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We quite often take things for granted. Years ago when we were just starting rebuilding our historic FHC I realized we would need to build a great website to communicate with our members. A then young Larry Hoffman stepped forward to accept this challenge. Larry is a food critic and web designer. If you have enjoyed using this site it was all Larry's doing. Larry has now moved far away but still has stayed connected with the Shul by maintaining the site. He is now training Dan Rosen and David Kaplan, our board members, in maintaining

the site. Our congregation will always be indebted to Larry Hoffman and the work he has done. I did miss one opportunity that I will always regret. A few years ago I should have asked Larry to critique the food we prepare at the Shul. I had nothing to lose! If the review was bad, we would not have been able to have dinner because of Covid. By the time dinners resume, people will have forgotten the lousy review, and if the review was good I would have reprinted it myself!

Passover

Due to current Covid restrictions we will not have our usual Passover Seder but we want to see to it that our members have a great Seder. We have secured enough boxes of Passover Matzos to supply all our South Haven area members with a box. You may order by calling 269-637-1603 and placing an order. We also have jars of Gefilte fish and horseradish we can sell you at a very reasonable price. You can make arrangements to pick up at the Shul by calling Barry at 269-206-0659.

Summer Services

A reminder that Orthodox Shabbat services will run June 25th through Labor Day at 10 a.m. and will be followed by our famous Rothner/Steinfeld Kiddush at noon. If you cannot make the service, you are welcome to attend the Kiddush.

We have scheduled four Reform Friday night services beginning July 1st at 8 p.m.

led by Rabbi Nina Mizrahi followed by an Oneg sponsored by Marshall and Joanne Eisenberg in memory of

Dorothy Appleyard. Services on July 8th and August 12th will be led by Anita Silvert. July 29th Rabbi Mizrahi will lead us at Bob and Anne Abel's house on the beach followed by an Oneg sponsored by Bob and Anne. July 8th and August 12th Oneg sponsorships are still available. If you want to honor someone or a family please call 269-637-1603 and leave your name and contact information. Sponsorship is \$180.00.

Movie nights

Our Wednesday movie nights have been quite popular and will continue. The movie is free and brought to you with popcorn and other treats free to all attending. To look up upcoming features visit our website.

Summer Lox Box

A friendly reminder that the annual Lox Box Fundraiser will be held on July 3rd from 10 a.m. to noon. Order your bag call 269-637-1603. Leave a message with how many 2 person or 4 person bags you would like and your name and phone number. Two person bags have 3 bagels and 4 people have 6. These bags will include lox, bagels, onion, cucumber, cream cheese, blueberry

muffins, and juice. The cost is 20.00 for 2 and 40.00 for 4. All items are Glatt Kosher!

Passings

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Rabbi Robert Marx of Saugatuck. Rabbi Marx will be remembered for his tireless fight for human rights. He marched with Martin Luther King in the 60's and continued the battle all his life. Our thoughts go to his wife Ruth and their family. Alava hashalom.

Condolences to Andi and Marcus Gottlieb on the passing of their brother-in-law, Paul Arshonsky,

Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's "A Code of Jewish Ethics" p. 24

“When Rabbi Moshe Feinstein (1895-1986), the preeminent 20th Century expert on Jewish law, was asked what the merit was that caused him to be so revered, he did not point to his phenomenal dedication to Torah study and teaching, or to his meticulous adherence to Jewish rituals. Rather, his response was: ‘All my life I never knowingly caused hurt to another human being.’”

“When Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972) marched in a civil rights demonstration with Martin Luther King Jr., and was criticized for not being in synagogue praying, Rabbi Heschel responded, ‘I’m praying with my feet.’”
