

## BELIEFS

## Values

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

First Presbyterian Church will welcome children ages Kindergarten to 6th grade (as of Fall, 2000) to Vacation Church School, June 19-23, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Following the theme "Gotta Catch 'Em All", each day will include exploring Bible stories, music, crafts, and games and snack time. Parents are also welcome to participate by helping with games, crafts and snacks.

Please call the church office at 474-6170 for more information and to request a registration form. The church is located at the northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Farmington Roads.

## UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday program for May 28: The Rev. Bob Renjilian presents "Keeping the Memories." In observance of Memorial Day we will share the important work of remembering through our grief and our joy those who have gone before. Weather permitting, we will end services outside near the Memorial Garden. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Road (north of Grand River). Info: 248-478-7272 or [www.wwnet.com/~uuc/](http://www.wwnet.com/~uuc/)

## EILU V EILU

Eilu v Eilu, the adult Jewish learning project of the Michigan Conservative movement, offers ongoing programs. For more information on Eilu v Eilu, call (248) 737-1931 or e-mail [eiluvailu@comcast.net](mailto:eiluveilu@comcast.net). Website: <http://www.cahm.org/eilu.htm>. Following are upcoming programs:

■ "God and the Big Bang: Science, Torah and the Lives We Lead Today," for people in their 20s and 30s, both singles and couples, is offered one Wednesday night a month at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Rabbi Steve Weiss discusses "Jews in Space: The Search for Intelligent Life." Free, drop-in series.

■ "Swimming in the Sea of Talmud," 10:45 a.m. Thursday, June 8. A monthly lunch and learn series with Rabbi Lee Buckman, head of the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit at La Difference Restaurant in West Bloomfield. \$15. Advance reservations required.

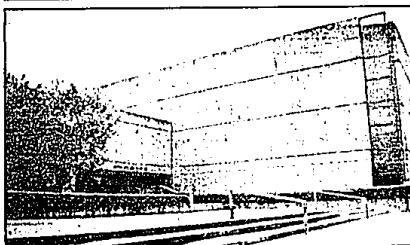
## BETHANY

Bethany, a Catholic non-profit organization, provides spiritual, social and educational 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 Ingleside, Rochester. Contact Steve at (248) 623-1364. St. Andrew's is in the Oakland County Pontifical 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 Jonn (248) 524-9274. St. Dennis is in the Southeast Oakland Vicariate. Bethany has no formal membership or yearly fees.

## SPREADING THE WORD



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**Adat Shalom:** The synagogue in Farmington Hills has 1,300 families in the congregation and serves the religious needs of the Conservative Jewish community.

## Adat Shalom still a growing congregation

A congregation of 1,300 member families, Adat Shalom began modestly in 1943 to serve the religious needs of the Conservative Jewish community of northwest Detroit.

From the dreams of a few people came the Northwest Hebrew Congregation and Center, later named Adas Shalom Synagogue. As the Jewish population of northwest Detroit moved to the suburbs, the synagogue's leaders began looking for a new location. The congregation moved into its present home in 1973, a synagogue complex that sits on 25 acres of partially wooded property, enhanced by its own pond and nature center.

At the same time, the congregation's name was changed to Adat Shalom to reflect the Hebrew pronunciation in the state of Israel. In 1998, Congregation Beth Achim of Southfield merged with Adat Shalom, adding many new families and a dedicated volunteer leadership.

## Traditional ideals

Over the years, Adat Shalom has strongly identified with the traditional ideals and practices of Judaism interpreted in a modern perspective. This includes educating congregants in the Torah, augmenting observance of the commandments, and taking responsibility for the welfare of Jews locally, in the former Soviet Union and in Israel. The

synagogue does community outreach including Housing the Homeless and Habitat for Humanity. Beginning in one of Detroit's largest Jewish nursery schools and continuing into the congregation's religious school program, Adat Shalom offers diverse individual and family programs. Active Sisterhood, men's club, social club, seniors, family programming and adult education arms provide high-energy, high-impact programming to meet the needs and priorities of a contemporary membership.

Adat Shalom is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Clergy include Daniel Nevin, rabbi; Herbert Yoskowitz, rabbi; Jay Stearn, rabbi (as of July), Efray Spectre, rabbi emeritus; Howard Glantz, cantor; and Larry Vieder, cantor emeritus. Terran Leen is now serving as the congregation's president since June 1998. On June 2, Beverly Liss will assume the presidency.

Services are 7:30 a.m. Monday to Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday; and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Evening services vary depending on the time of sunset. In summer, evening services are Sunday through Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday according to sunset. Adat Shalom is at 29901 Middlebelt, north of 13 Mile. Call 851-5100 for more information.

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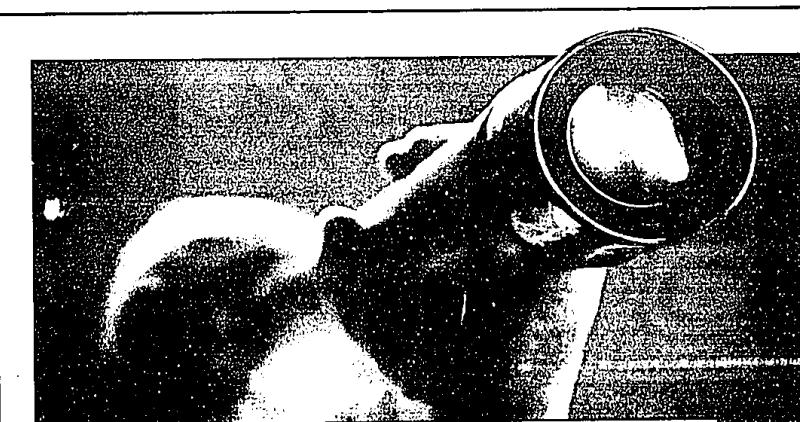
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