

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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GOSPEL MUSIC
Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, is hosting "An Evening of Gospel Music" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. The evening features "Phil Cross and the Poet Voices," one of America's finest southern gospel groups, and "Forever Free," a gospel group from Waterford. For ticket information, call (313) 261-3737.

GUEST DAY
The Southfield Seventh-day Adventist Church invites the community to a special day of Christian fellowship and to celebrate God's goodness on Saturday, Oct. 25. Bible class is at 9:15 a.m., Divine Worship is at 11 a.m., lunch is at 1 p.m. and AYS/Vesper is at 5 p.m. The congregation meets at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 23425 Lahser, Southfield. For information, call (248) 362-8268.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM
St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills, is offering "Judaism: A Visitor's Guide," a four-week class for adults and older youth, from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. Sunday mornings, Oct. 26 to Nov. 16. Guests are invited. Rabbi Amy Brodsky, assistant director of the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, Southfield, will lead the class. Specially designed for Christian learners, the class will cover the "basics" of Judaism, including the different branches, values, major holi-

days, and Jewish understanding of God, the Messiah and Jesus. A supervised nursery for children 5 and younger is available. Call Pastor Dan Cave at (248) 474-0584. St. John offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School for children 3 and older is at 9:40 a.m. The church is three block south of Grand River, mid way between Drake and Farmington roads.

HOLocaust SCHOLAR
The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, presents world renowned Jewish historian Yehuda Bauer at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27. Bauer is a Holocaust scholar who served as a professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He organized both the Institute for the study of Contemporary History and the Center for the study of anti-Semitism. He is also the author of "Jews for Sale." Bauer will discuss "Israel: War and Peace." The cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members. For information, call the temple office at (248) 477-1410.

LIFELONG LEARNING
Temple Israel's Academy — Courses for Lifelong Learning — full 1997 semester begins on Monday, Oct. 27. Classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays. Students may choose two classes from a variety of topics, taught by clergy and visiting instructors. The selections offered include: Jewish Real Estate, Hebrew liturgy and conversational, parenting ADD/ADHD children, Jewish genealogy, Joys of Yiddish, Judaism you can use, storytellers in the Jewish tradition and Biblical rejects. Temple Israel is holding daytime adult Hebrew classes through Dec. 16. Beginner Hebrew classes meet from 10 to 11:15 a.m. beginning Thursday, Oct. 28. Advanced beginner Hebrew sessions run from 10 to 11:15 a.m. beginning Tuesday, Oct. 27. Intermediate

Hebrew is offered from 9 to 10 a.m. beginning Oct. 28. To register, call the Tyner Religious School Office: (248) 661-5725. Temple Israel is at 5725 Walnut Lake, east of Drake, in West Bloomfield.

DIVERSITY FORUM
The Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table presents its 21st annual Equal Employment Opportunity Conference from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the University of Detroit-Mercy Conference Center. "Diversity 2000: A Forum for Best Practices" provides an opportunity for members of the metro Detroit business, academic and governmental communities to learn about the diverse programs presented in the Metro Detroit Area. The conference features Best Practices presentations by the Chrysler Corp., the University of Michigan, ABC and the Henry Ford Health System. J. T. (Tod) Childs, Jr. vice president of Workforce Diversity at the IBM Corp. will deliver the keynote address. On-site registration is \$95. For information, call (313) 869-8306.

FRIENDS GATHERING
The American Arabic and Jewish Friends are holding a "Friends Are Talking," luncheon at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Peking House, 216 S. Washington, Royal Oak. The cost is \$10. Friends Are Talking gatherings have given Jewish and Arabic people an opportunity to come together in a comfortable and informal social setting while developing friendships and a better understanding of the two communities. Anyone interested in attending the luncheon should RSVP by Oct. 27, by calling Christine Reid at the Greater Detroit Interfaith Roundtable at (313) 869-6306.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
Jonathan Katz, Emmy-award

winning comedian and co-creator of the animated series, "Dr. Katz: Professional Therapist," will appear at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Knollwood Country Club, Maple west of Inkster, in West Bloomfield. This night of comedy in the new Knollwood Clubhouse is a benefit for the programs and projects of the Anti-Defamation League-Michigan Region, Southfield. Co-chairs are Judi and Brad Schram and Patti and Steve Tapper. Along with this entertainer, the evening will feature cocktails, an hors d'oeuvres buffet and dessert. Tickets, at \$150 or \$75 for those 25 years and younger, are available by calling the ADL office, (248) 355-3730.

50TH ANNIVERSARY
Catholic Social Services of Oakland County is holding its 50th anniversary celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. The 4:15 p.m. prayer service is followed by a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception. His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maids, Archbishop of Detroit, is the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$20 per person. Make reservations by Oct. 24, by calling Rose Ann Nicolai at (248) 559-2362.

PARENTING CLASS
Glen Oaks Alliance Church, 5700 Rochester Road, Troy, is holding classes on "Growing Kids God's Way." The program is designed to equip parents with children ages 15 months to pre-teen to apply biblical principles in raising responsible children with strong moral character. The class will meet once a week beginning in Nov. The day and time is yet to be determined. For information and registration, call (810) 731-4661.

DEDICATION CELEBRATION
Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield, is dedicating its new addition on Nov. 8, and honoring Melvin Hersh and the late Sylvia Ross, two leaders who made the dream a reality. The celebration includes a New Member Shabbat and a gala "Night of Stars" black-tie optional dinner at 7:30 p.m. with musical entertainment by Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Quintet. The evening is \$150 per person. Make reservations by Oct. 24, at (248) 788-0600.

TAIZE VESPER
Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, is holding Vespers in the Taize tradition at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, on the afternoon of All Saints' Sunday. Members of the Christ Church Cranbrook Choir will lead the congregation in the peaceful music from the French, ecumenical community in Taize, France. For information, call (248) 644-5210.

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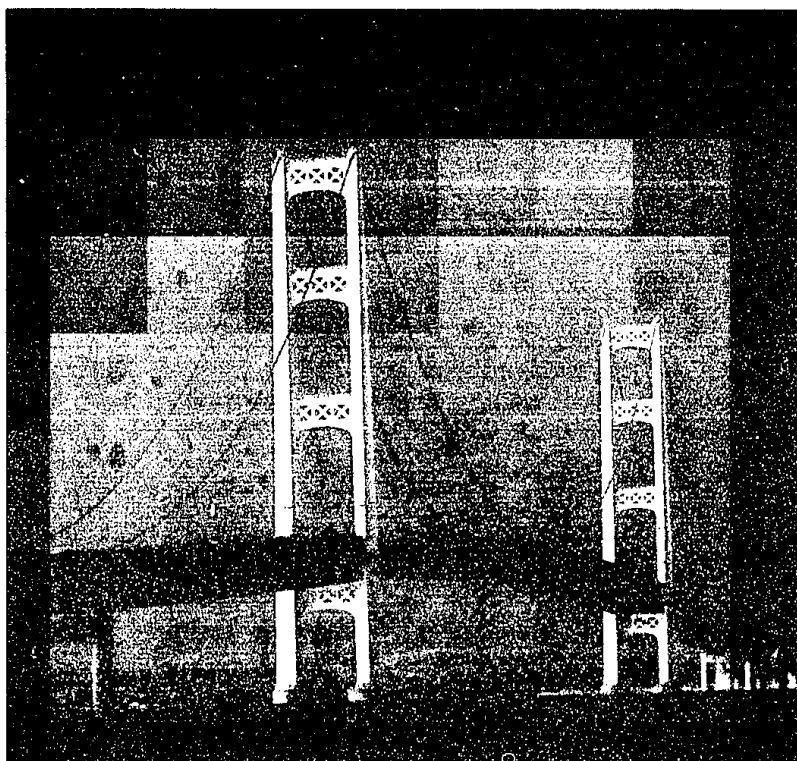
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