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With summer around the corner, FHC has a full slate of activities available to our members and guests, beginning with Shavuot weekend, June 10-12. Friday night service starts at 8 p.m. Saturday morning is an Orthodox service at 10 a. m., followed by a group discussion led by Rabbi Alan Cohen and an ice cream social at 8 p.m., concluding with a Yiskor service on Sunday at 9:30 a. m.

Catskills

Some of you may remember the Catskills of the Midwest exhibit that

the Historical Association of South Haven (HASH) put on in 2005. Because of popular demand HASH decided to display the exhibit up again this summer. In conjunction with the HASH exhibit, HASH and FHC are sponsoring a joint event on Sunday, June 26th - - a brunch at the HASH from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Klezmer music performed by the Klezmedics, will be featured, along with dessert at FHC from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. For those who keep kosher there will be special lunch boxes prepared in our glatt kosher kitchen. At 3 p.m. there will be a trolley tour of the Jewish resorts. The cost of the entire event will be \$10. Free trolley rides will be available between HASH and FHC. Advanced tickets are available at Lakeshore Paint and Glass on Broadway or at HASH on 355 Hubbard St. and those wishing to make a donation to off-set the exhibit costs may call HASH at 269-637-6424 or by emailing hashlibrary@yahoo.com.

Lox Box

The annual Lox Box fundraiser will be held Sunday, July 3rd, opening at 10 a.m. and closing at noon. A two person bag is \$20 and a four person bag is \$40. The bags include lox, bagels, cream cheese, tomato, cucumber, onion, juice and fresh baked blueberry muffins. Call FHC and leave your name, telephone number, and number of people you wish to serve, and if you need delivery, which we will provide within a five mile radius.

Services

Regular Saturday morning Orthodox services start June 25th and continue until September 3rd at 10 a. m., followed by Kiddush at noon – with thanks to Eric Rothner for keeping us supplied with a well-stocked schnapps cabinet. If you are unable to attend the service, you are welcome to attend the Kiddush.

Four Friday night Reform services will be held (July 15 and August 26 led by Rabbi Nina Mizrahi and July 29 and August 19 led by Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus) with an Oneg following. Anyone wishing to sponsor an Oneg, please contact Barry Fidelman.

Passover

On April 24th, we had our second night Seder, led by Lou Price, with 30 plus people participating in the Seder ritual. The meal of brisket, baked chicken, kugel, kishka, tsimmes, fish, matzo ball soup, fresh green beans, and more were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Joyce Berman, Shelley Sommerfeld, Julie Rubin, Deb Ehrlich, Karen and Steve Tolen, Karen Riffer-Reinert, Rachel Miller and Barry Fidelman for the preparation, setting up and serving the meal.

If you have not seen the beautiful new book cases donated and built by Aaron Lupovitch in our Horwitz study, please do. They look great. Steve Tolen stained and finished them and did a beautiful job.

Our Teitel Hall has a new addition -- a custom cabinet and sink just outside the kitchen, built keeping the period of the Shul in mind.

Thank You

Once again we thank Don and Carole Hodgman and LawnBoys for the donation and arrangement of plants in the reading garden. If you see either Don, Carole or Spencer, please mention the gardens beauty and how much our community enjoys it.

We look forward to the arrival of Joseph and Chavie Steinfield for the summer. They have been a mainstay of our Shabbat service and Kiddush on Saturdays.

We pray for the good health of all our members, and especially for Shelley Warshawsky, Cliff Berman, Lois Moret, Michael Slotnick, and Cookie Fleischman.

The family of Esther Price would like to invite you to attend the dedication for Esther on Friday, June 10th at 4 p.m. at the First Hebrew Congregation cemetery.

-----Anyone with news to share, please let us know by email or phone-----



Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

Helping people become more spiritual in their lives:

Birkat Hamazon (the blessings after meals) is derived from Deuteronomy 8:10—“When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to the Lord your God for the good land which God has given you.” An abbreviated version of this prayer is said when bread is not eaten but other foods are. (Deuteronomy 8:8). Each day and each action deserve our acknowledgment to God of God's goodness to us.

