

Baytown Jewish Community News

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In brief

First-Friday service:

Nov. 6, 7:45 p.m. Oneg hostesses are Stephanie Massengale and Denise Havenar.

Lower prices: If you're considering joining Hadasah, it's a wonderful time to do so. Membership costs are more affordable than ever, now through Dec. 31. Fees are \$25 for yearly memberships, \$250 for lifetime memberships, \$250 for child life memberships and \$200 for associate life memberships.

Food drive: We recently received a letter of thanks from Missouri Street Church of Christ in Baytown for our congregation's donation of food items following the High Holy Days. Thanks to everyone who helped. If you have additional items, you can take them directly to the church.

Power wash: Thanks to Johnathan Havenar, oldest son of Denise and John Havenar, who donated his time to power wash the synagogue entry stone work and walkways.

Toys and books: Thanks to Mikke Mutton, who recently donated many toys and children's books for our community building kids area.

Waiting on results of latest grant proposal

When I took over the community building repairs, I had a "grand plan" for what I'd like to see CKI become. To make this happen, I'm always researching grant possibilities. Last year I met Melissa Tabin of Jewish Family Services in Houston, and she's been instrumental in my grant research.

The first grant we applied for after Hurricane Ike was partially awarded but it did put CKI on the radar for future grants. Melissa and I just completed a new grant proposal specifically for Harris County synagogues damaged by Ike. Melissa's a wonderful person, a fantastic grant writer and is squarely in CKI's corner when it comes to funding. With her guidance and a little help from above, I hope to report back to you in the next few months with more good news.

Donations to the repair fund are always appreciated and can be sent to Don Teter.

— JANET BRIGHT

Annual business meeting will be held Nov. 15

The CKI yearly business meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15, 1-3 p.m. at the community building. If you have a topic you'd like to discuss at the meeting, please contact Janet Bright by Nov. 12 to ensure it's on the agenda.

Yard sale moving to spring

Due to limited response from members, we believe rescheduling the CKI yard sale for the spring would be best. If anyone needs to donate items, I can help with that. I'm sorry for the change but we need items to sell. By the spring, we may all have more to donate.

— JANET BRIGHT

Keep an eye on parking

Residents (or guests of residents) from the houses adjacent to the shul have been parking 2-3 trucks/cars in the driveway alongside the shul stairs. Recently, I was approached by one of the

residents who stated that they received damage to their vehicle while on our property. The person asked about our insurance and whether it would cover the damage. I asked a Baytown Police officer to come by and note the issue, and had him suggest that they no longer park on CKI property. Please let me know if you notice additional vehicles parked in the driveway.

— JANET BRIGHT

Sad news

Our condolences to the Havenar family on the death of John's brother, Richard Havenar, and to the Razo family on the death of Manuel's mother, Rafaela.

Reminder for hostesses

Serving as the hostess for Hadasah meetings or Friday night services includes setup and cleanup — washing dishes, sweeping, cleaning off tables and disposing of garbage. Thanks to everyone for your time, delicious goodies, and cooperation.