

ADAT SHALOM

Adat Shalom Synagogue is at 29901 Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. Phone 851-6100.

Clergy includes Daniel Nevins, rabbi; Herbert Yaskowitz, rabbi; Jay Strear, rabbi; Efray Spectre, rabbi emeritus; Howard Glantz, cantor; and Larry Viedel, cantor emeritus.

Services Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Weekdays at 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Youth main sanctuary Shabbat service. B'nai Mitzvah of Jillian Blitz, daughter of Lauren and Andy Blitz, and Jessica Switch, daughter of Andrea and Jerry Switch.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

Are you looking for something unique and entertaining for the family during winter break? First United Methodist Church invites you on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. to meet David Cain—one of the most respected and successful jugglers in the world. He has won nine gold

medals at the Juggling World Championships and has developed a program that uses juggling, comedy and audience participation to share God's word in a creative and memorable way. First United Methodist Church is located on Grand River one block east of Farmington Road. No reservations are necessary. A free will offering will be received.

HARVEST MINISTRIES

Young people are invited to enjoy an exciting and enthusiastic evening, Fresh Fire Youth Explosion. Featuring the new upcoming band True and a nationally known motivational/spiritual speaker who has been on for today's youth, Tom Madden, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 and includes pizza and pop.

Harvest Ministries Church is at 23233 Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Call 478-1611 for more information, or visit the website: ministriescog.org

BELIEFS Values**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL**

North Congregational Church in partnership with Botsford Hospital presents a series of programs on health issues free of charge. North is at 36520 W. Twelve Mile, between Drake and Halsted on the north side. Refreshments will be served following each session and there will be a question and answer period. Call 848-1750.

■ Feb. 25, 7-8 p.m. Is It Confusion or Alzheimers? Facing our Fears. When should we worry about forgetfulness and confusion? What can it mean? A discussion of signs, symptoms and the course of Alzheimer's disease, as well as other forms of dementia and their causes with Laura Gervasi, RN. Options and resources for caregivers and patients to be shared.

■ March 18, 7-8 p.m.

Women's Health: Issues and Empowerment Dr. Marsha Billes, D.O., will speak on what women can do in each decade of life to keep healthy and understand options regarding testing, screenings, medications (particularly hormone replacement), nutrition and exercise.

■ Sunday, April 29, 7-8 p.m. What to Do in an Emergency When to go to the emergency room; when to do more than worry about symptoms; what options exist for crisis treatment? Dr. Mark Cynar, D.O., and an emergency room physician, will help sort out signs and clues about when children and adults should seek emergency treatment. Bring your "when to worry" questions.

For more information, or to register, call North Congregational Church at 848-1750.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with a worship service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will continue with potluck suppers and worship each Sunday of Lent at 6:30 p.m., beginning on Sunday, March 4. Visitors are welcome. The church is located at the northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Farmington Roads. Call the church office at 474-6170 for further information.

FARMINGTON UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 25, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington: "What is the purpose of this church, our mission together?" The UUCF congregation has been collecting written responses

to this question. Rev. Bob Renjilian will explore the possibilities. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River). For more information, call 478-7272 or visit www.uufarmington.org

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

On March 7, Farmington Musicale will present March Winds Blow, a concert at St. John's Lutheran Church, 23255 Gill Road, in Farmington Hills. The program will feature Lauren Erickson, flutist, accompanied by Noriko Ernst, pianist. Two scholarship winners will also perform: Bill Baxtresser, trumpet (accompanied by Mary Behnan, pianist) and Tom Kociole, trombone (accompanied by Bev Notestine, pianist). Sharon Cardecia, vocals, (accompanied by Bev Notestine, pianist and Terry Jenkins, clarinetist). Program begins at 1 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Adat Shalom to honor its director at Purim Party



Alan Yost

and outstanding service to the congregation. The celebration will take place at Adat Shalom's annual Purim Party Plus gala on Saturday, March 10.

Alan Yost came to Adat

Shalom two decades ago, first as its youth director and then moving into the congregation's top administrative position. A native of Detroit, he did undergraduate work in history and political science. With a master's degree in education and social work from Wayne State University, he brought to Adat Shalom special skills and unique sensitivity in assisting clergy, staff and lay persons to work effectively together.

Synagogue president Beverly Liss says that what distinguishes Alan is "his friendliness, his frankness and the open-door policy in his office. He has made his mark as an outstanding fundraiser and a world-class

administrator."

Yost took over the role of executive director when Adat Shalom was in the throes of financial distress. His parents, the late Ruth and Nathan Yost, were longtime synagogue supporters. They watched with pride as Alan helped the synagogue move into a position of strength and grow to one of the largest and most vital congregations in the Detroit metro area.

A member of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators, Yost is believed to be one of the longest serving directors in the same congregation in the country.

Yost has been a leading force

in directing Adat Shalom's fundraising efforts and has been the administrative backbone of the congregation's annual Purim Party Plus fundraiser for more than 15 years. In 1993, following the synagogue's successful Writing of the Torah program, Adat Shalom won first place in the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's national Solomon Schechter competition in the category of synagogue administration.

Rabbi Daniel Nevins says, "Alan Yost is an energetic and extremely positive force within our congregation and in the community at large. He brings an extra range of skills to the chal-

lenge of running our daily operations and never loses sight of the role that Adat Shalom plays in the Jewish world."

Yost has assumed many leadership positions—within the Jewish Community of Metropolitan Detroit, the Jewish Community Center, and other local Jewish agencies, and in the city of Farmington Hills, where he sits on the Community Foundation.

Yost's wife, Beverly, is a longtime professional with the Jewish Community Council. Their sons, Robert and Zachary, grew up in the congregation family. Robert is a sophomore at Wayne State University Medical School, and Zachary is a Hillel Day

School graduate and a freshman at North Farmington High School. The Yosts live in Farmington Hills.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., this year's Purim Party Plus will be a gala event, featuring music and dancing to the tunes of The People's Choice and an elaborate dinner by Rosenberg Kosher Catering. Ticket buyers will have the opportunity to win a number of prizes, including \$10,000 in cash.

Chairing the evening are Shelley and Ed Kohl, Janis and Sam Heleman and Lori and Steven Roth. Call the Adat Shalom office at 851-5100 for ticket information.

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