

BELIEFS Values

First Baptist Church to blend jazz, worship

B'Jazz Vespers will feature the Teddy Harris Jr. Quintet as part of its program "Some Sweet Jazz, and an Interlude of Worship" on Sunday, Jan. 19.

On the third Sunday evening of each month from 6 to 8 p.m., B'Jazz Vespers is held in the gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Birmingham, located between the two Jacobson Department Stores at Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple and one block west of Old Woodward Avenue.

Free parking is available in the large adjacent municipal lot. B'Jazz Vespers is free, with an offering taken to support the musicians.

Teddy Harris is a pianist, soprano saxophonist, music director, arranger, composer and producer.

He has won national and international acclaim as a jazz musician.

Throughout the 16 years he spent as musical director for the Supremes and working with musical stars like Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and Smokey Robinson, Ted Harris Jr. continued to hone his talents as a jazz performer. He has performed on six continents and in more than 35 nations as well as held center stage at Dumbo George's, a Detroit jazz landmark.

He is the recipient of the 1995 Governor's Michigan Artist Award; the 1994 Detroit Music Awards Jazz Hall of Fame; the 1993 Arts Midwest Jazz Masters Award and the 1993 Michigan Music Award of the Year.

Harris and his New Breed Bebop Society Orchestra recently performed in Birmingham's First Night.

B'Jazz Vespers features 100 minutes of jazz performance and 20 minutes for a worship interlude between the two jazz sets.

The intent of the non-sectarian worship is to celebrate life. Dr. Stephen Jones will speak briefly on "Time Can Be A Blessing."

For more information, call (313) 644-0550. The event is free, and is intended for the general public. Casual attire is encouraged.

A free-will offering is taken for the musicians.

Sinai donates turkeys to Harvest

Sinai Hospital President Phillip Schaengold presented 130 gift certificates for Butterball turkeys to Miriam Schey Imberman, executive director of Southfield-based Forgotten Harvest Jan. 13.

The turkey certificates, originally holiday gifts to Sinai employees, were donated by Sinai employees to help feed hungry people in metro Detroit. Collectively, they are valued at \$1,600. Forgotten Harvest will pick up the turkeys from Kroger stores and deliver them to soup kitchens and shelters in the tri-county area. Among the agencies served by Forgotten Harvest are

the Capuchin Community Center in Detroit, the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, and the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

Established in 1980, Forgotten Harvest collects surplus perishable food from bakeries, food wholesalers, vending companies and other health department-approved facilities. Forgotten Harvest transports 60,000 pounds each month of donated, perishable surplus food, providing the equivalent of nearly 750,000 meals a year to hungry men, women and children.

For more information on Forgotten Harvest, call (810) 350-FOOD.

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.

**TEMPLE OFFERINGS**  
Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, will offer a range of adult education courses starting Jan. 15.

Introduction to Judaism runs 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays for 12 weeks. The class fee is \$50, plus \$45 for books.

Hands-on Judaism gives participants a chance to prepare traditional foods used in home and temple ceremonies. The class runs 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays for 12 weeks. The fee is \$50.

Prayer Hebrew, a 12-week class, covers prayer reading skills and teaches how to phonetically decode the Hebrew alphabet. The class is \$40, plus \$15 for the text.

The Uncut Version From the Jazz Singer to Annie Hall to Schindler's List will examine anti-Semitism, stereotypes, faith, anger, prejudice, humor and America and take a look at the Jewish filmmaker and Jewish films. The six-week class runs 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays starting March 5. The fee is \$40. To register, call Temple Shir Shalom, (810) 737-8700. The synagogue also will present a Shabbat service for preschoolers age 2 to 7 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18. The free service will include songs, creative projects and stories.

In the mood for a winter workout? Temple Shir Shalom is offering a winter workout exercise class from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee is \$18 for four weeks; baby sitting is available. To register, call Carol Kaufman, (810) 950-0546.

**COUNSELING WORKSHOP**  
The Multicultural Religious Leaders Coalition and Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies will present "The Art of Referral Counseling" at noon Thursday, Jan. 30, at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

The two-hour workshop for clergy and other religious professionals will explore signs of emotional distress and offer effective ways to suggest counseling to those seeking help from the pastor. Local referral resources also will be provided.

For reservations, call the Ecumenical Institute in Southfield, (810) 353-2434.

**TZEDAKAH EXPERIENCE**  
Some 600 fifth graders from local Jewish congregational and day schools will learn about charitable giving at the Tzedakah Experience, 9:40 to 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Township. The event's chair is Gail Mayer of West Bloomfield Township. Associate chairwoman is Julie Zussman of Huntington Woods.

Tzedakah, which means righteousness in Hebrew, teaches young people about the service agencies supported by Allied Jewish Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. Shawn Locke of the Agency of Jewish Education, the liaison to Tzedakah Experience, prepared a Helping Hands curriculum to prepare for the event. Students also participated

in Penny Harvest, collecting coins from family, friends and neighbors to drop off at Tzedakah Experience for service agencies. Penny Harvest chairwomen are Roz Black and Ruth Beitner of West Bloomfield Township. For information, call Randie Levin, (810) 642-4260.

**KOL AMI COURSES**  
Temple Kol Ami, 6085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, will offer three new adult education courses. "The True Story of Esther" will prepare students for Purim. The class runs 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 24 to March 17. Comparative American-Jewish Law will explore the similarities and differences between the American legal system and halakha, traditional Jewish law, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays during March. Reform Judaism and the End of Days will explore traditional and liberal interpretations regarding the Messiah, 8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 24 and March 31. For information, call Temple Kol Ami, (810) 661-0040.

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS**  
The Hospice of West Bloomfield, serving patients in Oakland County, needs volunteers to provide companionship, transportation, household and office help a few hours a month. Caring Hearts, a training program to help terminally ill patients and their families, begins on Tuesday, Feb. 4. For information, call (810) 639-0660.

**BIBLE STUDY**  
First United Methodist Church, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, invites women to include Bible study in their new year by joining WOW! or WOW! P.M. for an

in-depth study of the book of Genesis through group discussion and a lecture led by Leigh Hook. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, and at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Child care is offered on Tuesday mornings. For information, call Betty Breedlove at (810) 646-9882.

**EXPLORING ORIGINS**  
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield, will launch its new study program, "Stay and Learn on Shabbat," with an after-kiddush learning session entitled, "The True Story of Conservative Judaism's Origins." The one-hour session, which begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, will be led by Seth Korelitz, executive director of the Michigan Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Also included is a free-ranging discussion of future study topics and formats. For more information, leave a message for the Adult Learning committee at the synagogue office at (810) 788-0600.

**CHURCH GROWTH**  
Mitcham Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church will hold a winter workshop on Church Growth from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 19, at the Southfield Marriott Hotel, 27033 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Registration is \$5, lunch is \$15.50. For more information, contact the Rev. Barbara Anthony at (810) 356-5268.

**HOLIDAY RECORDING**  
First United Methodist Church, 1599 W. Maple, Birmingham, is offering CD's 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 choirs' tour to England in June. For information, call (810) 646-1200.

**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 nondenominational, 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.

**LEARNING SEDER**  
Cong. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, will host a Tu B'Shevat Adult Learning Seder from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23. This celebration focuses on a holiday rooted in Bible and Talmud, but constantly evolving with new layers of

meaning. Led by Rabbi Aaron Bergman, it's an engaging blend of mystical Kabbalah, midrash, contemporary Jewish environmentalism, traditional prayers and songs celebrating the trees and fruits of the Land of Israel and the first stirrings of spring there. The \$7 per person fee includes a light lunch, seder fruits and study materials. Prepaid reservations required by Jan. 20. The event is co-sponsored by Cong. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses and B'nai Moshe as part of their joint adult Jewish education project Eilu v' Eilu. For information, call (810) 851-6880 or (810) 788-0600.

**INTERACTIVE LEARNING**  
"Making Jewish Memories: Connecting With Your Jewish Heritage" will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Jan. 26, at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield. The free program offers interactive learning for adults and families, including storytelling with Corinne Stavish, a Memories of Jewish Detroit genealogy workshop, art projects, and parallel learning for children, parents, grandparents and other adults. Complimentary baby sitting is offered throughout the morning. All are welcome. Advance registration required. Call Rita Abramson at (810) 788-0600.

**LEADERS HONORED**  
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield, will honor the leaders of its Sisterhood during morning services on Shabbat Beshalach, Saturday, Jan. 25. Sisterhood co-presidents Ruth Shayne and Ann Grey will be among those recognized for their contribution to the vitality of the synagogue. Chairwoman is Susan Liebowitz. Naomi Pinchuk will chant the Haftarah. This Shabbat is also known as Shabbat Shirah (the Sabbath of Song), because the Torah portion for the week features the Song of the Sea, and the accompanying Haftarah features the Song of Deborah. Following services, the Sisterhood will sponsor a special festive kiddush, to which everyone is cordially invited. Services are from 9 to noon. For information, call (810) 788-0600.

**JEWISH WOMEN**  
Cong. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, will host Private Women/Public Prayer, from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, Jan. 23 and 30. The series explores the historical development of the role of Jewish women in communal prayer and ritual. Tuition is \$18. A discount is offered for members of BAHM and B'nai Moshe. All are welcome. For information, call (810) 851-6880.

**AIDS DISCUSSED**  
"A Jewish Discussion of AIDS," will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 27 and Feb. 4, at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield. The staff from the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition

will join Rabbi Elliot Pachter in leading the free, two-part discussion series for teens in grades 7 through 12 and their parents. "It is our Jewish obligation to be knowledgeable and responsible with regard to sex, disease and our relationships with God and humanity," said Pachter. "The subject matter will be challenging and vitally important."

Whether or not your family belongs to B'nai Moshe and no matter what formal Jewish education program, if any, your teen currently attends, all are urged to attend this series. To confirm your teen's attendance, as well as your own, call the B'nai Moshe office at (810) 788-0600, or contact Rabbi Pachter by sending e-mail to: rabepach@oeonline.com.

**SANCTUARY RENTAL**  
The new sanctuary at Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward and Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, is now available for public use as a performance space. Completed in March, 1996, the sanctuary seats 320, accommodates up to 20 instrumentalists and contains a well-maintained Steinway B grand piano. Performances can take place in two locations within the sanctuary, each providing excellent sight lines.

Birmingham Unitarian Church has a long tradition of supporting the cultural organizations of metropolitan Detroit. Its congregation has welcomed outstanding performances for a number of years. The new sanctuary, with its fine acoustics and serene ambience, is a performance space worth considering. Reasonable rental rates are available. For information, call Carol Lee at (810) 647-2388.

**INTERMARRIAGE WORKSHOP**  
The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, is hosting, "Making Inter-Marriage Work, A Workshop for Jews and Non-Jews," from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. The annual workshop is open to individuals contemplating inter-cultural or inter-faith marriage, as well as inter-married couples, their parents and grown children. The issues of personal identity, raising children, developing a shared philosophy of life and celebrating two cultures will be addressed. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. For information, contact Judy Schneider at (810) 541-7034, or The Birmingham Temple at (810) 477-1410.

**KOSHER COOKING**  
A "Kosher Cooking" series with Chef Mimi Markofsky of Spencers Kosher Catering will be held at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield. The theme for the Jan. 29 session is "Pasta Dishes," and the theme for Feb. 5 is "Desserts and Gar-nishes." Cooking classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$20 per session. For information or to register, leave a message for the Sisterhood of Cong. B'nai Moshe at (810) 788-0600.

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negative, but can be an enhancement to their partnership."

Many couples leave the workshop experience continuing their new-found friendships in the context of an on-going forum for sharing ideas, socializing and acquiring speakers on related issues. Workshop facilitators stand ready at the temple to offer additional support throughout the year.

"The purpose of the workshop is to celebrate the diversity in the world in which we live. What's interesting is how excited people are after the event," said Wine. "It can have a very dramatic effect on people."

"The hopefulness they walk away with is very wonderful to see," added Schneider.

For more information or to register for "Making Intermarriage Work, A Workshop for Jews and Non-Jews," contact Judith Schneider at (810) 541-7034, or The Birmingham Temple at (810) 477-1410.