### **KISLEV-TEVET 5776**

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# The First Hebrew Congregation



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To all the wonderful members and friends of the FHC, I, Barry Fidelman, officially have retired as President, leaving the Presidency in the more than capable hands of Remey Rubin, who will take us to the next level. I have been relegated to the kitchen and now officially the," First Hebrew Congregation cook." You may honor me by coming to all functions and compliment my cooking!

One goal of the new president is to get more community involvement in the FHC. We need members to help on the following committees: Membership- Deb Ehrlich, Chair

Grounds- Karen Tolen, Chair

**Kitchen/Hospitality**- Shelley Sommerfeld, Joyce Berman co- chair

**Food preparation**- Barry Fidelman chair

**History**- Barry Fidelman, Steve Tolen co- chair

We still need people to chair on the Fundraising and Publicity committees and need people to help out on all the committees. If you would like to help, please contact Remey Rubin at newgriz@aol.com or call 269-637-4764

#### **Chanukah Party**

Our annual Chanukah party was held on Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. A festive group enjoyed tuna salad, egg salad, potato pancakes, jello mold and vegetable platter. The dessert table was sumptuous, and door prizes were great. After the party, we prepared additional pancakes for the Warren Senior Center. They were so grateful for the thoughtful gesture and wish to thank the FHC.

We started a new service for our parties. Anyone who is ill or cannot come to the party can call 269-637-1603 and reserve one or more meals that we will deliver to any house within 15 miles of the FHC. We prefer to see your smiling face at the Shul, and we know sometimes it is just too difficult to get out.

Special thanks go to the committee -

Shelley Sommerfeld, Joyce Berman, Julie Rubin, and Karen Riffer-Reinert. As usual the kitchen duties were done by Barry Fidelman, Steve Tolen, and Lou Price. The whole group had a ball working together-what kibbitzing went on!

## Looking for Sponsors

This year we will slowly and carefully add cabinets and bookcases to each renovated room. If anyone wants to sponsor one or more of these projects, we will be happy to acknowledge your family or loved one with a recognition plaque on the said addition. The one exception will be Dale and Diane Paskin who graciously donated the new toilet in the men's room. He didn't want his name on it. Go figure!

#### Dates

We will start our usual Sat. morning Shabbat Orthodox services at 10 a.m. June 25, followed by a wonderful kiddush. In addition we will schedule at least four Conservative or Reform Friday night services, to be posted at a later time. Anyone having need for a minyan, please call Barry Fidelman at 616-820- 5623 and he will try to arrange it for you.

A schedule of all 2016 events will be coming out soon. Mark your calendar for our Passover Seder on Sunday, April 24.

### Thank You

Thanks go out to Karen Tolen and Lawn Boys for our beautiful reading garden this past summer. Karen, we know how many hours of care it took to make the flowers look so beautiful.

Our thanks to Ricky Rothner for all the great Chanukah gifts and for sponsoring an electrical upgrade to the outside lighting. Thanks to Ricky, all outside lights will be on timers and photo electric controllers. Members will also notice the stained glass window now has back lighting.

#### Welcome Home

Welcome home Karen Riffer-Reinert from your trip to Hungary and Spain. We hope you enjoyed visiting your daughter Danielle, who is studying in Hungary.

### Mazel Tov!

Congratulations go to Mr. Tem Horwitz on the engagement of his daughter Micha Rose Horwitz to Vladimir Kobczar, who is a law student at Columbia University, NYC.

#### Condolences

Condolences to the family of Shirley Rosenberg. Shirley was a long time member of the FHC and a South Haven resident for many years and will be fondly remembered.

Anyone with any news, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, births, deaths, travels awards, etc... please report it to Barry. We care about our community and wish to support in joys and sorrows.

Below is a donor list since October 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations are very much appreciated, and we exist because of your generosity

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