

Baytown Jewish Community News

JANUARY 2012

In brief

Monthly service

Please plan to attend the first-Friday service on Jan. 6 starting at 7:45 p.m. Hostesses will be Jennifer and Denise Havenar.

Outstanding dues

If you have not done so, please send your membership dues payment to:
Congregation K'nesseth Israel
PO Box 702
Baytown TX 77522

Bat Mitzvah in Israel

Jean and Merv Rosenbaum's granddaughter, Eliana Yoko Rosenbaum, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in Jerusalem on Dec 30. It was her choice to have the ceremony there after hearing a sermon about the beauty of Israel, when she was in Houston for the Bat Mitzvah of her cousin, Lauren Rosenbaum. Many of her Israeli family members were in attendance.

Birthday wishes

Happy birthday to our January celebrants. Natalie Altman will mark her special day on Jan. 26 and Stephanie Schwartz on Jan. 4. If you have a February birthday and would like it noted in the next newsletter, please email David Berkowitz with the date at mcbark@earthlink.net.



Mid-week Hanukkah celebration a success

Breaking from our traditional weekend Hanukkah service and party, the annual celebration on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, was a big success.

A nice-size group attended the service, which featured a number of holiday readings and songs. As usual, Karen Aarons did a fine job of leading the service. Everyone then moved to the Jewish Community Center to enjoy food, conversation and gifts.

Thanks to Janet Bright for coordinating the party and to Denise Havenar for giving her a hand. And thanks to all who attended, including several visitors.



Welcome to several new Hadassah members

The start of 2012 brings several new members to our Baytown Chapter of Hadassah.

New life members are Paige Bernick, Janie Destefano, Denise Havenar, Andrea Havenar Maddox and Jennifer Havenar. New associate members are Alex Bernick, Jim Bernick, John Havenar and Johnathan Havenar.

We are very excited to welcome all of these new members and associates.