

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

Community Messenger features spiritual announcements from Oakland County religious institutions. Write: Community Messenger, c/o Beliefs & Values Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (810) 644-1314.

■ THE TWELFTH NIGHT
Michigan Harp Center's Kelly Yousoufian, harpist-proprietor, presents The Revels of The Twelfth Night, featuring contemporary and Celtic harpist Cynthia Shubert, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at St. Hugo of the Hills-Chapel, 2215 Opdyke, in Bloomfield Hills. The evening of music and revels will include Blake Ray on harpsichord, Anne Decker on flute and Sarah Pastellan on Arpa Poplin. Vernon Mathews will be pipe major. Lisa Bortolotti will serve as mistress of The Revels. Admission: \$12, adults; \$8, children and seniors. Call (810) 268-2850.

■ PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield, is taking registration for "Hava Nagila! Let's Be Happy!" The new series of Jewish enrichment programs for 3 and 4-year olds will be offered at the synagogue from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons beginning Jan. 9. The cost is \$75 per child and space is limited. The theme will be "Keshet Ha'Ivrit" (Hebrew Rainbow), and the program will feature stories, music and language activities. "Hava Nagila" is open to all interested families regardless of affiliation. To register, call Rita Abramson at (810) 788-0600.

■ KOSHER COOKING
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, invites aspiring chefs, men as well as women, to participate in a Kosher Cooking Class with Mimi Markofsky, of Spicers Catering. The class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, and Feb. 5, and features a variety of kosher meatless recipes. Everyone is invited. The cost is \$35 for the series or \$20 per session. There is a discount for members of Sisterhood B'nai Moshe, which is sponsoring the event. Pre-paid registration is strongly encouraged. For information, leave a message for the Sisterhood at (810) 788-0600.

■ NOMINATIONS NEEDED
The Michigan Regional Advisory Board of the Southfield-based Anti-Defamation League invites nominations for the 1997 Greater Detroit Women of Achievement Award. Presented on May 1, the award honors women of inspiration who are making a difference in our community. Nominations are requested to identify women who demonstrate excellence in leadership, through their professional and personal lives, and who exemplify the philosophy of the ADL by promoting greater understanding among the diverse racial, religious and ethnic communi-

ties of Greater Detroit. The ADL is dedicated to safeguarding civil rights and combating all forms of prejudice, discrimination, bigotry and anti-Semitism. Nominations should include the name, address and phone number of the nominee, company or organization (if applicable), a brief summary of why the nominee qualifies for the award and a contact number for the person or organization submitting the nomination. Mail nominations by Jan. 10 to: ADL, 4000 Town Center, Suite 420, Southfield, MI 48075, or fax to: (810) 355-9534. For further information, call (810) 355-3730.

■ HOLIDAY RECORDING
First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, is offering CDs and cassette tapes of its choir for purchase during the holiday season. The anniversary recording contains thrilling anthems, inspiring hymns, pealing bells and exciting youth choirs. Proceeds sponsor the youth choir's tour to England in June. For information, call (810) 646-1200.

■ JEWISH ISSUES
Cong. B'nai Moshe, a West Bloomfield synagogue with a metro-wide membership base, has launched a monthly, home-based "Sh'ma" discussion group facilitated by Rabbi Elliot Pacher. The next meeting will take place at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at a private home in West Bloomfield. The group draws its topics from "Sh'ma," a biweekly journal of Jewish opinion published by CLAL: The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. CLAL is a leader in the effort to promote pluralism and mutual respect among the communities in contemporary Judaism. Recent issues of "Sh'ma" have focused on ethics and Jewish communal leadership, physician-assisted suicide, synagogue music, Jewish spirituality, new directions in Jewish philanthropy, Jews and liberalism, and the angst of Jewish baby-boomers. There is no charge, which includes year's subscription to "Sh'ma." For more information and to receive a complimentary issue of "Sh'ma" to read in advance of the Jan. 12 session, which you are welcome to attend on a try-out basis, call B'nai Moshe at (810) 788-0600.

■ SUPPORT GROUP
The Survivor's Bereavement Support Group is held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month, in the Meditation Lounge of Northbrook Presbyterian Church, located on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Lahser in Beverly Hills. The survivor's bereavement group is an open and participative non-denominational, non-sectarian support group, facilitated by a licensed family therapist and bereavement counselor. The group is provided as a free community service of Northbrook Presbyterian Church. For information, call (810) 642-0200.

BELIEFS Values



Bingo partners: Laura Rosen (left), and Cheryl Boykansky (center), both of Birmingham, were bingo partners with West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Center resident Dorothy Smith during the Volunteer Network's Christmas Day Volunteer Extravaganza.

Jewish Federation volunteers lend a holiday, helping hand

A hug, a smile, a bite to eat and a helping hand were some of the ways 500 Jewish community volunteers gave their time at elderly care residences, medical centers, soup kitchens and hospitals during this year's Christmas Day Volunteer Extravaganza.

Coordinated by the Bloomfield Hills-based Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's Volunteer Network, the volunteer event sent seniors, families and individuals to 30 sites around metro Detroit, where they lent a hand to reduced staffs or provided friendly greetings.

The Volunteer Network is sponsored by several Federation departments, including the Community Outreach and Education Department, Young Adult Division, Women's Campaign and Education Department, Business and Professional Women and Michigan Israel Connection.

Randi Sakwa of West Bloomfield, a seven-year Volunteer Network volunteer and co-chairman for a second year, visited several sites during the day.

"I saw a lot of warmth between our volunteers and the people they served," she said, "whether it was a meal, conversation or a hug."

Co-chairpersons were Lisa Barson and Jeff Basch, both of Southfield.

Sakwa said she believes volunteering is a way of giving back to the community. "It's something you have to do for yourself and your community, and it feels great." She added that many of the agencies requested the volunteers return throughout the year and on subsequent Christmases. "They appreciate that the Jewish community came out."

Shayna Silverman of Farmington Hills is a three-time Extravaganza volunteer. Site coordinator for the Jewish Home for Aged's Fleishman Residence in West Bloomfield, Silverman volunteers to make a difference. She said she came away with good feelings from



Lively conversation: Mollie Chess (left) has a lively conversation with volunteer Jill Silver of West Bloomfield at the Jewish Home for Aged's Fleishman Residence in West Bloomfield. Silver was one of 500 Jewish community members who participated in the Jewish Federation's Christmas Day volunteer event.

the day, attributing the smiles on the residents' faces to the efforts of the volunteers.

Fred Diamond of Farmington Hills, a newcomer to the area, brought his 6-year-old son Steven.

He volunteered to associate himself with the community and to give his son a "sense of commitment to social awareness and volun-

teering."

"The people were appreciative," Diamond said. "They were grateful that we were there to spend time with them. It was a valuable and worthwhile use of our time."

A donation drive netted clothes, toys, books and baked goods, which were distributed at the sites that needed them.

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Core manufactures specialty products for three segments, fluid control and construction products; test, measurement and control, and farm equipment.

■ CAREER OPTIONS

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills presents a six-week seminar for women on career options. Exploring Career Options® runs 10 a.m. to noon starting Wednesday, Jan. 15. The fee is \$50. Mary Shaieb, a certified counselor, will lead the series. The interactive seminar aims to help women determine where their careers are headed. Participants also will learn to explore options, develop and use skills through focusing, self-exploration, decision making, values and interests. For information, call (810) 540-1540.

■ NEW DISTRIBUTOR

Vigilante Security in Lathrup Village was named the Michigan distributor for CPR Prompt, a rescue and training aid manufactured by County Line Limited, Warrensville, Ohio. The compact, portable device quickly prompts people through the proper procedures needed to give CPR. As an emergency aid, the device reminds rescuers

what to do in various emergency situations, such as choking. As a training aid, the unit provides a convenient way for rescuers to practice CPR skills, the distributor said. For information, call (810) 559-7100.

■ FAST TRACK TO ISO

Follmer, Rudzewicz & Co. P.C., a Southfield-based accounting firm, said it is putting small businesses on a fast track to achieving ISO/9000 certification by helping them prepare for certification review. ISO/9000 is a globally-accepted set of quality standards required by the Big Three automakers, as well as companies worldwide. Alan Lund, a consulting principal for FRC and a degree engineer, said it usually takes up to two years for suppliers to achieve ISO status. FRC prepared two Auburn Hills' automotive suppliers for ISO registration within nine months, he said, saving them time and money.

Lund said FRC's ISO team helps companies understand and implement the quality standards in preparation for a review by an ISO registrar.

■ GRANTS EXTENDED

More than 40 organizations, including many from Oakland County, received grants totaling \$102,000 from the Japan

Business Society of Detroit Foundation. Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Takeshi Kagami, Japan's consul general, were on hand for the awards ceremony Dec. 12 at the Detroit Opera House.

For the fifth year, the JBSD Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Japan Business Society of Detroit, awarded cultural, educational, artistic, youth and school non-profit groups. To date, the foundation has awarded nearly \$400,000.

He believes it is important to become active in the community in which we live and work," said foundation president Kiyotaka Watanabe. This grant program serves a wide range of recipients in the Detroit area and is our way of promoting understanding and unity with our friends, neighbors and business associates. Among the award recipients were Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services, Southfield Symphony Orchestra, West Bloomfield Public Library, Wing Lake Developmental Center, Bloomfield Hills Schools, Novi Public Schools, Oakland Schools, Rochester Community Schools, Troy School District, Walled Lake Consolidated School and the West Bloomfield School

District.

■ BANKING FOR KIDS

For students at Birmingham's Covington School, banking is just kid's stuff. That's because Covington runs its own full-service bank, headed by seventh grader Aaron Sanko. The small branch of Southfield-based Franklin Bank opened on the Covington campus with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 17. Franklin Bank's new branch is part of the school's Expanded Day program, which offers students special life-skills classes after school. Gail London teaches Banking and Money Management, which covers counting money, customer service, understanding the community Reserve System and other banking issues. Franklin Bank representatives oversaw the branch, but students run the bank on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Students can open individual accounts, make deposits and withdrawals and use Franklin's ATM cards. Two Covington students aim to computerize the branch by devising a software program. There is an important link between what goes on in the school and the community," said Franklin Bank president David Simon, who has two children at Covington. Our new branch is

an opportunity to get involved in a valuable learning center right on campus. It's one of the ways we can give back."

■ ECONOMIC FORECAST

"The Auto Expansion: How Long to Go?" an economic forecast for the auto industry and general business for 1997 and beyond, will be presented by V. Van Bussmann, corporate economist for Chrysler Corp., at the monthly dinner meeting of the Sales and Marketing Executives of Detroit on Wednesday, Jan. 8. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and a presentation at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake, Troy. Tickets are \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members and \$250 for a members' table of eight. Advance registration is required. To register, call (810) 643-6590.

■ VIOLENCE ADDRESSED

"Violence in the Workplace" will be presented by Jim Martin, Vincam Human Resources, at the monthly luncheon networking meeting of the West Bloomfield-based National Association of Career Women-Metro Detroit Chapter. The program will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Chianti Villa Italia Restaurant, 28565 Northwestern Highway,

1/2 mile south of 12 Mile, Southfield. The fee is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests. For reservations or information, call (810) 851-8130.

■ LANDMARK STUDY

Metro Detroit marketing professionals have an opportunity to hear about a completed landmark study on business-to-business buying. John Skerl, PRS senior research analyst, will outline the findings of a study conducted by Feng-Tsun Research Services entitled, Know The Buyer Better. The presentation, which is open to the public and includes dinner, will be held at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22, at the Southfield Marriott. Attendees will learn about the most popular purchasing trend of the past five years, the top three considerations in purchasing decisions, how buyers define a high quality product, what buyers feel about buying from a vendor for the first time, the key factor in considering a long-term relationship with a supplier and the projected trend in partnering agreements with suppliers. The program is being sponsored by the American Marketing Association of Detroit. The cost is \$30 for AMA members and \$35 for non-members. Tickets are available at the door. For reservations, call Armita Clark at (313) 984-3789.