

BELIEFS Values

First Baptist Church to blend jazz, worship

The First Baptist Church of Birmingham will hold B'Jazz Vespers as part of its program "Some Sweet Jazz, and an Interlude of Worship" on Sunday, Feb. 16.

On the third Sunday evening of each month from 6 to 8 p.m., B'Jazz Vespers is held in the gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Birmingham, located between the two Jacobson's Department

Stores at Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple and one block west of Old Woodward Avenue.

Free parking is available in the large adjacent municipal lot. B'Jazz Vespers is free, with an offering taken to support the musicians.

January's performer was Teddy Harris, a pianist, soprano saxophonist, music director, arranger, composer and

producer.

He won national and international acclaim as a jazz musician.

Harris and his New Breed Bebop Society Orchestra performed in Birmingham's First Night.

B'Jazz Vespers features 100 minutes of jazz performance and 20 minutes for a worship interlude between the two jazz sets.

The intent of the non-sectarian worship is to celebrate life. On Feb. 16, Dr. Stephen Jones will speak briefly on "Time Can Be A Blessing."

For more information, call (810) 644-0550.

The event is intended for the general public. Casual attire is encouraged.

A free-will offering is taken for the musicians.

Sinai employees donate turkey gift certificates to Forgotten Harvest

Sinai Hospital President Phillip Schaengold presented 138 gift certificates for Butterball turkeys to Miriam Schey Imerman, executive director of Southfield-based Forgotten Harvest Jan. 13.

The turkey certificates, originally holiday gifts to Sinai employees, were donated by Sinai employees to help feed hungry people in metro Detroit. Collectively, they are valued at \$1,600.

Forgotten Harvest will pick up the turkeys from Kroger stores and deliver them to soup kitchens and shelters in the tri-county area.

Among the agencies served by Forgotten Harvest are the

Capuchin Community Center in Detroit, the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, and the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

Established in 1990, Forgotten Harvest collects surplus perishable food from bakeries, food wholesalers, vending companies and other health department-approved facilities.

Forgotten Harvest transports 60,000 pounds each month of donated, perishable surplus food, providing the equivalent of nearly 750,000 meals a year to hungry men, women, and children.

For more information on Forgotten Harvest, call (810) 350-FOOD.

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tures for volunteer community service.

Other Friends activities include quarterly "Friends are Talking" luncheons, and the annual presentation of a community service award to leaders of each respective community. Activities are headed by a team of co-chairs and coordinators, equally representing the Arabic and Jewish communities.

"Everybody respects each other, even when they disagree," said Shallah, who serves on the Friends communications com-

mittee. "We all have a common focus and goal and we're willing to do anything to fulfill that goal."

Michael Donenfeld of West Bloomfield has taken an active role since joining Friends four years ago, chairing the communications committee and co-chairing this year's first "Friends are Talking" luncheon in January.

"Coming from New York's multicultural diversity, I noticed that we didn't have the same multicultural harmony here as

we should have. I wanted to help the cause," said Donenfeld, who owns a business in West Bloomfield.

"We show that people of diverse religious, social and ethnic backgrounds can live and work together. Not everybody is shooting at each other. There's a desire to be interactive, and we have to bring it out. It's part of our objective."

Members of Friends gain new friendships, network professionally and learn about each other's cultures. Goals are focused on

broadening the scope of activities to further impact the greater community.

"Kids are part of our growing message," added Donenfeld. "Our task is education. And we have a long way to go. It's our challenge."

Individuals wishing to join The American Arabic and Jewish Friends or learn more about its programs should contact Barbara Gray, of the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table at (313) 869-6306.

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has already enriched a growing number of congregants through his emphasis on teaching — the hallmark of his rabbinate.

"He has had such a wide range of experiences around the world," said Baruch, a Southfield resident. "He has contacts with congregations in very remote places and has shared that information with us. It's like taking a trip around the world with Rabbi Tutnauer. He's been everywhere."

Tutnauer met his wife, Margery, in 1956 at "Ramah," a Hebrew-speaking summer camp in Wisconsin, where they married the following year. The couple continued their education together in New York.

But once Tutnauer completed his bachelor's degree in business administration from New York University, he decided to put his communication skills to use as a rabbi and enrolled at nearby Jewish Theological Seminary.

"I didn't think life was about making more money in 1997 than you made in 1996," said the former business major, who was ordained in 1960. "That's how a businessman measures success. I wanted something with a more spiritual basis."

For the next 12 years, Tutnauer served congregations in San Francisco and Phoenix.

Then, in 1972, he moved with his family to the Holy Land because "so much of the history and theology of Judaism is centered around Israel," he said.

Tutnauer intensified his focus on education while working for over a decade as chairman of the department of Judaic studies at a teacher's training college in Israel. "In Jewish tradition, one is to study in order to teach, and the teaching is proficient when you give and you are enriched yourself through the giving," he said. "To be able to connect to another person's mind and spirit is a tremendous privilege."

In 1983, when sons Nahum and Roney reached their 20s, Tutnauer and Margery ventured to Argentina, where they both taught for a year within the Jewish community. Thus began a period in the couple's lives that has led them on similar excursions to Peru, Ethiopia, Kenya and the former Soviet Union.

Last year, the pair conducted a Jewish seder for a community in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. The couple also visited Chernobyl in the Ukraine, where Tutnauer visited his family's former home.

The guest lecturer admits to speaking English and Hebrew and "smattering" of Spanish, Yiddish and Russian. "My phi-

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Cong. Shaary Zedek

losophy about language is that language is to be a mode of communication, not a series of grammatical rules," he said. "I know enough to bond with people."

It may be this same sense of bonding that draws the congregants to Tutnauer's classes at Shaary Zedek, where participants follow a well-prepared study sheet for each Shabbat.

"Rabbi Tutnauer is a world-renowned rabbi," said Assistant Rabbi Leonardo Bitran, part of a clergy staff that includes Rabbi Irwin Groner, Cantor Chaim Najman and Associate Cantor

Sidney Rubo. "He's an outstanding teacher, a charismatic leader and naturally talented to transmit the teachings and be passionate about Judaism."

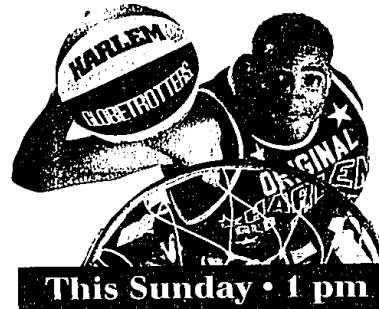
"His ability to adapt to the environment he is in and to teach Judaism to people in those countries and situations is superb," continued Bitran, who shares the pulpit and teaching experience with Tutnauer. "He's exposed the congregation to a different kind of leadership and people have reacted very well. They feel strength in his teachings ... And as a man of such wealth and knowledge, he's also very approachable. The response from the congregation has been wonderful."

Tutnauer and Margery, who are approaching retirement, will return to Jerusalem in the Spring, rejoining their children and four grandchildren. Their lives will return to a simplicity rarely experienced in democratized America — a country Tutnauer calls a huge supermarket of choices.

"Jewish life in America is highly integrated in the American society," he added. "The truly religious life competes with a world which is exceeding hedonistic. How a human being finds his or her path between the two is the struggle of life."

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OU to spotlight religious diversity with special day on campus

Oakland University will host its third Religious Diversity Day on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center.

It is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy on the Rochester Hills campus and several campus ministries.

Public response to the first two, held last year, was so

enthusiastic that the sponsors decided to try another this year.

The purpose of these programs is to familiarize the public with religious ideas other than their own in hopes of promoting tolerance and understanding.

"We live in a religiously diverse culture and if we are truly to realize our ideal of

freedom of religion, we must do all we can to overcome religious prejudice," said Prof. Richard Brooks, chairman of OU's Department of Philosophy and one of the program organizers.

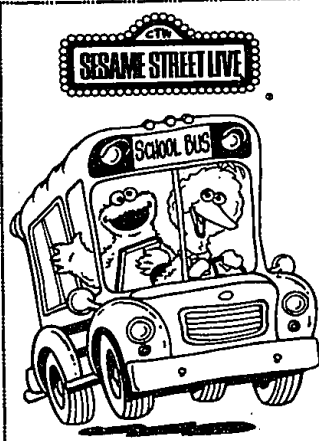
Presentations will be made by members of the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian Science, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Native American and Seventh

Day Adventist communities.

Those who attend will have a chance to hear three of these presentations, which will be scheduled concurrently. There also will be a panel discussion at the end.

The \$10 registration fee includes an ethnic food lunch.

For reservations, call the Department of Philosophy: (810) 370-3390.

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