

**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.**

**FALL CLASSES**  
Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield announces its fall class series "Introduction to Judaism," taught by Rabbi Michael Moskowitz and Daniel Schwartz. It's a basic overview of Jewish history, holidays, festivals, lifecycle events and the concept of peoplehood and understanding the differences between Jewish sects. Session II classes run 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays Oct. 29 to Dec. 10. "Hands on Judaism," taught by Judd Simon, teaches the how-to of being Jewish. Learn how to bring traditions into your homes and time honored Jewish recipes. Session II classes run 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays Oct. 29 to Dec. 10.

"Love," taught by Rabbi Schwartz, is a spiritual guide to nixing love work, making love legit, losing love and finding purpose. This class is ideal for individuals who are in love, who need love and those who have lost love. Session I classes begin Sept. 10 and run 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays to Oct. 8. "How do we talk to God?", taught by Rabbi Moskowitz, looks at traditional and contemporary answers to the question, "Does God hear what we say?" The session runs 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 29 to Dec. 10. For more information, or for class prices, call (248) 737-8700. The Temple is at 3999 Walnut Lake Road.

**STUDY SESSIONS**  
Two preholiday study series for adults are planned in West Bloomfield and in Farmington Hills. One class, "The Binding of Memory," will be held at Borders Books and Music, Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Monday 10 to 11 a.m. Sept. 8-29. The second session, "Days of Awe: A Close Look at the Liturgy," will be held Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 4 to 25 at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West

Bloomfield. The series is co-sponsored by Cong. B'nai Moshe, Cong. Beth Abraham Hillside, Cong. Beth Shalom, Hillside Day School of Metro Detroit and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan Branch. The fee is \$20 for members of the sponsoring groups; all others will be charged \$28 per class. Advance registration is encouraged. For more information, call Nancy Kaplan at (248) 788-0600.

**FAMILY DINNER/CONCERT**  
Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield, will hold its first Family Dinner of the 1997-98 season at 6:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5. The cost is \$9.27 per adult and \$5.67 per child. Children younger than 5 will not be charged. Respond by Sept. 2 by calling Debi Weinstein at (248) 737-8700.

Temple Shir Shalom will host a Trio Concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 at Family Shabbat services. The Terwilliger-Cooperstock Duo will perform with guest clarinetist Martha McDonald. Together, the three have toured nationally as the Trio Contrast. Violinist William Terwilliger and pianist Andrew Cooperstock are winners of the U.S. Information Agency's Artistic Ambassador Auditions. A family dinner precedes the concert at 6:30 p.m. For dinner reservations, call the temple office: (248) 737-8700.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
An adult Jewish learning open house will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield. Special guest speaker is Rabbi Maria Feldman of the Oakland County-based Jewish Community Council. She will discuss, "Is This the Fast I Have Chosen? Isaiah's Call to Justice," a thought-provoking study and discussion about the meaning of the High Holidays. For more information, call: (248) 788-0600.

**FAITH'S FUN FITNESS**  
Faith Covenant Church's Fun and Fitness features exercise, fellowship, crafts and speakers. Upcoming topics include: flower arranging, child sport safety, family enrichment and a coffee sampling social. Baby sitting is

available. Meetings are Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 11 southwest of Drake and 14 Mile in Farmington Hills. For more information, call: (248) 661-9191.

**JEWISH SINGLES PROGRAM**  
Temple Israel in West Bloomfield will present a program for Jewish Singles at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, featuring West Bloomfield resident Jeffrey Zaslav. The presentation will be followed by an overflow and light refreshments. Zaslav, a syndicated columnist based at the Chicago Sun-Times, won his job in 1987 over 12,000 applicants in a nationwide search to replace Ann Landers at the Sun-Times. His weekly column in USA Weekend Magazine appears in 501 newspapers with a readership of 42 million. He also was a journalist for The Wall Street Journal. A noted speaker, Zaslav has given hundreds of talks across the country. He was nominated twice by the editors for the Pulitzer Prize feature writing. His latest book, "Talk of Fame," features advice from celebrities and comes out in September. As an honors graduate from Carnegie-Mellon University in creative writing, Zaslav commutes between Chicago and Detroit, where his wife, Sherry Margolis, is a TV news anchor on WJBK-TV. Temple Israel member Lee Winars chairs this effort. The group's purpose is to provide great entertainment and quality programming in a Jewish setting and to bring together single Jews with a diverse background, regardless of affiliation. For more information or to make a reservation, call Nancy Gadhari at the Temple office: (248) 265-6206.

**SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**  
Throughout the generations, Jews have placed learning at the core of their religious identity. Teachers and scholars are critical as they invigorate and challenge students of all ages. The Conservative Movement Scholar in Residence Program, made possible by The Morris and Beverly D. Baker Foundation, the Detroit Area memory of Morris D. Baker, The Graham Family Foundation, The Detroit Area

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**Battenberg earns Tree of Life Award**



J.T. Battenberg III  
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Honorary co-chairs are U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, former governor James Blanchard. Dinner co-chairs include: Pamela

J.T. Battenberg III of Bloomfield Hills will be honored with the "Tree of Life Award" by the Jewish National Fund. The award is given in recognition of professional and humanitarian leadership and its practice in recognition of community involvement, dedication to the American-Israeli friendship and devotion to peace and the security of human life.

The award is named "Tree of Life" to symbolize JNF's efforts to reclaim and develop the land of Israel from barren and uninhabitable into a land of lush green forests and fields.

A tribute dinner is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Cong. Shalom Zedek in Southfield at 6 p.m. Battenberg is executive vice president of General Motors Corp. and president of Delphi

Aquirre, Mexican Industries in Michigan, Inc.; Paul Chiapparoni, EDS; Robert C. Emde, Ernst & Young, LLP; Anthony Franco; Richard Gabry, Deloitte & Touche LLP; Daniel Heeb, Takata, Inc.; Richard Jones, HEA Services, Inc.; Dr. James E.A. John, GMI Engineering & Management Institute; Heath J. Meriwether, Detroit Free Press; Harry J. Pearce, General Motors Corp.; Frank D. Stella, F.D. Stella Products Co.; Kenneth Way, Lear Corp.; Richard Whitmer, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Michigan.

The J.T. Battenberg III Afforestation Project will be established in the American Independence Park in Israel. For further information contact Lorraine Noanachuk Blum at JNF at (248) 557-6644.

**Gorceya to discuss "State of the Law" Sept. 17**

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorceya will be the guest speaker at the next Federation Forum noon Sept. 17 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. He will speak on "State of the Law."

The Federation Forum is sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills-based Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit to promote an interest in Federation activities and enlighten

its participants on important political, economic and social issues.

Before his election as Oakland County Prosecutor, Gorceya was in private practice, an assistant prosecuting attorney and house counsel for an insurance agency.

A Royal Oak city commissioner, Gorceya was a legislative aide to former state Sen. Richard Fessler and an appointee to the Private Industry Council. He is a member

of the Michigan Bar Association, Michigan Republican Lawyers Association, Advocacy Bar Association and Oakland County Bar Association.

Advance paid reservations at \$25 per person are required. Kosher meals will be available by request with advance payment.

Reservation deadline is Sept. 10. For information, call Dale Rubin at Federation, (248) 203-1471.

**Be part of the Town Meeting!**  
On Thursday, September 4, you will have a chance to participate in person or by phone in the live broadcast of "First Thursday Town Meeting"

Here is an exciting opportunity to talk with people who have the answers about traffic, schools and just about anything that's happening in the halls of your hometown government.

Sponsored by The Canton Observer and WXYT-AM-1270, this public forum is open to everyone interested in the Canton and Plymouth areas.

Join co-hosts Jimmy Barrett, WXYT on-air personality, and Tedd Schneider, Editor of The Canton Observer as they broadcast live from the Damon's The Place for Ribs on Ford Road. A panel of Canton community leaders will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues.

There is no admission or reservations; however seating is limited, so come on down early, take a seat and enjoy a rousing exchange of ideas and information.

Don't miss this opportunity to offer your opinion or ask that burning question in person or by phone! CALL 248-559-1270.

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