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It finally feels like summer in South Haven! The new downtown street is done and it looks beautiful. The newly remodeled First Hebrew Congregation building fits right in with the town's updated look. Summer Shabbat services will commence June 28, at 10am. A Kiddush will follow at about 12pm, hosted by the Steinfelds. If you cannot attend these orthodox services, you are welcome to join us for a traditional Kiddush.

Restoration

The newly remodeled bathrooms will

be done by June 28th and our members and friends will be amazed at the improvements, although all changes have been made to keep the shul's 1920s style. Also, gone are the classroom folding doors and boiler, ceiling steam pipes and radiators. We will shortly have a new HVAC system, including air conditioning throughout the building.

However, the social hall still is in a construction mode because no work has been done yet to redecorate the areas where the plumbing was removed. But there is good news about that. The shul has recently signed a contract with Gerald Cook for a gift of \$35,000 from the Ben N. Teitel Charitable Trust to refurbish the social hall. The room will be named in memory of Mr. Cook's aunt and uncle, Harriett and Ben Teitel. That work is now being planned. Work will start in late 2014 and should be dedicated the summer of 2015. It will be a great asset to the Jewish cultural and religious life of South Haven.

With the completion of these and a few smaller projects (reviewing and restoring art work and memorabilia), the restoration will be done. Thank you to all who gave time and money. You, our members and friends, saved this piece of Jewish history for the next generation.

Visitors

On Sunday, May 25th, FHC will be visited by The Chicago Historical Society's bus tour at 4pm. They will tour the Shul and the locations of the old resorts around South Haven. Our locals are welcome to join in the festivities so save the date.

Thank you

Special thanks go out to Dr. Steve Tolen who has picked up the slack in the absence of our longtime Treasurer Hy Warshawsky, and his advisor Shelly. Steve, what a mensch! The other day Barry walked into the Shul and found Steve coming out of the boiler room with paint brush in hand, and face blackened with coal dust. That surely was not in the job description when he was elected to the board! Thanks to our advisor Tem Horwitz and the great job he is doing on the HVAC renovations. Tem, you're a mensch, too. We are also grateful to Deb Ehrlich, Steve Tolen, Anne Moffat, and Barry for research and coordinating decisions on colors, materials and décor for the bathrooms. Our Rabbi Alan Cohen has been in touch with Hy and Shelly Warshawsky in Florida. Shelly is recovering from an illness and we all pray for her recovery. John Daggett, Tony Martorano, and Remy Ruben made special trips to Florida to visit Hy and Shelly. These visits are a testimonial to the loving and tight knit group our Shul is. Many people have stated that South Haven's success was attributed to its warmth and close Jewish community. However, the word "was" should be "is" because we have not lost it through the years!

Congratulations

Mazel tov to grandparents Arnie and Debbie Zuckerman, and Aaron and Candice Zuckerman, and big brother Gavin on the birth of Harper Elise in March.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes are extended to Peggy Schwartz (Debbie Zuckerman's mom), a summer resident of Mt. Pleasant.

Get well wishes also go to Jerold Chip who is recovering from surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to you and Rosie.

Our good wishes go out to Mary Rogers, who has been recently rehospitalized in Wisconsin.

Refuah Shelaymah to Peggy, Jerold and Mary

Condolences

Our condolences are sent to the family of former Cook County sheriff and judge, Richard J. Elrod. Despite being paralyzed after an altercation during the 1969 Chicago's 'Days of Rage', Elrod had a long career of settling cases and helping people.

We also extend our sincerest sympathy to the family of Myriam Ebstein who passed this winter.

Memorial Gifts

The shul extends thanks to the following folks who made memorial gifts

Friends of the Ehrlich Family and the Chip family - in memory of Al Komar

Jon Milan - in memory of Armena "Amy" Light

Jon Milan - in memory of Salman "Sam" Offen

Dale and Diane Paskin - in memory of Louis Rosenberg.

Although all our renovations are nearing completion, we are still fundraising. We borrowed \$50,000 dollars from the reserve to complete the project. Anyone who can make a donation this year, please know it will be greatly appreciated and that your gift sustains our 'small but mighty' Jewish community.

Late Edition!!!!

We are planning to have a summer Lox Box on Sunday, July 6th. Tell your friends !!! Call the shul to reserve, 269-637-1603, or show up between 10am and 1pm. See the web site for specifics.

