

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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OPEN HOUSE
Eilu v Eilu, the adult Jewish learning project at Congregation Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom, and B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan Branch, will host a Summer Hebrew Open House on Thursday, June 25, for all who are interested in taking a conversational Hebrew class this summer. Open House will take place at 7 p.m. at Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward Avenue, Birmingham. No reservations are required. Instructor Ahuva Newman will be on hand to meet prospective students and discuss levels of study, class schedules, tuition fees, and other details. Proposed classes would be for two hours at a time on Monday and/or Thursday nights for six weeks at private homes in Southfield. For more information call (248) 557-2739.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
South Lyon Family Worship Center's annual women's retreat will be held at the church June 26, 27 and 28. Featured speakers are Reverend Lois Baker with Kay Rindahl and Reverend Joseph Tabbi. Worship will be performed by Frontline. This year's special feature has men invited for dinner on Saturday night service. For further information call (248) 437-1472. The church is located at 62345 West Eight Mile Road in South Lyon.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS
Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a Roman Catholic, non-profit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment, will host a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend June 26-28 and July 17-19. The weekend experience is for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The upcoming weekend will be hosted at the St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information call Bill & Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan & Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Or www.rc.net/detroit/wwwme.

VIEWS ON CLONING
On Sunday, June 28, at 7 p.m., Rabbi Maria Feldman, Assistant Director of the Jewish community Council, will lead an Eilu v Eilu adult study session entitled, "Hello Dolly. The Jewish Perspective on Cloning." The session is free and open to the community and will be held at Borders Books & Music, 30996 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. No reservations are required. The event is part of a year long Roah Hodesh Study Series at Borders sponsored by the Eilu v Eilu adult Jewish learning project, a partnership of three local conservative synagogues. The series features study session at the beginning of each new month on the Jewish calendar. All are welcome regardless of affiliation, background or previous Jewish study experience. For more information call (248) 737-1931.

Focus

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gion, even if sometimes they end up being the wrong choices.
For instance, some people may choose to become part of some far-out cult.
Such a choice may even cost them their lives, but it is still their choice. Part of freedom is the freedom to make mistakes and to mess things up. As Americans, we say that we are entitled to our mistakes as well as our successes. Those mistakes may be costly but there is no freedom without them.
Your religious choice is a serious one. It has consequences for the way in which you live your entire life. You are privileged to be able to freely make that choice.
May you choose with the wisdom and with faith to guide you.

MUSIC SERIES
Nardin Park United Methodist church in Farmington Hills is hosting a nine-part summer music series entitled, "Wednesdays at Eight." Concerts will be presented each Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the church located at 29887 W. Eight Mile Road, (just west of Middlebelt) in Farmington Hills. Each program is one hour in length, casual in demeanor and free to the community. Upcoming concerts will include, "All-American Organ Concert, Rick Cucchi" on Wednesday July 1, Linette

Popoff-Parks, pianist - Barbara Wiltsie, mezzo-soprano on July 8 and "Cornerstone" Gospel Music Ensemble on July 15. For more information call (248) 470-9860.

PILGRIMAGE PLANNED
A group of 38 people from Birmingham's First Presbyterian Church will be traveling in Scotland from mid-June to July 1. Led by their pastor, Ronald P. Byars, they will make a pilgrimage to the sacred isle of Iona, where they will worship with the Iona Community. They


will also visit the site of the Iona Community's inner-city ministry to youth in Glasgow.

NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR
The Rev. Randall J. Schlak was installed as associate pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, on May 17. He joins the Rev. Duane T. Wuggazer, senior pastor and the Rev. Carl Mehl, pastor emeritus. Schlak, an Ohio native, pursued his seminary studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Indiana following his graduation from

Concordia College in Ann Arbor. He was ordained in June 1990 at his home church South Euclid, Ohio. He served as assistant and later senior Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mattoon, Illinois until he was called to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Schlak and his wife, Andrea, have three children, Megan, 10, Stephanie, 6, and Jacob, 2.

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