

## Passover 2010 at The Jewish Home: Why Is This Night Different?

FAIRFIELD – Since opening in 1973, the traditions and rituals of Passover are observed and enjoyed annually at The Jewish Home for the Elderly, Fairfield. Every year, residents and members of their families participate in Seders, the festive holiday meals. Every year, the ancient prayers are said and the lively songs are sung. And every year, the First of the Four Questions asks, “Why is this night different from all the other nights?” During the Seder, these questions are answered as the story is told of the Jews’ exodus from slavery in Egypt.

At The Jewish Home, this year there is an additional difference. Rabbi Stephen Shulman, the Home’s new Director of Pastoral Services, will be adding his personal perspective and leadership to the holiday observance.

“Being at The Jewish Home is a wonderful opportunity to be in a community where people of many cultures are committed to a common goal of comfort and care,” said Rabbi Shulman. “I am most happy to be here.”

Rabbi Shulman joined The Jewish Home team in January 2010. His career has included many positions in New York including Senior Rabbi for Continuum Hospice Care, Staff Chaplain at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and Civilian Jewish Chaplain for the US Coast Guard base at Governor’s Island. In Israel, from 1988 to 1991, he was rabbi and educator at the Conservative Synagogue of Ra-anana, a suburb of Tel Aviv, and at Kibbutz Hanaton, near Haifa. Rabbi Shulman serves on the Executive Board of The New York Board of Rabbis and is a former member of the Executive Board of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains. His presentations to



Rabbi Stephen Shulman, Director of Pastoral Services, with Ellen Ashkins, Director of Resident Life, and June Shohet

professional and lay audiences have addressed “Cultural Issues in Suffering”, “A Reason to Believe: Faith, Hope and Spirituality in Times of Crisis”, and “Caring for Those Who Endured the Unendurable: Ministering to Victims of the Holocaust”.

“Rabbi Shulman brings a vast array and depth of experience to The Jewish Home,” said Andrew H. Banoff, President and CEO. “We are thrilled he has joined our team.”

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