

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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What a unique and wonderful place the FHC is. One of our most Frum members donated a year's supply of fruit-filled coffee cakes to the Reform Friday night services so the Oneg will be as elaborate as our Saturday morning Kiddush. This is why our unique little historic Shul is so special. We are honored to have such a thoughtful group of members. We asked the membership for sponsors for our four Friday night services and what a response we received! Within two days we had not one, but two sponsors per Oneg. What a special group of members!

## Services

On Friday, July 2, the service led by Rabbi Nina Mizrahi was well attended. The Oneg was sponsored by David Wagner in honor of his wife Rabbi Nina Mizrahi. In addition, David and Renee Kaplan also sponsored the Oneg. The service was inspiring, and the Oneg, enjoyed by all, had an abundance of fresh fruit and pastries everyone enjoyed.

There will be three more Friday night services, each beginning at 8 p.m. The July 23rd service at the FHC will be led by Anita Silvert, and followed by an Oneg sponsored by Lenore Wineberg and an additional anonymous donor. The August 6th service, held on the beach at the home of Bob and Ann Abel on North Shore Dr., will be led by Rabbi Nina Mizrahi, followed by the Oneg sponsored by William and Gail Klein and Allen Shechtman in honor of Shirley Shechtman. The August 27th service will be led by Anita Silvert at the FHC, followed by an Oneg sponsored by Sanford and Susan Schulman and Marshall and JoAnn Eisenberg.

Saturday morning Orthodox Shabbat services, led by Joe Steinfeld, continue all summer at 10 a.m., followed by our famous Rothner-Steinfeld Kiddush at noon.

A friendly reminder that Rosh Hashanah falls on Labor Day weekend-- September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. On the 6th at 6:30 p.m. a full FHC dinner, sponsored by Remy and

Julie Rubin and free to all, will precede the Egalitarian Conservative service led by Rabbi Cohen at 8 p.m. On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, services start at 9:30 a.m. with communal seating for all. Yom Kippur services start at 8 p.m. September 15th and at 9:30 a.m. on the 16th. After Shofar, we will have a milchig break-the-fast meal sponsored by the Lou Price family.

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## Book Club

The next meeting of the FHC book club will be on July 25th at 10 a.m. Please direct any queries please direct to Debbie Ehrlich (616-836-5270).

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## Thank you

A special thanks to our tireless board of directors whose "*lib haben*" work should be recognized! Tell a board member what you like that is being done and give suggestions for improvement.

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## Film Suggestions

We are looking for suggestions for Jewish-themed movies to be viewed at the Shul on special nights. Just contact one of our board members and we will make it happen.

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## Board of Directors Election

Any member who would like to nominate someone or run for the board should email us at [firstthebrewcong@gmail.com](mailto:firstthebrewcong@gmail.com) by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Board members must have been a member for at least one year and a member in good standing.

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## Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's "Jewish Wisdom" p. 32

"A story tells of Rabbi Salanter\* eating a meal at another's house, and surprising everyone present by using a minimal amount of water in the ceremonial washing of the hands before the blessing over the bread. The others, who had lavishly poured water over their outstretched hands, asked him to explain his unusual behavior. 'I noticed that a maid brings the water up to the house in buckets drawn from the well. Those buckets are very heavy, and I don't want to perform my mitzvah on her shoulders.'"

(\*Rabbi Israel Salanter—19th Century Eastern European Rabbi who founded the Musar—ethics—Movement)

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