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# The First Hebrew Congregation



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We may be seeing the beginning of the end of Covid-19 at FHC. More people are vaccinated; the governor is lifting restrictions in Michigan; and we have happy events taking place at the synagogue. This past weekend Alvin and Rita Block's granddaughter, Jessica, and her fiancé, Brian Rosenbaum, held a Ketubah signing with Jessica's parents, Bernie and Timmie Block, friends, and family in attendance. As shown below, we are planning events with the hope that the Covid-19 numbers continue to decline and that more people will

have their happy family events at FHC.

## **Another Act of Kindness – More Happy Events**

Ann Hopkins and Ronny Kurasz, upset with the abundant antisemitism in the world, decided to perform an act of kindness by leaving a flower and prayer at the door of the synagogue. We are so appreciative of the Kiddush and social hour. We the community's support and solidarity in the face of evil perpetrated not just against Jews but against any individual or race.

## **Friday Night Services**

We have a schedule of summer events, each starting at 8 p.m. at the shul with the exception of either July 2<sup>nd</sup> or August 6<sup>th</sup> held at the Abel's beach house. We will announce which date at a later time.

Friday Night Services at a glance:

June 18	Cohen
July 2	Mizrachi
July 23	Silvert
August 6	Mizrachi
August 27	Silvert

Oneg Shabbat and social hour so plan on attending. Masks will be optional for those fully vaccinated.

#### **Saturday Morning Services**

Saturday, 10 a.m., Orthodox services will commence on June 26th and continue thru September 11th. All services will be followed by our famous Rothner- Steinfeld Kiddush and will be held in our Teitel social hall. If you can't make the minyan, please come at noon for will serve Barry's herring and the best kosher treats Chavie can find. Rickey Rothner will provide the most exotic spirits he can find. The drinking age limit at FHC is 12 years old -- that's right; no bottle on the table is less than 12 years old! Masks will be optional for those fully vaccinated.

### Lox Box!

July 4th will be our annual Lox Box takeout breakfast in a bag, with curbside pickup on Church St,. The bag will include plain bagels, Steve and Tony's homemade blueberry muffins, lox, cream cheese, onions, tomato, juice, and cucumber. The price is \$20 for 2 people and \$40 for 4 person bags. Payment may be made in advance or at the door. We now accept PayPal or personal checks. For PayPal These services will be followed by an payment, please go to our website

www.firsthebrewcongregation.org.

#### **High Holiday Reminder**

Just a reminder that Rosh Hashanah service, led by Rabbi Alan Cohen, is September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m., preceded by a community dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The remaining schedule is as follows:

September 7	9:30 a.m.
September 8	9:30 a.m
September 15	8:00 p.m.
September 16	9:30 a.m.

We will have a milchig break-the-fast meal following the September 16th service, immediately after the Shofar blowing in the evening. Any and all meals will be dependent on the Covid-19 situation at that time.

#### **Book Club**

The FHC book club will meet at 10 a.m. at the shul on June 27th, July 25th, and August 22nd. Any further information needed, please contact Sharona Shapiro at shapirolerner@gmail.com.

#### Movies??

If any member has a suggestion for a Jewish-themed movie to be viewed this summer, please contact one of our board members with your request. We now have the ability to show these films in the comfortable venue of the Teitel Hall.

#### Sad news

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Phil Lapine. He will be missed and always remembered.

We pray for the well-being of our brothers and sisters here and in Israel! May the L-rd bless us and keep us and may his countenance shine upon us and grant us peace.

Just a reminder that we keep our website updated, so please check <a href="https://www.firsthebrewcongregation.org">www.firsthebrewcongregation.org</a>.