

This Seder supposed to give women a voice

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Women joined together to celebrate, as a community, the rich traditions of Passover.

This is a primary focus of the Women's Seder, which will be held on Thursday, March 14, at Ad Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. Sponsored by the Women's Campaign and Education Department of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, more than 400 women, ages 12 and up, are expected to participate in this fourth annual celebration.

According to Carol Weintraub Fogel of West Bloomfield, who chairs the event, the Women's Seder is designed to highlight the role of women in the age-old story of the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. The Seder is the feast that commemorates that exodus.

"While the traditional aspects of the Seder and Passover are observed in our celebration, we present the woman's side of the story from the perspective of such honored women as Moses' mother and sister, Miriam the Prophet. This, in itself, is very inspiring."

The Women's Seder provides women in the Jewish community the opportunity to not only cele-

brate together, but to learn more about Judaism and their (the women's) role in continuing and advancing the rich traditions that are a part of Passover.

"What women take away from this Seder benefits the whole community, young and old, male and female," says Abbe Binder Sherbin, associate chairperson.

According to the West Bloomfield mother of two young girls, "the spirituality and the knowledge that the women are exposed to at our Seder can be used to enhance the quality of their own Passover celebrations with family and friends." Passover also commemorates the deliverance of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, and is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight days. It begins this year at sundown on March 27.

Barbara Hechtman of Waterford said that enhancing her own family's Passover observance is just one of the reasons she plans to attend the Women's Seder. "I'm most excited, however, about taking my two married daughters to the event and showing them the importance of being part of the larger Jewish community. Also, this celebration will provide them

with added knowledge, especially of the role of women, so they can develop their own Seder and Passover traditions."

The Seder, according to Hechtman, is celebrated the first two nights of the eight-day Passover holiday. Certain foods and wines are consumed at specific times during the reading of the Haggadah (the story of the Jews' plight in and flight from Egypt). These include bitter herbs (maror) to remember slavery in Egypt; salt water to represent the tears of ancestors; an egg to symbolize the continuous cycle of life and sacrifice; and matzah to mark the flight of the ancient Jews, there was no time for the bread to rise. These symbolic offerings, as well as a festive Passover meal, will be served at the Women's Seder, which will be led by Rabbi Amy Bolton with Cantor Lori Corison of Temple Israel of West Bloomfield. A special Haggadah will be presented with additional readings for women.

Weintraub Fogel, who has

served in various planning positions since the inception of the Women's Seder, says that guests are encouraged to fully participate in the activities through songs and readings. "Only the woman's voice is heard this evening at this event. This is very exciting and it is what keeps me involved year after year."

This year's theme is a celebration of "Hidden Heroines," who are, according to Weintraub Fogel, those Jewish women who, through their deeds and actions, have contributed to and have made a difference in society. In addition, three women from the Central Galilee region of Israel will participate in the night's festivities. The Jewish Federation of Michigan are involved in Partnership 2000 with the Central Galilee region. This program has enabled numerous people exchanges between the state and the region.

Another benefit, adds Weintraub Fogel, is the resource folder given to all participants. It contains a wealth of information on Seder and Passover traditions and

practices, as well as children's activities and stories and food recipes.

The cost of the Seder is \$36 per

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