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What a fall we have had at the FHC! Summer continued into October has given people more chances to enjoy our beautiful reading garden. Thank you Patti and Karen for making the garden look so nice this summer and fall.

High Holidays

High Holiday services were well-attended by all, either by live stream, zoom or in person. Rabbi Cohen was at his best. Everyone enjoyed the service and continued to learn from his

teachings. We postponed Tashlich for one day because of weather issues, and the fish and ducks enjoyed dining on our sins. Because of Covid, we modified Break-the-Fast by giving everyone who attended a generous portion of lokshen kugel to take home. Thanks to Barry and Steve for preparing and packaging.

Sukkot

On September 24th Chabad of Kalamazoo brought their portable sukkah. Many enjoyed the prayers and treats of homemade blintzes from our kosher kitchen. Thank you to Barry and Steve for the hours spent making these delightful treats. Thanks to Camp Agudah for the glatt kosher ingredients we used to prepare the blintzes.

Movies!

We have had two movie viewings with popcorn-- August 18th and September 22nd. These Jewish-based comedy movies were enjoyed by at least 30 people. We will continue to show Jewish-themed movies throughout the coming year. The next one, Crossing Delaney, will be on October 27th at 7 p.m. The movies are free, and donations are always appreciated.

Major Repairs

In the process of major repairs to the sewer system, with Steve Tolen and our Board spearheading this project, two trees had to be removed because the probability of survival was slim. A big thanks to Spencer Hodgman and Lawn Boys for the quick repair of our sprinkling system which was damaged during the project, and for the mulch in the new hosta bed, installed by Karen and Patti on the south side of the building.

Sad News

With sadness, we announce the passing of Robert Teitel. Robert is Ben and Harriett Teitel's son and was a First Hebrew Congregation cheder student who grew up in our community. He will be missed. Olava Shalom!

Mitzvah

Michael Slotnick, at River Ridge, unit #10 in the first building, would like to see some of his South Haven friends. Mike is a long-time board member and a South Haven mainstay. Another mitzvah would be to visit Bea Warshawsky in the same building.

Spiritual Vorts from Rabbi Alan Cohen

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's "Jewish Wisdom" p. 46

Business Honesty—"If one is honest in his business dealings and people esteem him, it is accounted to him as though he had fulfilled the whole Torah." "Let your fellow man's property be as dear to you as your own." (Teachings of the Sages) "The shopkeeper must wipe his measures twice a week, his weights once a week, and his scales after every weighing." (Mishnah Bava Batra)
