

upcoming things to do

● **ISRAELI FILMS**
Shalom Synagogue's ninth annual film series will present three significant Israeli films, in an exploration of "A Lens on Israel: A Society Through Its Cinema" at Adat Shalom in Farmington. The four-part series, which begins Sunday, Jan. 13, will feature Eric Goldman, founder and president of Ergo Films, and film critic Dan Greenberg. On Jan. 13, Goldman will introduce the audience to Israeli cinema and illustrate his talk with representative film clips from significant Israeli movies. The series continues with "The Big Dig," "Fictitious Marriage," and "Late Summer Blues," with commentary from Greenberg. "The Big Dig," a folk comedy by Ephraim Kishon, will be shown Sunday, Jan. 20. On Sunday, Feb. 3, the audience will see a view of Israeli society today in "Fictitious Marriage." The series concludes Sunday, Feb. 10, with "Late Summer Blues," a nostalgic look at Israel's age of innocence during the 1960s. Programs begin at 7 p.m. and are followed by coffee and discussion. They are sponsored by the synagogue's Adult Study Commission and are open to the community at no charge. For further information call 851-5100.

● **DRAMA-COMEDY**
The Village Players of Birmingham presents "Enter a Free Man," a drama-comedy in two acts by Tom Stoppard. Showtimes are Jan. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 25-27, and Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2. Curtain time is

8:30 p.m. Jan. 27 is a Sunday brunch/mattinee at 12:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$8, student tickets \$6. Brunch/mattinee tickets are \$10. Reservations may be made by calling 644-2075 anytime.

● **PIANIST HONORED**
Boogie woogie and stride pianist Bob Seelye, a Birmingham resident, will be honored from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, in a pianofest at Charley's Crab restaurant in Troy. Seelye celebrates 18 years as pianist with Charley's Crab. Detroit-area pianists, including Mike Montgomery, Charley Rasch, Zen and Mark Braun and Bill Albright, will sit in at the piano in honor of Seelye that night. Braun and Seelye will play a boogie duet on the same piano. Seelye's fans may attend at no charge, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

● **AT PALACE**
Neil Young and Crazy Horse, with special guests World Party and So. 9, will be followed by coffee and discussion. They are sponsored by the synagogue's Adult Study Commission and are open to the community at no charge. For further information call 851-5100.

● **AUDITIONS OPEN**
Avon Players announces auditions for the musical comedy "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." The search is



Any Heard (left) of Farmington is Polly and Scott Crawford of Davison is Tommy in the Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance production of "The Boyfriend," which will compete in the American College Theatre Regional Festival. A benefit performance of the production was presented last week on campus in Rochester Hills.

for an east of 30-plus men and women of college age and up, and all should be able to sing or dance or both. Many of the chorus will have speaking roles. Auditions begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Avon Play-

ers Theater in Rochester Hills. The public is being invited to audition or just watch and see how a show is cast. The show runs for three weekends, opening Thursday, May 9. For more information call 651-5419 or 652-1513.

● **CONCERT BAND**
L. Smith will conduct the 60-piece Detroit Concert Band in a benefit concert Sunday, Jan. 13, for the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. As a fund-raiser for the 1990 \$5 million renovation of the theater, the evening will include champagne and hors d'oeuvres before the performance from 6-7 p.m., with an afterglow following the concert. Proceeds from tickets go toward cost of the restoration. The concert band, directed for 44 years by Leonard B. Smith, will perform a varied program of popular marches saluting several historic composers including Beethoven, Mozart and Sousa. Tickets for the Renovation Celebration are \$25 and may be purchased at the Masonic Temple box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information call 832-7100.

● **'HEIDI CHRONICLES'**
Stephanie Dunnam from the TV series "Dynasty" stars as Wendy Wasserstein's heroine, Heidi Holland, in the award-winning play "The Heidi Chronicles," Wednesday, Sunday, Jan. 23-27, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The play first opened in 1988 at off-Broadway's Playwrights Horizons and moved to Broadway in 1989, going on to be-

come the most award-winning play of the 1980s. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets, or the Fisher Theatre box office, 872-1000.

● **WINTER SERIES**
Motor City Theatre Organ Society, Inc. presents its new bi-weekly winter series at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. Films start at 8 p.m., with organ overtures and intermissions followed by area organists on the Redford Theatre's vintage 1928 Barton Theatre Pipe Organ. Organ overtures begin at 7:30 p.m. "In Harm's Way" will be presented Friday-Saturday, Jan. 11-12, starring John Wayne, Patricia Neal and Kirk Douglas. Guest organist for the overture and intermission is Evelyn Markey. Tickets for the films are available at the Redford Theatre box office on a scheduled movie nights. Tickets are \$25 each. For Redford Theatre information call 537-1133.

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