

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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BOOK CLUBS MEET
A joint book club meeting of Troy-based Cong. Shir Tikvah and its sister congregation, the Detroit-based Plymouth United Church of Christ, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15. In this month's non-fictional book selection, "Pearlie & Tessie," author Joyce Horowitz describes the influence her two grandmothers had on her life. For the meeting location, call (248) 855-9914.

STUDY SHABBAT
Temple Emanuel, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, is holding study Shabbat evening services at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20. Rabbi Klein will lead a discussion on "The religious role of the non-Jew in the synagogue." For information, call (248) 987-4020.

OPEN HOUSE
St. Andrew Kim Catholic Church is having an open house at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, in its newly completed facility at 21177 Halsted Road, Northville. The public is invited. Refreshments and snacks will be served. For information, call (248) 442-9026.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER
W. Grant McMurray, the international president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will be the keynote speaker at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 22, at the Troy-Oak Congregation of the RLDS Church, 3830 Crooks Road, north of Big Beaver, in Troy. McMurray will challenge the congregation to move outside the walls of the church to share in and develop peace and justice activities.

MOSCOW BISHOP TO
Bishop Ruediger Minor of Moscow, appointed to a new Episcopal area for Russia, will preach at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Minor will share his optimistic thoughts on the future of the United Methodist in light of the vote of the Duma (Russian Parliament) regarding the new religious denominations whose evangelistic efforts have met the Russian Orthodox Church. An invitation is extended to the larger community. Nursery and childcare are provided. Adjacent parking is supervised. For information, call (313) 875-7407.

CIVIL WAR JEWRY
Seth Korelitz, director of the Michigan Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and a Ph.D. candidate in Jewish History with Brandeis University, will teach a four-part adult study series on "American Jewry during the Civil War." Please see MESSENGER, B7

BELIEFS Values

Christian scientist: Healing is spiritual

By RENA FULEA
SPECIAL WRITER

Tucked in a comfortable nook surrounded by shelves of neatly displayed books, Susan Cobb talked about growing up in a family that never depended on anything but spiritual means for healing.

The California native insisted that it wasn't medications, herbal home remedies or hypnosis that cured her and her siblings of childhood illnesses like chicken pox, measles, mumps and pink eye.

With her "Science and Health with Key to Scriptures" held high enough for all to see, Cobb said, "Rather than consult physicians, my parents read this book and put what they read into prayer that worked ... and I never remember not being healed."

As the standing-room-only crowd continued to filter into the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in West Bloomfield last Monday evening, Cobb, who has never even taken aspirin, briefed her listeners on "mortal mind over matter" and its connection to God. The Orange County jail chaplain then went on to tell the story of the book's author, Mary Baker Eddy, and how her sufferings more than a century ago led to the conclusions presented in the book.

"Miraculous cures have occurred throughout the history of the world," said the Christian Science practitioner, who began her Midwest tour on Feb. 4. This



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKER

Spiritual healing: Susan Cobb, a Christian Science practitioner discusses Mary Baker Eddy's book "Science and Health with Key to Scriptures," Monday night at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield.

talk, said lecture chairwoman Judy Miller of Bloomfield Township. "It's a fresh idea and an opportunity to give wider public awareness to this book."

"Science and Health with Key to Scriptures" was written 120 years ago and has since sold 9 million copies.

Within the last three years, the book on spiritual healing and problem solving has run for 33 weeks on Ingram's "A" list and has sold 100,000 copies a year.

"It's an evergreen book. It's always on the shelves and it's always a constant seller," said

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Shir Tikvah fund-raiser is 'RENT to OWN'

The firm of Alan Frank and Associates located in Bloomfield Hills has been chosen as creative designers by Congregation Shir Tikvah for its fund-raiser - the Detroit premier of RENT at the Fisher Theatre on Wednesday, April 28.

Congregation Shir Tikvah is the only Jewish congregation in the Detroit metropolitan

area east of Woodward. After years of renting space in various religious locations, it is building a permanent home at the corner of Wadsworth and Northfield Parkway in Troy.

RENT to OWN, the campaign designed by Alan Frank and Associates, promotes the benefit premiere performance

of RENT. Winner of the 1996 Tony for best musical and the Pulitzer Prize, RENT is sold out on Broadway.

Honorees for the evening will be Sam and Jean Frankel. They have been instrumental in the development of the business climate in Troy. The RENT to OWN cam-

paign includes invitations, the program book and an ad campaign.

All proceeds from the Detroit premiere of RENT will go toward Congregation Shir Tikvah's new building.

Call the Shir Tikvah fund-raising line at (248) 706-1703 for tickets, to place an ad and for other information.

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