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We would be remiss in not starting this newsletter by acknowledging the loss of two of our board members who saved our congregation from

demise. Steve Tolen was our Shamas and made sure the Shul was a well-oiled machine. Bob Abel was our guiding light who always ushered us in the proper direction. They will both be sorely missed and be remembered forever for their commitment and contributions that keep First Hebrew Congregation vital and relevant. The current board has assumed their duties and is running perfectly.

Welcome to our newest board member, Shelley Sommerfield, who has been appointed to fill out the remainder of Bob Abel's term.

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### FHC Board Meetings

FHC board meetings are held on the third Sunday of every month at 10:00am, and all are invited to attend.

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### FHC Summer Book Club

The first of three summer Book Club gatherings will take place on June 22 at 10:00am at the shul. The book is *For Such A Time As This: On Being Jewish Today* by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove. No RSVP is required. We'd love to have you join us!

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### FHC Annual Lox Box

The annual Lox Box fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 6th starting at 10:00am until 12 noon. Cost is \$25.00 for a 2-person bag and \$45.00 for a 4-person bag. Bags include bagels, lox, tomato, onion, cucumber, cream cheese, juice, and homemade blueberry muffins. Please reserve and pay on the website.

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### Upcoming Events

We are so excited to present to the membership a roster of events for the upcoming 2025 season. It will start with the Israeli Independence Day celebration on **May 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:30pm. Details can be seen on our website at [firsthebrewcongregation.org](http://firsthebrewcongregation.org).

A free Jewish-themed movie will be shown on the third Wednesday of every month, so set aside those dates and mark your calendars!

Steve Tolen's memorial will be held on June 8th at 12 noon. Reservations can be made on the FHC website.

May 21 – Movie: To Be or Not to Be (Jack Benny)

June 18 – Movie: The Heartbreak Kid (1972)

July 6 - Annual Lox Box

July 16 - Movie: Woman in Gold. South Haven Center for the Arts has been invited to join us.

August 20 – Movie: An American Tale. We will be inviting the Mitten Museum. Ice cream will be served.

September 28 - Annual Apples and Honey event at Crane Orchards

### **Shabbat Services**

Orthodox Shabbat services start this year on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, followed by the famous Rothner Kiddush. These services will continue through Labor Day.

Reform Friday night services will begin on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm with Rabbi Nina Mizrahi.

Additional services:

July 18<sup>th</sup> with Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus

July 25<sup>th</sup> with Rabbi Anita Silvert

August 1<sup>st</sup> with Rabbi Nina Mizrahi

August 8<sup>th</sup> with Rabbi Anita Silvert

August 29<sup>th</sup> with Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus

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### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Anyone wishing to honor a friend or family member may sponsor a Friday night Oneg or any other event by donating \$180.00 to the Shul and indicating who is to be honored. They will be recognized at the event. To make your donation, please go to our website and click the Donate button.

### **Condolences**

Our condolences to Buzzy and Gail Klein on the loss of their daughter Debra. They have made a permanent move to Palm Desert and will be missed.

Our thoughts are with the Hodgman family on the loss of Carole Hodgman. They have been long-time supporters of First Hebrew Congregation and are responsible for the new front and the beautiful reading garden we all enjoy.