demonstration, home organizing tips, insurance information and crafts are featured in the nine sessions of Fun and Fitness sponsored by Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile at Drake. Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. with a half-hour exercise program followed by an hour of speakers or crafts. Babysitting available for \$12.50 a child per session. Fee for the nine weeks is \$10. For details call the church, 661-9191.

● LINEN SALE

Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 22-24: Our Lady of Sorrows Athletic Club

conducts a towel and linen sale in the school gym at the corner of Shiloh and Power, Farmington. Sale will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Kitchen, bath and bed linens will be available.

● TAG DAYS

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24: Music students from all three high schools solicit donations to support music programs in the public high schools in area shopping centers, and in front of cooperating businesses from 4-9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Contributors receive a tag that serves as admission to any concert in the 1988-89 season in any of the schools.

● BOUTIQUE TABLES

Sept. 5 through Nov.: Table reservations are being taken for St. Paul Church's Lutheran Women's Mission League boutique. Reservations for Santa's Workshop are available through Deborah Jensen at 421-6704. The church is located at Eight Mile and Middlebelt roads.

● MADRIGAL AUDITIONS

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 6-7: Madrigal Choral auditions begins at 7 p.m. each evening in the music room of Southfield-Lathrup High School, 12 Mile Road between Evergreen and Southfield Road. Singers can arrange for an audition time with Pat Duensing, 646-2937.

● CASTING CALL

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 6 and 7: Auditions for Farmington Players' production of "The Foreigner" at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile. Inquiries taken by calling the Players, 558-1670.

Jewish holiday season to start

By Shirlee Rose Eden
staff writer

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, unlike the civil New Year with its atmosphere of raucous celebration, is observed in a reflective, serious fashion. Literally, the Hebrew translation for Rosh Hashanah is "the head of the year."

At sundown, Sunday, Sept. 11, Rosh Hashanah will begin, a holiday observed both in Jewish homes and in the synagogues and temples. It will continue through sundown Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Many Jewish people begin the holidays by reciting special penitential prayers, Selichot, at midnight on the Saturday evening previous to Rosh Hashanah. The prayers signal the approach of the High Holy Days or Ten Days of Penitence, which include Judaism's two most sacred holy days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

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

Yom Kippur will begin at sundown Tuesday, Sept. 20, with the Kol Nidre Service, which contains some of the most haunting melodic passages in the Jewish liturgy.

Before attendance at the service, families share a festive meal, light candles, and ask forgiveness of one another for wrongs they may have committed against one another, a prelude to 24 hours of prayer and fasting.

TRADITIONAL KOL Nidre chants are led by the cantor. They are a plea or absolution for the

breaking of vows made to God. Kol Nidre prayers are recited in terms of "we" and not "I" because collective responsibility is taken for the shortcomings of mankind.

The Yom Kippur fast is a symbol of man's ability to overcome his physical appetites and control his selfish desires.

Sukkot, the Jewish festival of Thanksgiving, follows the High Holy Days. It is a celebration of the harvest, which will begin at sundown Sunday, Sept. 25, and ends with the two last days, called Shmini Atzeret, at sundown Sunday, Oct. 2.

The Sukka, a booth or hut, is traditionally erected near homes and synagogues. The Bible describes the building of the Sukka as a reminder of the temporary dwellings used by the Israelites during their 40 years of wandering through the desert after the departure from 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 fruitful.

SIMCHAT TORAH, which means Rejoicing in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), officially begins the new cycle of Torah reading. The last and the first passage in the scroll are read that day. From Simchat Torah of one year to Simchat Torah of the next year, the entire five books are read in the synagogue. A ram's horn, called shofar, is the unique symbol of the High Holy Days. It sounds 30 days before Rosh Hashanah and is the final long note of the service on Yom Kippur.

Not until the next year when Rosh Hashanah is near will be the Shofar be heard again.

Rattlesnake Club gala

Holiday Meals on Wheels in Oakland County will get a boost from an Oct. 1 fund-raiser at Jimmy Schmidt's Rattlesnake Club.

The Area Agency on Aging, 29508 Southfield Road, initiated the program to supplement Monday through Friday home delivered government funded meals. Since funds are not adequate to cover holidays and weekend meals, many older people go hungry during those times.

About 4,500 elderly receive home delivered meals in the six-county area of Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw Counties in a program launched in 1984 that ensures the delivery of a special Christmas or Hanukkah meal. In 1987, the program was expanded to cover Thanksgiving, Christmas/Hanukkah, or one other holiday of the service provider's choice such as Easter, Valentine's Day, or New Year's Day.

Meals are delivered by volunteers who give up part of their holiday to

give the seniors a festive meal and a friendly greeting.

The black-tie gala will include cocktails, dinner and dancing to the music of Mel Ball & Colours. Tickets are \$125 per person. Tickets for the dessert and dancing afterward are \$50 per person.

Jim Fitzgerald, newspaper columnist, is chairman of the event. An honorary committee includes, in part: Louis and Reva Gotlieb, artists; Lucius Thues, director of Civic Affairs for Allied Corp.; state Sen. Jack Faxon; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Winkelman; state Sen. Lana Pollack; and Mira Linder, Spa in the City.

The purpose of the program and the gala is to preserve the dignity and independence of older persons and to keep them in their homes.

Those wishing an invitation to the Gala should call Betty Paine, 569-0333 or write: Area Agency on Aging 1-B, 29508 Southfield Road, Southfield, Mich. 48076.

Volunteers being sought at international institute

Volunteers are being sought by the International Institute to help at several fund-raising events including the 62nd Original Old World Market, set for Oct. 21-23 at the Southfield Civic Center.

The Institute is a United Foundation agency that serves the foreign born with social service programs for immigrants and refugees, family counseling, and English and citizenship classes. It also promotes cross-cultural understanding through ethnic festivals and educational pro-

gramming. The Old World Market needs people willing to work in a pastry booth, ticket booth, children's or used treasures booth or become a costumed host or hostess or photographer's assistant.

Featured at the event are ethnic food, dance, music and folk arts. The International Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call 871-8699.

Benefit helps abused spouses

The Zonia Club of Northwest Wayne County will hold a benefit for First Step of Northwest Wayne County beginning with a wine and cheese reception at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 in the Marquis Theater, Northville.

"Shenadoah," a Civil War musical, will be performed at 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit First Step, Wayne County's spouse abuse program.

Zonia International is a service organization for executive women in business and the professions. The Wayne County chapter has raised money each year for seven years to support First Step. The group's goal is to sell 360 tickets. Tickets are \$125 per person and can be reserved by calling Laverne Eady at 626-4711 or Glenna Merrill, 453-7146.

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