

## Bet Havarim Announces Community Passover Seder

By Mel Shindler

Bet Havarim's fifth annual Community Passover Seder will be conducted on the first night of Passover, Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. The site for Bet Havarim's 2009 Seder is Trinity Episcopal Church located at 106 Chapel Street, Corner East Genesee Street in Fayetteville, across from Hullar's Restaurant.

The Seder begins with a reception beginning at 5 PM and the Seder service will be conducted at 6 PM. There is a cost to attend with a reduction for college students, teens and children. "Our committee, realizing the difficult times we are living in, was most happy to announce that the cost to attend would remain the same as for our 2008 Seder," said committee member Helen Marcum who is in charge of reservations.

Explaining the decision to conduct the Seder on the first night of Passover, committee member Jeff Fuchs said, "we recognize and understand that many in our Central New York Jewish community are unable to be with family on this night of remembrance and our committee agreed that, like Jews around the world, gathering together as a community would be most appropriate."

The Seder will be led by Jeff Fuchs who said, "we are carrying on the tradition here at Bet Havarim by engaging everyone either with a reading or singing part and knowing that by doing this we are, once again, providing a warm, friendly and spiritual service for everyone attending."

Fuchs continued by saying, "as we gather together on the first night of Passover to commemorate the redemption of the Jewish People from Egyptian bondage and the exodus from that land, we will be conducting our service from a traditional Haggadah and, in addition, we will include a number of most meaningful prayers and inspirational readings suggested by Melanie & Jim Roth.

Members of Bet Havarim's Passover Seder committee, Cathy Dutch, Lynda & Jeff Fuchs, Helen Marcum, Joan & Bernie Marcus, Marty Morganstein and Mel Shindler, have been planning the Seder for several months. Announcing the venue change for this year's Seder, committee members Jeff Fuchs and Marty Morganstein said, "We received an invitation from Rev. William

Redfield, Rector of Trinity Church on behalf of his congregation inviting us to conduct our Passover Seder in their social hall and after considering a number of sites we happily accepted.” The traditional Seder meal will be catered by Kuhn’s Catering.

Prepaid reservations are requested by Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition to the traditional Passover meal a vegetarian option will be available upon request. For information and reservations phone Helen Marcum at 637-4647 or by email to [hrm4910@aol.com](mailto:hrm4910@aol.com).

Trinity Episcopal Church, at 106 Chapel Street Corner of East Genesee Street (across from Hullar’s Restaurant) in Fayetteville is handicapped accessible. Off-street parking is available in the town parking lot directly across from the side entrance to the church.

Bet Havarim’s Passover Seder is open to the community. “We are confident that our Seder will be enjoyed by all who attend,” said Marcum, “and we encourage everyone to make reservations for this blessed event.”

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