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From the President

Winter has finally come to South Haven. We have already had our first snow and it actually stuck for a couple of days. I must take a moment to explain a few problems that arose and what I was thinking:

I originally picked a date of Dec. 1 for the Chanukah party since I thought that, because of it coinciding with Thanksgiving weekend, it would enhance our attendance. Everyone used to come back home for the Thanksgiving holiday. We have stepped to the other side of the

looking glass! Many of the families in town will be visiting their kids' homes for the holiday, and it has become necessary to change the date of the party to Nov. 24, at 5 pm. This is short notice but it is the only date many members are available. Preceding the Chanukah party will be the bris of Hunter James Miller at 1:30 p.m. Food and festivities all day on the Nov. 24th. Please join us for the Chanukah party.

Restoration

As for the status of the First Hebrew Congregation, I can report that our drainage and sewer have been fully repaired. The milchic sink now has plenty of hot water. The engineering report on the heating and cooling system will be received any minute now and will be let for bids soon. Unfortunately, the fixtures in the balcony cannot be repaired and will have to be replaced. We are looking for comparable fixtures that will aesthetically fit in with our 1920'S period decor. Plans for restoring the bathrooms are being drawn up and new tile floors may be installed.

Bridge Construction

This fall the bridge to the North Shore was supposed to be worked on and closed for a couple of months. The project was delayed until next year, which causes concern. The High Holidays are late next year and if the project is started after the tourist season, we must

make sure it starts after the middle of Oct. It would make walking to Shul from the North Side nearly impossible. Please notify your council person!

Movie

A great number of people have been asking about the Movie that was shot on our site this fall. The movie is named Saugatuck Cures and is a comedy. It stars Max Adler (Glee), Judith Chapman (Young and The Restless), Mat Klinger (Chicago Fire), Amanda Lipinski (Desperate Measures), and Danny Mooney (Love and Honor). The movie will be released the fall of 2014. The director Matthew Ladensack was so impressed with our site that they put us in the movie site map for future movies, and shot some wonderful stills of our building and sanctuary.

News

Congratulations go out to the Rachel Price Miller and her husband Brandon on the birth of their son, Hunter James Miller. He was born on November 14th. A heartfelt Mazel tov goes out to them, grandparents Lou and Sue Price and great-grandmother Esther Price.

We are saddened by the loss of Min Pearce. Min was a long time shul member, secretary of the board of many years and always there to lend a hand.

A Happening

The weekend of October 26th the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan toured southwestern Michigan to learn more about the history of the Jewish resorts in the area. There were two lectures in Benton Harbor, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon they toured South Haven and our synagogue. Of course there was food and a fun, energetic discussion about South Haven's rich Jewish history and the resorts. A special thanks to Jim Ollgaard for his efforts in selecting portions of the "Catskills of the Midwest" exhibit from the Historical Association of South Haven's archives. Also, thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook for making all the arrangements.
