

December Shabbat Service Scheduled

By Marty M. Morganstein

Bet Havarim members Zarita Hack, Delia Temes, Bernie Marcus and Marty Morganstein will assist Bet Havarim's Cantorial Soloist, Hanita Margulies Blair, as Blair leads the December 19th Shabbat Worship Service beginning at 7:30 PM. The service will be conducted at St. David's Church on Jamar Drive in Dewitt. Following the service an Oneg Shabbat reception will be held. All members of the community are cordially invited to the Shabbat service and the Oneg Shabbat reception.

Joining Blair at the December 19th service will be Maggid Jim Brule as the Chavurah conducts a Hanukkah service. "We realize that the first night of Hanukkah is 2 days after our Shabbat service but do want to celebrate the festival with prayer, song and remembrance," said Mel Shindler, Bet Havarim's Shabbat Committee Chairman, adding, "Hanita Blair will lead us in prayer and song followed by Brule who will regale the congregation with stories and tales to inspire everyone." Brule who also serves as Rabbinic Aide at Temple Society of Concord will soon be ordained as a Maggid having studied at Rabbi Yitzhak Boxhaul's Jewish Spirit Maggid School for the past 2 years. "Jim is carrying on the tradition of the Maggidim, i.e. 'those who bring a message', not only inspiring us with stories and tales but helping us to explore our past and Judaic heritage as only he can," said Shindler.

Bet Havarim will be joining congregants from all the Synagogues and Congregations in Central New York on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at an event being chaired and planned by Marc Beckman, Brotherhood President of Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas. The event on March 1st will consist of a 2:00 PM Basketball game between Syracuse University and the Cincinnati Bearcats preceded at 11:30 AM by a catered Kosher "Tailgate Party" at the Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life located on the corner of Walnut Place and Harrison Street.

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Members of congregations from neighboring Central New York and Upstate communities are also being invited to join with the Syracuse area congregations for the event. “This will give us all an opportunity to join with our friends at all of the congregations in the area for a day of fun and friendship,” said Shindler. Each congregation will be facilitating ticket sales to their membership. Bet Havarim members who are interested are asked to contact Shindler at 478-6856 for ticket information and purchases.

Sunday, November 9th, saw members of Bet Havarim’s Social Action Committee gather at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville to prepare food for the guests at “Sarah House”, Syracuse’s only Adult Hospital Hospitality House serving families and loved ones of hospitalized out-of-town adult patients. “We are so happy to be able to prepare home-cooked foods for the guests who, for the most part, are with their loved ones all day and upon returning to ‘Sarah House’ in the evening are able to enjoy a wonderful, tasty meal they might not otherwise be able to enjoy,” said Toni Meltzer who, along with committee Co-Chair, Cathy Dutch, organized the event. Joining Meltzer and Dutch were Bet Havarim members Maxine Alderman, Joan & Bernie Marcus, Jeff Meltzer, Marty Morganstein, Mel Shindler and Harriet Tetley.

Bet Havarim Shabbat Worship Services are conducted in the Social Hall of St. David’s Episcopal Church in Dewitt. The church is handicapped accessible and off street parking is available.

For further information visit the Chavurah’s website at www.bethavarimsyr.org or email info@bethavarim.org or phone Marty Morganstein at 637-5390 or Mel Shindler at 478-6856.

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