

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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## President's Message

Happy THANKSGIVUKAH to all from the FHC. What a wonderful Chanukah party we had on Nov.24.



Songs were sung, latkes and bagel dogs were served. Mordichai from Kalamazoo Chabad gave a talk on the

holiday, and when the festivities ended everyone picked up their plates and went to the kitchen to clean. We had more fun in the kitchen with stories and laughter: it seemed like the old days. I had a vision of Sheila Fidelman, Anne Fidelman, Mildred Green, Mildred Gerber, Harriet Teitel, Becky Patner, Sara Weiss, Sidel Friedman, Pauline Cohen, Cookie Fleischman, Clare Wolf, Pearl Goldberg, Ruth Tolen, Blanche Ashen, Blanche Bitman Esther Price, Jeanette Faden, Tedda Oaken and all the rest of the old time crew. On a cold day, my heart was warmed.

Our next party won't be until the Passover Seder. The date will be announced in the next bulletin.

To all of you who have escaped to a warm location for the winter, we have reserved a date and time for you to grab a snow shovel and help clear the walks at the Shul. You have been away so long that you might actually think this is fun!

## Yiskor Book

Responses are coming in slowly for the Yiskor Book updates. Please respond soon, including remembrances of your family and friends. Honoring the people who made our community what it is today is a priority of the Board of Directors. Contributions are voluntary and greatly appreciated.

## Board Actions

A resolution was passed at our October

board meeting stating: "IT IS RESOLVED THAT ALL CHILDREN 12 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER, WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT THE FIRST HEBREW CONGREGATION, BE UNDER THE CONSTANT AND CLOSE SUPERVISION OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT." We are exploring the possibility providing child care, which may encourage younger families to attend the services in the future. If you think you might take advantage of child care to attend the High Holiday Services, please contact us by letter or email by February 1st. Please be specific about the age and number of children who might need babysitting, and the times of day needed.

## Restoration

A special thanks to all our benefactors in this past couple of years. The Board has taken special care to use these dollars prudently and the effects of these upgrades show. We are currently looking for replacement ceiling fixtures for the balcony. The old ones cannot be repaired. Steve Tolen has been busy securing mechanical drawings for the heating and cooling plant changes. The drawings are being given to local and area heating and cooling contractors for bids. Tem Horwitz is advising us on our bathroom, interior and HVAC remodeling changes.

Thanks to Joe Steinfeld for helping

us get new appraisals on our Torahs. Our insurer requires a competent, current appraisal.

### Historical

We are getting rid of the old Sidurim. All of these books were signed by the people who gifted them to the Shul. Our thought is that some of the families might want at least one or more of these books as a family keepsake. This is a list of the signatures of the books: Addis, Adelstein, Ashen, Barnett, Biederman Coleman, Elrod, Fidelman, Friedman, Germain, Goldberg, Green, Grendel, Gross, Levin, Moret, Paskin, Patner, Ratsky, Rosenson, Samson, Sklar, Silverman, Slotnick, Solomon, Stabiner, Stuben, Thorchinsky, Tolen, Warshawsky, Wolf, Zilberstein, Zipperstein. If you are from one of these families, or know how to contact any of them, please contact us either by email or phone.

### Shabbat Services

Just to remind all that our Orthodox minyan will begin on June 28th at 10am. If you don't wish to participate in an Orthodox service, you are still invited to the Kiddush at 12 noon during the summer months. We guarantee a new batch of herring, wonderful treats from Chavie Steinfield and fun conversation.

### Congratulations

Congrats to Lou and Sue and Great Grandma Esther Price on the birth and Bris of Hunter James Miller. The parents Brandon and Rachel Miller wish to thank all who attended at the Shul on November 24th. What a festive day this was for fun and food at the FHC

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Our prayers include Mike Slotnick on the illness of his longtime girlfriend Mary Rodgers. Mary has been a constant friend of the FHC and attended many events.

Our prayers also go out to Gabe Berman, son of Joyce and Cliff Berman, for a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.