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What a wonderful month we have had in South Haven. The FHC hosted the event of the year with the dedication of the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall. Friday night we had a dinner, and service was conducted by Rabbi Alan Cohen. The turnout was great, and the Shabbat dinner, provided by Camp Agudah's kitchen, was simply wonderful. The O'neg prepared by our ladies left nothing to be desired. Saturday morning was our Shabbat service, which was well attended and followed by the usual Steinfeld-Rothner Kiddush. Many of our out of town guests took advantage of the Chagall exhibit co-

sponsored by our congregation and the South Haven Center for the Arts. Sunday's dedication was attended by more than 150 people and went off without a hitch. The food and program were top notch. The Dedication committee is the best I have ever worked with, comments have been flooding in, and everyone involved is kveling.

We wish to acknowledge the tireless work the committee has done. Deb and Steve Ehrlich, Joyce and Cliff Berman, Shelley Sommerfeld, Anne and Keith Moffett, Char Klein, Tony and Karen Riffer- Reinert, Steve and Karen Tolen, Remey and Julie Rubin, Larry Hoffman, Barry Fidelman, Jerry and Cookie Fleischman, Arnie, Debbie and Aaron Zuckerman and last but not least Jerry Cook and family.

Tem Horwitz, we thank you for teaching us what old really looks like, not you Tem, but the building. It looks like it did in 1928 and is as historically correct as we can get it.

Deb Zuckerman is responsible for reframing all the old pictures, hung by Steve Tolen, in the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall. They look great and are going to be enjoyed by many in future years

Friday Night Services

Our experiment with Conservative and Reformed Friday night services has been a success. Services have been well attended and well run. The Onegs have been fun, and people have stayed to

kibbutz quite a while.

Friday night service will be held August 21st by Rabbi Ellen Dreyfess and will begin at 8 p.m. followed by an Oneg and social hour. The Reform service will have common seating.

On Friday night, September 11th at 8 p.m. we will have a service led by Rabbi Alan Cohen. It will be Conservative and followed by an Oneg

Notice

This month is the time for nominations for our FHC board of directors. This year we will elect five people to two year terms and two to fill out one year terms. The one year terms are open because people have moved and cannot serve their final year. Please consider being part of this historic Shul's success story. Our membership is up and growing! If you are interested in serving, please send a short bio to First Hebrew Congregation at 249 Broadway South Haven, Mi. 49090 or email it to firsthebrewcong@gmail.com

High Holiday Services

Rosh Hashanah will be late this year. Services will start at 9 a.m. on September 14 and 15, Officiated by Rabbi Alan Cohen.

The service will be Conservative with common seating. Yom Kippur will start with Kol Nidre on the 22nd and 9 a.m. service on the 23rd. A more specific schedule will be emailed out closer to that time.

Our hearts go out to Mickey and Sandy McGuire on the loss of their son Mathew. May his memory live forever in your and our FHC family.

Get well to Michael Slotnick who was in the hospital. Hope you are feeling better and get back to South Haven soon.

All those who have enjoyed the reading garden this year need to thank Karen Tolen and Carol Hodgeman when you see them. Nothing but compliments from everyone!

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.

"Unless we believe that God renews the work of creation every day, our prayers and doing the commandments grow old and accustomed and tedious. . . .

The fact that the world is new to us every morning--that is Your great faithfulness."

(from Weekday Siddur Sim Shalom Introduction p.xii)

Special Event !

On Friday September 18th, we will have a social dinner honoring our new members. All congregants are invited, and the cost will be \$ 10.00 per person.

RSVP before Rosh Hashanah by calling 269-637-1603.