

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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TORAH SCRIBE
Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, will hold a ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, to mark the beginning of the process of scribing a new Torah Scroll. The Torah, comprised of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, is the holy book that has guided the Jewish people for 4,000 years. The scribing of the Torah Scroll is a sacred task based upon an ancient process in which a trained scribe uses quill, ink and parchment to transcribe the Hebrew words of the Torah. Temple Israel clergy, Rabbi M. Robert Syme, Harold Loss, Paul Yedwab and Joshua Bennett, and Cantor Harold Orbach, will be joined by Dr. Eric Ray, a kosher scribe, to introduce the new Scroll to the congregation. Witnessing the writing of a Torah Scroll is a once-in-a-lifetime event for most individuals.

BROADWAY PROGRAM
The Southfield-based Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies is sponsoring "The Dove Does Broadway," featuring Temple Beth El Cantor Stephen Dubov, in a program that includes Broadway show tunes, operatic selections and Yiddish folk music. Dubov has appeared in the Broadway musicals, "Shennan-

doah" and "The Most Happy Fella," and has toured nationally with "Zorba" and "Pirates of Penzance." The program will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, at Temple Beth El, Telegraph at 14 Mile, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$10 for seniors and students, \$20 for general admission and \$50 for patrons. For information, call (810) 353-2434.

ARTISTIC FLAIR
Cheri Keaggy, 1995 GMA Dove Award nominee for new artist of the year, will appear at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, at Brightmoor Tabernacle, 26555 Franklin, Southfield. Call (810) 352-6200.

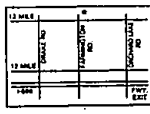
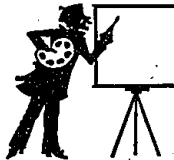
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Lutheran Church of the Master, 3333 Coolidge Road, Troy, will celebrate the Service of the Word and Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The Tuesday service will give those traveling or expecting house guests the opportunity for Thanksgiving worship.

HANUKKAH CELEBRATIONS
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, is hosting two special Hanukkah events. A free pre-Hanukkah decorating party featuring arts and crafts and latkes will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4. On the fifth night of Hanukkah, Monday, Dec. 9, a gala Hanukkah Dinner and Talent Show will be held at 6 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person, or \$4 for children under 13. Reservations are required for both events. Synagogue membership is not required. To make reservations or to sign up for the talent show, call (810) 788-0600.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS

WINTER ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

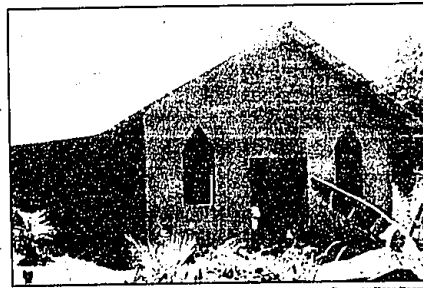
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Concrete example: This is a front view of the newly built chapel at Chateau-Neuf. The walls are 15 blocks high.

as a singing people. In clear, sweet, reverent voice, they raise their joyful songs, verse after verse committed to memory for lack of hymnbooks. The population of Haiti is said to be 85 percent Roman Catholic, 16 percent Protestant and 100 percent voodoo. Red and blue

Chateau-Neuf, a new village about 15 miles from Upper Limbe. We are joined by University students, local workers and the construction boss, Herb Rogers, an American Baptist missionary. This team has laid the foundation of the chapel. Later, they will attach the support beams and corrugated metal roof. Our job is to put up the concrete block walls, 15 blocks high.

We form a large circle around the foundation. Holding hands, we sing hymns and offer prayers in Creole and English, asking God's blessing on our endeavor. We have five working days to complete the job, the tropical heat already intense as we set up and begin to work. Three village women come to help us. They haul countless buckets of water from a nearby creek to mix the mortar, and carry blocks and nails of concrete. This will be their worship station. They are so proud of it.

During the week, we visit a crowded hospital, a neighborhood school and a small University-run clinic. Two nurses in our group work at the clinic, assisting the overwhelmed staff who often see

as many as 500 patients a day. We are showered with gifts: cashews, coconuts, pineapples and mangos in abundance. Steve Jones and Kevin Turman are presented with oil paintings of the Haitian landscape, permanent mementos of the trip for their churches back home. In this small, beleaguered island nation, we have been well and generously cared for. We have worked, side by side, with dedicated Christians, both Haitian and American, deeply committed to improving the quality of life in Haiti. Herb Rogers has told us that we will be changed by our experience here. He is right.

By mid-afternoon on Friday, our work is finished. We hold a brief closing ceremony, and say our goodbyes. There is time left for a quick shopping trip, and a swim in the warm, clear waters of the Atlantic where Columbus once sailed. The long journey home begins before daylight tomorrow. Patricia Washburn is a Bloomfield Hills resident. Her husband, Robert, accompanied her on this Valley Forge, Pa.-based American Baptist Churches mission. The Washburns are members of First Baptist Church of

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separate section on the 50th anniversary that will be added early in the year."

As publications director at the Kirk, Angie Kessler of Pontiac attended training sessions at Identix, Inc. to familiarize herself with her new responsibilities on the Internet.

"We'll be updating almost constantly, and we do it all right here," said Kessler, from her

computer station at the Kirk. "One of the premises of the page was that the download time has to be minimal. What we want is to keep people there."

Web site cruisers may be newcomers wanting an overview of the Kirk, members who may have misplaced their church newsletter, parents wanting to become more familiar with their child's Christian education pro-

gram, or individuals who have moved away but want to keep in touch. Major changes will be made quarterly to keep it "hot."

"I hope we will gain an increased membership participation across the whole of church life, and say to people that are not church members that this is a

community that's active in faith and involved in Christian service," added Pritchard. "Come and visit. Come make this your church home."

The Kirk in the Hills web site can be found at: www.kirkinthehills.org. Send e-mail to: info@kirkinthehills.com.

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