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With the tragedy in Israel it is comforting to know we have support of the South Haven community. Our answering machine is filled with thoughts and prayers from local and area concerned citizens and churches. We have received cards and two bouquets of flowers were left at the front door. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from the people in South Haven.

Our Shul was alive and vibrant during the High Holidays this fall.

Not only was our town looking beautiful, but the FHC has a fresh new look with a newly carpeted sanctuary. Thank you Mr. Ricky Rothner for suggesting and financing this wonderful project.

Rabbi Cohen was on his game with enlightening commentary and a service that was enjoyed by our members and so many new friends. Attendance was great with so many new faces that enjoyed the holiday in South Haven.

Our cantor, Lou Price, was in great tune and performed Kol Nidre to perfection. We are lucky to have such professionals leading our services. Approximately 30 members and friends enjoyed a wonderful community dinner before the Rosh Hashanah service. Barry served brisket, chicken, roast vegetables, and meat tzimmes, which was guite tasty. It was preceded by the fresh tomatoes and cucumber salad, hailed by all as "the best of the season". Break-the-Fast was a delightful dinner with lokshen kugel, bagels and lox, served with the best fresh tomatoes and sweet onions. It was so wonderful that the crowd stayed and kibbitz'd for a good hour after the events.

We would be remiss if we did not thank Camp Agudah for their donation of the chicken, the beef used in the tzimmes for the community dinner, as well as the cheese used in the lokshen kugel served at Break-the-Fast. Also, many thanks for the gefilte fish used on the Saturday morning Kiddush. **Cemetery Tour** Approximately 90 friends of the FHC attended the Jewish cemetery tour organized by the Historical Association of South Haven (HASH). Lou Price, Steve Tolen, Barry Fidelman, Charlene Klein, Alan Warshawsky, Dana Hullinger (for the Rosenson family), and Andrea (Reznik) Johnson gave a history of their family, how they got to South Haven and their families contribution to the community. The amount of positive feedback was heartwarming. A sincere thank you to HASH.

Save the Date

We will be having a Chanukah party on December 10th at 1 p.m. The luncheon menu is not yet set, but know that it will include Barry's potato latkes.

Thank You

Thank you to Anita Silvert for her interactive, Torah based Selichot service. Her presentation gave everyone new perspectives to their understanding of the story.

Elections

The annual election of officers for the FHC has retained the current board. Thank you all for voting and showing you care. Get Well Get well goes out to Steve Tolen who is recovering at home.

Condolences

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With sadness, we must announce the passing of longtime member and friend Larry Winkelhake. Larry's memory will be a blessing to all of us at the First Hebrew Congregation.