

Baytown Jewish Community News

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Time to celebrate!

Community building rededication planned for Feb. 6

To mark the completion of Congregation K'nesseth Israel's community building restoration project, everyone is encouraged to attend Friday night services and a special Oneg celebration on Feb. 6.

Help us celebrate the completion of this huge undertaking with a rededication Oneg following the service, which will begin at 7:15 p.m. (note special starting time). This will be our first formal Oneg since last August.

It's very important that we have as many congregation members as possible attend to share in this labor of love. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be on hand for this exciting chapter in CKI history. A light meal will be served,

along with a celebratory cake.

On a personal note, I'd like to say that this project would not have been such a great success without the ongoing support and guidance of Denise and John Havenar and Don Teter. I have renewed faith in the



CKI community and in our "blessing in disguise." Even when the building was down to a shell, I could envision everyone coming together to enjoy faith and friendship in the new facility. Let's all look forward to many years of sharing time with

friends and teaching the importance of having faith, no matter what challenges we face.

— JANET BRIGHT

Hadassah meeting: 'Voices for Justice'

The next Hadassah meeting will feature the documentary, "Voices for Justice: Reform Rabbis and Moral Leadership in America."

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., at Joan Linares' home, 5019 Glen Haven. The film from

Hebrew Union College traces the roles that reform rabbis have played in major civil rights issues over the past 150 years: abolition, suffrage, Zionism, civil rights, female rabbis and more. Keith Rosen will be the facilitator for this inspiring program.

Hostesses are Joan, Gertrude and Natalie.

Ready to turn in your Blue Box money?

January was Blue Box month. Please bring your checks or pushkes to the Hadassah meeting on Feb. 8. Blue Box

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supports the Jewish National Fund, which plants trees and funds water reclamation projects in Israel.

If you can't attend, then please mail a check, made out to Hadassah, to PO Box 376, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580-0376.

Baytown Police paying closer attention

A couple of weeks ago I received a call from Capt. David Alford, who is in charge of the crime prevention office of the Baytown Police Department. He wanted to inform me that, due to the Israeli war with Hamas and the fact that Baytown has its share of white supremacists and skinheads, their department was going to watch the synagogue more closely now.

I assured him that they are appreciated by all of us, and to advise us whenever we could aid him.

— DON TETER