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Summer has finally arrived and it sure feels good! What a summer we have planned for the members and friends of the FHC:

Saturday Morning Services

Starting June 30th, our 10 a.m. Orthodox Shabbat service, followed by the best Kiddush about noon, will begin and continue thru September 15th. If you can't make the service, stop by for the Kiddush in the air conditioned comfort of the Ben and Harriett Teitel Hall and enjoy

the food, drink, and company of our community.

Welcome back Steinfelds! We have missed you so much. Joe and Chavie will lead the Shabbat minyan and Kiddush as usual. It is so good to see Joe in front of the Shul in the beautiful reading garden greeting the minyanim. Chavie in the kitchen is a fixture in South Haven.

Friday Night Services

The FHC will host Reform Friday night services at 8 p.m. followed by an Oneg. This summer we are blessed to have Rabbi Nina Mizrahi on July 6th and August 3rd, and Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus on July 20th and August 17th. If you have not attended a service with these two wonderful Rabbis, you have really missed something great!

Lox Box

July 1st is our annual Lox Box Fundraiser with lox, bagels, tomato, onion, cream cheese, juice, and homemade blueberry muffins. The cost is \$20.00 for a 2-person and \$40.00 for a 4-person bag. Bags will be available from 10 a.m. until noon for pickup. To reserve your lox box, call 269-637-1603. Thank you to Charlotte and Berton Rubin and to Ira Kaufman for sponsoring this event.

Jordanville

Join us July 22nd at 1:00 p.m. for the showing of the movie "Jordanville," a documentary about Richie Jordan. Richie was a phenomenal athlete from Fennville and was Bar Mitzva'ed at FHC. There is a bio and a plaque listing his many awards on the wall of the old classroom. The makers of the movie, John Mooy and Ann Colton, will be at the showing. Richie has

said that he will do his best to attend, also. There is no charge for the event.

Thank You

Thank you to Bob Abel for financing and producing the wonderful event calendar, something our members have needed for years. Anyone needing a printed calendar of events for the next year, stop by the FHC, the Chamber of Commerce, or The Convention and Visitors Bureau. We also have calendars at St. Joe Today and Saugatuck Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ricky Rothner, thank you for honoring Hy Warshawsky with the purchase of new High Holiday Sidurim in his memory. I know it would have put a smile on his face.

Condolences

We mourn the passing of a great woman, Bea Krause. Bea will be remembered by all as our historian and author who memorialized the history of Jews of South Haven in her books. To her husband, Harold, and her daughter, Meryl Greene, we will preserve her memory, and Shalom to the family.

Charlene Klein, we mourn with you the passing of your sister, Lilia. She will be fondly remembered in South Haven by all.

We, also, mourn the loss of Rebecca Grossman, of the Detroit area, the mother of Lynda Warshawsky.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Diane Paskin. Diane was an important member of our Shul and Sisterhood for many years. She will be fondly remembered in this community, and our heart goes out to Dale, Rhona, Robin, and Mark.

Condolences to Lou Price and Karen Adler-Fazel on the passing of their cousin, Lorraine Margalit.

Vorts - Rabbi Alan Cohen

Understanding prayer is the first step to an enhanced and meaningful experience at services. In the next newsletters, I will be explaining some of the prayers we recite. The two central prayers for us are the Shema and the Amidah.

Sound the shofar and raise the banner to proclaim that the exiles (the people of Israel) will be restored to their homeland. This tenth blessing is “Kibbutz Galuyot” (ingathering of the exiles). Our interdependence among all Jews, all people and all times is central to this.

The eleventh blessing is “Din” (justice). This is the basis of a society—one which operates with a system that protects all people.

Those who undermine the society and its system must be checked and blocked from their devious actions. This is blessing number twelve—“Birkat Haminim” (the heretics). At all times in history, there have been those who have attempted to block or impede the progress of society by presenting heretical ideas and undermining actions.

Blessing thirteen is “Birkat Hatzaddikim” (the righteous). It is not sufficient to block the heretics. A path must also be cleared for the actions of the righteous to prevail. The blessing identifies five groups—the righteous, the pious, the leaders/elders, the scholars and the proselytes—whose actions are to be strengthened and through whose deeds redemption will be hastened. All are integral to a healthy society.

The rebuilding of Jerusalem (“Binyan Yerushalayim”) is a key part of this redemptive process. Both the action of the physical rebuilding of the city as well as recapturing its holy spirit that is to become pervasive in all people is part of redemption.