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Our Newsletter

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Purim!

Sunday, March 20

10 AM

Party and
Megillah Reading

Costume contest!

Hamantaschen
baking contest!

Prizes! Games! Music!

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From the President

I think all will agree that the tribute dinner in honor of Dena and Lewis Levine was a great success, and all because we have such hardworking and dedicated volunteers. Over fifty people attended, including the Levine's four children and several of their cousins.

Thank you to the following people: Fernando R for overall planning, invitations, programs, and set up, Alma R and Veronica H for cooking and coordinating a delicious and beautifully presented dinner, Dyan B and Janet W for gathering and displaying a great assortment of gifts, art and jewelry for the auctions, Janet W for her great auctioneering, Veronica Freeman and Mike Freeman for food preparation, Nivia F and Tori K for cooking, the confirmation class: Rachel R, Adriana W, Joseph B, Madeline H, as well as Ivan Shirazi and Cat Freeman or food preparation and serving. And thank you to many of you who donated gifts or purchased gifts at the auction. Mazel Tov once again to the Levines - the temple has donated a pew in their honor.

Three major temple events are coming up soon; I hope you will attend.

First, Purim is almost here, and we will have our annual Megillah reading and Purim party on Sunday, Mar 20, at 10 am, with Rabbi Joseph. This holiday is for all in the temple - not just for children, and it is one of the most fun and joyous of Jewish religious celebrations in the year. Everyone is strongly encouraged to come in costume, and there will be a costume contest for all age categories. Also there will be a hamantaschen baking contest. We will be welcoming as guests the school families from Temple Beth El in Brownsville. A pot luck lunch will be served, so please contact Alma R to let her know what you are bringing.

The second event is the congregational annual meeting and pot luck lunch (again!) on Sun, March 27. Lunch will be at 12:30, with the meeting to follow. We will elect the board of directors (see slate on page ...) and review the state of the temple over the past year. A member not on the slate may be nominated from the floor if present. The meeting is a great opportunity to make your suggestions for the temple. Thank you to Steve Jones and Tom Huff who will be

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CALENDAR

Friday, March 18
Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19
Shabbat Service 9 a.m.
Havdallah/Basic Judaism
class 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
Religion School/Purim
Service 10 a.m.

Sunday, Mar. 27
12:30 Annual Meeting

Friday, Apr. 1
Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Apr. 3
10 a.m. Temple Work Day

Friday, Apr. 15
Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 16
Shabbat Service 9 a.m.
Havdallah/Basic Judaism
class 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Apr. 17
Religion School model
seder

Monday, Apr. 18
6:30 p.m. First Passover
Seder

April 19-26
Passover

Sunday, May 1
Yom Hashoah

Monday, May 9
Yom Hazikaron

Tuesday, May 10
Israel Independence Day

Friday, May 13
Confirmation Shabbat

Sat.-Sun., May 14-15
Religion School camping
trip

Sun., May 22
Lag B'Omer

NEWS AND NOTES

PURIM: Sunday, March 20, 10 am, morning service and Megillah Reading led by Rabbi Joseph. Costume contest for all ages, hamantaschen baking contest, prizes, games, music, pot luck lunch. Please contact Alma Russek to tell her what you want to bring for food or supplies. Please, dairy or pareve foods only. Alma R: 970-7722, email: almafrussek3@aol.com

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POT LUCK LUNCH: Sunday, March 27, lunch: 12:30 pm, with meeting to follow. Slate proposed by the board: President: Laurel Steinberg, Vice President: Abby Warshowsky, Secretary: Janet Wilder, Treasurer: Bert Wolf, members: Dyan Banks, Veronica Huff, John Brown, Leon Hananel, Joel Smith, Fernando Russek, and permanent board member emeritus: Rollie Koppel. Susan Hananel is coordinating the pot luck lunch. Please call her about the food item you want to bring (please: dairy or pareve foods only): phone: 828-200-9334, email: twohananels@gmail.com. Please come to express your ideas for making the temple a better place, and to socialize with fellow members.

TEMPLE COMMUNITY SEDER: Mon, April 18, 6:30 pm

Costs: \$30: adults (13 and over),

\$15: children ages 6 to 12; free: children ages 5 and younger.

Please make your check to Temple Beth Israel, and mail to
Laurel Steinberg, 613 W Saint Charles St, Brownsville, TX 78520.

Please indicate if you would like chicken or fish.

PASSOVER FOOD IN HARLINGEN: HEB at Lincoln St, available approximately March 15, matzoh, matzoh meal, horseradish, macaroons, candies.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Once again, Temple Beth Israel's Stars of David will be running and walking at the annual Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. It will start on Friday evening, April 29, at Boggus Stadium in Harlingen. Adriana Gonzalez is coordinator and is collecting funds - we hope to raise at least \$1000 from our community. (Please make checks to American Cancer Society) Stop by at the Stars of David booth, and run or walk a lap of two. The relay goes all night, and we will have a presence there all night. It is really fun, and it is important for our temple to participate with the whole Harlingen community for this worthy cause.

DON'T THROW THAT OUT! Yes it is another temple Rummage Sale, scheduled for Sunday, June 26. Please start to set aside those treasures that you no longer want or need. Later in the spring we will have space in the temple to store your items.

— Laurel Steinberg

HADASSAH:

APRIL 6, 2011 meet for lunch at 1 pm at COBBLEHEAD'S
3154 Central Boulevard in Brownsville

Schmooz, eat, laugh, watch a demonstration by owner Joe Kenney
who will teach us how to carve fruits and vegetables
to make our Spring tables more attractive. Bring a friend!

Lunch will include salad, red snapper with roasted potatoes and fresh grilled vegetables and drink. Cost of luncheon - \$18.00. Your check made out to Hadassah is your reservation. Please send it to Michele Goldsmith, 5502 Lovers Lane, Brownsville 78526

DO PLEASE ATTEND!

Also, please extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to our non-event donor. Thus far we have raised \$5400. During these tight economic times, you have once again proved how committed you are to our wonderful organization and our projects here and in Israel. Thank you so very much.

— Emily Alpert



Scenes from the Levine Tribute Dinner, Feb. 19, 2011



DONATIONS

IN HONOR OF BERT WOLF'S BIRTHDAY

Alma Russek, to the Shabbat Breakfast Fund

IN HONOR OF MEREDITH LINSKY'S BIRTHDAY

Alma Russek, to the Shabbat Breakfast Fund

IN HONOR OF VERONICA HUFF'S BIRTHDAY

Alma Russek, to the Shabbat Breakfast Fund

FOR THE LEVINE'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Joel P. Smith and Janice Cassidy
 Marsha and Harvey Wolff
 Rabbi Frank & Laurie Joseph
 Shyrley Hewitt, to make dinner
 Albert Wolf Jr.
 Elka Jaross
 Sharon and Mike Brier

MEMORIAL FUND/PLAQUES

Bert & Jamie Wolf, in loving memory
 of Mary Karr Wolf
 Sheila Greenfeld, in loving memory
 of Gertrude E. Greenfeld —
 Aug. 2, 1911- Jan. 19, 2011

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Rollins and Amalie Koppel

ONEGS

Thank you for participating in our temple onegs. Everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated. If there is a conflict with your scheduled date, please take the well-timed initiative to trade with another member. Contact Laurel Berg or Veronic Huff if you need a phone number.

MARCH 18

*Meredith Linsky
 Sofia Shirazi
 Jan & Joel Smith

APRIL 15

*Elizabeth & David
 Goldstein
 Olgo Quintero
 Robert Alvarado

MAY 13

*Bert & Jamie Wolf
 Jose & Liliana Cohen
 David & Lori Suissa

JUNE 10

*Dyan Banks
 Shirley Sondock

JULY 30

*Alma Russek
 Myriam Herszage
 Veronica & Micheal
 Freeman

**The Coordinator is responsible for organizing the group and its duties (who brings and does what, when and where).*

Checklist:

- o Decaf coffee
- o Cream & Sugar
- o Decaf cold drinks/juice and ice
- o Cups for coffee and drinks
- o Plastic ware, napkins, plates
- o Kosher wine/ Small wine cups
- o Unsliced challah
- o Table cloth (if one is used from the Temple, please launder and return it to the Temple)
- o Table decoration
- o Desserts for approximately 40-50 people (choices of cookies, cakes, nuts, fruit, coffee cakes, or flan)

Hosts are responsible for cleaning up the food and dishes before they leave.

From the President

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stepping down from the board. We will still call upon you for your help and input. Susan Hananel will be coordinating the food for the pot luck lunch.

And the third event is our annual community seder, led by Rabbi Joseph, on Monday night, Apr. 18, 6:30 pm. Please see information for signing up on page 2. We hope to have a new caterer this year with a new menu, including an option for fish or chicken. We are not increasing our charge for the seder.

Another note on Passover - thanks to the efforts of Janet Wilder, we will have some Passover food available

this year at the Lincoln St HEB in Harlingen. Matzoh, matzoh meal, horseradish, candies, and macaroons are expected around March 15. Please patronize them so that next year we can have a greater variety of foods.

I also want to welcome two new member families to our congregation: Richard and Christina Newman and family, and Harry and Elizabeth Holtzman and family. Their children have joined our religion school, and we look forward to seeing them at many temple events.

Wishing all a happy Adar,

— Laurel Steinberg