

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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We are in the heart of winter in South Haven, and the FHC anticipates the Purim celebration and anticipates planned summer activities. At this time of the year, we sit like a kid looking through the window at a downpour, wanting to go out to play. We miss our summer friends on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, hope they are well, and look forward to seeing them this summer.

Also, we are doing maintenance projects and believe the new additions and improvements will enhance our facility.

## Tree of Life

Steve Tolen has been working with Jerry Morgan (Mendelson ) on the addition of the Louis Mendelson Tree of Life. The “Tree” will start with 100 leaves, which can be expanded to 300, leaves that can be engraved with a message to congratulate or honor loved ones or friends and will be mounted on the west wall of the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall. Thank you, Jerry Morgan, for your funding of this wonderful project.

## More New Stuff!

FHC board has installed audio/visual equipment in the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall as a venue for shows and movies planned for this summer. Anyone with a movie suggestion, please tell a board member.

## Save This Date

Please save the date of March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:1 p.m. for the annual FHC Purim party.

For the menu: would you prefer cheese blintzes or deep dish veggie pizzas? On March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., we need bakers to assist Barry and Steve in making hamantaschen.

## Annual Events

Passover Seder April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

First Shabbat service of the season June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. and continuing until Labor Day. Each service is followed by the Rothner–Steinfeld Kiddush at noon. If you can’t make the service, please come and enjoy the fellowship at the Kiddush table.

Lox Box July 5<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to noon

Four Friday night services, possibly more. Dates still to be determined.

Rosh Hashanah September 19, 20, 21

Yom Kippur September 27, 28

## Special Event

Charles Troy will be giving a presentation on the Making of Fiddler on the Roof on August 2 at 2 p.m.

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## New Display

Last month we lost an old friend of the FHC. Harold Kraus passed away in Chicago. The Kraus/Greene family has loaned us for display 6 charcoal drawings that Harold drew. They are depictions of Jewish life and will be hung on the stairway going to the Teitel Community Room. We are excited about the display and hope it will be enjoyed by all who come to our building.

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## Mazel Tov

Congrats to Ben Fidelman who is the youngest executive in baseball. He was promoted to Manager of Communications for the Detroit Tigers.

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## Thank You

Thanks to Stu Price and Steve Tolen for putting up and maintaining the large menorah used during Chanukah. The whole community truly enjoyed it, and it made the FHC a big part of the local holiday season.