

Baytown Jewish Community News

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In brief

Upcoming CKI activities:

- *Friday, March 6, 7:45 p.m.* — first-Friday service and Oneg.
- *Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m.* — Hamantashen 101 Class. Beverly Manne will teach you how to make these traditional Purim cookies, with a pot luck salad lunch to follow. RSVP to Janet Bright by March 7.
- *Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.* — Game and Ice Cream Social. Enjoy fellowship and fun with games like bingo, bunko, dominoes and more, followed by ice cream.
- *Sunday, April 26* — volunteers are needed to prepare the side yard for spring tree and flower planting and fence painting. Enjoy grilled kosher hot dogs and refreshments.

Former Baytonian dies:

Dr. Maurice Blum, 93, died in February in Georgetown, Texas. Maurice was a dentist in Baytown for many years prior to retiring to Georgetown. His late wife, Mary Louise, and his sister, Helen Melinger, were members of the Baytown chapter of Hadassah. If you'd like to send a note of condolence, his daughter's address is: Diana Blum, 127 Larkspur Lane, Georgetown, TX 78633.

New grandparents: Former Baytonians Natasha and Michael Bleyzer are now grandparents. Daughter Irisha (Rina) and husband Ryan O'Maley, who now live near Seattle, had a boy in December.

Tree planting sale: Israel@60: Hadassah Forests of the Future is an initiative to make Israel's 60th anniversary a green one. To learn more, go to: <http://news.hadassah.org/files/PlantatreeFlyer.pdf>.

Large turnout for building rededication

More than 50 people were on hand for the rededication service and Oneg for our community building on Feb. 6. It rivaled attendance at our annual Yom Kippur Break Fast.

A number of congregation members helped financially and with manual labor to complete this project. However, special thanks go to Janet Bright and Denise Havenar, who devoted countless hours to planning and implementing the restoration.



Denise and Janet also offer their thanks to those who attended the event. "We are overjoyed with the results and humbled by everyone's reactions to our new Jewish Community Center. It was such a blessing to have so many people show their support," Janet says. "And many thanks for the thoughtful Macy's gift cards. We do love to shop!"

Community meeting planned for March 15

Congregation K'nesseth Israel members will be receiving a letter asking for their thoughts on a variety of issues facing CKI. Please consider these issues and be prepared to discuss them at a meeting on Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m. in the community building. If you can't attend, send your comments to Janet Bright.

Time to sign up for Onegs

With the community building restoration complete, it's time to line up our regular Oneg schedule. Please begin signing up for spots for the rest of this year. We don't need anything special food-wise, since we're usually a small group. At least \$25 in CKI funds is available for each Oneg. One person or a team of two are needed for setup and cleanup. Look for a signup sheet at the March 6 Oneg.

Hadassah meeting attendance

I was disappointed that only eight people attended our Hadassah meeting on Feb. 8. Keith Rosen presented the program, Voices for Justice: Reform Rabbis and Moral

Leadership in America. It was an excellent program, and Keith had spent much time in preparation.

In the future, we need to decide if we want someone from out of town to prepare and present a program when only eight people will attend. In Baytown we have very little opportunity to attend a program dealing with Judaism, and I think that we should avail ourselves of the chance to attend a program in our community.

— Gertrude Teter

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