

TEMPLE BETH EL

Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, will celebrate Shabbat New Orleans-style with the New Orleans Klezmer All Stars during an 8 p.m. service Friday, March 17. Sharing the service with the band will be Cantor Stephen Dubov and the Kids Kites Band of Michigan. The music will continue at an Oneg Shabbat after the service with refreshments and dancing. All are welcome; there is no charge. The evening is sponsored by the Herb and Baba Kaufman Concert Fund of Temple Beth El. Call Barbara Grant, 851-1100, ext. 3149.

■ "Building Bridges in the 21st Century," will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at Temple Beth El, with Corretta Scott King. She will offer insight on racial, religious and cultural issues related to the community. The event is presented by Comerica, African American Parent Magazine, Metro Parent Magazine, Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and Temple Beth El. Tickets, \$15; Patron Afterglow benefiting the Sickle Cell Center of Children's Hospital: \$100. (248)352-0990.

B'JAZZ VESPERS

B'Jazz Vespers, a free professional jazz concert, features Sunny Wilkinson and "The Sisters in Jazz" with Marion Hayden, Ellen Rowe and Gayelynn McKinney, at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in downtown Birmingham in the gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates.

100 minutes of concert jazz; 20 minutes of worship interlude. A free will offering is taken for the musicians. (248)644-0550.

CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE

Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, will hold its annual Purim Carnival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the synagogue's Bodsin Hall, with food, games and prizes.

At 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, services and the reading of the Megillah will be followed by breakfast. (248)788-0800.

EILU V EILU

New students are welcome to

B'ham Temple presents play

The Birmingham Temple Players will thrill audiences with their presentation of "The Wayside Motor Inn" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members and will be followed by an afterglow. And on Sunday, March 26, at 7 p.m. the cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Call the Birmingham Temple for further information at 477-1410. Tickets will be available at the door.

Mercy offers 'Guys & Dolls'

Mercy High School will present its spring musical, "Guys and Dolls," Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, at 8 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, in the school auditorium.

Tickets are \$9 pre-sale and \$10 at the door for adults and \$7 for students and may be purchased by calling the school. Mercy is at 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills. Call the school's drama office at 476-8020, ext. 223.

Purim celebrated

Nursery students from Akiva Hebrew Day School celebrated Purim with elderly participants from the Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14. The children and senior citizens sang songs and played games at the senior's Brown Center, at Jewish Vocational Service in Southfield.

The children wore symbolic crowns to commemorate Purim, a festive holiday which celebrates the rescue of the Jews in Ancient Persia from a plot to destroy them.

The Brown Center is dedicated to helping older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, as well as aiding their families.

Join winter classes now in progress, sponsored by Eilu v Eilu, the adult Jewish learning project of the Michigan Conservative movement. For information, call (248)737-1831 or e-mail eilulearn@aol.com. Website: <http://www.eilulearn.org/eilu.htm>.

Upcoming programs are:
■ 10 a.m. Monday, March 20, at Borders Books & Music, 30996 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, will feature "The Girl Who Could Say No — Why The Rabbi Killed Vanhi," with Rabbi Aaron Bergman, in honor of the holiday of Purim. \$5, pre-registration required.

BELIEFS**Values****CONGREGATION SHIR TIKVAH**

Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, south of Wattle between Crooks and Coolidge in Troy, invites the public to attend its annual Purim celebration. At 7 p.m. Monday, March 20, an interactive version of the story of

Ether and Purim will be read. (248)649-4418, ext. 11.

CIMBS

"A Time for Healing" by Center for Integrating Mind, Body, Spirit practitioner Mary Natchke, will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 23. Natchke is a registered nurse, Reiki Master practitioner, and owner of

"Holistic Choices, Inc." Participants will learn about four holistic healing modalities: Aromatherapy, Reiki, massage and magnetism. Fee: \$25.

CIMBS courses are offered in downtown Birmingham at First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates streets. Fee \$12. (248)644-0850.

BETHANY

Bethany, a Catholic non-profit organization, provides spiritual, social and education assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer-to-peer ministry.

Bethany Rochester meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the lower level of St. Andrew Parish Center, 1234 Inglewood, Rochester. Contact Steve at (248)923-1364. St. Andrew's is in the Oakland County Pontiac Vicariate.

Bethany South Oakland meets the fourth Thursday of each month at St. Dennis Church Office, 12 Mile and Stephenson Highway, Royal Oak, at 7:30 p.m. Contact Betty Jean (248)524-9274.

St. Dennis is in the Southeast Oakland Vicariate. Bethany has no formal membership or yearly fees.

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