

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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Just as the swallows return to Capistrano, so do our Jewish friends return to South Haven for the summer. We look forward to their smiling faces at the FHC services for the summer of 2017 and parties. What a great line up your board has planned for our members and friends!

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## The Summer Line Up!

On May 31<sup>st</sup> we will have a Shavuot service and luncheon led and catered by Rabbi Pinson from Detroit. The service will be Orthodox; the meal, dairy. Please join us on this festive occasion. If you plan to attend, call the FHC phone and leave a message.

Saturday morning Minyan will commence on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The service is Orthodox and led by Joe Steinfeld, followed by our famous Steinfeld / Rothner Kiddush at approximately noon. Even if you cannot make it to the service, please plan to come to the Kiddush -- the food is great and the mood quite festive.

Friday night Reform services will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus will lead the July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> services. Rabbi Nina Mizrahi will lead the July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> services. All services begin at 8 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Anyone interested in sponsoring any of these dates, please contact Remy Rubin at 312-399-2586. Let's have a big crowd to support the Friday night program!

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## Cemetery

As you visit the FHC cemetery, please take note of the fresh look! The

Board hired a professional company to clean and seal all the headstones. It looks great! Some of the stones were unreadable, and we can now see that the white bench under the tree was in honor of David Mendelson! His name couldn't be read due to all the moss growing on it!

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## Lox Box Reminder

FHC annual Lox Box fundraiser will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. to noon. Come pick up your bag of fresh bagels, lox, cream cheese, onions, tomato, cucumber, juice and fresh-baked blueberry muffins. The cost is \$20 for a two-person bag and \$40 for a four-person bag. We are looking for sponsors for various parts of the fundraiser. If you are interested, please contact Remy Rubin or Barry Fidelman. The lox usually costs \$300.00; the bagels, \$250.00. To reserve a bag, please call 269-637-1603 and leave your name, the number of people you wish to serve, and a call-back number. As always, we have a team of drivers who will deliver to you if you are unable to drive.

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We wish to announce that our President Remy Rubin had successful surgery and is in fast recovery. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and thoughts; it really means a lot!

### Mozel Tov

Ben Fidelman was graduated from the School of Sports Management at the University of Michigan. As a student, Ben was a sports writer for the Michigan Daily and the Detroit News and is now employed by the Detroit Tigers. His duties include the press box and media relations for the team.

Congratulations to Cliff and Joyce Berman whose son, Gabe, was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western Michigan University. Gabe follows in his brother's footsteps who also graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Mozel tov to David Kaplan on his 60th birthday! Best wishes for continued good health and prosperity.

### Get Well

A quick recovery is wished for Bea Kraus whose original surgery was cancelled. Get well, Bea. We need you well and in South Haven soon.

A visit to Bea Warshawsky at River Ridge Rehab Center would be welcomed. If you are in town, plan a visit for a wonderful Mitzvah.

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### 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. I continue with the Shema:

6. "Philosophers asked the Jewish elders in Rome, 'If your God does not want idolatry to exist, why does He not eradicate it?' They replied, 'He would if people worshipped things that were of no importance, but they worship the sun, moon, stars, and planets. Should He destroy the universe because of fools? The world pursues its natural course, and those who act wrongly will have to account for their actions. Similarly, if a man stole a measure of wheat and then sowed it in the ground, it is only right that it should not grow, but the world pursues its natural course, and those who act wrongly will have to account for their actions.'" (Talmud Avodah Zarah 54b)

