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Program; and 50 families have children enrolled in Hillel Day School. The synagogue is nearing completion of a new building wing, which will provide space for Kolel Moshe, the new adult Jewish learning program, its Hava Nagila program from preschoolers, a teen lounge, minyan room and other activities. For information, call (810) 788-0600.

■ CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Auburn Hills Presbyterian Church, 3455 Primary Street, Auburn Hills, presents a Cantata by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse entitled, "Come Let Us Adore Him," at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15. Susan Goro is the director. For information, call (810) 852-3450.

■ ANNIVERSARY FEST

For the past 25 years, Rabbi Harold Loss, an 18th generation rabbi, has endeared himself to the families of Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. To honor the selfless dedication and countless contributions made by Loss and his wife, Susan, the entire congregation is celebrating with a full weekend of activities Dec. 13-15.

Together with Susan, Loss will be honored with a special Sabbath service on Friday night and a gala musical review and congregational dinner on Saturday evening. The temple religious school will offer special programs and events on Sunday. The late founding rabbi of Temple Israel, Rabbi Leon Fram, together with Rabbi M. Robert Syme, welcomed Loss into the former Detroit temple in 1971. Since then, Rabbits Paul Yedwab and Joshua Bennett have joined the staff, which also includes Cantor Harold Orbach. Rabbi Loss' ability to forge meaningful and lasting relationships has been the cornerstone of a quarter-century mutual love affair with Temple Israel, one of the largest Reform congregations in

the country.

■ SABBATH MINYAN

Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, will offer a Sabbath Morning Learning Minyan for Adults at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. The session is part of a series taught by Leonard Wanek, author of "Sedra Study for Everyone."

It will give an overview of the significance, mechanics and body language of "The Sh'ma," a central prayer, along with the history of its inclusion in the Jewish worship service on a daily basis. All are welcome to the free program.

Actor and humorist and Avi Hoffman will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Proceeds will benefit religious and educational programming. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$10. For information about either event, call (810) 788-0600.

■ LEARNING MINYAN

The next session of Cong. B'nai Moshe's Sabbath morning adult learning minyan, taught by Leonard Wanek, will be held Dec. 14. The focus is on the Sh'ma: a discussion of the content, mechanics, significance and body language of the central prayer and the story of how it came to be included as part of the daily Jewish worship service. The minyan meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the west foyer of the synagogue while the main service takes place in the sanctuary of 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield. All are welcome. For information, call Rita Abramson at (810) 788-0600.

■ CULTURAL EVENT

"Too Jewish? A Mensch & His Musical" will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Actor, humorist and Yiddishist Avi Hoffman makes an exclusive Detroit appearance in this acclaimed one-man show. Tickets are \$20, \$15 and \$10. MasterCard, Visa and Discover Card are accepted. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the synagogue office or by mail, phone or fax. Group rates are available. Proceeds benefit religious and educational programming at B'nai Moshe.

■ LIVE TRESSA

First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, will hold its 28th annual live Christmas tree sale from 4 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, and from noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays until Dec. 20. Proceeds benefit the church youth ministries, Skyline Camp and conference center programs.

■ PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield, is taking registration for "Hava Nagila! Let's Be Happy!" The new series of Jewish enrichment programs for 3 and 4-year olds will be offered at the synagogue from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons beginning Jan. 9. The cost is \$75 per child and sibling discounts.

The theme will be "Keshet: Rainbow" (Hebrew Rainbow), and the program will feature stories, music and language activities. "Hava Nagila" is open to all interested families regardless of affiliation. To register, call Rita Abramson at (810) 788-0600.

■ NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Michigan Regional Advisory Board of the Southfield-based Anti-Defamation League invites nominations for the 1997 Greater Detroit Women of Achievement Award. Presented on May 1, the award honors women of inspiration who are making a difference in our community. Nominations are requested to identify women who demonstrate excellence in leadership, through their professional and personal lives, and who exemplify the philosophy of the ADL by promoting greater understanding among the diverse racial, religious and ethnic communities of Greater Detroit. The ADL

is dedicated to safeguarding civil rights and combatting all forms of prejudice, discrimination, bigotry and anti-Semitism.

Mail nominations by Jan. 10 to: ADL, 4000 Town Center, Suite 420, Southfield, MI 48075, or fax to (810) 355-9534. For further information, call (810) 355-3730.

■ PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, is now taking registration for "Hava Nagila! Let's Be Happy!" The latest in a series of eight-week Jewish enrichment programs for 3 and 4-year olds will be offered at the synagogue from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons beginning Jan. 9. The cost is \$75 per child and sibling discounts.

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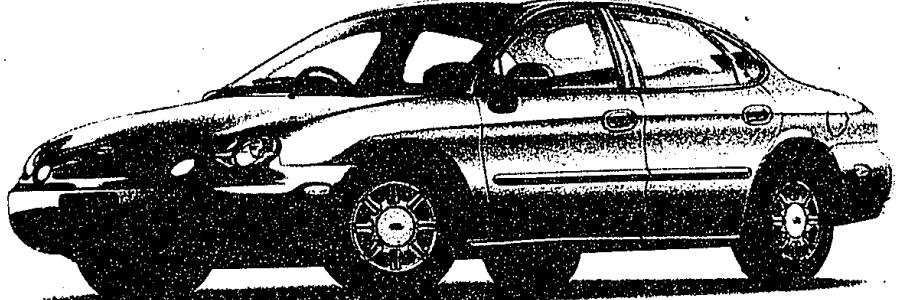
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