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Fall has been a cool one, but very productive. The exterior painting project is done and our Shul looks great. Thanks to Steve Tolen and Stuart Price, we have a Menorah up for the Chanukah holiday! It is sure to be enjoyed by all on December 22 at our annual Chanukah party. Please come at 1 p.m. to celebrate the first night with hamburgers, latkes, and so much more! Thanks to Mr. Rothner, we have a ton of prizes and gifts to hand out -- bring the kids.

The upcoming season of programming your board has at least 14 Orthodox Shabbat

services and possibly 6 Reform Friday night services. Passover and Purim dates are still to be determined. The annual Lox Box will be on July 5 from 10 a.m. to noon for a great brunch take out.

AV Equipment

Your board is preparing for the purchase of a permanent movie screen and audio visual system to be installed in the Ben and Harriet Teitel hall. We will be able to run movies and special programs for members and friends in a professional way without having to borrow or rent audio visual equipment. Members are invited to request movies and worthy programs for the upcoming season.

A walk on the North Side

Recently Joe Ashen led 100 plus people on a North side history walk sponsored by the Historical Association of South Haven (HASH). Joe gave the crowd information on specific homes, the old resorts, and what it was like growing up during that time. It was a nostalgic trip for those who remember the time and a history lesson for those hearing it for the first time.

Light up the Town

Steve Tolen led the invocation at the City of South Haven's lighting of the city Menorah. Steve thanked the Visitors Bureau for purchasing/caring for the Menorah and including FHC in their downtown ceremony. Steve gave

a short history of Chanukah, and with Meryl Greene's help said third bracha on lighting the candles. You can see the Menorah set back against the wall in front of City Hall.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Marshall E. Eisenberg who is being honored by American Friends of the Hebrew University (AFHU) with the prestigious [2019 Jerold S. Solovy Torch of Learning Award](#). The Torch of Learning Award is presented to a leading individual who has influenced the course of higher learning in the United States and Israel.

Congratulation to Ben Fidelman on his promotion to Manager of Communications for the Detroit Tigers organization. Ben is the youngest ever to attain this executive position in baseball! Almost makes one want to be a Tigers fan!

Thank you

Thanks to Rickey Rothner, we now have all our Torahs in perfect shape, and more Siddurim for the High Holiday crowd. Rickey, you do so much; thank you!

Condolences

Condolences to the Rosen family on the loss of Jordana's mother, Karen Eisenstein and to Joyce Berman on the loss of her sister-in-law, Judith Grant Ruby. May their memory be a blessing to all.

Memory

With the start of the new year, we wish to remember Hy and Shelly Warshawsky, Dale and Diane Paskin, and Bea Kraus, along with many others, who were integral parts of FHC's history.

Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

From the works of Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's "Jewish Wisdom" p. 3
"In the hour when an individual is brought before the heavenly court for judgment, the person is asked:

Did you conduct your business affairs honestly?

Did you set aside regular time for Torah study?

Did you work at having children?

Did you look forward to the world's redemption?"

(Babylonian Talmud Shabbat 31a)