

Baytown Jewish Community News

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In brief

For your calendar

- Sukkot: Friday, Oct. 2. Sukkah decorating at noon; join in, if you can. Services at 7:45 p.m.; Julie, Neil and Maggie lead the shaking of the lulav and etrog, with blessings in the Sukkah.
- Simchat Torah: Sunday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m. Hostess: Pam.
- Hadassah meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. Shana will relate highlights of the Houston Jewish Federation trip to Israel last February. Hostesses: Harriet, Karen, Pam.
- First-Friday service: Nov. 6, 7:45 p.m. Hosts: Justin and Stephanie.

New books

Thanks to Mikke Mutton for donating children's books for our play area.

Looking good

As part of his Boy Scout community service project, Harrison Bright recently sealed our new deck and stairs to prolong their durability and beauty.

Welcome, Smiths

Patrick and Jessica Smith of Baytown, and their 3-year-old, Liam, recently began attending services. Patrick works for the city as an animal control officer and Jessica works in the business office at Lee College.

Yard sale to support shul restoration project

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 8, when CKI will hold a yard sale to benefit our shul restoration project. The sale will begin at 1 p.m. and be held inside the fenced side yard near the community building.

To make this a successful sale, we need everyone's help in rounding up the most desired and well-kept items. If you have something to donate, here are a few guidelines from Janet Bright, who's organizing the event:

- Items must be clean, have all parts and be in working condition (please test).
- Clothes should be clean/dry-cleaned and on hangers.
- Electronic items must work, have all cords and remote controls, and fresh batteries.
- Crystal or glass items should have no breaks or chips.
- Ensure toys work and have fresh batteries. Check any recall listings before donating.
- Advise of your furniture donation early, if you need help moving it. Sets are best.
- Nothing will be sold for less than one dollar (no junk).

Janet has a goal of raising \$3,000 to support the shul restoration project, so start looking now and let her know what you'd like to donate. Large items, such as furniture sets or even an old car, would be great. And see if your friends have anything they'd like to donate.

We'll need at least three sets of three people to work the event, probably for two-hour shifts each. Security will be present and no children will be allowed inside the gate, to avoid injury or damage.

Check out Houston's Jewish historical sights

If you'd like to take an up-close look at Jewish historical points of interest in Houston, then plan to join a fun and educational tour led by Keith Rosen on Sunday, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The initial pick-up point will be at our community building, with a second pick-up for Houston residents probably at the Jewish Community Center on South Braeswood.

The tour costs \$30, which includes a box lunch from Kenny and Ziggy's. Please make out your check to Baytown Chapter of Hadassah and mail it to PO Box 702, Baytown TX 77522. Contact Shana Bauman (shanabauman@yahoo.com or 281-576-6405) so she can keep up with the reservations.

We are privileged to have a 15-passenger Precinct 2 bus for the tour. If there is a large interest, Shana needs plenty of advance notice to arrange for a larger bus. So, send in your reservations early. Reservations are due by Oct 20. A bus that serves handicapped individuals is available, if there's a need.

Because this is a seniors bus, only one person can be under the age of 50, and no children under 18 are allowed. We need a minimum of nine participants.

Become Hadassah associate for bargain price

From now until Dec. 31, enrollment as a Hadassah associate has been reduced from \$300 to \$200. The Baytown Chapter of Hadassah proudly lists the following as associates: Harrison Bright, Neil Davidson, Jerry Fram, Dr. Kevin Johnson, Ruben Linares, Burton Manne, Neal Manne, Mark Mendelovitz, Benny Moskowitz, Keith Rosen, Barry Rosenbaum, Merv Rosenbaum, Steve Rosenbaum and Don Teter. If your name isn't included in this august list, please contact Jean Rosenbaum for enrollment at this bargain price.