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What a great Chanukah party we had! Latke's and lokshen kugle was the best in recent memory. Lou gave the story and we sang songs, and Mordechi Haller gave a talk on the holiday's history. The crowd enjoyed the dreidel and gelt distribution which filled out the holiday spirit.

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## Purim

Your board has committed to having a Purim Party on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Barry and Steve are making fresh blintzes with a blueberry sauce accompanied by other goodies. Come and let us

read the Magilla and "noise out" Haman's name and his henchman with the groggers we will provide.

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## Passover Seder

A community Passover Seder will be held in the Teitel Hall on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Come, enjoy, and participate in the reading of the Haggadah and the sumptuous meal with all the usual courses you are used to. Lou will lead the service and will tell us when to fill our glass again and again!

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## Friday Night Services

Rabbi Nina Mizrahi and Anita Silvert have agreed to lead our Friday night services again this summer. The dates are June 28, July 5 & 26, and August 9 & 16. Mark the dates on your calendar!

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## Cemetery Project

Some of you may know that the board has turned its attention to the cemetery. At best we feel the cemetery is shabby. The gate appears in disrepair, the entry way is to narrow, the tree at the entrance needs trimming. It is our hope, with your help, we will be able to make the entrance respectful, as those who are buried there deserve. Our plan is to make the entryway similar to the original entryway on Blue Star Highway. The plan is to put a second masonry post matching the one that is there, widen the entryway, and install wrought iron like fencing along the E. Wilson St. border. We all thank

the generous benefactors who have given to this cemetery improvement fund. At this time it looks like we will have to break the project into phases. We have been in contact with the city on this project and are hoping to get the ok to go ahead with phase one soon. Any and all donations for phase two are appreciated.

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## Happy News

The Detroit Jewish News recently published an article about Jewish executives in the Detroit Tigers organization. One of the executives is Ben Fidelman, the son of Barry Fidelman. In the article Ben mentions his fondness and relationship with our First Hebrew Congregation.

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## Condolences

We all mourn the loss of Karyn Adler Fasel, the daughter of longtime board member and friend Barbara Adler. Karyn was a volunteer coordinator in the Social Service world and will be missed. May her memory be a blessing to us all.

