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bearers to celebrate our heritage as pilgrim people. The unique service started with a fife and drim corps.

Next innovation was his introduction of a whole loaf of bread broken at the Communion table, the pouring of wine into a chalice and the "passing of the peace after the service.

The Maundy Thursday service became memorable and dramatic as the candles were gradually extinguished to symbolize the sufficient of the disciples and the suffering of our Lord, and in table darkness, a loud drum roll, and the Rev. Olsen loudly called quit in Christ's own words, 'My God, my God, why has then forgaten me!' The congregation

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then exited the Church in total silence.

In June of 1998 Dr. Oleen obtained his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. His thesis was entitled, "Networking Community: A study of the Internet and its Potential for Ministry." He was the founder and director of Luminet, an interactive support tool on the Internet for elergy and other church leaders.

A search committee has been established to fill the pulpit with on Internin Minister until such a time as a permanent minister can be secured.

There was be a formal coffee hour in the church parlor following the 10 a.m. service Sept. 13.

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Religions, after all, do not think of themselves as harmless hobbies for people's Saturday or Sunday on nectrainment! Religious groups contrast the world wants it to be. They think of themselves as being under obligation to seek the will of God, to

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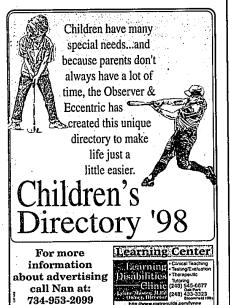
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**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION. Churches and synagogues within the Birmingham School District have announced plans for their first annual "Healthy Community Sabbath". The event will held Sept. 18-27-to raise awareness of substance abuse prevention. Congregations of all faiths will be encouraged to address substance abuse/prevention in one or more worship services during this extended week, and to pray by name for those engaged in the "front-line" drug prevention: police, educators, and health pressures, information about frigand alcohol use, and local resources will be distributed to all congregations. A special fealuring and considerations. all congregations. A special fea-

ture of "Healthy Community
Sabbath" will be distribution of
'Families of Faith Conversation'
a stop-by-stop guide for families
to discuss drug and alkohol
abuso/prevention sometime that
week. The interfaith effort grow
out of "The Summit" conversation sponsored by the Birmingham Community Coalition, and
is being designed to lend apiritual nid to congregations and families in their concerns over substance abuse issues. Deaths from
herein overdose this past year of
threo young adults who had been
students at Birmingham high
school have galvanized the community to respond to this serious
community to respond to this serious
community health problem in a
united and urgent way. For more
information contact Rev. Louise
Westfall at First Presbyterian
Church at (248) 644-2640 or Dr.
Stephen Jones at First Baptist
Church at (248) 644-2640 or Dr.

GHIR TIKMAN SERVICES

■ SHIR TIKVAH SERVICES
Congregation Shir Tikvah, Troy's
Reform Jewish congregation, will
be celebrating the religious holi-

duys of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah services held at various times from Sunday, Sopt. 20 through Tuesday, Sopt. 22. Yom Kippur on Tuesday, Sopt. 23. Yom Kippur on Tuesday, Sopt. 29 and Wednesday, Sopt. 30. Services are open to the public but space is limited and tickets are required. Congregation Shir Tikvah is located at 3900 Northfield Parkway (south of Wattles between Crooks and Coolidge) in Troy, For further information, call the Temple Administrator at (248) 649-4418.

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STIDY FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Eliu v Eliu, the metro Detroit
adult Jewish education partnership of the Detroit Coaservative
movement, is currently offering a
community-wide sories of adult
study opportunities called "EliuA Time to Propare" to help adult
learners prepare emotionally and
apiritually for the Days of Awo,
which begin this year on Sunday
might, September 20. Sponsors
are Adat Shalom Synagogue,
Congregations Beth Abraham
Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom, B'nai

Mosho, and Shaarey Zedek, Hil-lel Day School and Women's League for Conservativo Judasim-Michigan Branch. All classes are free and open to interested adult leafners regardless of affiliation, background, or provious Jowish study experience. Unless otherwise indicated, no reservations are required. New students are welcome to attend sessions of any series cur attend sessions of any series currently in progress. On Thursday, Sept. 17 at 10 an. "Kowword Hebrew for the High Holidays with Ahuva Nowman. Repeat session for those who prefer a daytime format. At Borders in downtown Birmingham. On Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m., "Practical and Personal: Awakening the Spirit in Jowish Prayer," Concluding session in Rabbi Danny Nevin's study series at Adat Shalom 29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. For more information or to placed on the Eilu v Eilu Community Adult Jewish Learning Mailing List call (248) 737-1931.

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