Baytown Jewish Community News

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In brief

SPRING TRIP: Fall may be just around the corner, but Keith Rosen is already making plans for a Jewish tour of the Caribbean in May 2009. It will start in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and continue for 10 days, including three days in San Juan and seven days at sea.

In San Juan, you’ll attend services at the largest congregation in Puerto Rico, visit the Bacardi Factory and the Arecibo Observatory, and tour Old and New San Juan. You’ll go to Curacao, St. Thomas, Aruba and two other locations. You’ll visit the oldest congregation in the Caribbean and attend services at the oldest congregation in the United States.

If you’d like more information, inquire at jewishtours@aol.com.

BACK FROM SIBERIA:
Susan Rosenbaum, the daughter of Jean and Merv Rosenbaum, is just back from a very interesting few days in Siberia on company business.

COUPON SAVER:
Once again, Harrison Bright is asking the congregation to clip and save “Box Top $ for Education” coupons for him to donate to his school. Look for 10-cent coupons on hundreds of products from General Mills and on other items.

Make an effort to attend monthly services

Attendance at services has reached a low point this summer. It may be due to vacations and such, but I would hope that it is not due to a complete breakdown in concern for the continuance of our Jewish community.

Small in numbers though we may be, all of us should be thankful and proud that we have continued to maintain an active synagogue in the face of the diminishing Jewish population of Baytown.

Is it too much to ask that we attend services once a month? For some people religious services fulfill a spiritual need, while others may merely enjoy the fellowship with co-religionists. Let’s all make special efforts to attend when we have no other obligations.

— DON TETER

Celebrate with Stephanie and Justin on Sept. 12

Thanks for attending our wedding shower on June 29. As many of you are aware, Justin and I have very large families and we regret that we were unable to accommodate all congregants for our wedding reception.

Therefore, we’ll have a reception following the Shabbat service on Sept. 12, and everyone is invited. We look forward to celebrating with all of you as Mr. and Mrs. Massengale.

— STEPHANIE AND JUSTIN

Please note: The Shabbat service is changed from the first Friday night to the second Friday night in September.

High Holy Day planning meeting set for Sept. 7

A planning meeting for this year’s High Holy Day services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m. in the CKI Community Building. If you’re interested, call Karen Aarons at 281-421-1894. Please don’t e-mail her.

Rosh Hashanah will begin at sundown on Monday, Sept. 29, and Yom Kippur will begin at sundown on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

New yearbooks available at Sept. 10 Hadassah event

The Baytown Chapter of Hadassah yearbooks are ready and will be distributed at the next meeting. Thanks to everyone who worked on the yearbook: Gertrude Teter, Joan Linares, Natalie Altman, Ruth Johnson, Beverly Manne, Jean Rosenbaum, Judy Rains, Janet Bright and Harriet Lopez. And special thanks to Gertrude for serving as a second pair of eyes by proofing and re-proofing.

The Hadassah meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the CKI Community Building. Plan to bring a favorite book you’ve read or are reading, and share your review. Wine and cheese will be served.

Be sure to attend and pick up yearbooks with the new look!

— SHANA BAUMAN