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Welcome to winter in beautiful South Haven, with new events to be shared with you. Our FHC is getting a new kippah! The new roof will be done by the third week in January, with the insulation to follow. It is going to look beautiful! We have raised about half of the cost, and if the generosity of the membership and friends continues, we will meet our goal this summer. We are proud to preserve the Shul for the next generation.

We had a wonderful Chanukah celebration and dinner with over 25 people in attendance. The food was great and a lively time was

had by all. Thanks to our sponsors, Steve and Karen Tolen, and to Beth Consolino for the lovely table setting. A special thanks to Jerry and Cookie Fleischman, Ricky Rothner, and Joanne Barnhart who donated great decorations and prizes.

Our board is working on the upcoming season's calendar, which will be published in the next newsletter. There will be at least four Friday night services, including one sunset service overlooking the Lake, which Bob and Ann Abel have graciously agreed to host at their beach house.

In cleaning the Shul, we found a box of old tallism worn by the old guard and the children in cheder. With limited storage space, we decided to give the tallism to Camp Agudah to dispose properly. During this process, Joe Ashen stopped by and asked what we were doing with the old relics. He was headed to Israel and took six of them to place in a grotto near the Temple Wall that has sidurim and tallism. Yes, folks, they are being used by those praying at the Wall. A piece of old South Haven in Israel!

## Save the dates!

Plan on helping make Hamantaschen for Purim, Sunday, March 17th at 1 p.m. We will hold a novel Purim celebration dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Barry is making his special deep dish pizza with cheese and various vegie combinations. For those who do not like pizza, we will offer other items on a limited basis. No one leaves FHC hungry.

## Membership

We are pleased to inform everyone of a record membership enrollment for the upcoming year. If you have not sent in your dues, please do and add to this success story. What a great value it is to belong to a piece of history and to be a part of the FHC's future.

## Extended Contract

Great news! Our President Remy Rubin and Rabbi Alan Cohen have agreed to a four year extension to the Rabbi's contract for the High Holidays. We so look forward to Rabbi Cohen's energizing and insightful services.

## Baseball???

For all vacationing baseball fans in Florida, stop in Lakeland and call Ben Fidelman. His number is 269-408-6361. He is with the Tigers and can help you with tickets. Ben would love to see some FHC members. Please take him out to dinner because I am worried he is not eating right!

## Thank you

The following is a list of donors from late this past summer to the present. We can't say it enough, "We could not do it without you." Thank you all.

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