

## COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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#### ■ GRIEF COUNSELING

A Christian support group of care and concern for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one will explore the various stages of grief, working through grief and even growing through grief. The program will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 9 to Nov. 13, through the Stephen Ministry Program, a lay caring ministry, First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. "Grief is a universal emotion and an experience that no human being can avoid in their lifetime," said Linda Howell of the Stephen Ministry Program. "It is not something you get over, get around or away from. It is something you must get through. This program offers support and caring from a Christian perspective."

#### ■ FAMILY SHABBAT

Cong. B'nai Moshe, 8800 Drake, West Bloomfield, just begun a new year of Family Shabbat Services offered at every grade level in the synagogue's Minyan Room. Services are led by teacher Michael Weiss and

consist of relaxed prayer, song, Torah study and family time with a Shabbat theme. Families come up to the Torah together, open and close the ark, help lead prayers and songs or just sit and enjoy. They also are invited to attend the main Shabbat service. For information, call Rita Abramson at (248) 788-3600.

#### ■ MOMS IN MINISTRY

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile in Farmington Hills, holds a "Moms in Ministry" meeting from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month. Beginning Oct. 6, participants can choose to study parenting, faith, women in the Bible or "Moms: A Personal Journal." Book prices range from \$6 to \$12. Child care is available. Beginning on Oct. 5, Sunday adult studies at 9:30 a.m. focus on "Dancing with Dinosaurs." The cost of the book is \$12.95. The 11 a.m. series offers a choice between "Get acquainted with Jesus," or "Juggling Demands." These two study books are \$6 each. For information or to reserve your book, call the church office at (248) 626-3620.

#### ■ GUEST SPEAKER

The Farmington Chapter of Aglow International is hosting a special evening with Robin Beale at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13, in the downstairs meeting room of

the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Beale is a pastor's wife and director of a child-care center. She teaches women how to be set free through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Refreshments will be served.

#### ■ GRIEF SUPPORT

First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, offers a support and caring group for individuals experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. The six-week program is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry and meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 15 through Nov. 19. A Christian support group of care and concern for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks, Oct. 9 to Nov. 13. The stages of grief and the techniques for coping with and growing through grief will be explored. Child care is provided. For information or to reserve your place in either free program, call Linda Howell at (248) 646-6407, ext. 3137.

#### ■ RUMMAGE SALE

The Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church Cranbrook will host a fall rummage sale for Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 15-16, at the church, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills.

#### ■ CAREER DAY

Hope United Methodist

Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, between Lahar and Civic Center Drive in Southfield, presents "Hope Youth-Preparing for the New Millennium/Career Day," from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18. Representatives from area colleges, training programs, community-based organizations and employers in need of part-time workers will provide valuable information to youths of Hope Church and surrounding communities. For information, call (248) 652-9596.

#### ■ FAMILY EDUCATION

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit is hosting an evening of family education entitled, "Family Matters," at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, in the Max M. Fisher Federation Building, 6735 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Topics for discussion include discipline alternatives, public vs. private schools, making Jewish education more exciting, helping children make new friends, after-school activities and keeping children stimulated at school and home. Panelists include Harlene Winnick Appelman, a nationally recognized educator and director of community outreach and education for the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, Dr. Purnima Mehta, a supervisor at Wayne State University Department of Psychiatry with a private practice in child and adult psychiatry and psychoanaly-

sis, and Dr. Michael Miletic, a WSU teacher and supervisor and a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. The \$10 admission includes a dessert reception. Jewish dietary laws will be observed. For information or reservations, call Marilyn Morris at (248) 642-4280, ext. 255.

#### ■ SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Southfield-based Mitcham Chapel A. M. E. Church is sponsoring "A Round Table Lunch & Discussion" from the book, "Conversations with God" by James Melvin Washington, Ph.D. The seminar will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, at the Marriott Hotel, 27033 Northwestern Highway, between Borg and Lahar, in Southfield. There is a \$16 fee for the noon lunch, which consists of tuna, turkey and chicken salad served in pineapple wedges with fruit garnish and nut bread. The dessert is raspberry mousse. Register by Oct. 13, by calling Mary Jackson at (248) 646-1906 or at (248) 356-6268.

#### ■ LIFELONG LEARNING

Temple Israel's Academy — Courses for Lifelong Learning — fall 1997 semester begins on Monday, Oct. 27. Classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Mondays. Students may choose two classes from a variety of topics, taught by clergy and visiting instructors. The selections offered include: Jewish Real Estate, Hebrew liturgy and conversational, parenting ADD/ADHD children, Jewish genealogy, Joy of Yiddish, Judaism you can use, storytellers in the Jewish tradition and Biblical rejects. To register, call the Temple Israel Tyner Religious School Office: (248) 681-5725. Temple Israel is at 5725 Walnut Lake, east of Drake, in West Bloomfield.

#### ■ WORSHIP SERVICES

New Life Christian Fellowship announces the beginning of regular worship services on Sundays at Adler Elementary School, 19100 Filmore in Southfield, north of 10 Mile and east of Evergreen — 5 p.m. soup supper and 5:30 p.m. worship with praise band. The church office is (248) 356-1120. Nancy Kruger is mission developer.

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## Yom Kippur

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and Beverly Laker Education and Youth complex at 2075 Walnut Lake Road, both in West Bloomfield.

Though the length of the liturgical service and the chanting of the Kol Nidre vary from one congregation to another, the tradition initiating the most sacred day of the year unites the entire Jewish community through music that is central to the worship experience.

"The Kol Nidre prayer and the mood of the evening is probably shared in commonality by all movements and that's probably the source of its strength, power and beauty," said Najman, a Southfield resident. "One could walk into most synagogues all over the world and find themselves very much at home for this prayer."

The High Holy Days began on the eve of October 1 with Rosh Hashana, the celebration of the Jewish New Year. The event marked the start of the year 5758 on the first day of the Hebrew lunar month Tishrei.

According to tradition, the "Book of Life" is opened on Rosh Hashana and sealed again at the "Ne'ilah service" on Yom Kippur, signifying the closing of the gates of opportunity for penitence and judgment.

"Symbolically, the book tells who will live and who will die, not only in the sense of who's alive but also in their spiritual life," said Orbach, who received the State of Israel Culture Medallion from former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

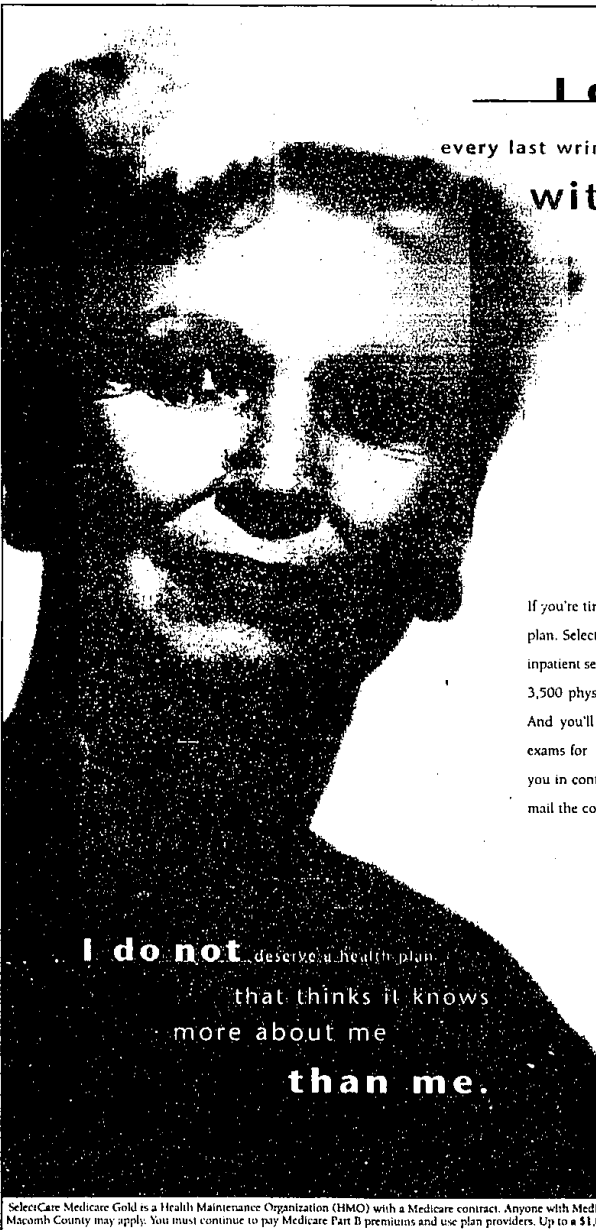
Rosh Hashana is followed by 10 days of penitence.

The High Holy Days conclude with Yom Kippur, which falls on Saturday, Oct. 11, this year and happens to coincide with the Jewish Sabbath. "Fasting is the key observance of the day," said Najman, a recipient of the Solomon Schechter Award. "The entire 25-hour period is spent in fasting, contemplation and reflection about oneself, one's family and one's people."

Yom Kippur ends with the blowing of the shofar (Ram's horn) in a single blast and the proclamation, "Next year in Jerusalem," which signifies a prayer of redemption.

In light of the High Holy Days, Temple Israel will offer a speaker's forum with Lea Rabin, the wife of assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, on Nov. 23. "She's coming because of our concern for peace and the process of peace," said Orbach, who will give at the 50th anniversary celebration of the State of Israel in July.

"Our dream of peace is so central to our holidays and the core of our being."




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