

Shabbaton features versatile author

Adat Shalom Synagogue will host a weekend Shabbaton May 3-4 featuring the versatile writer and author Julius Lester.

The professor of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Massachusetts will give several presentations relating to his autobiographical book "Lovesong: Becoming A Jew."

Events will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Friday with a study and lunch, "Blacks and Jews in American History." A 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service that evening will be followed by a traditional Shabbat Family dinner and the opportunity to hear Lester present a program on "Jewish Prayer With Musical Examples." Special Shabbat activities are planned for the youngsters.

Lester will speak on "My Journey to Judaism," an autobiographical account of his spiritual journey to Judaism, at Shabbat Morning Services, which begin at 9 a.m. Saturday. That evening there will be a dialogue and dessert at 9:30 p.m. in the home of Ruby and Richard Kushner.

Lester has written numerous books, has produced and hosted a New York City radio show, and has recorded two albums of original songs.

The weekend is sponsored by the synagogue's Adult Study Commission. The community is invited.



Julius Lester

There are charges for the study and lunch and the Shabbat dinner. Reservations by Monday, April 29, are required for those programs as well as the dialogue and dessert. Call the synagogue office, 851-5100.

Judy Leder and Susan Shlom are co-chairing the Shabbaton weekend. They are assisted by Bess Berrin, Ronan and Fred Bluford, Nancy and William Handelman, Jeffrey Leder, Lori and Jeff Lipshaw, Harriet and Sandy Mall, Gordon Shlom, Vera Sklar and Trudy and Arthur Weiss.

17 DIA docents now in training

Seventeen men and women are training in the Detroit Institute of Arts to become docents at the museum and to take art to the schools.

Among that number are two Farmington Hills residents, Evelyn Dale and Elaine Gunderson. Their year of training includes a weekly "Art Surveyor" course, tours of various sections of the permanent collection which correspond with the material being studied in the survey class, presentation of assignments and following docent school tours and "Art to the School" talks.

Art to the Schools takes the museum into fourth, fifth and sixth grade classrooms of public, private and parochial schools in the metro area. Volunteers give talks to children using slides of works in the institute's collection to stimulate an interest in art and to encourage visits to the museum.

Those interested in joining the Volunteer Committee are invited to call the Institute's Auxiliary Service Department, 833-0247.

Tours in seven subject areas are available for school children. Adults may attend the "Afternoon of Art" program, follow a public tour of the permanent collection or participate in a tour during a special exhibition. The "Docent" and "Art to the Schools" programs are just two of the eight committees that serve vitally important functions for the museum. Those interested in joining the Volunteer Committee are invited to call the Institute's Auxiliary Service Department, 833-0247.



Evelyn Dale and Elaine Gunderson, both of Farmington Hills, are two of 17 docents-in-training for Detroit Institute of Arts.

Sacred music to be sung

A spring concert of sacred choral music will be presented by Rochester Catholic Choral 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28 in St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 12 Mile Road, The 43

Hutzel names director

Janel Bianchi of Farmington Hills has been appointed director of medical records at Hutzel Hospital. She comes to Hutzel from Henry Ford Hospital where she was assistant director of medical records. Bianchi is currently pursuing her master's degree in business administration at Lawrence Technological Institute.

Hutzel Hospital is in The Detroit Medical Center.

men and women of the chorale come from 11 communities and are directed by Daniel H. Olson, who is also music director for St. Owen Catholic Church in Birmingham.

The program will be varied in style and period of music. The Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods will all be represented. Works of de Victoria, Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Faure, Dawson and Rutter will be performed.

There is no admission charge. The concert will be followed by a meet-the-artist reception.

Azzopardi joins staff

Mark A. Azzopardi has joined the staff at Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Dr. Azzopardi is an oral surgeon who joins the department of surgery. The Farmington Hills resident received his degree from University of Detroit School of Dentistry and completed his internship at Sinai Hospital. He is certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



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