

BET HAVARIM NOTES

JIM BRULE TO SPEAK AT FEBRUARY SERVICE



By Mel Shindler

Inspirational Speaker Maggid Jim Brule will join Cantorial Soloist Hanita Margulies Blair as she leads Bet Havarim's February 20th Shabbat Worship Service. Beginning at 7:30 PM Bet Havarim's Shabbat Services are conducted in the social hall of St. David's Episcopal Church in Dewitt. An Oneg Shabbat reception will be held and all members of the community are cordially invited to attend this and all Bet Havarim's Services.

"We are so happy to, once again, welcome Jim as he will weave stories and tales of inspiration for everyone attending our service," said Marty Morganstein, Bet Havarim Shabbat Committee member. Brule, having served as Rabbinic Aide at Temple Society of Concord for many years was recently ordained as a Maggid after having completed a two-year course of study with Yitzhak Buxbaum at his Jewish Spirit Maggid School in New York.

"The Hebrew word מגיד *Maggid* literally means 'Narrator.' It describes 'one who brings a message,' from Second Samuel, chapter 15, verse 13. From the 17th century on, especially in the villages and shtetls of Eastern Europe, the Maggidim fulfilled the roles of Preachers while the Rabbis were the arbiters of the legal rulings and decisions based on the teachings of Torah and Talmud. Maggidim of the modern era have come a long way from the itinerant preachers of the 17th century to their current status as inspirational story tellers, and as Chair

of Bet Havarim's Shabbat Committee I can honestly say that Jim is one of the best," said Mel Shindler.

In the event that any of Bet Havarim's service are cancelled due to inclement weather conditions announcements will be made on WRVO-FM, 89.9 or 90.3 on the FM radio dial, WSTM-TV 3, WSYR- TV News Channel 9, WTVH TV Channel 5, and Time Warner's News 10 Now, Channel 10.

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Announcements of Bet Havarim's Passover Seder will be made in future editions of the "Jewish Observer." Committee members Cathy Dutch, Lynda & Jeff Fuchs, Helen Marcum, Marty Morganstein and Mel Shindler are currently planning the Seder which will be held on the first night of Passover, Wednesday April 8th. Watch our Web site for information, also.

St. David's Church, located on Jamar Drive in Dewitt, is handicapped accessible and off street parking is available.

For information visit Bet Havarim's website at www.bethavarimsyr.org or email inquiries may be made to info@bethavarim.org. Information may also be obtained by phoning Marty Morganstein at 637-5390 or Mel Shindler at 478-6856.

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