

As an enrichment to our Training Program, Multi-Faith Centre cordially invites you to a

MODEL PASSOVER SEDER

Thu 13th Nov 2008, 4.00pm at Multi-Faith Centre

by Ariel Heber

The **Passover Seder** (Hebrew: Pesach) is a Jewish ritual meal held on the first and second nights of Passover. (which begins on the 15th day of Hebrew month of Nisan). The Seder is integral to Jewish faith and identity. It is explained in the Haggadah (a book explaining the background to the Exodus) that if not for the intervention of Israel's G-d the Jewish people would still be slaves in Egypt. The Seder is an occasion for rejoicing and for discussions centred on the idea of liberation. The Seder includes a special plate with symbolic items, the eating of unleavened bread (Matzah), the reading of the Haggadah by the participants, studying the meaning of various passages, and singing special Passover songs.

The seder will begin at 6.30pm and will last for a little over two hours. As the seder features a banquet, platters of Jewish dips, matzah, wine or grape juice will be served during the seder to allow participants to experience the ambience of the event.

Venue: **Multi-Faith Centre**

(Parking: see map on www.griffith.edu.au/ofm/parking)

Cost: **\$10 per person** to cover kosher food costs, payable at the door.

To join: **Registration essential, and strictly before 30th Oct 2008**

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PROGRAM

- Explanation of the various items on the seder plate.
- Reading (and singing) through the fifteen stages of the seder including the drinking of four cups of wine/grape juice and the "meal".
- Question time.

Note: Dressing should be modest and questions retained until question time.

Ariel Heber moved to Brisbane in 1994 from Sydney. He is a fourth generation Australian of German Celtic origin. Ari studied in Sydney and is a qualified Rosh Mashgiach (Head Kosher Supervisor) appointed by the Sydney Beth Din (Rabbinical Court). Ari has been active in the Jewish Community in Queensland where he has worked in several organisations, including Chabad. He is now Community Liaison with Queensland Jewish Community Services Inc. Ari is a Member of the Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies Interfaith Sub Committee, and the Queensland Forum of Christians Jews and Muslims. Ari is on the Queensland steering committee for the Together for Humanity Foundation. He currently gives lectures on Judaism; Religion, Rites and Traditions at the Brisbane Hebrew Congregation to school groups from primary to secondary levels.

Note: This event is followed by ABRAHAMIC FAITHS CONCERT event at 7.15pm, MFC.