

The First Hebrew Congregation



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It is about time, summer is finally here! Welcome to all our summer guests and friends.

In response to popular demand, on July 6, our congregation will host the first Lox Box event for the Fourth of July weekend. Lox, bagels, onions, cukes, cream cheese, juice, blueberry muffins, and more will be prepared and bagged for a magnificent picnic brunch. The cost is \$18 for a generous 2 person bag and \$36 for a more generous 4 person bag. Order up to the date of the event by calling 616-820- 5623 or leaving a message at 269-637-1603. All pre-

ordered and prepaid are guaranteed for pick up between 10 am till 1 pm. We will serve walk in customers until we run out.

What a busy month we have had. New bathrooms were opened on Saturday, June 28. We should all thank Deb Ehrlich, Steve Tolen, Anne Moffat, for their help in planning, designing and coordinating the construction of the new bathrooms. The results are dramatic.

The first Saturday Shabbat service for the 2014 summer season was held on June 28 at 10 am, followed by a great Kiddush hosted by the Steinfelds. All this in our newly air conditioned Shul. Thanks to Tem Horwitz for spearheading the heating and air conditioning project. It works great and looks even better. Gone are the steam pipes and radiators!

Our reading garden is looking beautiful so come sit and enjoy. Thanks to the Hodgman family and Karen Tolen for the upkeep and planting of the garden.

Friday Night Services

Rabbi Ellen Weinberg Dreyfus will conduct Friday evening, Shabbat services on Friday, August 1 and Friday, August 8 at 8:00 pm. A magnificent Oneg will follow. Some may remember that Rabbi Dreyfus, who is spending much of July studying in Israel, conducted a Shabbat service at our Shul a few years ago. Her family has had a cottage in South Haven since the

1920s and proudly includes several rabbis.

New Contact Information

The Shul's email has changed. The new email address is: firsthebrewcong@gmail.com . Our website address is: www.firsthebrewcongregation.org. Please record both. Thank you to Larry Hoffman who designed and is maintaining the web site. We are making a concerted effort to update the site regularly; please visit it often

Restoration

The final phase of restoration, focusing on the Community Room, will commence after the High Holidays. The Ben and Harriett Teitel community room will then become a reality. Look for the date of the dedication and celebration event next summer: it will be a joyful South Haven family reunion and gathering for new friends and long-time residents.

FHC is still in a fundraising mode so if any of our loyal members and friends are looking for a worthy charitable donation LOOK NO FURTHER. The cost of the heating, air conditioning and bathroom upgrades have caused us to dip into our reserves. These reserves have been well guarded for the unlikely event that if our roof or other building structure should fail on short notice, we could take immediate action. Significant investments were made in building maintenance and improvements to avoid costly problems often associated with aged systems.

Congratulations

Mazel Tov to Tony and Karen Riffer-Reinert whose son, Ben, just graduated from the University of Chicago, with a job waiting. Karen was last seen in Chicago floating on air.

Also celebrating are Debbie and Steve Ehrlich, joyously welcoming the arrival of grandson, Samuel Vernon Ehrlich, son of Robert and Amanda Ehrlich in St. Joseph.

Get well wishes

Our thoughts are with Gerald and Rosie Chip, who both have had recent surgery. Speedy recovery is wished to the both of you.

Hy and Shelly Warshawsky, our thoughts are with you. Shelly we miss you, pray for a full recovery and hope to see your engaging smile real soon. And to Hy, we wish a belated, but most sincere birthday, 90 years young!

Condolences

Condolences are sent to Deb and Arnold Zuckerman on the loss of Deb's mother, Peggy Schwartz.

Thank You

Thank you to Bea Warshawshky for a donation to the synagogue to commemorate Hy and Shelly Warshawsky's 55th wedding anniversary.

Thank you also to Karen Ehrlich Sutton for her donation in the memory of Tobie Ehrlich.

ATTENTION

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN, to seek new candidates to run for the Shul Board. There are four vacancies. The Shul's Bylaws state that, " a candidate must have been a member for at least one year and a current member in good standing." Candidates should submit their names, and a brief bio, to Board Secretary Anne Simon Moffat (beamausnow1@yahoo.com) or mail a statement of their intent to run to the Shul, no later than Monday, August 4.