First-Friday service
• 7:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3
  Service: Keith Rosen

Chanukah service
• 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12
  Chanukah comes early this year, starting sundown Tuesday, Dec. 7. The annual congregation celebration will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, beginning with a service in the sanctuary at 1 p.m., followed by a party in the community building.
  Hostesses are Julie Robinson, Lana Berkowitz and Stephanie Schwartz.

Karen the teacher
• 6 p.m. Wednesdays
Karen Aarons is leading study/song sessions for all ages.
  The hour-long sessions begin at 6 p.m. each Wednesday in the Community Building.
  Members of the Havenar family and Manuel Razo are among those who have participated so far, learning Hebrew, prayers and songs.
  If you’d like more information, contact Karen at 281-421-1894.

Friday hosts needed
Hosts are needed for all first-Friday service onegs in 2005.
  To sign up, please contact Jean Rosenbaum at 281-424-8765 or via e-mail at mervinr@hal-pc.org.

Hadassah yearbooks
There are plenty of Hadassah yearbooks at the Community Building.
  Be sure to pick one up if you haven’t done so.

Rummage sale names and numbers
Thanks for making our annual rummage sale a huge success. We raised nearly $1,000 this year.
  Without everyone’s help and great teamwork, we could not have gotten this done.
  Once again, a wonderful truckload of furniture from Wilkenfeld’s helped ensure a great sale. Thank you, Sharon, for everything and I hope your new grandbaby is a delight.
  Special accolades to all our “young” help: Jonathan Havenar, Jennifer Havenar, Jason Havenar, Alex Karjeker, Alison Paschkes, Harrison Bright and Miriam Bauman. It’s great to see our youth stepping up and taking part to help raise money for all the projects Hadassah oversees.
  And, of course, our adult help is invaluable: Natalie Altman, Pamela Williams, Mitzi Paschkes, Janet Bright, Freida Schikman, Jean Rosenbaum, Merv Rosenbaum, Ed Bauman, Jerry Fran, Lana Berkowitz, Denise Havenar and a special member, Mollie Aczel.
  If I missed anyone, please accept my thanks. Once again, thanks for everyone’s help.
— Shane Bauman

Flag salute
After the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster over East Texas in 2003, L.A. Crespo honored the seven astronauts’ memory by placing seven flags outside his funeral home on Garth Road.
  Six of these were U.S. flags and the seventh was an Israel flag in memory of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon.
  Crespo has denoted this flag to our community, and we are most grateful for his thoughtfulness and concern.

ANNUAL MEETING: Beverly Manne and Janet Bright attended the congregation’s annual meeting Nov. 17, during which officers were elected.
  They are: Ed Bauman, president; Karen Aarons, vice president for religion; John Havenar, vice president for maintenance; Manuel Razo, vice president for routine maintenance; Merv Rosenbaum, treasurer; David Berkowitz, secretary.

Congregation to go online
Thanks to the ingenuity and hard work of Alex Karjeker, our congregation soon will have a Web site.
  Alex, who will serve as the Webmaster, will work with the congregation’s officers and others on content. The site may include such things as a comprehensive service/activity calendar, annual meeting minutes, historical highlights, photos of our congregation in action, and links to other sites.
  As part of this effort, the monthly newsletter will have an online version. What you typically receive in the mail each month also will appear on the Web site.
  This doesn’t mean we’ll quit sending it to your home, but we’d like to know how you’d prefer to receive the newsletter in the future: on paper in your mailbox or via e-mail.
  Pass along your preference to team Berkowitz:
  mcberk@earthlink.net or 281-424-9465.