

BELIEFS Values

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

Community Messenger runs each Thursday in The Eccentric and features announcements from Oakland County religious institutions, as space permits. To be included in the calendar, announcements must be submitted by noon on the Friday prior to publication. To include an announcement, write: Community Messenger, c/o Beliefs and Values Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, this week will host New Tony Award winner Nell Carter, who came to fame in "Ain't Misbehavin'" and has an impressive list of television credits and Broadway hits to her name. She will appear at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, to share with the community the story of her life and her journey toward Judaism. Tickets priced at \$25 each can be bought by calling Temple Israel at (248)661-5700. It is a non-profit center.

CONGREGATION SHIRTIKVAH

Congregation Shir Tikvah hosts its first Michigan Jewish Food Fair from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 2.

Cooking competitions in the categories of kugels, (noodle puddings), chocolate desserts, challah (bread) baking, vegetarian dishes and stews; cooking demonstrations; Michigan's largest talking gefilte fish; a raffle, and children's entertainment and activities will be featured. An admission fee includes five tasting tickets. Additional tasting tickets may be bought. For more information, call Food Fair Co-Chairperson, Jim Routhier, at (248)547-6053. The \$100 raffle tickets may be bought before the event at the Temple office or at the Food Fair.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Folk Vespers, a free professional folk music concert, features the RFD Boys, a bluegrass band, from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the First Baptist

Church, 300 Willits Street, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Ave, in downtown Birmingham. During the worship interlude, Stephen Jones, pastor, will speak on "Still 'Mom' to Me."

Folk Vespers will feature music from American folk, bluegrass, blues and ethnic music traditions; 100 minutes of performance, and 20 minutes for a non-sectarian worship interlude between the two performance sets. A free-will offering will be taken for the musicians. For more information, call (248)644-0650.

B'NAI MOSHE

Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, will host the following events:

■ A Jewish holiday mini-series, "Anticipating Shavuot," on three consecutive Mondays beginning May 3. Classes are at the synagogue from 7-8 p.m. with Cantor Earl G. Berrie and from 8-9 p.m. with Rabbi Elliot Pachter. Information and registration forms are available by calling (248)788-0600.

■ A concert at 8 p.m. May 6 showcases the talents of Cantor

David Propie of Congregation Beth Yeshurun in Houston. Cantor Earl G. Berrie of B'nai Moshe will share the stage; Rochelle Barr will be the accompanist. The concert will include a memorial to the late Cantor Louis Klein, longtime cantor at B'nai Moshe, who died Feb. 28. Music will include modern Israeli, Yiddish and Hebrew folk songs as well as traditional cantorial prayer. The concert is free and open to the community.



Rabbi Marc Gellman (left) and Msgr. Tom Hartman

SHAAREY ZEDEK

"The God Squad," also known as Rabbi Marc Gellman and Msgr. Tom Hartman, will be at Women's World '99, the annual

fund-raiser sponsored by the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road in Southfield, on Wednesday, May 6.

The day-long event begins with boutique shopping and a continental breakfast at 10 a.m. Lunch is at 11 a.m., and will feature "The God Squad" dispensing spiritual guidance with their trademark good humor.

For luncheon reservations, call Frjeda Langas, 357-5544, ext. 42.

ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, along with the West Bloomfield Clergy Association and Community Forum, announces a new program: "Does Prayer Work? Answers from Different Religious Perspectives." The program will be at Holy Spirit Church, 4800 Orchard Lake Road, across from West Bloomfield High School in West Bloomfield, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

The community is invited to join Father Gregory A. Banazak,

Rabbi Leonard Bitran, the Rev. Bruce Quantman; and the Rev. David W. Robertson as they discuss the role of prayer in our lives. Rabbi Michael L. Moskowitz will serve as moderator.

For further information, call the Ecumenical Institute at (248)557-4522.

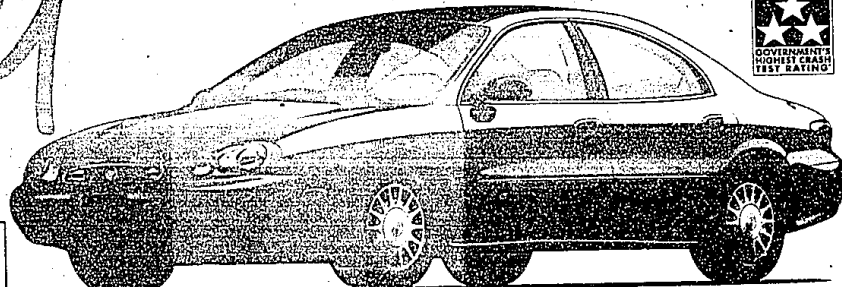
EILU V EILU

The Beit Midrash (House of Study) for interactive adult Jewish learning, co-sponsored by the Linud Program of Congregation Shaarey Zedek and Eilu v Eilu, offers a new series of study sessions from 8-9 p.m. Thursday nights beginning May 6, when Rabbi Leonardo Bitran will facilitate "Reclaiming Ruth" at the Laker Education Complex, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Participants will pair up to read aloud and discuss classical texts. Free, no reservations required.

Eilu v Eilu is a year-round Jewish learning resource for adults seeking to connect with Jewish history, holidays, culture and Torah, and is sponsored by the Conservative movement of Metro Detroit. All are welcome.

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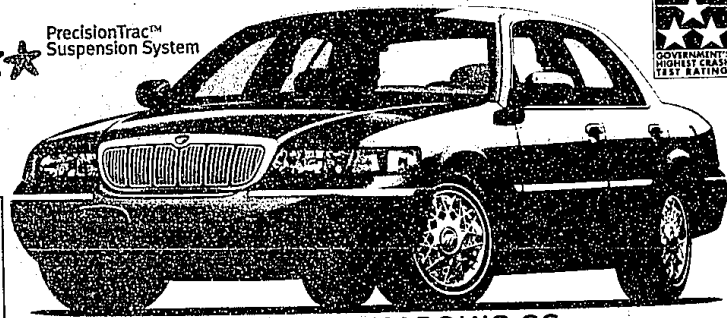
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