

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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What a great Passover Seder we had! Twenty-two people enjoyed Lou Price's service and a great meal. Not only did we host Jewish members of the South Haven area, but other faiths were represented, too. All were thankful that a Jewish Seder was held in our community. This event could not have been pulled off without the help of these volunteers (Steve Tolen, Karen Riffer-Reinhardt and her sister, Marlene Riffer, Keith and Anne Moffat, Remy and Julie Rubin, Steve Ehrlich, Mike Slotnick, and, of course, Barry Fidelman. Our hearts were warmed by the presence of Hy and Shelly

Warshawsky, who took up her usual place at the entrance, greeting guests.

Once again our beautiful reading garden will be maintained by Lawn Boys and Karen Tolen. Thanks go to the Carole and Don Hodgman Fund for their sustained financial support.

Summer services are planned Friday night Shabbat services will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. on July 10 and July 31 by Rabbi Nina Mizrahi and at 8:00 p.m., on Friday July, 17 by Rabbi Alan Cohen. August Friday services will be announced soon. All Friday night services will be followed by Onegs in the Teitel Social Hall. Remy Rubin is organizing this program. Thank you!

Our traditional, weekly, Orthodox, Saturday morning Shabbat services will start at 10:00 a.m. on June 28th. They will be led by Joe Steinfeld and followed by a Kiddush. If you can't make the service, come at noon and enjoy the food and conversation.

## Lox Box!

Sunday, July 5th is our annual Lox Box take out brunch. Starting at 10 a.m. until noon, we will fill bags with bagels, lox, cream cheese, tomato, cucumber, onion, juice and blueberry muffins. The price is \$20.00 for a two person bag and \$40.00 for the four person bag. As always, the portions are generous. Reserve your bag by calling 269 637 1603 or 616 820 5623. State your name and the number of people you will serve. A two person bag is filled with 3 bagels and the

four person bag gets 6 bagels.

## Save these Dates

On the weekend of July 17, 18, and 19 our Shul will host the dedication of the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall. The weekend will kick off with a Conservative Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Alan Cohen on the 17th, as described earlier. It will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Saturday, June 18, at 10am, we will hold an Orthodox Shabbat service, followed by a wonderful Kiddush. Sunday, June 19, at 11am, will be the dedication ceremony of the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall. Snacks and beverages will be served after the dedication.

Sunday's dedication ceremony is open to all Shul members. Also, there will be an Open House at the newly restored Teitel Hall for the general public on Sunday afternoon. Bring your friends to show off the restored social hall and building of the First Hebrew Congregation!

Also, during the entire 'Dedication Weekend,' there will be an exhibit of Chagall prints at our neighbor to the south, the South Haven Center for the Arts. We are co-sponsoring this art show.

Thanks to our Board, who have attended many meetings and written letters to the City of South Haven concerning the

development of the now closed Save-a-Lot store just north of the Shul. A developer has proposed turning this property into a brewpub, including an on-site brewery, and a restaurant with live entertainment. The developer's first request before the City Board of Zoning Appeals, for a variance from local rules concerning parking and landscaping, was denied. This matter will be further discussed at our board meeting on April 19. All Shul members with an opinion should write the board and/or be at the meeting to express their views.

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Now that the Shul's restoration is nearing completion, efforts need to focus on organizing, preserving and display of the books, Judaica and memorabilia now in storage. (That's what is in the boxes everywhere!) Anyone interested in helping with this huge job, please contact Anne Moffat at 269 637 6769 or 773 844 4977. Preserving our past and assuring our future depend on this effort. Please get involved.

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Get well wishes are sent to Robert Berman, a student and star ice hockey player at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO, who is recuperating from his second hip restructuring. Robert has been playing hockey since first grade. We wish him much 'ice time' as soon as possible. Robert is the son of Joyce and Cliff Berman.

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### Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

Vort is Yiddish for 'word' and is often used to describe a brief and hopefully meaningful statement.

Converting individuals into spiritual entities and turning our community of individuals with personal agendas into a spiritual place with a shared agenda

God created us and we create God--not a contradictory statement but one which emphasizes our relationship to God. God instilled within each of us (our souls) the spark of the Divine. That spark when brought forth is what enables us to make the world a better place in which to live, work, love, procreate and die.