

# **CHAI-LITES**

**News and Notes from Congregation Jewish Community North** 

## Join us for Shabbat!

#### FRIDAY EVENING:

"Preneg" Reception: 6:45 p.m. Services: 7:15 p.m. Oneg follows.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING**

Torah Study: 10:00 a.m.

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> OFFICE HOURS: W-F 10:30-2:30

#### Did You Know?

Hospitals no longer inform the temple office automatically when a patient is admitted. If either you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please let us know. If you, or someone you know is in need, we'd like to help. If you don't tell us, we can't help. Please contact us!

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### A WORD FROM OUR RABBI

I hope this finds you well, and that you have all had a joyous and meaningful Passover holiday. We are now well into the sacred season between Passover, which celebrates our liberation from Egyptian slavery, and Shavu'ot, the holiday that commemorates our encounter at Sinai, when we entered into a different kind of service. It was then that our people ceased living and working

for the glory and power of a human being, and began living and working to bring glory to the creator of all things, serving no man, but rather all men, women and children. It's a special time for spiritual work and I invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities we are able to offer our congregation. Not only do we have regular Torah Study on Saturday mornings now, we have begun offering Adult Hebrew School, Adult B'nai Mitzvah programs and the wonderful Chai Mitzvah program. Chai Mitzvah at CJCN will celebrate it's first cohort's achievements on June 10th with a special Shabbat evening service. I hope you will come out and support these dedicated adult learners and be inspired by them to enhance your spiritual journey. maybe religious thought isn't what you are looking for. That's okay. We have other programs that can enhance your lives in a different, perhaps even more practical way. (Continued)

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#### FROM RABBI SIGER (continued)

Every so often I like to remind folks that you can and should take advantage of the PREPARE/ENRICH program. This is a marriage coaching and enhancement curriculum. If you would like to improve your communication skills, promote greater intimacy and learn useful conflict resolution and relationship strengthening practices, all you have to do is ask, and of course set aside the time for the sessions. The program consists of an online inventory and a series of six feedback and discussion sessions, for an average of ten hours of private sessions.

There is no charge for my time to congregants taking this program.

Far too often, I learn of someone's illness or a problem they are facing through the grapevine. Many times people don't want to reach out because they either think I am too busy, or that their problem isn't worth sharing. All I ask is this: let me decide if I'm too busy for you, or that your problem isn't worth my time. Send an email, text or give me a call.

May God bless and keep us all!



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last newsletter piece as President of CJCN. While I am very much looking forward to becoming a "civilian" again, there are certain aspects of being president I will miss.

I will miss having everyone, (well, most everyone), return my phone calls in a timely

manner. I will miss the sense of accomplishment as projects get finished that I initiated. I will miss having the Rabbi's undivided attention. I admit that I will miss having people ask me for a minute of my time on Shabbat to answer a question they may have. It kind of make me feels like Tevye's rich man. Perhaps most of all I will miss opening the temple early on a Friday night or Saturday morning and having the sanctuary to myself for a little while until congregants begin to arrive. I cannot explain the peace I feel being the only one in our beautiful sanctuary prior to Shabbat or Torah study and believing that, for those moments, I alone have G-d's ear.

There are other things I will miss. There is also a list of things I won't miss. But on June 1, it will be Jason's turn to begin to compile his own lists. I hope you all show him the respect and patience that I was shown, and that his list of those things he will miss in two years is far longer than the things he won't miss. By the time you all are reading this, Passover will have come and gone. I hope everyone had a wonderful

Pesach, and enjoyed the Seder with family and friends.

Shalom Aleichem, Steve Landis

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **CREDIT CARDS WELCOME**

We can accept Credit Cards for dues, donations, and purchases.

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#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Board of Trustees meetings are open to any member in good standing of the congregation (unless in closed session).

Meetings are usually on the last Tuesday of each month.

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#### **CALENDAR**

Check the calendar on our website at www.CJCN.org for the most up to date information.

#### IN GRATITUDE

#### **DONATIONS**

Mar 09 - Apr 09, 2016 as of April 08, 2016

#### **Building/Sanctuary Fund**

Payne, Judith – in Memory of Ralph E. Payne
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#### **Endowment Fund**

Blumenthal, Sidney & Kathleen – in Memory of Richard Katy Blumenthal, Sidney & Kathleen – in Memory of Charlotte Cooke Blumenthal, Sidney & Kathleen – in Memory of Thomas Buckley

#### **General Operation Fund**

Panzer, Albert & Sallie – in Memory of Mary E. Warren Greenberg, Toby – in Memory of Richard Katz The Lessick Family – in Memory of Jeanne Lessick Leff, Howard – in Memory of Ben Leff The Gottlieb Family – in Memory of Harry Hauptman Shuffler, Fred – in Memory of Yetta Shuffler Shepetofsky, Lawrence & Alana – in Honor of Ida Shoer Goldstein

#### Library Fund

Snider, Charlene, Jill and Suzanne – in Memory of Irving Snider

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Preble, Rick & Joy – in Memory of Milton Brown
Rosenberg, Ronald & Corey
Pfeffer, David & Lisa – in Honor of Mason Pfeffer's Bar Mitzvah
Kaufman, Harriet – in Memory of Jerry Kaufman
Klein, Mark
Bernstein, Neal & Sandy – in Memory of Judy Weinstein

#### **WE WANT TO HELP**

#### FROM OUR BY-LAWS:

"No individual shall be denied membership in the Congregation solely for reasons of financial inability"

If you are facing financial challenges, you aren't alone!
Please contact our Finance
Committee (finance@cjcn.org)

All discussion is held in the strictest confidence.

## HEALING PRAYERS

If you wish to add someone to our "MiSheberach" prayer list, please do so by contacting the office. You can call during business hours or send an email to office@cjcn.org

Please note that it is traditional and customary to give a small amount of charity to the cause of your choosing on behalf of the sick person.



#### FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Fellow congregants,

My time as President Elect is quickly coming to an end. Wow, I guess it is really my turn now. I am truly humbled and honored to be assuming the role of President in June for our Congregation. It is a role that I take very seriously and hope to continue the wonderful work of our past leaders.

I would like to thank many of the past presidents for the time and council in preparing for this next step including Barry King, Andrew Gamson, Norm Weiss, Sue Wiseman, and Steve Natenberg. An extra thank you to Gale Saltzman and Steve Landis for many hours of time to bring me up to speed on temple management.

I can only hope to continue the excellent leadership that has driven CJCN for 40 years through many up and downs. Our temple is poised to continue to grow and be a vibrant part of the Northwest Houston community. Looking forward to sharing the journey over the next two years. Please share your ideas and thoughts as this is truly our temple and we all have a voice to be heard.

Sincerely, Jason Kirbie

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

May 1

Joanmarie Marks

May 2

Steve Natenberg

May 3

Marian Redsun

May 4

Samuel Gertson

May 5

Don Johnson

Eric Sachs

May 10

Paul Protas

Rachel Tenzer

**May 11** 

Lawrence Ginsberg, MD

May 12

Patricia Kant

Fred Shuffler

**May 17** 

Barbara Leass

May 19

Kimber Brown

Long Sam

May 20

Miriam Karacek

May 21

Heather Gold

Steffanie Johnson

May 22

Malcolm Sokol

May 23

Sandy Bernstein

May 26

Karen Golden

Denise Kutcher

May 27

Eileen Kovit

May 30

Sharyn King

#### FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



After 12 years on the Board, my term finally ends at the end of May. I'd like to thank everyone that has said "YES" to me when I called over the past several years. Whether for advice, money, help or just an ear, our congregants have always been there.

Our congregation is a very special place and I've been honored to be allowed to be part

of the leadership. I've served under many presidents (Norm Weiss, Andrew Gamson, Steve Natenberg and Steve Landis). I've reached out to other past presidents (Barry King, Phyllis Nalick, Sue Wiseman, Gary Horwich, Scotty Kant, Don Nalick). I've asked for their input and point of view. Each and every one of them brings something incredibly special to our beloved temple and was always there for us all.

I've reached out so many times to just about everyone I could think of, officers, congregants, federation, other temple presidents, URJ and of course, Rabbis and rarely been disappointed. This is our temple..all of us..and it takes us all to make it whole. I've learned something from everyone whose lives have touched mine..Mostly, history is very important and there are many ways to be right. Luckily!

Jason Kirbie, our next president, will also bring something special. We're all here for you Jason. Take the reins and run!

Lots of love, Gale Saltzman, Immediate Past President, Congregation Jewish Community North

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### May 4

Ira & Amanda Coveler **May 5** 

Jerry & Kimber Brown May 8

Lawrence Ginsberg, MD & Betty Ginsberg, JD

May 20

Daniel & Leigh Checkman

May 23

David & Marian Redsun

May 24

Mike & Amy Lorch

Long & Heidi Sam May 25

Boyd & Bobbi Hoyt

May 26

Jay & April Loeb

May 27

Harvey & Randy Kornblith May 29

Sheldon & Joan Camenson

Albert & Sallie Panzer

May 30

Kerry & Kari Bray, Jr.



#### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It was a wonderful year for the Jacques C. Shure Religious School! Many new technological innovations took place - from the new laptops to TV monitors in every classroom to using Apps and many new computer programs. The classroom learning environments were enhanced.

We have moved to the next level in our transition to the new Hebrew curriculum, Mitkadem, created by the URJ by its full implementation as well as the incorporation of the online learning component.

Our whole school programming grew by leaps and bounds. Each program was exciting and fun, full of hands on learning activities for the whole school. This year we experienced a multi-generational Passover Seder that included not only the students but their parents and grandparents as well!

Yom Ha'atzmaout and its tastes of Israel was a great way to end the year! We hope you have a wonderful summer.

Alana Shepetofsky, M.Ed. Principal, Jacques C. Shure Religious School



#### **Yahrzeits**

#### MAY 1

Ralph Gefsky

Frances Herring

Richard Nalick

Rosalind Roth

Bertram Schoen

MAY 2

Earl Friedman

Sol Sachs

MAY 3

Rebecca Kolichstein

MAY 4

Manny Katz

MAY 5

Herbert Falk

MAY 7

Sheldon Kovit

Della Levine

Matilda Marks

**MAY 8** 

Willian H. Wagner

MAY 9

Nathan Pryzant

**MAY 10** 

Howard Greene

Nancy Feinberg Trahan

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

#### **MAH JONGG**

Are you a member of CJCN and want to learn to play Mah Jongg or join us for a game?
We play every Thursday from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. come on by for fun and a friendly game.
We use the National Mah Jongg League card, and play by their rules. Contact mahjongg@cjcn.org

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be coming up on May 22. Please make sure that you are a member in good standing and current on your obligations. If you have any doubt or questions, please contact me at <a href="mailto:Finance@cjcn.org">Finance@cjcn.org</a>. Please make sure you are able to exercise your right to vote!

—Gale Saltzman, Finance Chair

#### MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club wrapped up Passover with a Men's Seder held on April 30th. Following that up, we'll have a few fun, different things coming up over the next few months. On June 4th, we'll be headed to St. Arnold's Brewery for a tour and sampling. Also during the summer, we'll have an evening out at The Game Preserve, a BYOB old-school arcade in the Woodlands. Hope you can join us for these fun shin-digs!"

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Prospective members continue to make inquiries by phone and email. Many check us out on our website, and attend Shabbat services. The Membership Committee wants to thank our friendly congregation who is always there to welcome new faces. If you know someone who may be interested in membership, please, call me or email me at <a href="membership@cjcn.org">membership@cjcn.org</a>.

—Donna Gibbon, Membership Chair

#### **Yahrzeits**

#### **MAY 11**

Ned Bord

Herbert Terry Cheiffetz

Rose Gertson

Jack Stein

**MAY 13** 

Lawrence Alexander

**MAY 14** 

**Edward Skolnick** 

**MAY 15** 

Frances F. Protas

Sonia Weksler

**MAY 16** 

Michael B. Gebhardt

Sidney E. Bernstein

Diana Iris Feder

Jacques C. Shure

**MAY 18** 

Carrie Angel Newman

**MAY 19** 

Simon Cherry

Irving D. Panzer

Sam Roth

Mike Snider

**MAY 20** 

Ruth Babendure

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#### **Yahrzeits**

**MAY 22** 

Rose Weisman

**MAY 23** 

Roslyn Sella Hoffman

Benjamin Pollack

**MAY 24** 

**David Camenson** 

Raymond Norr

**MAY 25** 

Samuel Mallin

**MAY 26** 

Richard Brock

Hilda Bruman

**MAY 27** 

Mark Sanford

**MAY 28** 

Margaret Pick

**MAY 29** 

Joe Steinlauf

**MAY 30** 

Leon Silverman

Isidore Lazaroff

#### זכרונם לברכה

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In an effort to provide greater security and safety for our Congregants, we overhauled our Security procedures. We received input and guidance from Homeland Security, Anti-Defamation League and the URJ. We are trying to be responsive and flexible with the needs of our Congregants while providing a safe and secure environment.

To that end, unchaperoned access to the building is limited. We don't want anyone in the building alone, especially without knowing that they are in the building for safety as well as security reasons. Also, if you come to the building, please let someone know that you are there. Our hopes are that you will help us with these measures and be cooperative. If you have any suggestions, we would certainly welcome them. Email us at Security@cjcn.org.

If you need access to the Temple at any time for any reason, please try to do whatever business you have during our regular temple hours. Below are the office hours. Please remember that our Office Administrator, Jo Ann Bullock, leaves at those times, so you must be prepared to leave at that time as well or make other arrangements. Please call ahead to confirm that she will be in the building when you plan on coming. She could be out on Temple business.

Monday - CLOSED Tues - CLOSED

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

If you cannot get to the Temple at these times, and need access, please contact Steve Saltzman, Security Coordinator, directly so he can make access arrangements. Steve will make arrangements for you to get into the building. We would appreciate advance notice. Please do not give out your key if you have one.

Please email Security@cjcn.org if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Steve Saltzman, Security Coordinator 713-724-6261







#### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (SPRIFTY) 9<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, AND 12<sup>th</sup> GRADES FOOD, FUN, AND FRIENDS!

Advisor - Denise Kutcher

Since the last newsletter SPRIFTY has continued to be active with Shabbat Dinners & Services, NFTY-TOR events in Austin and Greene Family Camp, and Chanukah and Pool parties.

We also had a Temple Dinner in February and Car Wash in April. Both fundraisers were a lot of FUN but also a lot of work and we appreciate everyone's support.

Coming up are Sprifty Board Elections for next year and a trip to Pleasure Pier in Galveston.

AND.....

NFTY-TOR FALLISH CONCLAVE AT CICN DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 HOSTED AT CICN

HELP IS NEEDED - MORE INFO COMING AT A LATER POINT.

If you have questions or want to help with anything please email <a href="mailto:SPRIFTY@cjcn.org">SPRIFTY@cjcn.org</a>





#### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

It has been a busy year for the Fundraising Committee. We have had a number of very successful events so far this year. Special thanks to Donna Gibbon, Craig Klein, Rick Preble, and Susan Shaffer for chairing such great fundraisers.

Submitted by Jason Kirbie

### Mah Jongg

CJCN hosted the Seventh Annual Mah Jongg Tournament on Sunday, February 7, 2016. Forty players from the Houston area as well as Austin, TX, and Fayetteville, AR, came for a Funday Sunday. Everyone enjoyed breakfast catered by The Vintage Kolache Factory, four rounds of Mah Jongg and a delicious salad luncheon. Yummy cupcakes for dessert were donated by Diana Evans. Generous sponsors were the Saltzman family, the Camenson family, the Steven Marks family, Steve Landis, and the CJCN Board of Trustees. The following businesses and individuals donated prizes/door prizes: Rabbi Siger, Cheryl Tompkins, All About Feet, Red Robin, Target, Plants For All Seasons, Where The Winds Blow, Bethany's Creations, RAMCO Jewelry, Creative Crimps, the Texas Repertory Theater, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Pampered Chef, the CJCN Sisterhood, Wood Forest Golf Club, Sprouts, Cypress Assistance Ministries, Just Gorgeous, American Bella Flowers, Dickeys BBQ, Sandy Livney, and Walmart. Again this year, we were able to give cash prizes, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. There were lots of smiling winners, but our own Shelli Dorfman walked away with the first prize and several door prizes. A special thanks to all the helpers.... Judy Kemper, Craig Klein, Isabel Weatherly, Denise Kutcher, Carolyn Weiner, Cheryl Tompkins, Sharon Natenberg, Tally Breitstein, Julie Mahler, and Andrew Gamson. Our super vendors Murray Marks, Lori Buonanno, Bethany Mulvey, and Micky Karacak put on quite a show in our foyer, and we are glad they were able to give players and congregants the opportunity to see their wares! Submitted by Donna Gibbon, Chair

### Casino Night

In February, we had a Casino Night in the Social Hall. Big money was flowing and everyone had a great time with the different Casino games. The silent auction and raffle where also a big hit. We were able to raise around \$3,000 for the Temple. Thank you for the invaluable help from Donna Gibbon, Barry King, Denise Kutcher, Sandy Livney, Mike Lorch, Murray Marks, Jason Kirbie, Barry Katz, and Gale Saltzman. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors. Tomball Ford, Liberty Tax, Villages of Cypress Creek, Clear View Inspections, CJCN Sisterhood, CJCN Men's Club, Andrew Gamson, Toby Greenberg, Laurie & Pat Killbride, Steve Landis, Julie Mahler, and Joanmarie Marks. Submitted by Craig Klein, Chair

#### **Fundraising Committee (continued)**

#### **Garage Sale**

In March, Rick Preble organized another very successful Garage Sale. We raised around \$750 purely from donated items. The only cost was the tireless effort from Rick to organize the inventory. If you have never seen him bargaining with customers on price, it would be worth your time next year. Also, a big thank you to the many Temple members who devoted their time to organize the clothes in the Social Hall and other items in the Annex. We could not have done the job without everyone's assistance.

#### **Corned Beef**

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped with this year's 8th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser! We sold 330 lunches this year, and are very grateful to everyone who bought a lunch, made a donation, volunteered their time, or did all three! This truly is a community wide event, and we wouldn't be nearly as successful without your efforts to spread the word and share the yumminess with people outside of our congregation. More than 30 people helped out this year, and generated over 4000 Mitzvah Minutes! My sincerest appreciation to Steve Saltzman and Steve Natenberg for the midnight Walmart box run; Gale Saltzman for trekking through Sam's Club with me; Leslie Marks for driving to multiple stores to buy all the cookies; Isobel Weatherly and Sharon Natenberg for prep work, Julie Mahler, Devon Cogswell, Lisa Pfeffer and Jocelyn Nelson for weighing and measuring; Esther Berens, Judi Payne, Corinne Sloan, Shellie Dorfman, Rick Dorfman, Barbara Dorfman, David Livney, Sandy Livney (extra thanks to Sandy for kitchen organizing and bread bagging), Heide Pickei, Don PIckei, Terry Katz, Micki Karacek, and Sheila Katz for making sandwiches. Thanks to Gary Waller, Morris Orocofsky, Andrew Gamson and Scott Shaffer for cookie control, pickle packing, and then lunch assembly; Rachael Barrow for helping on Monday, and Leslie (again) for delivering lunches. Thanks to Aaron Nelson, Kate Shaffer, Jacob Benaim, Noah Checkman, and Steve Landis for setting up boxes and bags ahead of time. And deepest gratitude to Jocelyn Nelson, who in addition to doing nearly all the jobs listed above, also made great suggestions for improving efficiency, ensured everything was ready when needed, counted, doublecounted, and triplecounted to confirm we had enough of everything, and was a true mensch. (I truly hope I have not forgotten anyone; if I have, my sincerest apologies.) While we did not sell quite as many lunches as we did last year, we are still able to make a donation to Northwest Assistance Ministries of \$242, and raised \$2178 for CJCN. If you have any suggestions for improving this valuable fundraiser, please feel free to email cornedbeef@cjcn.org throughout the year.

Submitted by Susan Shaffer, Chair

#### SISTERHOOD NEWS

We are excited about all that Sisterhood has accomplished since our last newsletter, covering the winter and spring. I'll start with our largest fundraiser, Gift Wrap at Willowbrook Mall which had another successful year, and made it possible to contribute \$10,000 to CJCN and \$500 to Northwest Assistance Ministries. Thanks to all of our volunteers and especially Denise Kutcher, Sandy Livney, Michelle Kerbow and Judy Kemper who put in so many hours at the stand and behind the scenes. We celebrated with an Appreciation Shabbat. Sisterhood appreciates and needs everyone's continued support. Back in November, Sisterhood members, organized by Rita Weisoly, did community service for the babies at Memorial Herman Children's Hospital. (Read Rita's report following this one).

Leslie Marks coordinated the Chanukah Dinner for the congregation with 150 people sharing the glow of the menorahs! In January, we had a Ladies Night Out at our favorite Chinese restaurant, Oriental Gardens with 25 ladies for dinner. CJCN's Casino Night was supported in February, as Sisterhood sponsored a gaming table. In March, Terry hosted a Pot Luck Lunch and the ladies discovered something special about each other.

Gale Saltzman and her committee, Cheryl Tompkins, Sharon Natenberg, Aileen Ryan, Donna Gibbon, and special helper, Steve Natenberg worked for several hours turning 50 pounds of cookie dough into Hamentashen for the Purim Carnival! During the carnival, Sisterhood volunteers, Lenore Herman, Eileen Lessick, Denise Kutcher, Sandy Davidson, Carolyn Weiner and another special helper, Steve Saltzman, served lunch to the hungry students and their parents.

Our Women's Passover Seder was scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th with 59 RSVP's! Gale Saltzman had organized a special program for us. However, the recent storm and the resulting flooding have made it necessary to reschedule this event. Check your CJCN Announcements for the new date.

Our next event will be the Annual Spring Meeting which will reflect a change for Sisterhood! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm. Leslie Marks will coordinate this dinner event as we reflect on our own thoughts and memories of Sisterhood. Additional information will be available soon.

This is the time of year that families decide if their child will go to Greene Family Camp. Sisterhood will give each student \$200 towards camp fees. Please call or email Terry or Alana, if your child will be attending camp!

Our college students have been remembered all year by Elizabeth Bruman with snacks, cards and other positive reinforcements.

#### SISTERHOOD NEWS, CONTINUED

The Nominating Committee is working diligently to fill open positions. There are several committee openings for next year. Please contact Sharon Natenberg, Nominating Committee Chair, for nominations or Terry Katz, regarding committee chairs.

We are also gearing up for the 11th Edition of the Yearbook Membership Directory. It will continue to be in full color! We hope that you will support this effort by renewing or placing a Greeting or Business Ad. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Denise Kutcher.

Our thanks to the current Sisterhood Board for their hard work and support! As you can tell, this has been a very busy year and in case someone was missed, we ask for forgiveness for any sins of omission.

Thanks to Rabbi Siger and the congregation of CJCN for their support! Submitted by Terry Katz and Cheryl Tompkins, Co-Presidents

## **SOCIAL ACTION** by Sisterhood

Up the elevator they came: Eileen Lessick with bellboy cart, Rita Weisoly behind her, with sewing machines and fabric for an afternoon project at NAM. Susan Schaffer, Linda Sharff, Mary Horwitch, Shelly Zacharias, and Cheryl Tompkins brought their own machines and happily gave their time and expertise to make 37 baby blankets for a gift from our Sisterhood to the neonatal clinic of Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital in the Woodlands.

Shoppers Sheila Katz ,Eileen Lessick and Rita Weisoly met the week before and bought the fabric from Hancock Fabrics where Sheila used to work. The sales women at Hancock graciously precut all of the fabric!

Next was lunch, with lots of laughs reminiscing about their younger years in NY. Sisterhood appreciated NAM'S support in giving the group access to their sewing room and help from a few of their gals, too .

It was a great day! (back in November) Submitted by Rita Weisoly

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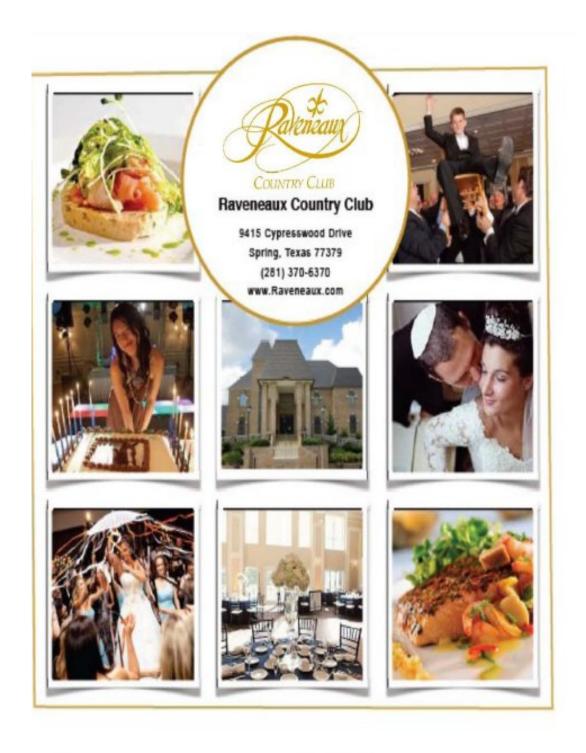


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