

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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This has been a long winter in South Haven, and very productive. The FHC has a beautiful new roof, and we are waiting for the insulation company to begin their work. During last week, we had 60 mile an hour winds and not a shingle missing!

For those of you who have not seen the Shul lately, it is just beautiful! In recent news, our neighbor to the North-- the old Save-a-Lot property-- is being turned into a mini strip mall with 5 store fronts. They will plant a vegetation barrier between the back of the store and the FHC.

Your board has been working very hard to produce an upcoming year schedule of events for everyone to enjoy and to find meaningful.

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## The Schedule

We invite you wonderful bakers to join us March 17th in making hamantaschen in our shul's kosher kitchen. We will do the mitzvah of distributing them to our friends around town and serve them at the Purim party on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm. The dinner will consist of Chicago style deep dish pizzas, with an assortment of vegetable toppings. Come listen to the Megillah and man your groggers for a fun delicious event.

The annual Passover Seder will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The story will be told and a wonderful dinner of brisket and chicken, with all the usual trimmings, will follow. As a fun new addition to our Seder, we ask those who drink wine to bring a bottle of your favorite kosher wine so we may all taste. We will have the usual wine and grape juice for all to enjoy.

Shavuot will be celebrated June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Rabbi Pensin will lead us in the Torah reading and reciting the Ten Commandments. A dairy luncheon with cheese blintzes and blueberry sauce will follow.

Our Orthodox Shabbat services will begin on June 29<sup>th</sup> and on every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. throughout the summer, led by Joseph Steinfeld, followed by our famous

Kiddush provided by the Steinfeld and Rothner families. If you cannot make services, join us for our special FHC Kiddush!

Friday night Reform services will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. These services will begin at 8 p.m. followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Join us July 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. till noon for the annual Lox and Bagel takeout brunch in a bag! You may reserve by calling 269-637-1603. Leave your name and number of people you wish to serve.

The FHC will host its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party August 18<sup>th</sup> with Crepes and Crooners. Music by Lou Price; cheese blintzes by Barry Fidelman. This festive event will start at 1p.m.

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## Sponsors

A friendly reminder to our members and friends that our events need sponsors for the upcoming year. A sponsorship costs \$180.00 and will give recognition to the donors. Our Onegs and Kiddushs are also seeking sponsorship. This entails purchasing and serving the refreshments. Anyone wishing to sponsor an event, please contact Remey Rubin at 269-637-4764, or leave a message at 269-637-1603.

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## Whoops

If anyone had mail returned that was marked, “Vacant-Undeliverable” please know that it was a mistake made by one of the new mail carriers at the post office. Please resend any mail that was returned. The problem has been resolved.

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## Thank You!

Thank you Beth Consolino and the Berman family for your contribution to our kitchen. We now have wonderful wine glasses and more cooking and serving pieces for Barry to fill!

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## Vorts - Rabbi Alan Cohen

Understanding prayer is the first step to an enhanced and meaningful experience at services.

By Rabbi Gordon Tucker ([who is, by the way, a cousin to Bob Abel,] as written for Siddur Lev Shalem—the companion for Shabbat & Festivals to our Mahzor Lev Shalem) with supplemental explanation by Rabbi Alan Cohen (me).

Pirke Avot (Teachings of the Sages) begins with a quote from the Talmud Sanhedrin (Chapter 11): “All Israel have a portion in the world that is coming . . .”

Rabbi Tucker writes in regard to the opening Mishnah which details the transmission of authority beginning with Moses at Sinai that it is a “significant and far-reaching change in the very definition of religious truth. From the point of view of biblical Judaism, there is a truth that can be gotten through a prophet, or perhaps through the priestly breastplate. But here, each generation is assumed to have had one or more persons who were to be regarded as having authority, precisely because they were the recipients of authentic traditions from the previous generation.” Beginning with Moses, each subsequent generation to the present receives and transmits the tradition as seen through each generation’s refracted vision. This is what Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972) meant when he wrote his major work “Heavenly Torah as Refracted through the Generations” also translated by Rabbi Gordon Tucker.

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