

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, 806 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.

EILU V EILU

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. The following are upcoming Eilu v Eilu study sessions:

■ At 8 p.m. May 13, Rabbi Krakoff will present "Jerusalem of Gold" at the Laker Education Complex, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. It's part of a new study series at the Beit Midrash (House of Study) for interactive adult Jewish learning, co-sponsored by the Limud Program of Congregation Shaarey Zedek and Eilu v Eilu. On May 27, Rabbi Weiss will present "You Are What You Eat." Free, no reservations required.

■ "Lette & Learning" will present the final session in an eight-part adult study series, "It Could Be Verse — Jewish Poetry from the Bible to Today," entitled "The Poetry of American Jews" with Rabbi Aaron Bergman at 10 a.m. Monday, May 17, at Borders Books and Music, 30095 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Walk-in registration. Members of sponsoring Detroit Conservative movement institutions, \$5 per session. Others, \$7 per session. Each session may be attended independently.

All are welcome, regardless of affiliation, background, or Jewish study experience. For information, call (248)737-1931. Or, e-mail eilulearn@aol.com.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Birmingham Unitarian Church of Bloomfield Hills and the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit will host an Anti-Racism Workshop May 14 and 15. It will be held at the downtown church on Cass Ave. at Forest.

The two churches are working together on a project called Journey Toward Wholeness to re-establish ties between the urban and suburban churches that have eroded over the years through demographic shifts.

TEMPLE BETH EL

Shavuot

Synagogues to hold study sessions on 1st night of festival

Conservative synagogues throughout metro Detroit will be observing the first night of the festival of Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, with late-night Torah study sessions, called Tikun Leil Shavuot, on Thursday, May 20.

All interested adult learners are welcome, regardless of affiliation, background or Jewish study experience.

The idea of Torah study on the first night of Shavuot originated in the Jewish community of 16th century Safed — the spiritual masters and creative geniuses who introduced into Jewish liturgy such things as the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service, the song Lekha Dodi, and the Tu B'Shevat Seder. In recent times, the tradition of Tikun Leil Shavuot has been rediscovered by a growing number of congregations and havurot throughout the world.

The following Tikunim Leil Shavuot will all take place Thursday night, May 20:

A dinner concert underwritten in part by the Temple Beth El Sisterhood will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 16 at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

"Romania, Romania: From 2nd Avenue to Broadway" will feature Yiddish favorites and hit show tunes. Cantors Stephen Dubov of Temple Beth El and Harold Orbach of Temple Israel are joined by Cantor Robert Paul Abelson, Temple Israel, New York; Cantor Judith Saplown, The Temple Congregation Shomer Emunim, Sylvania, Ohio; and soprano Carol Abelson.

Cost is \$40 per person. For more information, call the Cantor's Study, (248)851-1100, ext. 3150.

CONGREGATION SHIRTIKVAH

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Congregation Shir Tikvah will premier a new Hollywood Hallelujah series. The evening begins with the service bidding the Sabbath adieu, followed by the evening features, "The Frisco Kid," starring Gene Wilder. Light candy snacks, popcorn, and beverages will be served.

The series will be continued three or four times a year with other movies with Jewish content. Admission is \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. Congregation Shir Tikvah is at 3900 Northfield Parkway, south of Waukegan between Crooks and Coolidge, Troy.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Rochester College A Cappella Chorus will appear at the Rochester Church of Christ, 560 West Avon Road in Rochester Hills, just east of Rochester College, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 16.

The Rochester College A Cappella Chorus is the oldest musical ensemble at the college, and serves as an ambassador for the college. Now in its 38th year, it performs over 30 concerts each year throughout the Midwest, Northeastern United States and Canada. The group frequently appears with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Director is Joe Bentley, associate professor of music and director of musical activities.

The church offers Bible study, prayer, worship, and praise for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

The church also offers ladies fellowships and retreats, men's retreats and get-togethers, men's and women's softball teams, senior citizen functions, singing groups, young marrieds, young families and youth activities. For information, call (248)651-1933.

Or visit the web site at www.coc.rc.edu.

FIRST BAPTIST

"Jazz Vespers, a free professional jazz concert, features Ron Kischuk's Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band, big band Dixieland Jazz at it's best, at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, May 16, in downtown Birmingham in the gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates, free adjacent parking in the lighted city lot. 100 minutes of great concert jazz, 20 minutes of worship interlude. Casual dress. A free-will offering is taken for the musicians. This performance will be recorded live for a new CD release. Call (248)644-0550 for more information.

MJAC

The Michigan Jewish Aids Coalition is sponsoring "Issues of Inclusion...Where do We Belong?" in the Jewish Community? in the Workplace? In the Family? at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the Jewish Community Center, D. Dan and Betty Kahn building.

Aliza Orent, program director, Jewish Community Center of Austin, Texas, is the keynote speaker. The event will include panelists and open discussions with: Rabbi Joshua Bennett, Temple Israel, Inclusion Committee; Jeff Green, MJAC's Vice President; one businessman's experience; Betsy Winkelman, the experience of a parent. Guest moderator is Cheryl Chodun, WXYZ News.

The event is a program of Educating Our Community About Homosexuality Through Outreach. Call MJAC, (248)594-6522 for more information.

TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM

Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, will host an adult dinner from 6:30-8 p.m. on Friday, May 21. High School graduation during Shabbat services will follow. Services begin at 8 p.m. Dinner is \$9 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Temple office at (248)737-8700.

BETHANY

Bethany Rochester meets from 8-10 p.m. every Wednesday in the lower level of St. Andrew Parish Center, 1234 Inglewood, Rochester.

Bethany is a Catholic non-profit organization and is part of the ministry of the Office for Family and Youth of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Bethany has no formal membership or yearly fee. Contact Judy (248) 309-7486, or Mike at (248) 652-3860 with questions.

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