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CHRISTIAN CONCERT
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church will host a public concert, "Rainbows in the Night," featuring Agape Power at Our Shepherd, at 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 23-24. The church is at 2225 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham.
The concert will feature contemporary Christian music by David Meece, Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Sandi Patti, Rich Mullins and some originals. A freewill offering will be accepted. Child care will be provided. A reception will follow each performance.

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"I see my role as working in partnership with others, providing leadership and direction, and encouraging creative new approaches," said Portice, who earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. "I find that people here have a creative edge to them that takes different forms. They create things, build things, invent things. They have very creative minds."

The 1,100 members who comprise the Rochester Hills congregation are diverse in regard to occupation and religious backgrounds, and hunger for the opportunity to learn and serve.

"The personality of this congregation reflects the community in that it brings in people from all over the world," said Portice, who from page 19A

University of Michigan. Locally, the church is involved with programs like the Baldwin Avenue Soup Kitchen in Pontiac, the Lighthouse, Meals on Wheels, senior citizens homes and HAVEN, a Pontiac shelter for abused women and their children.

Eventually, Portice hopes to involve the Oakland County church in a partnership with a congregation or mission program in another part of the world.

"As we understand the world and the community, we realize we must relate to people of different faiths in positive and productive ways that benefit all God's people," said Portice, who once served his denomination as a delegate to the Middle East Council of Churches. "There are many values that are shared across the lines of different faiths. I think there are many ways we can work together harmoniously."

With his sights set on the ministry since the fourth grade, Portice earned a bachelor's degree in education from Alma College. He then completed a Master's of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and a Master's of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Portice enjoys fishing, skiing and traveling in his free time. Carol, his wife of 17 years, currently serves the church as organist. The couple have three sons, Timothy, Nicholas and Daniel.

CONG. B'NAI DAVID
Cong. B'Nai David will host a family program to celebrate Purim from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 3. The synagogue is at 5642 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.
The program will feature Maureen Schiffmann and Coco, and

consist of song, movement, puppetry and storytelling. The musical program will be followed by hands-on activities and refreshments.
Children are encouraged to attend dressed in costumes. There is no charge with Kosher canned food for Yod Ezra. For reservations: (810) 855-6007.

ADAT SHALOM
Actor, producer and director Henry Winkler will speak at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 14, at the Women's Division CHOICES event at Adat Shalom Synagogue, Middlebelt and 13 Mile, in Farmington Hills.
The event, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan

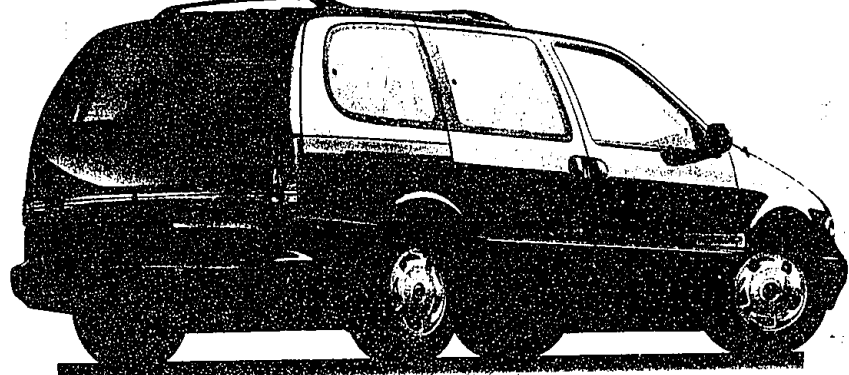
Detroit, is the largest community outreach program and Allied Jewish Campaign fund-raiser for the Jewish Federation Women's Division. Corporate sponsors include Jacobson's and The Munders Fund.
Winkler is best known for his role as Fonz in the television show "Happy Days." With the

black leather jacket worn by The Fonz retired and hanging in the Smithsonian since 1980, Winkler's career has concentrated on directing and producing.
Advance registration is due before Feb. 15. Call Sandra Jaffa at (810) 642-4260, ext. 184.

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