

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 (248) 644-1314.

TROY DIVORCE
DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at Troy Baptist Church, 3193 Southfield Road, in Troy each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 20. Child care is provided. It features national recognized experts on such topics as anger, loneliness, depression, new relationships and forgiveness. For more information, call (248) 740-0888.

STEPPING STONES
Children of interfaith families, with one Jewish parent, can learn about their family origins and traditions at a series of classes called Stepping Stones. Students between the ages of 5 and 16 can register for the free classes, though there is a small materials fee, which begins Sept. 13. Stepping Stones is a program of Interfaith Connection sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. To register, call 1-800-387-4876.

DIVORCE RECOVERY
The Bethany South Oakland Peer Ministry Group will offer an eight week course called "Divorce and Beyond," for those who are divorced or separated. The meetings will take place on Monday nights at St. Dennis Parish Office at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 28. The church is on the corner of

12 Mile and Stephenson Hwy. in Royal Oak. A charge of \$20 will cover sessions, books and materials. Call (248) 398-2737 for more information.

MORE COURSES
At the request of participating students, Eilu v Eilu, the metro-wide Jewish learning partnership of Adat Shalom Synagogue, Congregations Beth Abraham Hill Day School, and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan Branch, is extending its current Summer Conversational Hebrew classes through the end of August. New students are welcome to join a class if the level is right for them. Tuition will be prorated according to the number of sessions attended. Beginner Conversational Hebrew meets on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Basic familiarity with the Hebrew alphabet is a prerequisite for this class. Tuition for each two-hour session is \$15 for Eilu v Eilu members and \$18 for others. In addition, an intensive Intermediate Class meets on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuition for each two-hour seminar is \$20 for Eilu v Eilu members, \$25 for others. For more information, including directions to the class location, call (248) 557-2739 or e-mail Sabra19@aol.com

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 readings 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.

CLASSES ADDED
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LEEMIS NEW PRESIDENT
Terra 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 1982-1984). 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 1996. 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 Paul Magy and Treasurer David Schostak. Michael Gellis and Allan Nachman will serve as Executive Committee Members at Large. Newly elected members of the Board of Trustees are Lori Isner, Sam Heleman and Brad Wasserman.

ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS
Worldwide Marriage Encounter will host a week-

end 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) 528-2612 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www.rc.net/detroit/www. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic, non-profit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

"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 Castiglione, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills; the Rev. Dr. Phillip Henke, 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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