

## High Holy Day Services at Bet Havarim

Bet Havarim's High Holy Day Observances for 5771 will take place in the Sanctuary of St. David's Church in Dewitt. Open to all in the community, they will be led by Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Ph.D.

Returning for the eighth year, Rabbi Waxman is the vice president for governance at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She works with RRC's board of governance on such College-wide initiatives as strategic planning and accreditation and sits on the faculty.

Deborah is a graduate of Columbia College, Columbia University, where she was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She received rabbinic ordination and a master of arts in Hebrew letters from RRC in 1999. She received a Ph.D. in American Jewish History from Temple University in May 2010; her dissertation was titled "Faith and Ethnicity in American Judaism: Reconstructionism as Ideology and Institution, 1935-1959." She has published several articles and has two forthcoming, "A Lady Sometimes Blows the Shofar': Women's Religious Equality in the Postwar Reconstructionist Movement" in a *Jewish Feminine Mystique? Jewish Women in Postwar America* (Rutgers University Press, forthcoming) and an article, co-authored with Joyce Norden, "The Challenge of Implementing Reconstructionism: Art, Ideology and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism's Sanctuary Mural" (American Jewish History, forthcoming),

Rosh Hashanah services begin *erev* Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday evening, September 8 at 7:30 PM and continue Thursday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM. Saturday morning 's theme will be "Humanity's Responsibilities in Light of the Creation Story."

On Rosh Hashanah afternoon Rabbi Waxman will lead an interactive, multigenerational project combining texts on environmentalism and arts and crafts: "Repairing the World:

Environmental Reflections Through Text and the Arts." A *Tashlich* service will follow the workshop, both held at the home of Jeffrey and Toni Meltzer, 7807 Clearwater Circle, Manlius.

*Kol Nidre* services will be held at 7:30 PM Friday September 17 and Yom Kippur services on Saturday, September 18, beginning at 9:30 AM, followed by a *Memorial Service* at 12:00 Noon. The Rabbi's Yom Kippur message and discussion will deal with forgiveness, "Forgiving Others, Forgiving Ourselves."

The Yom Kippur afternoon study session, beginning at 5:00 PM, will be held in the Social Hall of St. David's Church where participants will discuss strategies and practices around forgiveness..

Following the study session, Yom Kippur observances will conclude at 6:15 in the Sanctuary with the traditional *Shofar* service, following which all are invited to a break-fast in the Social Hall, hosted by the congregants of Bet Havarim.

Bet Havarim's annual Food Drive to benefit the food pantry associated with Jewish Family Service takes place on Yom Kippur. Members of the worship community are asked to bring donations of food, toiletries, and paper goods to benefit those in need, particularly important in these days of economic hardship for many families.

St. David's Church is located on Jamar Drive in Dewitt. Off-street parking is available and the building is handicapped-accessible.

For more information, visit [www.bethavarimsyr.org](http://www.bethavarimsyr.org), email [info@bethavarim.org](mailto:info@bethavarim.org), or call Marty Morganstein (637-5390) or Mel Shindler (478-6856).

