

# The First Hebrew Congregation



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Every now and then something happens that confirms our resolve and enthusiasm for restoring and keeping this synagogue strong. On August 26 at about 11 am. Barry drove past the FHC and looked at the beautiful garden in front. What he saw brought a tear to his eyes. A father and his family were gathered around the bench in the garden. The father had his hands on his two young sons' heads and his wife put her hand on his. They were praying. Even in it's locked state the Shul and it's beautiful garden inspire this moment of family bonding and prayer.

The Summer Shabbat services, both

on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, were successful and fulfilling. A big thank you goes to the Steinfelds for hosting and the wonderful Saturday Kiddushes, and to Rabbi Dreyfus for conducting joyful and thoughtful Friday evening services. Many new faces were present.

Although attendance for the Labor Day Lox Box was down it still was enjoyed and financially successful. Thanks to everyone for their orders and we look forward to next years event.

On August 24th, FHC hosted the Chicago Jewish Historical Society bus tour. Thirty people attended and were treated to refreshments and a wonderful tour of the Shul and old resort sites, guided by Joe Ashen. Thank you to HASH for providing us with parts of the 'Catskills of the Midwest' exhibit, and Joe Ashen for leading the tour.

## High Holiday Services

Our Rabbi Alan Cohen will conduct erev Rosh Hashanah service at 8 pm on September 24. Rosh Hashanah service will commence at 10 am on September 25. Tashlich will be held at the Municipal Marina Clubhouse on the South side on their dock on Water St. It will be conducted by Rabbi Cohen at about 4pm, and feel free to bring cereal or popcorn to feed the fish and birds. The September 26th second day Rosh Hashanah service will commence at 10 am. Shabbat service will be on Sept. 27 led by Rabbi Cohen at 10 am. followed by a wonderful Kiddush.

Yom Kippur Kol Nidre is at 7 pm. on Oct. 3. Yom Kippur service will commence at 10 am. on Oct. 4th. . Please arrive on time for all these services so we may end on time. At the conclusion of the services everyone is invited to our annual Milchik break the fast dinner. Cost is \$ 10.00.

## New Board

This is the last month for the old board of directors. You are all to be congratulated on the tremendous accomplishments we achieved in 2014. It has been an honor to serve with you. ( Steve Tolen, Anne Moffat, Mike Slotnick, Deb Ehrlich, Hy Warshawsky, Remy Rubin, Dale Paskin, and Rosie Chip). We hope that the new board will see through the final phase of restorations and enjoy the completed FHC building for years to come.

Our new board is Barry Fidelman - President., Eric Rothner-First Vice President, Anne Simon Moffat-Second Vice President, Steve Tolen-Treasurer, Deb Ehrlich- Secretary. At large board members are Remy Rubin, Michael Slotnick, Rose Chip, Hy Warshawsky. A very special thanks to retiring board member Dale Paskin, your insight and advice has been invaluable.

### Happening

Arrangements have been made with Chabad to bring the portable Sukkot at 1pm. on Sun. Oct 12th. Please join us for prayer and refreshments behind the Shul.

### Community Up Date

Thanks to Dr. Aaron Lupovitch for making the two beautiful podiums in the sanctuary. They will be used for many years and your thoughtful gesture will be remembered.

A special happy birthday to Bea Warshawasky on her 90th . Bea is one of our most senior and knowledgeable members and we hope her celebration with family and friends was wonderful.

Congratulations to Joe and Chavie Steinfeld on the birth of their great grand child. We knew you were great before this wonderful occasion happened.

A special thanks to Alvin Block, Ricky Rothner, and the Kadish family for their generosity and wonderful gifts to the Shul.

We are still praying for an excellent recovery by Shelly Warshawsky. We miss you and Hy at all our functions.

How pleased we are that Jerry and Rosie Chip are feeling better. Our thoughts have been with you both.