Spring Is Bustin’ Out All Over at BYBS

As snow gives way to mud and buds, the Cooperative Jewish Council welcomes the south suburban community to “A Taste of Limmud” in the Social Hall at BYBS on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm. This is our community’s first opportunity to sample Limmud (Hebrew for “learning”), an informal program of Jewish learning, where “everyone is a learner and everyone can be a teacher.” (No RSVP needed.)

Next we have our Purim Carnival on Sunday morning, March 20 from 11:00-12:30. That same Sunday, we’re offering a Purim Dinner Theater, with the dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by our Purim Spiel at 7:30. It’ll be a rollicking shtetl hoedown in Shushan City set to the traditional klezmer tunes of “Oklahoma!” See Cowboy Mordy riding in “The Surrey mit der Tzit-Tzit on Top” (and sides). RSVPs to the BYBS office are needed for the dinner, but not just for the Purim Spiel.

On Tuesday, April 19, starting at 6:00 pm we will celebrate the Second Seder together in the Social Hall at BYBS. We will conduct the Seder from a Haggadah specially compiled for our congregation from traditional and modern sources by members of our Ritual Committee. RSVPs to the BYBS office are needed for this activity.

CJC will celebrate a Community Shabbat at BYBS on April 29, with the service at 8:00 followed by an oneg. All are welcome.

Our Mitzvah Movement is the Bar/Bat Mitzvah tzedakah project for our Coming of Age celebration of 13 flourishing years since the merger that created B’nai Yehuda Beth Sholom. We began in February with a clothing drive for those who need warm clothing to get through the winter. Our March theme is a Book Drive to collect new or gently used English and (especially) Spanish books for children ages 2 to 13. In April, we’re requesting school supplies and backpacks for children in want. The books and school supplies will be sorted and prepared for distribution through NCJW's HIPPY program and donated to Aunt Martha's Youth Services.

The Mitzvah Movement also includes a special appeal for donations to Mazon to feed the hungry. There will be other opportunities for members to perform active mitzvot, such as a day of work with other BYBS members to help rehab a house, providing service to local senior care facilities, and other projects. We’re forming a Gardening and Outdoor Beautification Committee for the temple. Members who have a green thumb, a strong back, or just enjoy playing in the dirt can sign up to help spruce up our outdoor prayer circle, gardens, and planters. We are planning now and will be "shovel ready" on Mitzvah Day, May 15. For questions or suggestions on the Mitzvah Movement, please call Larry Levinson at 799-0480. For the Beautification project, call or e-mail Gayla Cahan at 708-798-0297 or sbcahan@gmail.com.

For other information, please call the BYBS office at 708-799-4110 or visit our website at www.bybs.org.