

Baytown Jewish Community News

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In brief

January service date change

Because of the New Year's holiday, the monthly service in January will be held on Friday, Jan. 8, at 7:45 p.m. Please plan to join us.

Read anything good lately?

Get ready for the February Hadassah meeting by selecting a favorite book to discuss. Mark your calendar for this event on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. Other activities planned for February include:

- Sunday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m. — hamentaschen baking
- Saturday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. — Purim service and supper

Watch for more details in the February issue of the newsletter.

Looking for Mikke?

If you'd like to update your address book, here's Mikke Mutton's latest contact information:

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Baytown TX 77520
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'Monster Among Us' focuses on anti-Semitism

The next Hadassah meeting will feature the film, "The Monster Among Us." Join us to view and discuss the film that focuses on the alarming rise of anti-Semitism in Europe.

The meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17, starting at 1 p.m. at the Community Building. Note the location change from the Linares home. Hostesses are Joan Linares, Gertrude Teter and Natalie Altman.

"The Monster Among Us" is a film by Allen Mondell and Cynthia Salzman Mondell (see photo) that includes excerpts from almost 200 hours of footage shot in Germany, Hungary, France, England, Holland and Belgium. Anti-Semitism has surfaced on university campuses, in the media, on the streets, on the Internet, at political demonstrations and in seemingly innocent social situations.

The film examines this wave of anti-Semitism against European Jews and their institutions, mainly from the point of view of those who have directly experienced the violence or live every day with the threat.

In recent conversations with American Jews as well as non-Jews, it's surprising how many are uninformed about the problem. Some have heard about the violence in France, but most are totally unaware of what's happening in the rest of Europe.



Service, party help mark another Hanukkah celebration

Another Hanukkah has come and gone.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Karen Aarons led the congregation in holiday prayer and song. The service was followed by our annual Hanukkah party for young and old alike. The community building was filled with food, music, games and prizes.

Thanks to Janet Bright for taking the lead in organizing the party and to everyone else who helped make this year's Hanukkah celebration one to remember.

