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A few years ago, FHC decided to enter a team in the South Haven Harborfest Dragon boat races. After practicing hard, we still finished dead last in each race, which disturbed all the board members and people involved. We sent a spy out to watch the most consistently winning team and report back to the board. He reported we were doing exactly the opposite as they! They had 8 people rowing and only one person yelling! The newfound

success of our congregation has been based on this new theory, and it has worked well.

The 2016 schedule is going to be the busiest and most fulfilling in many years. Thanks to the board for challenging themselves and working hard to breathe life into this beautiful new – old shul.

Save the Dates

On April 24th at 5 p.m., we will conduct a Passover Seder, serving the full Passover meal with all the trimmings. The price is \$25.00 per person, and for children under 12, the price is \$15.00. Like all our parties, we will deliver meals to people who cannot attend. Call 269-637-1603 and leave a message with number of dinners and telephone number where you can be reached. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Shavuot services will be held on June 10-12, led by our Rabbi Alan Cohen.

Friday, June 10th—Shabbat service 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 11th—Orthodox Shabbat service 10 a.m. and 8:30pm-10:30pm- ice cream social and study group.

Sunday, June 12th- Shavuot Yiskor service 9:30 to 12 noon.

June 26th, “Catskills of the

Midwest” will be held in our community. It is a joint function of the South Haven Historical Association and the First Hebrew Congregation. There will be a Klezmer band, a buffet, tours of FHC, and a trolley tour of the old resort sites. A narrated slide show of old South Haven also will be presented. The next bulletin will have more information.

June 25th will start the Orthodox Saturday morning Shabbat service. It will start at 10 a.m. and followed by a wonderful Kiddush about noon. If you cannot make the service, please still come to the Kiddush and have schnapps and herring.

Our annual Lox Box will be held on Sunday, July 3rd, from 10am-12pm. The cost will be \$20.00 for a 2 person bag or \$40.00 for a 4 person bag and will include bagels, lox, onions, cucumber, tomato, cream cheese, juice, and homemade blueberry muffins.

We still need committee volunteers to serve in the areas of membership, foodservice, religious, building and grounds.

If you are interested please contact Remy Rubin at 269-637-4764.

Go down in History

A workshop with the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan to promote their program of Jewish women who made a difference in Michigan history will be held in the Ben and Harrett Teitel Hall on April 17 at 10:30am. If you have a relative or friend who you would like to nominate, please come – even if not!

Thank You

A big thank you to Aaron Lupovitch for hand making bookcases for the Rabbi's study. We hope they will be filled with books by Passover.

Mazel Tov!

Ben Fidelman will be working in New York City this coming summer in public relations with Major League Baseball in the League's office. Good luck, Ben!

-----Anyone with news to share, please let us know by email or phone-----

Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

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

The Book of Deuteronomy contains both the first and second paragraphs of the Shema as well as the second stating of the Ten Commandments. It also contains verses that are central to the Pesah Seder. Deuteronomy 6:20-21 becomes the basis for telling the story in answer to the questions our children and others ask. Dialogue between people, especially parents and children, is an essential part of healthy living.