

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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Welcome to winter in South Haven. You might think this would be a down time for our FHC with many going to their winter homes, but no! Members and friends, you would be so proud of what we have done this past month. With the event in Pittsburgh looming in the minds of all, South Haven stepped to the front -- flowers started showing up at the front door of the Shul. Yes, as a show of solidarity, our community and churches sent these mementos to our doorstep showing that the Jewish community's loss was all people's loss! If you want to see

these tributes go to the FHC's website [www.firsthebrewcongregation.org](http://www.firsthebrewcongregation.org).

Following this event, our Synagogue was invited to co-sponsor a memorial service in Benton Harbor, MI. The co-sponsors were Temple B'nai Shalom, Andrews University, Islamic community of Southwest MI, and the Southwest MI Ministerial Association. Almost 200 people showed up at the Citadel Hall to pay their respects and show support for the Jewish community of Pittsburgh. The candle lighting service was moving, and our Shul played a big part in the service. A special thanks goes out to Sid Moen and Andrews University for organizing the event.

## Chanukah Party

In keeping with the Holiday season, we will host a Chanukah party on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Join Steve and Karen Tolen (party sponsors) for latkes and all the trimmings. We also wish to acknowledge South Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau for purchasing a menorah and erecting it at the city hall holiday lighting ceremony. We will place our menorah at the front of the Shul.

## Fun Event

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Sisterhood held a baking class taught by Nancy Eisman, and it was a success. I happened by and can tell you first hand, the pastries were great (they made me try them!).

## Reminder: Dues

A reminder that dues are due for 2019 calendar year. Please don't wait for summer! Pay before the year end and use the deduction since we are a 501 (c) (3) corporation.

## Your Input Needed

I made an executive decision regarding the Purim menu. I will make deep dish pizza which will be milchig. Please advise me as to your favorite veggies to adorn my masterpiece creation!

## Thank you

Thank you Steve Tolen for supervising the painting of our windows and doors -- it looks great! The project is scheduled to be completed this spring due to the weather, along with the roof replacement and insulation. If you are looking for a year-end donation, please consider the roof fund at FHC. Thank you to Michael Slotnick for the donation of a new freezer and kitchen skillets.

## Condolences

Our condolences go out to Beth Consolino on the loss of her stepmother. Beth, you do so much for our Shul, and it is so appreciated.