In brief

First-Friday service:  
May 2, 7:45 p.m. Congregation hosts: Gertrude Teter, Joan Linares.

June service: There will not be a first-Friday service in June. Instead services will be conducted on Shavouoth, Sunday, June 8, at 7:45 p.m. We will honor our graduates, Paige Bernick and Miriam Bauman. Paige will graduate from Princeton with a B.A. in history and a certificate in American studies, and will begin law school this August in Tennessee. Miriam will graduate from Barbers Hill High School.

HaZamir Festival: Philip Karjeker participated in the 15th Annual HaZamir Festival at the Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center near Baltimore. The event brings together Jewish teens from across the United States and Israel to meet, socialize and connect spiritually with other musicians. During the festival, singers rehearsed their common Jewish choral repertoire and performed in a gala concert.

Lunch Bunch: The Hadassah Lunch Bunch will celebrate Ruth Cornelius’ birthday on Saturday, May 31, 11:30 a.m., at El Toro on Decker Drive. For more information, contact June Foster.

Yearbook ad sales more important than ever

Hadassah yearbook packets were passed out to members during the April meeting. I would be delighted if every member would try to sell at least one ad. It is easier to sell ads to people with whom we do business on a regular basis. You should contact your doctor, dentist or other professional people that you patronize.

The yearbook is our only fundraiser now, and it needs to be a big success. Asking people for money is not a pleasant task, but Hadassah has so many worthwhile projects, so the incentive is there. The dollars we collect build wonderful hospitals, support cutting-edge medical research, plant trees, resettle youth in Israel and promote camps here in the United States, which is only part of the picture.

Please support this fundraiser. Packets will be e-mailed to everyone with an e-mail address. Call me at 281-576-6405 to receive yours by mail. Packets contain: a members letter, sample letter for potential advertisers (I leave these with new businesses after I solicit in person), sample letter for repeat advertisers, and a list of advertisers that are already in the yearbook (use this to check if this business already advertises).

Good luck and happy selling!

— SHANA BAUMAN

Installation dinner for Hadassah officers May 18

Congratulations to this year’s Hadassah officers, who recently were elected. They are: Joan Linares, president and programming; Shana Bauman, fundraising vice president; Gertrude Teter, treasurer; Harriet Lopez, secretary.

The Hadassah installation dinner will be held at noon on Sunday, May 18, at the CKI community building. Antonio’s will cater the event with vegetable lasagna. Salad, bread, drinks and dessert will be provided by members. Please call Gertrude Teter at 281-424-5829 or e-mail donte@hal-pc.org to RSVP by May 11.

Stephanie Schwartz helps represent CKI in parade

Stephanie Schwartz held position 15 on behalf of CKI at the “Israel at 60” citywide parade. Approximately 3,000 people participated in the April 6 event.

In an article in the Jewish Herald-Voice, Jewish Community Center program director Marilyn Hassid said, “The most important thing was to make it a community experience. We worked with the rabbinic council and the educators to find a date that would work for everybody. And we were so pleased by the cooperation and turnout: Every religious school, from Congregation Jewish Community North in Spring, to Beth Torah in Humble, to K’Nesseth Israel in Baytown, to all of the Houston congregations, schools and organizations, they all participated.”

There’s still time to contribute to renovation project

Hope everyone has had the opportunity to see the beautiful new kitchen and restroom facilities in the CKI community building. It is not too late to make a financial contribution toward this project, if you haven’t already done so. You may remit to CKI, PO Box 702, Baytown TX 77522.

— DON TETER