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Things you will never hear me say again:

- "I think I have seen everything in my 74 years" - Covid-19 took care of that!
- "They only come to Shul for the food" - The attendance of Zoom and Live Stream services has been beyond expectations.
- "If anything happens to Steve or Barry the Shul is

- in trouble" - We have the most dedicated and knowledgeable Board and President who will make sure this shul will be here for many years!

Menorah

We want to thank Joe and Linda Warshawsky for the donation of the large menorah several years ago. It is standing tall in the front garden and will be shining brightly the entire month of December.

Zoom Chanukah

The Zoom Chanukah service led by our Rabbi Cohen was a huge success! Thirty-five people from Charlotte, N.C. to the San Gabriel Mountains in California enjoyed lighting candles and singing songs. Most of these people found out about the service on our website. There was talk of missing the potato pancakes we serve at the FHC, so, I held up a latke and ate it in front of the crowd.

Big Plans

FHC will have Zoom services and Shabbat in-person services this summer, rules permitting. Saturday morning services will have an outdoor Kiddush at

noon and services starting at 10 a.m.

Rabbi Cohen will lead a Purim Zoom service on Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. Passover second night Seder will be on March 29th and will either be live or Zoom depending on State rules at the time. We will shoot for a Seder meal if allowed.

Orthodox Shabbat services will begin on June 26th. Service will start at 10 a.m. followed by a Kiddush in the back yard—and, YES, we will have Barry's herring! Services will continue through September 11th.

Friday night service dates will be posted soon.

We will have a Lox Box on July 4th as a curbside pickup with all the same good items included.

If the rules allow, we will have movies this summer using our new audio/visual equipment.

We have not printed our calendar of events because of the time we are living in. We will update our members on the website: www.firsthebrewcongragation.org.

Thank You

Thanks to the Block-Babok family for starting us out in a big way with the purchase of a number of leaves on The Tree of Life to honor the family. Just a reminder that leaves can be purchased for \$180.00 to honor anyone or any event.

Well Wishes

Our thoughts go out to Joyce and Cliff Berman on the recovery of their son, Gabe, who is recovering from injuries suffered in an accident.

Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

From the works of Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's "Jewish Wisdom" p. 3

"The following are the activities for which a person is rewarded in this world, and again in the World-to-Come:

- Honoring one's father and mother
- Deeds of lovingkindness, and
- Making peace between a person and his neighbor.

The study of Torah, however, is as important as all of them together."

(Mishnah Peah 1:1)