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Synagogue Members to Cook and Serve Easter Meals to the Hungry

BOCA RATON, FL – March 29, 2007 - With the Easter holiday just around the corner, members of Temple Beth El of Boca Raton are planning to cook and serve Easter meals to those in-need on Easter Sunday at the Wayne Barton Development Center.

“We are now gathering volunteers to cook the chickens and turkeys,” said Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Brockman, assistant rabbi at Temple Beth El of Boca Raton. “The outpouring from the congregation has been unbelievable.”

Non-Jewish volunteers will be cooking ham, and handling the bread products. Because Easter Sunday falls during Passover this year, Jewish people observing the holiday are not permitted to handle any bread products. Temple Beth El members will be preparing foods such as turkey, cole slaw and fruit.

The cooking will be completed early on Sunday, April 8th, with the meal being planned to be served from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Wayne Barton Development Center at 269 NE 14th St., Boca Raton.

The afternoon will also include an Easter Egg Hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and choir performances. U.S. Representative Ron Klein and Boca Mayor Steve Abrams will also be in attendance.

“Exclusive of volunteers, we expect over 200 people – mostly members of the Pearl City community, including loads of children,” said Jack Jaiven, a Temple Beth El member who is helping to organize the effort.

Serving meals to the less fortunate has been an annual tradition at Temple Beth El. The synagogue has served meals to the needy for several years on Christmas.

Co-sponsors of the Easter Lunch are Boca Helping Hands, Barton’s Boosters, and The Rotary Club of Boca Raton.

For more information about the Easter Lunch, please e-mail Jack Jaiven at Jack@cenrec.com, or call Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Brockman at (561) 391-8900.