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**Honoring the Tradition of Passover
Seniors to Join Together to Celebrate at the Levin JCC**

DURHAM, North Carolina (April 8, 2014): On Wednesday April 9th, Jewish Family Services will host its first formal *Chaverim* Passover *seder* service and luncheon led by Rabbi Daniel Greyber of Beth El Congregation in Durham from 11am-1 pm at the Levin JCC at 1937 W Cornwallis Road in Durham, NC.

Community volunteers will join forces to help serve 60-70 participants who are expected to attend this event. The JCafé chef, Don Mazzia, will be working with staff and volunteers to make sure that the *seder* meal is both tasty and meaningful.

Chaverim means “friends” in Hebrew and is a program that allows for an opportunity for older adults to socialize and to preserve their connections to the Jewish community. Volunteers help with transportation, in order to provide access to all members of the community. *Chaverim* events may be the only time that people get out of the house that month.

Since Passover is such a central Jewish holiday, it becomes even more important to gather together during this time of the year. This program provides these individuals with the opportunity to enjoy a sit down meal, and the traditional Passover *seder*, a celebration which many participants would not be able to experience otherwise.

“This is very important event for our community,” explains Donna Rabiner, Director of Jewish Family Services. “*Chaverim* is one of our cornerstone programs. It provides meaningful programming, good conversation, a delicious meal, and needed community for many individuals who come to the Levin Jewish Community Center on a regular basis.”

For details on this event, please contact Jenny Schwartz at jschwartz@shalomdch.org or call 919-354-4923.

About the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill:

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill is to connect Jews in the local community, to help those in need both here and abroad, and to provide and support programs and services that enable current and future generations to lead more meaningful lives inspired by Jewish values.

About Jewish Family Services:

The purpose of Jewish Family Services (JFS) is to strengthen and preserve the quality of individual and family life within the Jewish community. JFS offers a comprehensive range of services that help people meet life's challenges. Guided by the Jewish values of communal responsibility and social justice, JFS is passionate in its commitment to serve all members of the community. These members include but are not limited to interfaith families, the elderly and their families, and those among us who are not affiliated with other Jewish institutions. As an integral part of the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill, JFS is dedicated to promoting the well-being of all those within the community who need support and service. JFS delivers high-quality, professional social services for adults and families through all stages of life. JFS strives to improve quality of life by providing affordable services and educational workshops that help foster the Jewish tradition of empowering people to care for themselves and each other.

The Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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