

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone!

Winter break has come to an end! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and family time! It is now time to get back into the swing of things.

Religious school will resume Sunday, January 12th! We will be focusing our studies and activities on the birth of the world, B'reishit - Genesis, creation, nature, and as Tu B'shvat nears we will have a school wide activity! I will keep you all posted. We look forward to seeing you all back soon!

Please note that the month of January is another short Sunday school month. Please see our January schedule below.

Shalom, Odelia Rios CBI Religious School Lead Teacher

January Sunday School schedule:

01/05 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 01/12 Hebrew school 9:00am - 10:15am Religious school 10:30am - 12:30pm

01/19 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (MLK Observance)

01/26 Hebrew school 9:00am - 10:15am

Religious school 10:30am - 12:30pm

CBI SISTERHOOD Sisterhood members,

The Sisterhood had a fabulous Hanukkah event at the HEB House in December.

Thank you to all who attended, brought desserts, latkes and participated in our white elephant gift exchange. We are such a nice group, no one was stealing presents! A special thank you to Sue Williams and Jackie Abels for all your work to prepare, set up and help clean up after the event. Also, thank you to the Ed Rachal Foundation for providing the venue and valet parking. Our next general Sisterhood meeting will be Monday, January 27th at 6pm at the temple.

Agenda item requests can be sent to carolrehtmeyer@gmail.com

If you haven't become a member, I encourage you to do so now! We have two membership levels, our double chai \$36 and our Cavot honor membership at \$100. Cavot members will receive a 14k plated custom sisterhood pendant and have special recognition, renew or become a member by contacting Venita Crow at: vcrow2005@gmail.com or at our upcoming meeting.

Carol Rehtmeyer, CBI Sisterhood

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

The Metro Ministries Christmas lunch was a big success thanks to all of our volunteers. For serving and cleanup: Jackie, Sue, Jason, Eli, Nolan, Dean, Linda

For Cookies: Donna, Sue, Jackie, and Venita

For Socks: Jackie, Sue, Venita, Carla, Frank, Odelia,

Carla, Dean/Linda, Yochanon

Apologies to anyone else unknown who may have left socks or cookies. The remaining cookies that were left were delivered to Fire station #6 on Weber, which is the fire station nearest to CBI. Stay tuned for discussions about these future volunteer opportunities that are in the works:

Helping inspect, sort, and box donated food at the Coastal Bend Food Bank warehouse

Mentoring children who need role models (a possible CBI Big Brother/Big Sister chapter)

Assisting the homeless to connect with their families using the Miracle Messages program

The Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend

The Purple Door (local domestic abuse shelter)

Contact Linda Snider- Social Action Committee Chair l.sniderok@gmail.com if you wish to be added to the CBI Social Action committee, or have additional ideas for volunteer activities.

YOU ARE INVITED Old fashioned pot luck dinner! Show us your best dish.

Friday, January 10, 6:30 pm

Fried Chicken provided for all members and their guests by the Adlers in appreciation for your kindness during Robert's recent illness.

Suggested items: Salad, Pasta, Mac 'n Cheese, vegetables and desserts

GROSSMAN FILM SERIES TO DEBUT IN JANUARY

Thanks to the generosity of our late member, Harvey Grossman, we are delighted to announce the first HARVEY GROSSMAN JEWISH FILM SERIES.

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2pm, the first film of the series will be 'MY SO-CALLED ENEMY.'

This award-winning Israeli film follows six Palestinian and Israeli teenage girls as they participate in a cross-cultural leadership program. The film documents how the transformative experience of knowing their "enemies" as human beings meets with the realities of their lives in the Middle East. The creation of new relationships across emotional, ideological, religious and physical boundaries becomes the first steps toward resolving conflict.

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 2pm, we shall screen a film entitled ROSENWALD. Julius Rosenwald was the Jewish financier and leader in Chicago who took a foundering little company established by Richard Sears and made it into America's premier catalogue and brick-and-mortar emporium. His management and merchandising genius made Sears, Roebuck an American household icon. But what is remarkable about Rosenwald's story is the surprising use to which he put a large portion of his fortune. You may be amazed to learn how this member of Chicago's German-Jewish elite exemplified the most precious Jewish values in the use of his money.

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 2pm, we shall enjoy at least one of the two very funny comedies. The first of these is DOUGH. This hilarious comedy shows you don't have to be baked to make some DOUGH! An old Jewish baker takes on a young Muslim apprentice to save his failing kosher bakery. When his apprentice's marijuana stash accidentally falls in the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves! DOUGH is a warmhearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places.

Each of these screenings is open to the public without charge and will be held in the Auditorium of the Art Museum of South Texas

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Plan to save all three dates and join us at the movies.

U.S. CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau will be making an even bigger effort in 2020 to get an accurate count of the population in every town and city. An organization named Nueces Together has formed to focus on the Nueces County population. You will publicly start hearing more about this beginning in January. The Census will be taken between March 12 and July 31. There are only 10 questions and it can be done by phone or online.

There are three important reasons why an accurate count is critical to our county:

1. Allocation of Federal Dollars -every person represents \$1500-\$1900 in federal funding from our tax dollars.
2. Economic Development for Nueces County- Businesses determine if they will open or invest in our area based on it's size and demographics.
3. Representation in Government- The number of members that represent Nueces County in state and federal government depends on the population count.

Talk about how important this is to your friends and neighbors. An accurate number really matters.