

Baytown Jewish Community News

JANUARY 2011

In brief

First-Friday service

• Jan. 7, 7:45 p.m. Hostesses: Gertrude Teter and Joan Linares.

What a deal

For all of 2011, Hadassah life memberships and associate memberships cost only \$100. This is a great deal for anyone who is not a member or would like to purchase a membership for a niece, nephew or grandchild. For more information, contact Jean Rosenbaum.

Chanukah thanks

Many thanks to Karen Aarons and Janet Bright for coordinating the special Chanukah service and party in December. The food was great, and all of the decorations made the community center look splendid. P.S. — if you took home dish towels to wash, please remember to return them. Thanks!

We tried

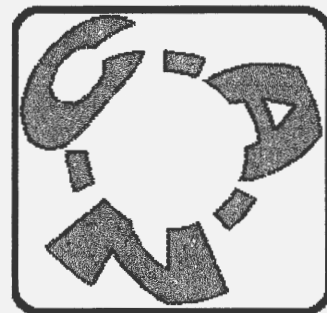
In an attempt to make better use of our Jewish community center, we tried a film series for three months. Due to a lack of interest, the program has ended.

— Stephanie Schwartz and Don Teter

Plan to hear about C.A.N. at Hadassah meeting

Steve Vestal from Cease Addiction Now (C.A.N.) will be the guest speaker at the next Hadassah meeting. His presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, at the community building.

Cease Addiction Now is a community-based, non-profit organization that works with adolescents and adults in the areas of substance abuse, domestic violence, parenting, anger management, social skills and other behavioral health issues. C.A.N. works with several county agencies to provide services for youth and adults in troubled times, and accepts referrals from child and family protective services and those who self-admit to treatment. The organization is developing a vocational mentoring program to continue working with youth after they complete treatment.



Restoration Celebration

As discussed at the CKI annual membership meeting, a special meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. to review the status of plans for the March 27 Restoration Celebration and to obtain additional support from the congregation, where needed, to help with the affair. Please mark your calendar.

— Merv Rosenbaum, event chairman

It's Blue Box month

January is Blue Box month for the Jewish National Fund. This fund keeps Israel forested and watered. Bring your Blue Box, pushke or check to the Jan. 9 Hadassah meeting. If you don't plan to attend the meeting, please mail a check made out to the Jewish National Fund to: Shana Bauman, PO Box 376, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580

Start reading

Time for another popular Book Review Free-for-All. Start reading or finding a favorite book to review for

the Hadassah meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9. June Foster and Judy Rains will bring the wine and cheese.

Recent donation

CKI has received a donation, in honor of Gertrude and Don Teter and Joan Linares, from the Weiner Family Foundation. In December, they hosted Bob and Rachel Weiner Davis and four of their visitors who wanted to see our synagogue.

A little bit of history

In the fall of 1928, Congregation K'nesseth Israel was chartered by 20 Jewish residents as a corporation with a life of only 50 years. It is a tribute to all who support this congregation that in 1978 a charter amendment had to be obtained, extending the corporation's life in perpetuity.

This little bit of history is from "Oil Gevalt: The History of the Baytown, Texas, Jewish Community, 1928-2008," by Don Teter.