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Thanks to all who made this season at the FHC the best in recent years! Orthodox Shabbat services were well attended, and the spectacular Kiddush was enjoyed by many. Friday night Shabbat Reform services were very well attended, and we had our first Sunset Service on the Beach, a new tradition. Rabbi Cohen led us in High Holiday services with the new, wonderful Mahzor. We all felt the presence of Hy Warshawsky when we opened the book and saw the name plate honoring Hy. More visitors have gazed at the wall tributes to old South Haven

resorts and stores, and we have witnessed their nostalgic trip with joy. More people in the area enjoyed the magnificent floral garden surrounding the Shul. And last, but not least, the renovation of our building is almost complete with the exception of a new roof. The roof replacement is scheduled for this spring. The Shul greatly appreciates any donations toward this final phase.

We may have started a new tradition with an Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner, which was a great success, and the stuffed cabbage was very tasty. The break-the-fast was great, and it was heard that the kugel was the best in many years.

The Board's plan of making this a Shul for all sects of Judaism worship is working, and we will continue on this path!

Election Results

We welcome Dan Rosen to the FHC Board with gratitude that you may assist our fine president Remey Rubin with your wisdom and guidance.

We thank Michael Slotnick for his twelve years on the FHC Board, which included the entire restoration of our wonderful Shul. We hope your health remains good and you can serve again soon.

The new Board consists of Remey Rubin, Lou Price, Steve Tolen, Debbie Ehrlich, Barry Fidelman, Bob Abel, David Kaplan, Rickey Rothner and Dan Rosen.

Talk about Feeling Good!

Many people have worked hard to make the experience at FHC the best. Every once in a while, we find out that it's working. We want to share a portion of a letter we received recently:

"We had the pleasure of spending another wonderful Rosh Hashanah with our friends at First Hebrew – it is everything we wish for at the holidays – a warm, inspiring service with a vibrant community of Jewish friends in one of our favorite places in the world. Thank you for this wonderful place!"

Save the Date

Save December 9 to celebrate Hanukkah with a lunch at the First Hebrew Congregation. More details will follow. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please contact Steve Tolen at 269-501-5758 or Remey Rubin at 312-399-2586.

Reminder

Just a reminder that dues are due after the High Holidays. We value your membership and look forward to serving our members for years to come.

Thank You!

Thank you Gail and Ricky Rothner for purchasing the new Mahzor and for printing the Warshawsky name plate. Rickey, you do so much for your Shul! Our deepest gratitude.

Steve Tolen, thank you for all you do, including the new trash gate in the rear of the synagogue.

Thanks to Joe and Chavie Steinfeld for the wonderful Shabbat services and Kiddush, along with Mr. Rothner for all the herring and libations. Beth Consolino, thanks for setting up the tables at all the events -- you are the best!

Rabbi Cohen, thank you for all the extras you do and for taking the time to explain various different traditions connected with the services.

We thank our sisterhood, formed under the direction of Amy Lorber-Ebbers and Debbie Ehrlich, and pledge our support.

Thank you Mike Slotnick for the donation of your grandmother's menorah. We are getting quite a collection. We, also, thank Mike for the gift of the new freezer. We needed it so badly!

Thank you to the Abels for the use of their house on the lake for Shabbat on the Lake service.

And thanks to the Chabad of Kalamazoo, and particularly to Mordechai Haller, for bringing the Sukkot and helping us celebrate the holiday.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Don and Meryl Greene on the birth of their grandson!

Condolences

Our condolences go to the Rosenson family for the recent loss of George Rosenson. May his memory remain enshrined in the history of the FHC.
