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Summer of 2016 has been one to remember. Our beautiful Shul is 90% restored and is being utilized by a growing list of members. We have had Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox services on Shabbat and all well attended. People who normally return home for Shabbat now stay for the weekend, enjoy and participate in our services and Onegs. What has been even more surprising is the number of people who now attend our Saturday morning noon Kiddush. Whether attending the Minyan or not, they show up for the fellowship, libation, our special herring and sweets. I have learned a lot at the

Kiddush-- for example, I overheard Ira Kauffman offer a legal opinion that the legal drinking age at the FHC is now 12 years old. "Yes, no schnapps is served at the Kiddush table less than 12 years old!" We must thank Rick Rothner for keeping our "Kiddush Kabinet" well stocked. A big thanks to the Steinfelds for the wonderful sweets and treats filling the table. Arie Schulman and Ellie Gluck, thank you, and Camp Agudah, for the gefilte fish we enjoyed all summer. Our reading garden has been especially beautiful this summer. On August 18th I observed three families grouped around the garden benches taking family vacation pictures. Thank you Carole Hodgman and Lawn Boys for your planting and building the garden-- it is an asset to the FHC and the City of South Haven.

The number of comments has been great as to the beauty of our Shul. Thank you donors and members. We hope you are as proud as are we of how well the money has been spent. We have one more project to complete, in the remodeling of the mechitza (women's balcony), which will be done after the High Holidays.

High Holiday Services

Rabbi Cohen will lead us for the High Holiday services. Lou Price will assign parts and readings for members. Please contact Lou at lazarcha@aol.com if you would like a part. Let's all participate in Rabbi Cohen's service-- that is what makes our small community so vibrant.

Special Request

We received a request from Brian

Milliron, a history teacher at South Haven High School, for guest speakers to address various topics related to Judaism:

Roots of Judaism. Sept. 12;
Christianity & Judaism During Roman Times, Week of Oct. 17;
The Rise of Anti-Semitism & the Dreyfus Affair, Feb. 20; The Holocaust, May 1.

Anyone interested in presenting this information please leave a message, including a contact number, on the shul's answering machine, 269-637-1603.

Thank you

A special thanks to Shelly Sommerfeld, Karen Riffer-Reinert, and Julie Rubin for Friday night Onegs.

Thank you to Steve Tolen for refinishing our beautiful front doors donated by the Sherwin Zuckerman and Miles Beermann families. Steve is in charge of our building and has been tireless in his maintenance of the FHC. Thank you Steve!

Hearts Go Out

Our hearts go out to Carole Hodgman and family with the passing of her sister. Our thoughts are with you.

Our thoughts are also with the Grubman family with the sudden passing of Jim Grubman.

Mazel Tov

To Arnie and Krysa Kamen for the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lily!
 To Steve and Debbie Ehrlich on the birth of their grandson, Henry Douglas Ehrlich!
 To Bea Warshawsky on her 92nd birthday!

Arnie Kamen is traveling to South America and the Galapagos Islands. We wish him well and would love to hear about this exciting trip upon his safe return.

Reminder

A reminder that our calendar year begins September 1st when dues are due. Response has been good, and we would like everyone to renew. Installation of the new board will take place at the September 18th board meeting at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

If you are not a member, we would welcome you into our family. Dues for a single person or a family are only \$300 a year. Please contact us for an application.

We want to thank all the donors for the past year. Without them we would not exist:

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