

Reading Is Fun program to be theme at Gates of Heaven breakfast program on March 5

SCHENECTADY – The Reading Is Fun Program (RIF) in Schenectady, ‘Where Every Child Is Everyone’s Child’ will be the theme of the upcoming Congregation Gates of Heaven’s Brotherhood Breakfast and Speaker Program on Sunday, March 5. The speaker will be Congregation member Dr. Alvin (‘Al’) Magid. The program, open to the public, will be held

at the temple, 852 Ashmore Ave., Schenectady. It begins with breakfast at 10 a.m.

The breakfast is \$4, but free for Gates Brotherhood members. The speaker is scheduled to begin at 10:30 and the lecture is free. No reservations are needed.

Magid, accompanied by ‘Book Worm,’ his comrade in RIF, will discuss the origins, values and principles of the program.



DR. ALVIN MAGID

Magid founded the all-volunteer organization in December 2012, and since then has headed RIF as executive director. He will share RIF’s operations and goals and the challenges it faces.

Magid has been involved with the congregation for four decades, and has been president of the brotherhood twice. He is an emeritus professor of political science at the University at Albany. During his tenure he served as chairperson of the political science department, and held joint appointments in the departments of East Asian Studies and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Magid also held Fulbright professorships in (the old Socialist) Yugoslavia, South Korea, Mongolia, Slovakia, and Macedonia.