

Baytown Jewish Community News

MARCH 2011

In brief

First-Friday service

March 4, 7:45 p.m.; hostesses: Denise and Jennifer. We need a volunteer to assist Ruth with the April oneq.

Fundraising Award

Our Baytown Chapter of Hadassah was given a 2010 Hadassah Fundraising Award for meeting our quota.

Water reminder

We have had a more-than-necessary plumbing bill due to burst pipes under the community building during the recent hard freeze. Just for general information, everyone should be aware that merely turning off the water supply is not enough — the pipes should also be drained.

— Don Teter

Book discussion

An informal book discussion was held after services in February. Don, Andrea and Joan shared some titles they recently read, and June and Ruben joined the discussion as well. Some of the books reviewed were: "Ford County Stories," "Confession," "Outliers," "Room," "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," "The Help," "Same Kind of Different As Me," "Safe Haven" and "The Guardian."

Thanks

Evelyn and Parham Naghdechi say "thanks" to everyone who joined them for their new son's briss and reception in February.

Final plans made for Restoration Celebration

Following a final planning meeting, preparations are nearing completion for the CKI Restoration Celebration to be held on Sunday, March 27. The event will include a service starting at 2 p.m., with a reception at 3 p.m. in the community building.

Fourteen congregation members attended the planning session on Feb. 20. All assignments are in good shape, with final details being worked on in a number of areas.

A Jewish Herald-Voice article is scheduled for March 3 to urge invitees who have not responded yet to do so, and to remind those who did respond to attend. Other Herald-Voice readers in the Houston area are asked to contact our president, Joan Linares, if they are interested in attending. See you there!

— Merv Rosenbaum, event chairman

Purim activities include hamantaschen baking

To help celebrate Purim, Hadassah activities planned for March include hamantaschen baking with salad lunch on Sunday, March 6, at 10 a.m., and a Purim supper (6 p.m.) and service (7:30 p.m.) on Saturday, March 19. The events will take place at the community building and synagogue.

RSVP to Shana Bauman for the hamantaschen baking/lunch at 281-576-6405 or shanabaum@yahoo.com. RSVP to Ruth Cornelius for the Purim supper at 281-420-2038 or RECBYTHBAY@aol.com. Ruth has a list of items needed for the Purim dinner.

For the hamantaschen baking/lunch, Shana asks that everyone bring enough salad lunch for sharing. Listed below is the recipe for cream cheese dough, which needs to be made the night before. If anyone would like to bring the cream cheese dough, let Shana know when you RSVP. She will bring ingredients for the yeast dough, which will be made at the community building.

Please bring: rolling boards, cookie sheets, rolling pins, drinking glasses to cut the circles or large cookie cutters, wax paper, clean dish towels, cooling racks, large Tupperware for freezing, large metal spoons, rolling boards, timer, favorite filling.



Hamantaschen Cream Cheese Dough

- 1 C margarine, 8 oz. cream cheese, 2 C flour, 1/4 C powdered sugar
- Let margarine and cream cheese soften to room temperature. Cream together until light and fluffy.
- Add flour and sugar and mix well.
- Wrap in wax paper and refrigerate overnight.
- Roll to 1/4 inch thickness (can add more flour if needed). Cut into rounds with a custard cup.
- Fill and pinch into hamantaschen shape.
- Bake at 400 for 15 minutes.

Beverly's Birthday Brunch

I would be delighted if you could join me for a birthday brunch on Sunday, April 10, at 11 a.m. at the CKI community building.

If you are able to attend, please respond to bevmanne26@sbcglobal.net or 713-621-5682 by March 31. No acceptances can be taken after April 3.

Absolutely no gifts or birthday cards. Please donate to a pantry, food bank or shelter of your choice.

— Beverly Manne