BAYTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH, 1981

HADASSAH-B'NAI B'RITH-------7:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, K'NESSETH ISRAEL COMMUNITY BUILDING. THERE WILL BE SHORT BUSINESS MEETINGS, FOLLOWED BY A SPEAKER FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BY HANNAH EDELMAN, COORDINATOR, HELEN FRAM AND NATALYA BLEYZER

K'NESSETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE----PURIM SERVICES, 7:30 PM, MARCH 19, THURSDAY
HOME-BAKED HAMENTSCHEN WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE RECEPTION FOLLOWING SERVICES THANKS TO BEVERLY MANNE, JEAN ROSENBAUM, NATAHIE ALTMAN, SHIRLEY GOOD, HANNAH EDELMAN, HELEN FRAM AND CAROL MENDJELZITZ.

FAMILY SERVICE----APRIL 3, 7:30 PM. HOSTESSES FOR THE ONEG SHABBAT ARE JEAN ROSENBAUM, COORDINATOR, CAROL WHALEN AND GERTRUDE TETER.

HADASSAH HEADLINES •••••••
JEAN ROSENBAUM, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE, ANNOUNCED THAT THE SALE WILL BE HELD ON TWO CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, MARCH 29 AND APRIL 5.

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO BRING RUMMAGE TO THE COMMUNITY HOUSE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26, AT 7:00 PM AND TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING IT FOR THE SALE. IF YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY DO SO AT THAT TIME, PLEASE CONTACT JEAN PRIOR TO THEN TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE TIME.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS, HELP HADASSAH IN ITS WORK AND GIVE LOW INCOME PEOPLE A CHANCE TO MAKE REASONABLE PURCHASES OF NEEDED ITEMS.

B'NAI B'RITH NOTES.....
THE LODGE WELCOMES VAUGHN WESTHEIMER TO ITS MEMBERSHIP.

THOSE WHO HAVE OVERLOOKED PAYING THE VOLUNTARY $10 SERVICE FUND COMMITMENT MAY STILL DO SO BY SENDING IT TO LEON PAINE, 601 N. PRUITT ST. THE SERVICE FUND HELPS SUPPORT B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH SERVICES, ADL AND MANY OTHER WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES.

THE COMMUNITY EXPRESSES ITS CONDOLENCE TO THE LIPKIN FAMILY FOR THE RECENT LOSS OF THEIR WIFE AND MOTHER.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC UPSWING

Despite inflation, Israel made outstanding progress during 1980 in reducing imports, increasing exports and narrowing its trade deficit. This is all the more remarkable because of the soaring cost of imported oil.

The most significant index of the vitality of Israel's economy is the spurt in exports. A small nation with few natural resources and dependent on foreign sources of oil, Israel has boosted its exports by 23 percent and cut back imports of commercial goods by 4 percent in one year, if oil imports are excluded. In addition, Israel reduced its balance of payments deficit by 13 percent during the course of the year, despite a 55 percent increase in the cost of imported oil.

Thus, reports of imminent collapse of Israel's economy are highly exaggerated. In truth Israel has achieved much over the past year: Tourism is up, foreign currency deposits are up, the stock market is up (39% last year — triple the inflation rate), hotel construction is up and — most important — sales of Israel's high-technology products abroad are up.