

## Moral perspectives

# Make New Year's resolutions count

As the New Year approaches, many Americans utilize this period for making resolutions. Generally, these are stated in ambitious and lofty ways, requiring an exertion of will which most of us cannot adequately muster.

And yet, we know we ought to mold the diverse stuff of our lives into some form of our own choosing. We ought to seize this psychological opportunity and use it for a greater degree of self-management, and for the more effective realization of our most cherished personal goals.

Perhaps the secret lies in concentrating on things small rather than large. The prophet Isaiah once said, "It is precept by precept, line by line, here a little, there a little."

The following suggestions are based on the recognition that if we do a little more of the good, and a little less of the bad, we shall add significant meaning to our lives.



By RABBI IRWIN GRONER

Since it is in little things that human character is formed, that happiness is discovered, that success is attained, and that virtue is nurtured, let us therefore resolve:

To smile a little more and frown a little less; and not let a dark mood or a vexing episode mar the gift of a day.

To love a little more and hate a little less; because love is life itself and hate is a narcotic that deadens the soul.

To appreciate a little more and

criticize a little less, guided by a slightly greater perception and a somewhat larger understanding.

To keep our mind a little more open to other points of view and a little less rigidly set according to our own pet prejudices.

To do whatever is our task in a manner a little closer to our highest capacity and to be a little less content with the shabby and the second-rate aspect of our work.

To give a little more cheerfully when we are called upon and demand a little less praise for our virtue and recognition for our generosity.

To lose our temper a little less often and to be a little more tolerant of those with whom we share life's journey.

To add a little more to our physical fitness and squander a little less vitality by neglect or abuse of the body.

To make a little more allowance

for the faults and mistakes of the other fellow and a little less for our own.

To be a little more honest with our own selves and keep fewer rationalizations with which we silence the voice of conscience.

To spend a little more time with our families, and a little less at the office.

To read a little more and on a higher level and to watch television a little less.

To open our hearts a little more to the concerns of our community and concentrate less exclusively on our own.

With the beginning of the calendar year, let us make by little decisive acts a movement of progress toward the ideal of what we ought to be and would like to be. As the old proverb declares, the greatest journey begins with the first step.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

**GETSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 1892 E. Auburn, Avon Township, will have the last of its Advent services at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the church.

**PAINT CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Collins Road in Goodson, is sponsoring a Christmas caroling fest at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the church. Singers will be warmed with hot chocolate and cookies after the caroling.

**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 620 Romeo Road, Avon Township, will have a guest speaker discuss "Christmas Customs." Guests are invited to the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 14. Hosts are the Lois and Martha Fellowship Circles. They will meet in the church parlor.

## Hanuka party scheduled

A Hanuka party open to college-age students will be held from 9 p.m. until dawn starting Dec. 24 in Hill House, 14400 Ten Mile, Oak Park.

For a small fee and a 50-cent grab bag gift, participants will get breakfast at dawn, films, and games of euchre, backgammon, ping pong and pool.

## Memorabilia of Poland wanted

*'As far as the children as concerned, these things may be worthless—but not to us. To us, they are beyond price. Once they are destroyed, they can never be replaced.'*

Rev. Walter Ziemba

"When mother or dad, grandpa or grandma dies, the children are in a position to dispose of these materials. As far as the children are concerned, these things may be worthless—but not to us. To us, they are beyond price. Once they are destroyed, they can never be replaced."

"We want to preserve them as resources for researchers and to nourish generations yet to come with a pride in their heritage and create a bridge to their past."

The center for Polish Studies and

Culture was founded by Fr. Ziemba in 1968.

"Please send us old letters, memoirs, diaries, and, especially, items of a religious nature," he said. "I hope and pray that the children won't throw away the remembrances of Poland to which the old folks have clung. Give those items to us. We will take good care of them."

Send the material to the Center for Polish Studies and Culture, Orchard Lake Schools, Orchard Lake, Michigan 48063. For further information, call the center at 963-8075.

## Jewish conservative leader to speak

The head of the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary, Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, will speak at Sharry Zedeck at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Dr. Cohen will speak on "New Directions for Conservative Judaism."

In his lecture, Dr. Cohen, head of the largest Jewish religious movement in

America, will present his perspective on the mission of the Conservative movement for the future of American Judaism.

Dr. Cohen is the fifth leader of the Jewish Theological Seminary. In addition to his responsibilities as chancellor of the seminary, Cohen is a prominent Jewish historian. He was recently featured in a nationwide tele-

vision program on the golden age of Spain, and his critical edition and commentary of Abraham ibn David's "Book of Tradition" is considered a masterpiece of scholarship.

The lecture is presented by the Conservative Rabbi of Metropolitan Detroit and is open to the public free of charge.

## MSU conference to discuss counseling

Substance abuse counseling in the local church will be the subject of a two-day conference of the fifth annual Clergy and Religious Workers Conference at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing Feb. 19-20.

Topics will range from the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous to counseling in the church setting and practice in counseling effectively.

Participation will be 200 persons from more than 25 denominations. Pastors, lay workers, substance abuse agency personnel, board members of church-related service agencies and others who are concerned for ministry in the local community and church will be invited to attend. Alcohol and drug abuse agencies around the state are being asked to assist in recruiting participants.

The key leader in the practical workshop will be Fr. Albert Grau of Akron, Ohio, who has

**GM chorus sings in Detroit**

Fort Street Presbyterian church will host the General Motors Chorus in an evening Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:15 p.m. The church is located at 631 West Fort Street at Third Street.

The program will feature works by Holst, Tchaikovsky, Dawson, Handel, and will include the Christmas story and traditional carols.

been a regular lecturer and leader at The Guest House near Pontiac. He was the lecturer before the Michigan Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors 1978 spring conference.

The 1979 Clergy and Religious Workers Conference on Substance Abuse, for both alcohol and other drug substances, will also offer a series of electives on: relating the church and AA, dealing with the effect of alcohol drugs on the family, examining prevention strategies, coping with dependent behavior, how you can influence public policy,

and achieving positive abstinence. The planning committee for the conference represents a cross section of those concerned assisting the religious community to become more effective in meeting alcohol and other drug problems. Co-sponsoring organizations are the Michigan Office of Substance Abuse Services (OSAS) and the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAP) in cooperation with the Continuing Education Service of Michigan State University. For applications, write P.O. Box 10212 Lansing 48901.

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**For Church Directory Information**  
Please Call Pat 644-1100 Ext. 217

**NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
2225 W. 14 Mile Rd.  
12 Mile West of Center  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.  
Sister and Church School  
at 10:30  
Pastor John C. Fradenburgh

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5631 North Adams Road  
WINTER SCHEDULE  
8:15 AM Matins Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Morning Worship  
Communion 1st Sunday  
Fred W. Macken Pastor  
Duane J. Schuler Pastor  
MI 65651 MS 6124

**St. John American Lutheran Church**  
22275 Gil Road Farmington Hills  
Charles Fox - Pastor  
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:40 Sunday School  
Nursery at 11:30 Service  
472-6584

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church LEA**  
6225 Telegraph Rd.  
Birmingham MI 48062  
Worship Services  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
Thursday Church School  
Charles W. Macken Pastor  
466-2007

**First United Methodist Church**  
1589 West Maple at Pleasant  
Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans  
John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven  
Harold E. Weemhoff  
Church Services: 8:30, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.  
Church School: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care Provided  
Nursery School: Monday through Friday  
9:00-11:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Bates and Wells, Birmingham, Mich.  
Robert J. Aldridge, Minister  
David W. Smith  
Home & Associates Evangelist

**Bloomfield Hills Christian Church**  
The Community House  
380 South Bates, Birmingham  
Sunday 10:10 A.M.  
Bible School  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
6:00 P.M. "Praise Service"  
Wednesday 7:15 P.M.  
Bible Study  
645-1201

**WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA**  
Farmington Road & Six Mile Road  
Worship & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
"Belief and Doubt at Christmas"  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hesse  
Reception of New Members (11:00 a.m.)  
7:00 p.m.  
Choral Choir Christmas Concert  
No Wednesday School of Christian Education  
until January 3  
9:30 Sunday Service  
Broadcast WMUZ-FM 103.5  
Nursery Provided at All Services

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST**  
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia  
Pastor Gerald Fisher 474-3444  
8:30 a.m. First Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. The Church School  
11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship  
Nursery Provided at All Services

**NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
14 Mile and Lusher Roads  
Morning Worship  
and Church School  
9:30 & 11:00  
Pastors: R. E. Kent  
B. W. Dixon  
Phone 642-0200

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION L.C.A.**  
30333 Ten Mile  
Farmington Hills  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
9:45-10:15 AM  
9:45-10:15 AM  
Pastor Jeff Harty  
475-3535

**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
155 E. Square Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills  
(2 Miles East of Bloomfield)  
338-8233  
Minister: Dr. Roger Ineson  
Church School 9:45 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Pastor's Office  
10 AM, Christian Relief

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
26275 Northwestern Highway near Lakeside  
Southfield Mich. Phone EL 6-1650  
Come and Join Us for a Challenging Faith  
Education Experience Every Sunday Morning  
Rev. Paul H. Young, Jr. Pastor  
Dr. Harry M. Langford, Music Dir.  
Rev. David Howell, D.C.E.  
Bible Study 9:00 AM  
Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM  
Ample Parking Nursery Care  
No Stairs Provided

**The Orchard United Methodist Church**  
30450 Farmington Road  
Farmington Hills  
Morning Worship  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
Church School & Nursery  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
Special Program for  
Exceptional Youth & Young Adults  
8:20 AM  
626-8200  
Robert L.S. Brown  
Pastor, E. Thomas

**The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.**  
Woodward at Cranbrook  
Bloomfield Hills  
MI 48411  
Worship and Church School  
9:30 & 11:00  
Minister: Rev. Charles O. Erickson

**First Baptist Church of Farmington**  
Richard Duncan - Pastor - Phone 474-0350

**Franklin Community Church**  
United Methodist  
on the Village Green  
December 17  
9:15 AM and 11:15 AM  
Worship Service  
Violinist Alexander Beliausk  
Cellist Laura Jean Deming  
"Music in the Holiday Spirit"

**Church of the Redeemer**  
Episcopal  
18140 Cornish Rd.  
Southfield  
589-4418  
Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 AM  
1928 Prayer Book  
Services Only

**First Church of God**  
25171 Power Road  
Farmington Hills  
Pastor: Rev. J. W. Miller  
Persephone 474-6019  
Church School 9:45  
11:00 AM  
Morning Worship  
Evening Service  
Wednesday Prayer 7:30

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
23475 Lusher Road  
Livonia MI 48062  
Phone 357-1848  
Church School 9:45  
10:45 AM  
The Service  
The Rev. L. Alden Erlanson

**FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
Drake Rd. at Farmington  
Phone 478-1511  
Rev. Edmund Lether Pastor  
SUNDAY  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM - Worship  
7:00 PM - Revival Rally  
Thursday 7:30 PM  
Affiliated with the  
Assemblies of God

**COVENANT BAPTIST**  
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Church School 9:45  
11:00 AM  
5800 W. Maple Rd.  
Bloomfield, Mich 48303  
www.covenantbaptist.org  
855-9191

**Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church**  
25225 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills 477-1677  
Rev. St. J. Anthony, Th.B., Priest  
10:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Divine Liturgy English Sermon  
"Visitors Always Welcome"

**FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
28301 Middlebelt Road, 1/2 Mile N. of 12 Mile  
A FULL-SERVICE CHURCH  
SUNDAY 9:45 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICES 11 AM and 6 PM  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11 AM  
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7:30 PM  
Douglas B. Brown, Pastor 651-0310  
Nursery Provided at All Services  
Ample Parking C.B.A. Affiliated No Steps

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
Missouri Synod  
12 Mile & Farmington Roads  
Behind Crowley's  
The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre - pastor  
Sunday Worship 8:30 and 10:45 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 A.M.  
Church Phone: 553-3380

**Christian Science Churches**  
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
BIRMINGHAM  
191 Chester at Willis  
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.  
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. Wed. 7:45 P.M.  
READING ROOM 355 East Maple • 645-7935  
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Wed & Sat. 9:45-10:45 P.M. Fri. 9:45-10:00 P.M.  
except Sundays and Holidays

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**  
FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE  
Maple at Inlander  
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.  
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. Wed. 8:00 P.M.  
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