

## BELIEFS Values

## Holocaust center dinner chairman now named

A Bloomfield Hills resident was named chairman of the West Bloomfield-based Holocaust Memorial Center's 12th anniversary dinner event on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Westin Hotel in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

Alan Zekelman, 34, is president of various companies founded by his late father, Harry Zekelman. These companies include Atlas Tube Inc., a Canadian manufacturer of square and rectangular structural steel tubing for use primarily in construction and industrial structures, Zekelman Holdings Ltd., a Windsor-based real estate investment company, and Mazel Tov Corp., a Clarkston-based real estate investment company. Zekelman manages these companies together and equally with

his two younger brothers, Harry and Clayton.

Zekelman grew up in Windsor, obtained his bachelor of commerce with a major in economics from the University of Toronto in 1984 and was a candidate for a doctorate in financial economics from the University of Rochester Graduate School of Management in Rochester, N.Y. In 1985, Zekelman terminated his studies upon his father's death and in 1987 received in lieu of the doctorate a master of science in applied economics from the newly renamed William E. Simon Graduate School of Management.

Zekelman returned to Windsor after his father's death to take over the family businesses and charitable activities.

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**New pastor:** The Rev. Carol Johns recently joined Orchard United Methodist Church in West Bloomfield. She came from an 11-year pastorate in Owosso.

## Pastor lifts up Christian faith

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SPECIAL WRITER

The top of her bookcase is lined with an array of stuffed animals — many of them gifts from the people whose lives she has touched.

The colorful assemblage lends a homey and welcoming air to those who visit the Rev. Carol J. Johns' office at Orchard United Methodist Church.

To Johns, though, the treasured collection represents a special love for children that seems to touch even the child deep within herself.

A Royal Oak native, Johns came to Oakland County after an 11-year pastorate in Owosso — a small, gingerbread, Victorian town between Flint and Lansing. She led her first services as senior pastor of her Farmington Hills congregation on July 14.

"The sanctuary was filled that day and people were sitting in the narthex," recalled West Bloomfield resident Jan Christy, an active church member since 1982. "I thought it was tremendous. She was exuberant. She's just an outgoing and loving person. I was very impressed."

Jean Joy of West Bloomfield was a member of Orchard United Methodist Church for 27 years. She recently retired as the

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Orchard United Methodist Church

church's financial/membership secretary.

"When a new minister comes, everybody is curious. Everybody wants to meet her," said Joy. "I was impressed by her friendliness when I first met her."

In her Bishop-appointed role, Johns follows the Rev. Paul F. Blomquist, who retired on July 1. She serves at the helm of a 865-member church that is known for its strong music and mission programs.

"This vibrant, active congregation has invited me to continue the ministry that's already in place here," said Johns, of the 50-year-old congregation that got its start on Orchard Lake Road.

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Hailing from a longtime United Methodist family, Johns was very involved in church life from an early age. Though she dreamed of coaching a women's Olympic basketball team, Johns refocused her energies when she felt a call to the ministry during her senior year in high school.

The young athlete was further encouraged by her aunt, the Rev. Elsie Johns, who ministered for 33 years in Livonia and became a legendary figure within the Methodist denomination.

But the Oakland County native didn't enter ministry to pattern her aunt.

"You have to carve your own way," said Johns, whose 24-year pastorate has been characterized by a strong sense for finances, program development, outdoor Christian education and dramatic arts.

Johns earned a bachelor's

degree in secondary education from Adrian College, and a Master's of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Northwestern University, in Evanston, Ill.

She has served in numerous capacities within the United Methodist Church and within the greater communities of Saginaw, Bay City and Owosso, where her ministry has taken her. A lover of the outdoors, Johns spends her free time hiking, backpacking, camping and golfing.

As senior pastor of the church at 30450 Farmington Road, Johns' primary focus will be on preaching and teaching, caring for the sick and dying, and helping people to us either gifts for ministry.

"In a world that's becoming increasingly secular, we offer a place of hope and possibly a place where people can continue to begin their own spiritual journeys . . . a place where people are accepted and challenged within the boundaries of the Christian faith," she added. "All things are possible in Christ. It's a spiritual journey that we all need to rediscover and reaffirm in our hearts if we are to discover the wholeness God intends for each of us."

### COMMUNITY MESSENGER

**Community Messenger** features spiritual announcements from Oakland County religious institutions. Write: **Community Messenger**, c/o Beliefs & Values Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (810) 644-1314.

**BIBLE STUDY**  
Registration is under way for WOW! Women of the World! Bible Study at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Leigh Hook will lead this study of Genesis on 22 Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 10 and continuing through May. WOW! classes for children ages 2 to 6 years and child care also are offered. The \$50 course fee includes child classes or care. Registrations are being accepted for WOW! P.M., a Tuesday evening class similar to the mornings WOW!, led by Leigh via videotape. Child care will not be provided for WOW! P.M. Both classes are open to women. To register for either class, call the church office at (810) 646-1200.

**STUDENT RESEARCH**  
Openings are available for the 1996-97 school year in grades preschool through eighth grade at St. Matthew Lutheran School, 2020 S. Commerce, Walled Lake. Scholarships are avail-

able. Call (810) 624-7876.

**SABBATH UNDER THE STARS**  
Temple Israel, 6726 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, invites the community to celebrate Sabbath services under the stars. The services will begin at 8 p.m. every Friday through Aug. 16, weather permitting. Casual dress, no jeans, is suggested. For more information, call the Temple office at (810) 661-5700.

**SYNAGOGUE PICNIC**  
West Bloomfield-based Cong. B'nai Moche will hold its annual membership picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25, on the grounds of the synagogue at 6800 Drake Road, just south of Maple.

The free event, sponsored by the B'nai Moche Membership Group, is open to current and prospective members. It will feature music, games, food, door prizes, a clown, a juggler and Sukkah-building tips. Information about the Sabbath-centered LIFE Jewish education program adult education classes also will be available. At 9:30 a.m., a "Standing on One Foot" Hebrew Marathon will be taught by education director Rita Abramson as part of the synagogue's "Gateways" pre-High Holiday adult learning series. Events are free but call (810) 788-0600 for reservations.

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**ADULT STUDY**  
"Gateways," a series of pre-High Holiday adult Jewish study events runs from Aug. 15 to Sept. 7 at Cong. B'nai Moche, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield. The series reflects the traditional Jewish view that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur do not exist in a vacuum but rather the climax of a season of the Jewish calendar set aside for personal reflection and study. "Gateways" is a project of B'nai Moche's Lifelong Learning Committee, co-chaired by Ruthellen Kass Singer of Farmington Hills and Nancy Kaplan of West Bloomfield. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. Call (810) 788-0600 to register.

**TEACHERS' SOCIETY**  
William Tyndale College seeks instructors in Spanish and African American Literature to teach this fall. If you are a committed evangelical Christian with a master's degree, please forward your resume to the college at 35700 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, or fax it to (810) 653-5963.

**FAMILY REUNION**  
The E.J.C. Reunion Committee has announced plans for a reunion of the families of the original members of the Ever-

green Jewish Community/Evergreen Jewish Congregation, 1951-1961) to be held on Oct. 27. A list of names and addresses is being prepared for a mailing that will be going out shortly. Former families of the E.J.C. are urged to call the Reunion Com-

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ORGANIZE A DE NOVO BANK**  
Notice is hereby given that Anthony S. Albanese of Northville, Michigan, H. Perry Driggs, Jr. of Brighton Farms, Michigan, Lewis N. George of Orchard Lake, Michigan, Philip R. Hanson of Brighton, Michigan, Danyle J. Parker of Monroe, Michigan, Philip S. Sorell of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Richard Zamojski of Brighton, Michigan have made application with the commissioner of the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau for permission to organize a de novo bank to be located at Michigan Commerce Bank, to be located at 21211 Haggerty Road, Novi Michigan. The application was accepted for filing on August 8, 1996.  
Any person who desires to protest the application must, pursuant to section 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, as amended, MCL 487.330, MSA 23.710(30), file a written notice of protest with the commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, P.O. Box 30224, 633 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite A) Lansing, Michigan 48909 and with the applicant not later than September 2, 1996.  
The application is on file with the commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.  
This notice is published pursuant to section 30 of the Banking Code of 1969, being section 487.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Act No. 524 of the Public Acts of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests may be made.  
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