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What a great summer for South Haven and the FHC. The Catskills of the Midwest, five Friday night services, Orthodox Shabbat services and Kiddushes were all successful. The Lox Box was the biggest yet, wonderful Onegs, and well attended and enjoyable High Holiday services. Now for the bad news! We had our first complaint about our famous Shabbat Kiddush. Our tradition is to put out only the best beverages and herring on

Saturday morning. Well, it seems our first complaint has come from this tradition. One Saturday morning, I received a complaint from an unnamed lady that we should no longer put out Bookers (150 proof) bourbon. As she explained, "I don't mind walking one mile to the Shul in the rain but it's the mile and a half return trip I don't enjoy because of my husband's festive use of your libation!" We are going to take this suggestion to heart and keep it on reserve just for emergencies.

High Holiday services were so enjoyable and well attended. Thanks to Rabbi Cohen, Lou Price, Linda Cohen, Marsha Plafkin and all the congregants and guests who helped. Also thank you Shelly Sommerfeld, Karen Riffer-Reinert, Karen and Steve Tolen and Julie Rubin for setting up all the Onegs and Barry for the Break-the-Fast meal.

Election

Our election of officers for the next year is complete. All incumbents were retained and are looking to serve for the next two years. They are Michael Slotnick, Hy Warshawsky, Eric Rothner, and Lou Price. May you guide us wisely during your

tenure.

Events

On October 23, at 1 PM, Chabad will be here with the portable sukkah, so please join us.

On October 24 at 7 PM, we will have Simchat Torah service with an Oneg to follow. The service will be led by Lou Price and should be enjoyable. Please come and bring your friends.

We are already planning for next summer. We will have at least four Friday night Reform services (maybe more) and our usual Orthodox minyan on Saturday mornings. The Fridays will be followed by Onegs and the usual Kiddush on Saturdays. We are told that the Steinfelds will be back next summer, and we look forward to their wonderful sweet treats and well-run services.

Thank You

Thank you to Ricky Rothner for the wonderful benches and the Torah ties. With his generous donation, we now have seats in our washrooms, upstairs in the hallway and the sanctuary.

Be Well

Get-well prayers were said for Diane Paskin, Shelley Warshawsky, Michael Slotnick, Cooky Fleischman, Barb Adler and all our members in physical duress. Your FHC family is thinking of you!

Please remember, if you have not sent in your 2016/17 membership dues, please do so. Dues are \$300 for an individual or family. The First Hebrew Congregation can use your continued support. Please mail to the FHC, 249 Broadway, South Haven, MI 49090.

Spiritual Vorts

Helping people become more spiritual in their lives:

Pirke Avot 1:12 (Teachings of our Ancestors) stresses that we should become “disciples of Aaron” who, according to the great sage, Hillel, was the model of leadership. Aaron was a gentle person who encouraged peaceful relationships and a loving relationship with Torah and its teachings. What better model could there be. In the paraphrased words of a modern Conservative Rabbi, Reuven Hammer: May it be Your will, Adonai our God, to help us become disciples of Aaron who loved and pursued peace, who loved his fellow human beings and motivated them to a greater understanding of the teachings of the Torah.