BAYTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS
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HADASSAH-B’NAI B’RITH MEETING—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:30 PM AT THE K’NESSETH ISRAEL COMMUNITY BUILDING. BOTH GROUPS WILL HAVE BUSINESS MEETINGS AND THE PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE BAYTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY. YOUR INPUT WILL BE WELCOMED AND HIGHLY VALUED.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BY HOSTESSES SHARON SAWYER AND CAROL MENDELOVITZ.

CONGREGATION K’NESSETH ISRAEL—FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY SERVICES FOR MARCH WILL BE ON MARCH 7 AT 7:30 PM. JIM BERNICK WILL CONDUCT THE SERVICE AND AN ONEG SHABBAT WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING.

HADASSAH NEWS—THE FEBRUARY MEETING IS THE "BLUE BOX EVENT". ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR BOXES OF MONEY OR JUST MONEY. THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND BENEFITS FROM THESE CONTRIBUTIONS.

COMMUNITY NEWS—WE ARE ALL SADDENED BY THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF LENNY MENDELOVITZ. MAY HIS MEMORY BE BLESSED AND MAY HIS FAMILY RECEIVE SOME DEGREE OF CONSOLATION IN KNOWING THAT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY GRIEVES WITH THEM.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MEZUZAH

The mezuzah consists of a container of wood, metal, stone, ceramic, or even paper containing a parchment with Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21 lettered on the front, and the word Shaddai (Almighty) lettered on the back. Usually the container has a hole through which the word Shaddai can be seen. Otherwise the container should have the word Shaddai or the letter shin displayed on its front.

History

1. Many people date the mezuzah back to the time when we were slaves in Egypt. It is known that the Egyptians used to place a sacred document at the entrance to their houses.

2. The word mezuzah means doorpost and refers to the sentence in Deuteronomy 6:9, 11:20:

3. Originally an abbreviated version of the Shema was carved into the doorpost. Later the present twenty-two lines were written on a piece of parchment and fastened to the doorpost.

4. Then it was placed in a hollow reed and attached to the doorpost. Finally it was placed in containers similar to those used at present.

TO EVERYONE EXCEPT HANNAH EDELMAN: At the February 19 meeting we are having a SURPRISE PARTY honoring her 75th birthday.