

Temple B’Nai Israel



Rabbi’s Corner:

As we enter a new year, we use the yamim noraim (the days of awe) to contemplate, reflect, and ask ourselves a great many questions: "what could I have done better this past year?" "What should I do with my life going forward?" "Have I hurt anyone?" etc... Since entering Rabbinical School last year, one of the questions that I have constantly asked myself is "what makes something or somebody authentically Jewish?" I know some Jews, who to their credit and to which I have a great deal of respect and admiration for them, keep kosher, attend tefilah three times a day (shacharit, mincha, and maariv) without fail, and embody the words of Shammai, "make a fixed time for Torah study". However, when it comes to treating other people with basic dignity, respect, and consideration, they are surely lacking. I also know other Jews who quite hurtfully call synagogue, tefilah, and Torah "stupid" and "irrelevant". But on the other hand, when there is a friend in need, they are the first ones there to help out. Or if there is a blood drive or someone asking for donations, they are the first in line, ready to give.

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Community Break-the-Fast

Join us for a community breaking of the fast directly following the Yis-kor Service on Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 4, 2014 around 6 p.m. The meal will be catered predominately by Julienne Tomatoes, with desserts welcome from Temple members. Please call Susan Kroll to RSVP at 231-237-0362. We also need volunteers to help set-up and clean up. If you are willing to help, please let Susan know.

If leaving a message, kindly give family name and number of people attending. There will be no charge for the meal, but donations are appreciated to help off set costs. Suggested donation: \$15.00 per adult; \$5.00 per child.

President’s Message

With the New Year upon us, I want to take a moment to reflect on the strengths of our wonderful congregation. We have existed since 1896, and have been housed in our current building since 1911. Continuing TBI’s long tradition of volunteerism, every member freely offers his/her talents in teaching, music, construction, governance, painting, cooking, baking, fixing, maintaining, organizing, tutoring, collaborating and everything else, in order to keep the temple afloat. TBI couldn’t survive without our members’ financial dedication and volunteer spirit, which keeps the temple alive and helps to create a warm, welcoming environment that visitors notice as soon as they walk through the door. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank everyone for everything that you do! L’Shanah Tovah; best wishes for a very healthy and happy New Year!

Carol Ellstein



October Events

- Fri., Sept. 26, 7:30 pm – **Shabbat Shuvah**
- Sun., Sept. 28, 10:00 am – **Sunday School**
- Fri., Oct. 3, 7:30 pm – **Kol Nidre**
- Sat., Oct. 4, 10:00 am – **Yom Kippur**
- Sat., Oct. 4, 10:00 am – **Children’s Service**
- Sat., Oct. 4, 4:30 pm – **Yizkor**
- Sat., Oct. 4, 6:00 pm – **Break-the-Fast**
- Fri., Oct. 10, 5:30 pm – **Family Shabbat**
- Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30 pm – **Shabbat Services**
- Sat., Oct. 11, 10:00 am – **Shabbat Services**
- Sun., Oct. 12, 11:00 am – **Hayride & Sukkah Building**
- Mon., Oct. 13, 7:00 pm – **Board Meeting**
- Sun., Oct. 26, 10:00 am – **Sunday School**

L’Dor V’Dor Family Sukkot Weekend

TBI members and friends of all ages and religious persuasions are invited to celebrate Sukkot weekend (Oct 10-12) at the temple with families and friends of all ages from the other six L’Dor v’Dor Consortium partners. Join us for Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services; age-based Sukkot-themed study and social events; music, singing and dancing; indoor and outdoor recreation; and shmoozing. Meals will be provided from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. There is no cost for local participants to share in the weekend. This Consortium-based inter-generational and family retreat is supported by a generous grant from the Ravitz Foundation. Contact Carol Ellstein at cgeellstein@gmail.com or 517-881-0668 for more information.



TBI Women are invited to join women from our Consortium partner congregations at the Nov. 7-9 Women's Spirituality Retreat in St. Ignace! Contact Carol Ellstein for more information.

Religious School Update

Sunday school programming began September 14th. Thanks to a dedicated and talented group of parents and volunteers for allowing our wonderful programming to be a success. Pictured are members of the B'nai Mitzvah class engaged in some service learning activities, namely care of the Temple grounds in preparation for building the Sukkah. Please refer to the calendar for the multitude of upcoming events.



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Obviously, these two examples are polar opposites on a spectrum. In some ways both groups epitomize Jewish values and principles. But in other ways they miss the mark by a mile. If either group does anything, they together make us ask ourselves some questions: "can I forgive a grudge at work that I've been holding on to?", "can my next leisure read be a work by Rashi or Maimonides instead of a Tom Clancy or Sports Illustrated?", "can I take the two minutes to wrap Tefillin in the morning?", or "can I spare that homeless man some change?" So as we reach Erev Rosh Hashana in a couple days time, my only request of you is this: ask yourself questions.

Shana Tova v'tikatevu!
Aaron Rozovsky



Strengthen your Ties to Eretz Yisrael

ARZA strengthens and enriches the Jewish identity of Reform Jews in the United States by ensuring that a connection with Eretz Yisrael is a fundamental part of that identity. Rav Maya strongly urged us to join their mailing list and participate in the World Zionist elections. Carol will have pledge cards available during the High Holidays. Please sign and return your pledge cards. The election will run from mid-January until April 2015. This is our congregation’s collective chance to influence Israel and to help fund Reform Judaism in Israel. Learn more at

www.arza.org.



Donations Received

through September 20, 2014

General Fund - Patronage Membership

Michael and Sue Anne Freedland

General Fund

- Joel Beren
- Louis and Sally Cannon
- Jeffrey and Lisa Dizik
- Dr. Ronald and Joyce Erkis
- Max Engelman
- Liz Frey
- Joanne Friedman
- Ira and Deborah Ginsburg
- Mike and Rita Lindemann
- Gerald Lorence
- Julian and Carol Magnus
- William McMaster
- Stuart and Adele Megdall
- Kenneth and Lori Rudman
- Elisa and James Straus

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Carol Ellstein and Joseph Wildberg – *in honor of Alfred Wildberg, Minnie Krugel, Jennie Krugel*

Stacy McCracken Memorial

Youth Enrichment Fund

Beverly Holden – *in honor of Milo, Mya & Maksym and in honor of Rosalyn Goldstick's birthday.*

Levine Memorial Fund

Trudi and Arthur Weiss – *in honor of Gloria Levine*

Funds/Named Donations Available

- Temple General Fund Newsletter Fund
- Prayer Book Fund Building Fund
- Irene Gordon Memorial Fund
- Lee and Miles Jaffe Memorial Fund
- Religious Education Fund
- Stacy McCracken Memorial Youth Enrichment Fund
- Alvin's "Helping Hand" Rosenhaus Memorial Fund
- Tree of Life Fund (Leaves \$100 Each)
- Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund
- Donor Wall Tile Fund (Tiles \$48 each plus freight)
- Tribute Fund (packets of 5 tributes for \$90/pack)

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Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My contribution is in honor or memory of:

Circle which fund you are designating (above) and then mail your check and this completed form to:

Tom Johnson, Treasurer
Temple B'Nai Israel
PO Box 2416
Petoskey MI 49770

Please welcome our new Student Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky to TBI! He will spend the entire Days of Awe with us, from Erev Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, and will return on Oct 10th for the L'Dor v'Dor Sukkot Family Weekend Retreat. Feel free to welcome Rabbi Aaron into your homes and hearts during his October visit.

The **Chevra Kadisha** group has begun stocking items for use during times of bereavement and remembrance. Shiva candles, Kria ribbons, and yarhtzeit candles are now collected together in the bookcase in the basement. For questions or interest in purchasing, please call Sally Cannon or Carol Ellstein.

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Upcoming Rabbinic Visits:
 October 3—5
 October 10-12



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Tishrei 5775 Cheshvan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00 Sunday School	29	30	Oct. 1	2	3 7:30 Kol Nidre 6:58	4 10:00 Yom Kippur 10:00 Children's Service 4:30 Yizkor 6:00 Break the Fast
5	6	7	8 <i>Erev Sukkot</i>	9 <i>Sukkot</i>	10 L'Dor V'Dor Weekend 7:30 Shabbat Services <i>Sukkot</i> 6:45	11 L'Dor V'Dor Weekend 10:00 Shabbat Services <i>Sukkot</i>
12 L'Dor V'Dor Weekend 11:00 Hayride & Sukkah Building <i>Sukkot</i>	13 7:00 Board Mtg. <i>Sukkot</i>	14 <i>Sukkot</i>	15 <i>Sukkot</i>	16 <i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	17 <i>Simchat Torah</i> 6:33	18 <i>Parshat Bereishit</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24 6:21	25 <i>Parshat Noach</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>
26 10:00 Sunday School	27	28	29	30	31 6:10	Nov. 1 <i>Parshat Lech Lecha</i>