CONGREGATION K'NESSETH ISRAEL

There will be no services on Saturday, February 21. You are all invited to attend the Bat Mitzvah of Jamie Linares at 11 AM at Congregation Emanu El in Houston.

First Friday evening services will be on March 6 at 7:45 PM. Harrison Bright, son of Janet and Steven Bright, will be honored in a naming ceremony. Hostesses are Gertrude and Jackie.

It is requested that hosts and hostesses for receptions follow the rules posted on the refrigerator.

HADASSAH

On Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 PM, we will meet at the Community Building. There will be a short business meeting and then James Bernick, M.D., will present a program "Exploring Osteoporosis", which affects men as well as women. Ruth C., Pam and Janet are hostesses.

At the January Hadassah meeting, we collected $80.43 for the Jewish National Fund. Anyone still wanting to make a contribution may send it to Jean. Thanks to all who weathered the terrible rainstorm to come to the meeting.

Our March meeting will be a tasting of Passover favorites and a sharing of Passover recipes (only non-meat items). Please bring the recipe for what you plan to prepare to the February meeting. This will allow time for copies of all the recipes to be distributed at the March meeting. Call Jean if you have any questions.

From Gertrude:

In lieu of the yearbook, Don and I are willing to contribute $500 to Hadassah if seven others would do the same. That would match what we raise with the yearbook, and I could make copies of the membership list and the annual programs for the members.

I would like to have input from you at our February meeting or call me (281/424-5829) before then. Hadassah's many worthwhile projects need our financial support.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In May of 1997 Congressman Ernest Istook introduced HJR 78, which is called the Religious Freedom Amendment. This permits government sponsored prayer and public funding of religious institutions. It permits the government to endorse organized religious activities such as prayer in public school and other public places. It would also allow the government to provide funding to religious institutions.

Hadassah is a long-standing supporter of church and state separation. We are a part of the Coalition to Preserve Religious Liberty, an alliance of over 50 national groups, which is asking its members to form local coalitions to oppose the bill. Call, write or FAX your Congressman urging opposition to this bill.

On Sunday, February 15, the Houston Bureau of Jewish Education and the Rabbinical Association are sponsoring YOM LIMMUDI DAY OF LEARNING at Congregation Emanu El. There will be five 50 minute sessions from 9:00 AM thru 2:20 PM. For each session there will be a large variety of lectures to attend for people of all ages. Registration beginning at 8:30 AM is $5 for individuals and $15 for families.

The Feb. 4-issue of the Herald-Voice has a two-page spread showing all the courses, which are described on the following web page for you computer users:


Call Don (424-5829) for information, if you do not have access to either of these sources.