

ST. ANASTASIA

The second Annual Big Band Bash will be 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R. Troy. Beer, pop and mixers included. \$20 per person benefits World Youth Day 2000. Tickets are on sale at the parish office and will also be available at the door. For more information, call (248)689-8390.

B'JAZZ VESPERS

B'Jazz Vespers continues its "Women of Detroit Jazz" series by featuring Janet Tenaj and the Sven Anderson Trio at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Tenaj is the director of "Tenajore," a fast moving jazz educational program presented to children and teens in schools around the area. Anderson is an accomplished pianist. Also performing is Kurt Krabke on bass.

B'Jazz Vespers is held in the English Gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church at the corner of Willis and Bates streets, 300 Willis Street, one block north of Maple and one block west of Old Woodward Ave. For more information, call (248)644-0550.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

"Catholics Come Home," a program which ministers to Catholics who have left or drifted from the Church, is 3 p.m. Sundays at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Clawson. The program features speakers and discussions. Upcoming topics are: Feb. 20: Marriage and Annulments; Feb. 27: Eucharist; March 5: Reconciliation; March 12: A Personal Relationship with Jesus.

For information, call Jerry Flanagan at (248)879-9018, or Carol Bardellins at (810)977-9076.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. John H. Mulder, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary president and historical theology professor, will preach at all three services Feb. 20 at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. His sermon title is "Why I Believe in the Church."

Mulder is the author of several books including his most recent, "Vital Signs: The Promise of Mainstream Protestantism."

First Presbyterian Church is located at 1699 West Maple Road, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE

The Birmingham Temple, 28611 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, holds the following programs:

Rabbi Sherwin Wine will talk on "The Kabbalah and the Hasidim" at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Birmingham Temple is at 28611 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission is \$4 for members; \$6, non-members. Call the temple office for details, (248)477-1410.

Miriam Jerris, rabbinic candidate with the Birmingham Temple, will lead a marital enrichment class beginning Feb. 29. The fee is \$150 per couple. Call Miriam Jerris at (248)543-7496 for more information.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel, 5726 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield,

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will begin an eleven-week "Introduction to Judaism" course from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. The class is open to anyone interested in learning more about Judaism or considering conversion to Judaism.

The course is taught by Temple Israel clergy. Topics will include Jewish traditions, history, holiday celebrations, Israel and Hebrew. Two special Holocaust sessions will be included, with a field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum at the JCC in West Bloomfield.

For more information, call the Temple Israel/Tyner Religious School: (248)661-5726.

SAJE

Seminars for Adult Jewish Enrichment's second semester of classes begins Feb. 22. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the D. Don and Betty Kahn Building, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Classes are held 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 8:35-9:25 p.m. For information, call (248)661-7649.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Phil Chalmers, a national speaker on the topic of today's rock and rap music, will be at Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre, Troy, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23.

He presents a multi-media seminar on the dangers of today's popular music and promotes positive music as an alter-

native. Chalmers has been a speaker across the country for 15 years and has met, interviewed and shared his faith with many groups, including Metallica, Megadeth, N'SYNC, GWAR, Busta Rhymes and many others. He has just released his video, "Music to Die For: Is Today's Music Killing Our Teens?" and completed "The Official 'I Don't Listen to the Lyrics' Handbook."

THEOLOGY ON TAP

St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church in Troy holds a five-week Theology on Tap series at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Marinelli's Restaurant, 18 Mile and Rochester Road, Troy. Father Ken Kauchek presents "Issues of Faith in Your Life" for young adults in their 20s and 30s.

On Feb. 23, the topic is Sexuality. For more information, call Rosemary Graves, Parish Life Coordinator, at the church, (248)689-8390.

EILU V EILU

New students are welcome to join winter classes now in progress, sponsored by Eilu v Eilu, the adult Jewish learning project of the Michigan Conservative movement.

For information, call (248)737-1931 or e-mail eilulearn@aol.com. Web site: <http://www.cbahm.org/eilu.htm>.

Ongoing one-time programs scheduled include:

"The Red Tent and the World of the Midrash." Now in progress on Mondays at 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. thru April 3, with Ruth Bergman at B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. New students welcome. \$10 per session. Starting Feb. 28. "Eat the Sassy Prophet." Register in advance or at the door. On Monday, March 6, this class will meet at CSZ-B'nai Israel Center as part of Eilu v Eilu's Rosh Hodesh Adar 2 RH Women's Learning Minyan (no charge).

"But Is It Kosher? Genetically-Modified Food and Jewish Law" - The one-time program is from 9-9:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, with Michael Weiss at B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. \$10. The new technology of genetically modified food raises serious problems in the application of Jewish law. If soybeans' DNA is engineered to contain gene sequences from an animal, should the soybeans be considered "meat"? If a gene sequence from a pig is applied into the DNA for lentils, are the lentils unkosher? Does this new technology violate the Bible's prohibition against mixing unlike species? Jewish law meets the cutting edge of agricultural science. Register in advance or at the door.

"Moses - Man, Myth, Icon" - three Mondays at 10:00 am starting Feb. 28, a new Little Learning series with Rabbi Aaron Bergman at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (in the

video corner of the music district). \$15 for the series (sorry, no registration for individual sessions). Advance registration is required.

"A Jewish Elian Gonzalez in 19th Century Italy" - On Monday night, Feb. 28, 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., join Dr. Seth Koppel for a special program exploring the

Edgardo Mortato case, in which a young Jewish boy, the Vatican, international law, local politics, and family custody issues made international news in 1988 with repercussions throughout the Jewish and non-Jewish world. \$10.

Register in advance or at the door. Hosted by B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield.

CIMBS

The Center for Integrating Mind, Body Spirit is offering a group course entitled "Utilizing Spiritual Strengths," by Mt. Clemons General Hospital Chaplain, the Rev. Sue Camaiore. It will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Fee: \$15. Participants will discover ways to integrate wholeness through mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

CIMBS courses are offered at First Baptist Church, at Willis and Bates. To register, call (248)644-0550.

BETHANY

Bethany, a Catholic non-profit organization, provides spiritual, social and education assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer-to-peer ministry.

Bethany Rochester meets every Wednesday in the lower level of St. Andrew Parish Center, 1234 Inglewood, Rochester, at 7:30 p.m. Contact Steve at (248)623-1364. St. Andrew's is in the Oakland County Pontiac Vicariate.

Bethany South Oakland meets the fourth Thursday of each month at St. Dennis Church Office, 12 Mile and Stephenson Highway, Royal Oak, at 7:30 p.m. Contact Betty Jean (248)624-9274. St. Dennis is in the Southeast Oakland Vicariate.

Temple hosts campus choir

Lee University Campus Choir, a ninety-voice festival choir from Cleveland, Tenn., will present a worship concert at 7 p.m. Monday, March 6 at Harvest Temple Worship, located at 23233 Drake Road in Farmington Hills.

The choir has had the opportunity to sing and minister throughout much of the United States, singing in churches,

youth meetings, and conventions of both regional and national scope. Campus Choir has sung at Times Square Church in New York City, the Brooklyn Tabernacle, Christ Church in Nashville and other well known churches across the country.

The public is invited to attend this concert of music worship.

Adat Shalom hosts celebrations

Lindsay Goldfaden, daughter of Nancy and Howard Goldfaden, will celebrate Bat Mitzvah at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

Erica Byer, daughter of of

Rhonda and Jerry Byer; and Alexis Zimberg, daughter of Debbie and Jerry Fixler and Steve Zimberg recently celebrated Bat Mitzvah at Adat Shalom.

Web sites offer religious information

If you feel like you're missing something in your life these days, maybe you are. Many people describe their lives as endless repetition of the "same story - different day" or as a roller coaster that won't stop.

We all need to take time from the hustle and bustle and connect with a spiritual or religious center, worshipping God in whatever way we find meaningful. Today's technology has provided a unique opportunity to explore issues of religion, spirituality, and faith before we even step foot in a church, synagogue, mosque or temple.

One of the broadest religious sites available today is www.beliefnet.com. It includes information on all major religions including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Although it's thorough, it might be a little over-

whelming if you don't know what to look for.

Two sites could act as launching pads for a whole host of topics:

www.crosswalk.com ("Where faith intersects with life")

www.tbcl.com (The Best Christian Links - "a Christian directory to the best Christian Web sites")

Both offer e-mail, chat forums, movie guides and news. Crosswalk offers a Web filtering program to screen your children's Internet experiences. TBCL features web hosting, free digital postcards and cartoons. Both offer channels for every aspect of Christian life and search engines for anything related to Christianity.

Another place to start is www.sharingfaith.org. This site is hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(E.L.C.A.) and contains information for people seeking faith. Sharing Faith has answers to basic life questions, stories of faith from individuals, ways to get involved in exercising your faith, public bulletin boards for youth and young adults, daily devotions, Bible study and a link to ELCA's homepage.

The American Bible Society offers www.biblesociety.com "equipping the church online." It has a directory of congregations and denominations in the United States. Not all congregations are listed, but all major denominations are itemized and most have congregation locator tools.

If you are looking for details about a particular Christian denomination, check out their official sites. Some examples include:

www.ecusa.org (Episcopal Church in the USA)
www.elca.org (E.L.C.A.)
www.lds.org (The Mormons)
www.pcusa.org (Presbyterian Church - USA)

www.umc.org (United Methodist Church). Most offer outlines of what they believe, directories of congregations, faith statements and links to official ministries.

Many congregations today have Web sites that outline their ministries, programs, mission

statement and upcoming events. Most include information about the staff and frequently include upcoming or previous sermons. Some even offer general help or spiritual inspiration. The Web site Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia maintains can be found at www.timothy.livonia.com. You'll find all of these features plus weekly devotions, newsletter and a special section for families, kids and teens. What a congregation chooses to put on or leave off their Web site can tell you a lot about the atmosphere there.

Once you've done some online investigating, don't stop there. Faith and spirituality are meant to be shared and experienced in community. Your personal religion can only take you so far. After exploring online, choose a place to attend and find out all you can to prepare yourself. Do some soul-searching on your own and then get out and try it. Your soul is worth it!

Pastor Carla Thompson Powell has been with Timothy Lutheran Church (E.L.C.A.) of Livonia since September 1996. She and her husband, Darryl, and their child make their home in Livonia. She can be reached via e-mail at clivonia@netnet.com

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The Henry Ford Academy, a new innovative four-year public high school that emphasizes the application of math, science and technology, is sponsoring a series of open houses. These events will provide applications and information about a unique educational opportunity for Wayne County students entering ninth grade this fall.

Open Houses

Henry Ford Academy, Dearborn

March 9th Thursday, 5 to 7 pm

March 13th Monday, 5 to 7 pm

March 12th Sunday, 1 to 3 pm

March 22th Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Henry Ford Academy entrance is located on the west side of the Henry Ford Museum facing Oakwood Boulevard.

For more information, please call 313-982-6100, x. 2912. www.hfacademy.org

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