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Happy (belated) Chanukah to all! A crowd of about 20 enjoyed some great potato latkes and much more on December 21 at the Shul. Thanks to Anne Moffat, Joyce Berman, Shelly Sommerfeld, Karen Riffer-Reinhard, and Karen and Steve Tolen for time spent preparing for the celebration. Lou Price gave a great talk on the meaning of Chanukah, and the Grand Rapids Chabad's Mordechai told a nice story about the festival. Also, the Shul made latkes for the Senior Center in South Haven on Friday Dec. 26th, and all the home bound folks really enjoyed the treat.

We received a call from Rabbi Lange, one of Camp Agudah's rabbis, who lives in New Jersey. He wanted to acknowledge the mitzvah of providing Kosher Shabbat dinners all summer for the Warshawskys. We told him that the camp made and provided the meals and Barry just picked them up and delivered them. He said, "no!", explaining that the mitzvah is for the person who saw the need and did something about it. We then realized how close a sin and a mitzvah really are. If we had the ability to help someone in need and do nothing, it is a sin. By just doing something, even if it is just picking up the phone and putting it in the right hands, it is a mitzvah.

Save the Date

The next celebration at the Shul is Purim, which we will be Thursday, March 5 at 2 pm with a Megillah reading and hamantaschen for all.

Please remember that on Sunday, April 5, at 5pm, we will conduct a second night Seder. A full traditional meal will be served with plenty of wine and matzos for all. Cost is \$25 per adult, \$10 for children 16 or under, and free for tots under the age of two.

Restoration Project Continues

Plans continue to develop for the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall. Construction will start late this winter. Plans are posted in the current community room for all to see. Again, thanks to Jerry Cook for sending the first installment of the grant.

Spiritual Vorts

"Converting individuals into spiritual entities and turning our community of individuals with personal agendas into a spiritual place with a shared agenda" Exodus 34:6--God's 13 attributes include being gracious, compassionate, patient, kind, faithful, and loving--the goals of human behavior. God clothed the naked (Adam & Eve), so should we; God visited the sick (Abraham), so should we; God comforted the mourner and buried the dead (Moses), so should we.

Special Thanks

Tem Horwitz, thanks for making sure the HVAC installation was done properly and ready to paint. It looks and works great.

Thanks to Anne and Joyce for their organizing skills, arranging, sorting and storing materials backstage and in the furnace room. Everything is in its proper place, with a much cleaner look. We can even find something when we need it!

With the concept of mitzvah in mind, we thank all who continue to help us in the restoration of our Jewish treasure, the First Hebrew Congregation. The mitzvah you did will be seen and used by people who live near or visit South Haven for the next generation and more. If you haven't yet become involved, there is still this marvelous opportunity. We welcome gifts of time and money every day.

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