COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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PASSOVER PACKAGES

Yad Ezra, Michigan's only kosher food pantry, is joining forces for the sixth year with the Moies Chetim Organization of Detroit to distribute Passover Food Packages to 1,100 needy Jewish families in Metropolitan Detroit. Packages will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, and from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6, at the warehouse at 26641 Harding, **Oak Park**. For information, call (248) 548-3663.

HOLOCAUST POETRY

Poetry from the Shoah is the focus of Rabbi Aaron Bergman's weekly Latte & Learning adult study session from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, April 6, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills**. The charge is $5 for members and $7 for non-members. Advance registration is not required, and all are welcome. Study materials will be translated into English. Latte & Learning is sponsored by Eilu v' Eilu, the adult Jewish learning partnership of Congs. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom and B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School and Michigan Branch-Women's League for Conservative Judaism, in cooperation with Borders Books & Music. For information, call (248) 737-1931.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, **Bloomfield Hills**, is holding a children's Easter service and egg hunt at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. Each child is asked to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross. The flowers are symbolic of Jesus' resurrection and of our joy and hope of eternal life through Him. Father Ed Mullins, rector, will tell the famous story of "The Resurrection Eggs." Families are asked to bring Easter cookies to share, a basket for the egg hunt and plastic, candy-filled Easter eggs to be dropped off in the dining room before the service. The children will go directly from the church service to the outdoor egg hunt, weather permitting. For information, call (248) 644-5210.

SECOND SEDER

Temple Kol Ami, 6085 Walnut Lake Road, **West Bloomfield**, is hosting a second Seder at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. A dinner of soup, Gefilte Fish, chicken, vegetables and dessert will be catered by Excellence Too. The cost is $22 for temple members, $28 for non-members and $14 for children under 12. Please bring your own copy of "The New Union Haggadah" and candles. For information, call (248) 661-0040.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Farmington Aglow International is hosting a special evening with Lois Baker and Kay Rindahl at 7:30 p.m. on April 13, at the **Farmington Hills** Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road. The topic is "New Beginnings." Refreshments will be served.

PASSOVER IN AMERICA

Seth Korelitz, executive director of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism-Michigan Region, presents "Passover: Made in America," at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills**. The free program for adult learners offers an affectionate look at American Jewish folk history and how the American Jewish experience took the traditional holiday and transformed, politicized and "Americanized" it, turning it into the most widely observed of all Jewish holidays in the country. The event is sponsored by Eilu v' Eilu, the cooperative adult Jewish learning project Congs. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom and B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan Branch. For information, call (248) 737-1931 or e-mail Torahteach@aol.com.

YOUTH TO YOUTH

Our Lady of Albanians Catholic Community, 20855 W. 13 Mile, **Beverly Hills**, is hosting "Youth to Youth," from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. Sponsored by Teen Encounter, the weekend features upbeat music, funny skits, faith sharing, Mass and Rosary, personal testimonies and Eucharistic Adoration. Also featured are Youth for the Third Millenium and Father Edward Hopkins. The registration fee is $10. An additional $6 meal fee covers lunch and supper on Saturday. Brown bag is optional. For information, call (248) 559-4544.

JEWISH AFTERLIFE

Rabbi Aaron Bergman of Cong. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses will teach a five-part Latte & Learning adult Jewish study series entitled, "Jewish Views of the Afterlife," beginning on April 20. The series meets from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills**. The series is sponsored by Eilu v' Eilu, the adult Jewish learning partnership of Congs. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom and B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School, Michigan Branch-Women's League for conservative Judaism. Tuition for the series is $25 for members and $35 for non-members. Individual sessions are $5 for members and $7 for non-members. For information, call (248) 737-1931 or contact Elissa Berg by e-mailing TorahTeach@aol.com.

DOVE DINNER

The Southfield-based Ecumenical Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies is holding its annual Dove Dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, at Cong. Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, Southfield. This year's award winners are the Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen, minister at North Congregational Church in **Farmington Hills**, the Rev. Msgr. F. Gerald Martin, Editor of The Michigan Catholic, and Rabbi Norman T. Roman of Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield. Paul G. Kohn provides kosher catering. For ticket information, call (248) 353-2434.

EASTER CONCERT

Evanswood Church of God, 2601 E. Square Lake Road, **Troy**, presents a dramatic Easter service entitled, "He's Alive!" at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5. The unique musical program focuses on the life of Jesus, from his birth through his ministry, agonizing crucifixion and triumphant resurrection. Principal Bible characters that surrounded Jesus during his life on earth take you inside their deepest thoughts and reflections about Jesus and themselves. Admission is free. The public is encouraged to attend. For a full slate of Holy Week activities, call (248) 879-9240.

FAMILY EDUCATION

Congs. B'nai Moshe and Shir Tikvah will hold a joint family education program from 10 a.m. to noon on April 5, at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road, **Southfield**. The program is the culmination of this year's combined Ancient Roots and Modern Branches curriculum shared by the two schools in conjunction with the Jewish Experiences for Families program. Students in kindergarten through grade 7 and their parents will continue to explore the connections between ancient and modern day heroes. The program features storytellers, puppet making, movies, music and a re-creation of the annex in which Anne Frank hid with her family. The program concludes with a tribute to local heroes Pearlena Budzin of B'nai Moshe and Ron Elkus of Cong. Shir Tikvah. For information, call (248) 738-4994 or (248) 758-3600.

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ject include Roz Bressler of Farmington Hills, administrative assistant of the AZM; Marion Freedman of West Bloomfield, director of The Neighborhood Project; Kari Grosinger of Birmingham, staff associate for Community Outreach and Education for the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit; Lainie Phillips of Huntington Woods, school service administrator and adult education program coordinator of the Agency for Jewish Education; and Helen Naimork of Farmington Hills, vice president of the AMZ.

This year, proclamations for Jewish Heritage Week were issued by the President of the United States and on every level of local government in Michigan. Senator Carl Levin gave recognition through a page in the Congressional Record.

"Our goal for the future is to have a stamp issued for Jewish Heritage Week and to have the post office work with us on this," said Barnett.

The American Zionist Movement is the umbrella organization for the nation's 22 American Zionist groups representing one million American Jews. The organization offers support to Israel, works to strengthen Jewish identity and promotes the Israel experience for current and future generations.

Jewish Heritage Week is held every spring, when Jews are commemorating important events like Passover, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day.)

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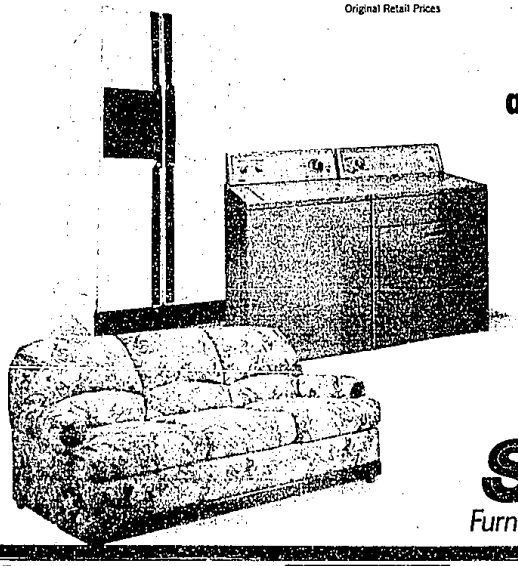

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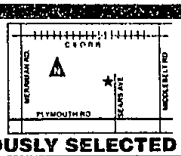

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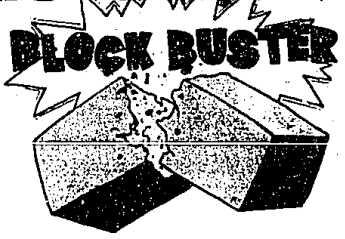

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