

# Baytown Jewish Community News

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## News briefs

### Get set to read the Megillah and shake a grogger

It's nearly time for Purim and our annual service and dinner on Saturday, Feb. 23. The dinner will start at 6 p.m., with hot dogs and hamentaschen. Reading of the Megillah will begin at 7:30 p.m. Come shake a grogger and have some fun. Ruth is coordinator, so please call her at 281-420-2038 or email [recbythbay@aol.com](mailto:recbythbay@aol.com) with any questions.

### Friday night service

Feb. 1, 7:45 p.m.

### Would you like to host?

We need people to sign up to be hosts/hostesses for the Friday night onegs. The sign-in list is on the refrigerator in the community building. And, as always, we want to encourage people to attend our monthly services.

### Did you get donation receipt?

IRS donation receipts were mailed out a couple of weeks ago. If you made a donation in the 2012 calendar year and have not received a letter, please contact Shana at [shanabauman@yahoo.com](mailto:shanabauman@yahoo.com).

### Thanks for your support

Aaron and Sheryl Karolinski send their thanks to everyone for keeping them and their daughter, Rene, in their prayers as she continues chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

## Volunteer hours translate into dollars

If you have flipped through our yearbook and wondered about the ad on page 51 that thanks the ExxonMobil Volunteer Program, then let me explain.

ExxonMobil honors the volunteer hours that ExxonMobil employees, retirees, spouses and children contribute in their community to make



the world a better place. The time spent assembling the yearbook translates into dollars for Hadassah. That, in turn, builds new hospitals and schools, fosters medical research and aliyah programs, and plants trees for Israel. What a wonderful way to raise funds for my favorite charity.

Several of our Hadassah members and associates also donate or have donated their ExxonMobil VIP time for worthwhile community projects in Baytown. Joan currently volunteers at Harlem Elementary. Jean, Merv, Beverly, Ed and I have, over the years, donated time to Baytown Little Theater, Sterling Library, Goose Creek Stream Project, Chinquapin School, Barbers Hill Primary School and other places.

— SHANA

## Trees planted in Israel for Newtown victims

Hadassah National President Marcie Natan planted the first trees in Israel in what is to be a memorial forest for the victims of the Newtown, Conn., shooting massacre. The forest, planned to include more than 3,000 trees, is being planted in the Beersheba River Park, in the Negev desert.

Hadassah has raised more than \$60,000 toward the planting of more than 3,000 trees honoring both the teachers and young students of the

Dec. 14 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The trees will be part of the Beersheba River Park, a 1,700-acre water, environmental and commercial area being built by the Jewish National Fund in Israel's desert city.



The idea for the Newtown Israeli forest was created from a request by Veronique Pozner, whose son, Noah, age 6, was

the only Jewish victim of the shooting. Pozner requested that memorial contributions be directed toward the planting of trees in Israel.

Natan said her organization decided quickly that it wanted to honor all 26 victims of the tragedy.