

## COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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**MORE COURSES**  
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**THOMAS BLACK EARNS APPOINTMENT**  
A recent meeting of The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, long-time Birmingham resident, Thomas Black, was appointed First Reader. Readers in Christian Science churches conduct the Sunday services as well as Wednesday evening testimony meetings and read citations selected from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. Black served as publisher of the Christian Science Monitor, a well respected international daily newspaper. He is a Christian Science Practitioner and teacher listed in the Christian Science Journal.

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**SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES**  
Congregation Shir Tikvah, located in Troy, invites the public to attend its special Shabbat Services for new and prospective members on Aug. 21, 1998. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a minipopen house, followed at 7:45 p.m. by a Shabbat service led by Rabbi Arnie Sleutolberg. Following the service there will be a special, elaborate Oneg for all members and guests to enable them to participate in the unique experience of a Shir Tikvah Shabbat. Congregation Shir Tikvah is located at 3900 Northfield Parkway, south of Wiggins between Crooks and Cooldge. For more information call the Temple office at (248) 649-4418.

**LEEMIS NEW PRESIDENT**  
Terran Leemis was recently named the new president of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. A member of Adat Shalom since she was a child, Leemis and her husband, Roger, became official members of the congregation in 1977. Following in the footsteps of the Shiffman Family, she then began to assume important leadership roles (Leemis' brother, Milton Shiffman, served as Adat Shalom President from 1982-1994). She was elected to Adat Shalom's Board of Trustees in 1982 and joined the Executive Committee in 1992, first as Treasurer and then as a Vice President for the past four years. Leemis also served the Detroit Jewish Community in numerous capacities. She has been President of the Greater Detroit Section, National Jewish Council of Jewish Women and has sat on the NCJW National Board since 1992, chairing its Planned Giving program since 1998. Others elected to serve Adat Shalom for the coming year are: First Vice President Beverly Liss,

First Vice President Tobin Fox, Vice President Larry Wolfe, Recording Secretary Saul May and Treasurer David Schostak. Michael Gellia and Allan Nachman will serve as Executive Committee Members at Large. Newly elected members of the Board of Trustees are Lori Issner, Sam Holman and Brad Wasserman.

**ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter will host a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled for Sept. 18-20 and Oct. 9-11 at the St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 288-6524 or [www.re.net/detroit/wmwe](http://www.re.net/detroit/wmwe).

**"FAITH" ON CABLE**  
Northwest Suburban Interfaith Ministerial Association and Bloomfield Public Access Television are creating a monthly program entitled, "What's Faith Got To Do With It? The first program, entitled "Who Wrote the Bible?" will be at St. Owen Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The taped production will run several times throughout the month and will feature local clergy addressing faith issues from the viewpoints of their own religious traditions. The plan for the upcoming cable show includes taking the film crew on the road to tape shows at a half dozen churches. Filming will be before a live audience. Dr. Allan Eickelmann of the Congregational Church in Birmingham will serve as moderator for each show welcoming a panel of guests from the clergy. The debut program at St. Owen will feature the following participants: Rabbi David Castiglioni, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills; the Rev. Dr. Phillip Hemko, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills; and Father John H. West, St. John Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth. For more information about programs planned call Rabbi Amy Brodsky at (248) 353-2434.

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these turned out to be worth something in the marketplace. So here is the truth in de Botign's linking Protestant virtue and the renunciation of earthly pleasures. Where are we today? Today, the whole "modern" world - people of every religion or of none - have come to imitate that systematic, disciplined approach to work. In fact, the material successes produced by these disciplines have contributed to work-

holism, with all its corrosive effects. The spiritual benefits of work as a holy calling have, for the vast majority, diminished to almost nothing. For many of us today, work is often a problem. It controls us, consumes us and claims us, body and soul. Today, people of faith might need to learn to listen for the voice of God who calls us to playfulness, to leisure, to quiet, even to moderating our materi-

al aspirations and also to subvert times - periods of rest, worship and reflection. The spiritual disciplines appropriate to these times may require another kind of austerity - refusing to be programmed by the fashions of the day, whether in work or in some of the kinds of frenetic leisure we indulge in as compensation for the daily grind. The Rev. Ronald Byars is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.

# Eilu v' Eilu

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Eilu v' Eilu is a community-wide adult Jewish learning partnership of the Detroit Conservative movement. We offer year-round learning opportunities for adults seeking to connect with Jewish history, holidays, culture and Torah.

Call, fax, or e-mail us for information about classes, study groups, and special events, including our annual pre-High Holiday learning series, "Eilu-A Time to Prepare", beginning August 23. Eilu v' Eilu welcomes all interested adult learners regardless of affiliation, background or previous Jewish study experience.

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