

# Temple B'Nai Israel

June 2008 Newsletter



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Our One Hundred Eleventh Year of Consecutive Service

## ■ UPCOMING DISCUSSION ■

**The Greatest Claim Ever Made:  
Mount Sinai – What Really Happened?**

**Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.**



Jeff Surowitz,  
Statewide  
Outreach  
Coordinator for

the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit will guide us in an incredible discussion.

We will examine the one event in world history which totally sets the Jewish people apart: The National Revelation at Sinai.

Can we rationally show that this event really happened without relying on a leap of faith? And if it did happen, how can a generation over 3,300 years later relate to this incredible claim?!

After joining us for this unique one hour presentation, you'll rediscover how special it is to be Jewish (plus, you can enjoy some nosh).

## ■ CAR WASH FUNDRAISER ■

Esmae Gold, along with other members of the Dance Department, will be washing cars from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31st at Shay Elementary School in Harbor Springs.

To raise money for their studies, the dancers are asking people to pledge an amount of money per car (for example 10 cents) that we wash. Last year, the dancers washed about 120 cars. Another option is to donate money at the car wash. This money will go towards general expenses of the Dance Department.

Pledge money will go toward the cost of dancers' summer studies. (See more information on Esmae in our "Mazel Tov!" page).

For more information, please give Esmae Gold a call at 348-9148.



## ■ END OF YEAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CELEBRATION AND PICNIC ■



June 1, 2008  
10 a.m. – 12 noon  
Temple Social Hall

Fun and Games, Food and Drink!

For more information, call Karly Ellison at 487-0484.

Everyone welcome—please join us for the celebration!

## ■THE NEWSLETTER■

The Temple B'Nai Israel Newsletter is published monthly on or about the first of the month.

We would love to hear from you!

The Newsletter is your forum—all contributions are welcome (including comments and corrections). Submissions made before the 15<sup>th</sup> are greatly appreciated. If you would like to have something published in an upcoming issue, please call, write or e-mail:

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## ■THE "E-NEWSLETTER"■

In keeping with the spirit of conservation (both paper and postage), we are happy to announce the creation of the Temple B'nai Israel "e-newsletter."

Each recipient who switches from the traditional paper format to the on-line delivery will save the temple approximately 75¢ per month (while making an easy contribution toward our environmental initiative).

If you would like to begin receiving your newsletter in a PDF document, please take a moment and send an email to [jpage@retailbackbone.com](mailto:jpage@retailbackbone.com) with the subject "Electronic Temple Newsletter."

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## ■GOOD SHABBOS!■

### Candle Lighting Times:



6/6	9:07 p.m.
6/13	9:11 p.m.
6/20	9:13 p.m.
6/27	9:14 p.m.

## ■A NOTE FROM RABBI SANDRA■

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the lovely and unique gift. The Petoskey Stone Mogen David is a perfect memento of these past months together.



B'Shalom,  
Sandra Bellush



Don't forget we're waiting to hear from you for our "Getting to Know You" column. So . . . help us out by sending us a short summary about you—your family, your work, hobbies, your reason for moving to northern Michigan, etc. You could also share what you're currently reading, the music you're crazy about, websites you visit, etc. We will try to feature at least one or two Temple members each month.

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# ■ VOICES OF THE NEXT GENERATION ■

Eighth Grader KYLAH JOHNSTON, daughter of STEVE JOHNSTON AND ELISA SELTZER, was instructed to write an essay for school on someone who inspired her and chose to write it about her URJ camp, OSRUI. Temple B'nai Israel provided her with a scholarship to help make her attendance at this camp possible. This is her thanks to Temple B'Nai Israel and shows how beneficial a Jewish summer camp can be in the development of one's Jewish identity.

## More Than Just a Camp

by Kylah Johnston

If you asked me what I thought about summer camp last year, I would have been completely against it. Now, just hearing the words "summer camp" make my ears perk and puts an instant smile on my face.

This past summer I attended a summer camp in Wisconsin. The camp is called OSRUI; it stands for Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute. OSRUI is a Jewish summer camp, but it isn't all religious 24-7. The camp is based around Jewish values, but includes a climbing tower two stories high, a waterfront with a giant water trampoline, and lifetime friends. There are also the coolest counselors ever, they are the kind of people that know how to set a good example, but have a great time too. They help you with any problems, and encourage you to try new things. I remember being scared to death when I first saw the climbing tower. I thought that there was no possible way that I could climb the full two stories, but my counselors and friends below knew otherwise. I actually made it all the way to the top! Standing up on the top platform, I realized how great the camp really was.

Besides for the great counselors, the new friends I made were amazing! One girl I met, Ellen, ended up leaving a mark on my heart. When I first saw her, staring across the tent to my bunk, all I saw were her glasses and her small figure. But I judged her too quickly. I was put in her group for an acting workshop I did, and we became fast friends. She taught me that even a little person could have a big personality, and just to be true to yourself. Now, I can't even imagine life without her! She is an amazing person, and I will always look up to her for comfort and advice.

Another person that inspired me at camp was my friend Zac. The first time I saw him, I thought he was a jerk, and he thought I was a dork. Two days later, we were hanging out at any chance possible. He taught me how to just have fun, and to relax and go with the flow. I still keep in touch with him today, and I'm super excited to see him in a few weeks at camp!



Not only the people there, but camp itself inspired me. I used to be very quiet, and still can be shy, but nowhere near as much as I used to. OSRUI gave me a chance to be whoever I wanted to be. Through sports, song, and religion. Every day, I practiced my Hebrew, and every day, I attended services. It gave me a chance to truly connect with my Jewish heritage. Living up so far north, I had never

done that before. I remember the tears that ran down my face the day we left, and giving a hug to Zac, Ellen, and all my other friends on the last night of camp.

Once I left, I wore my golden Star of David necklace for the rest of the summer, something I had never worn more than just an evening. OSRUI really taught me how to keep in touch with my Hebrew side, and how to just be yourself. I cannot wait to go back this year, and relive the inspiration, and find new friends, and have the best time.

We would love to see Voices of the Next Generation become a regular feature of the TBI Newsletter. Please submit your children's essays, artwork or prose for inclusion in upcoming issues—their voices truly are the future!

## ■THE HAD'RACHAH SEMINAR FOR LAY LEADERS ■

Beginning in 1989, the Union for Reform Judaism created the first program that offers uniform training to lay leaders, primarily those in small congregations, to help them support the spiritual life of their congregations. Over the years, the Reform Movement's efforts to train lay leaders in the practices and rituals of religious life have expanded to meet the changing needs of all our Union for Reform Judaism congregations. At this time, we are pleased to announce The Had'rachah Seminar for Lay Leaders in Religious Life.

The Had'rachah Seminar is designed to teach lay leaders a variety of skills to help them support communal worship, life-cycle events and educational opportunities. Participants in the Had'rachah Seminar may use these skills in various ways—by serving a congregation that has no clergy; by working in an assisted living facility or adult community; or by assisting their congregational clergy.

The 2009 curriculum is listed below:

May 12–19, 2009:

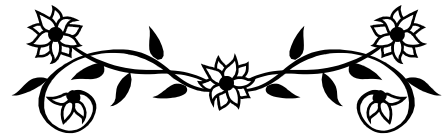
- Preparing and leading Shabbat worship
- Conducting a funeral and unveiling
- Leading services in a house of mourning
- Leading Torah study

We have identified one member who is interested in attending this coming May, and we would like more to attend if at all possible. Seminar spots close very quickly, so if you are interested in becoming a lay leader, please call Tom Johnson at 487-1661.

## TO OUR MEMBERS

If you'll give us help  
As friend to friend;  
If you'll stand by us  
To share and lend,  
If you'll clasp our hand  
And help us try,  
You'll give us  
What money cannot buy.  
Then we can feel  
When each year is done  
When our battle  
Is either lost or won  
That we are richer than if we had gold  
Because of the wealth of friends untold.

(Anonymous)



## ■ A LITTLE HUMOR ■

Contributed by  
Charles Lampert

Before services ended one Friday, the rabbi was giving his sermon, when about five minutes into it, he stopped, and then explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who is very fond of eating paper, ate that portion of my sermon which I am unable to deliver this morning."

After the services, a visitor from another Temple came up and shook hands with the rabbi and said, "Rabbi, if that dog of yours has any pups, I want to get one to give to my rabbi."



## ■ LANGUAGE LESSON, PART FIVE ■

You are really getting the idea to jive;  
So now we'll give you Lesson Five.



Latke	Potato pancake
L'chaim!	To life!; a toast to life.
Loch in kop:	Hole in the head. Something you don't want or need; e.g. "I need brain surgery like I need a loch in kop!"
Lox:	Delicate, sliced, smoked cold salmon.
Macher:	Big wheel, real deal; shakes the movers, moves the shaker. And, if not, knows who can.
Machetunim:	Your mate's extended family, as in the brother of the husband of your sister-in-law.
Mandelbrot:	Yiddish biscotti.
Matzoh:	Unleavened, flat bread, eaten during the Passover holiday.
Maven:	Expert; One who really knows from it.
Mazel:	Luck; good luck;.
Mazel Tov!:	Good luck, but used as congratulations
Mazik:	Clever or mischievous child.
Mechiah:	Pleasure; joy.
Megillah:	Book of Esther, read during Purim.
Menorah:	Usually the 8 branch candelabra used during Chanukah.
Mensch:	A decent, upright, honorable person of good character. To be called a mensch is a compliment.

## ■ JUNE YAHRZEITS ■

**Myer Rubin**

Brother of Lawrence A. Rubin

June 3, 1993

**Norman Feldman**

Brother of Jeanne Frank,  
Uncle of Alfred Frank

June 10, 1951

**Irwin Goldman**

Step-Father of Berta Molasky  
and Joel Tauber

June 13, 1994

**Sadye Molasky**

Mother of Marvin Molasky

June 25, 1985

**Harry Goldstick**

Brother-in-Law of Rosalyn  
Goldstick

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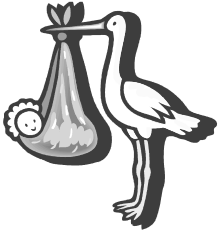
**Mike Rosenthal**

**Barney Ross**

Father of Martin Ross

**Rose Bernstein**

# MAZEL TOV!



... to JAMIE SCHWARTZFISHER & MATT MALKOWSKI on the birth of their son, MAKSYM EDWIN-ANTHONY MALKOWSKI, born May 1, 2008. His siblings are MILO and MYA MALKOWSKI.

Grandparents are CINDY MALKOWSKI, VERNON & JACKIE MALKOWSKI of Cedarville, TIM & GEORGIA MCCrackEN and the late STACY MC CRACKEN of Walloon Lake, and PAUL & DAR SCHWARTZFISHER of Petoskey. Great-grandparents include BEVERLY HOLDEN & the late MELVIN L. HOLDEN of Walloon Lake.

... to MATT MALKOWSKI, Petoskey, who graduated from North Central Michigan College in May and received his pinning on becoming a nurse. He will be employed at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey.



... to DANIEL SHUMWAY, son of SUZANNE AND MICHAEL SHUMWAY of Petoskey, who was named the Grand Prize Winner of Mclean and Eakin's Booksellers

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Story Contest for young writers.

... to ESMAE GOLD, daughter of CONRAD GOLD and NANCY DWAN of Petoskey, who will be attending the School of Ballet Chicago this summer.



Fourteen year old ESMAE was also accepted by the Houston Ballet, Boston Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Burklyn Ballet Theatre, Interlochen and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

... to cellist AIMON DWAN who has been invited to participate in this year's Honor Orchestra for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival after scoring a 98



percent on a Level 11 proficiency during the state Solo and Ensemble competition. The festival was held on the Western Michigan University campus in Kalamazoo May 8-10. The festival features the finest high school talent in the state. AIMON DWAN is the daughter of CONRAD GOLD and NANCY DWAN, Petoskey.

# Happy Birthday!

Old age is like a plane flying through a storm.  
Once you're aboard, there's nothing you can do.

Golda Meier, Israeli Prime Minister (1898-1978)

Your birthday is a reminder that God put you here for a purpose. Remember how much your presence enriches the lives of others.

6-01	Dr. Hal Willens
6-03	Mel Rosenhaus
6-09	Doris Winkleman
6-09	George LaLonde
6-11	James Ginn
6-17	Lisa Goldstein
6-18	Rabbi Susan Warshall
6-19	Robert Segar
6-19	Sylvia Shacket
6-24	Debra Chandler
6-25	Martin Mayer
6-26	Zelma Gottlieb
6-30	Charles Lampert
6-30	Richard Golden

# Children's Birthdays!

Pretty much all the honest truth telling there is in the world is done by children.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Writer (1809-1894)

6-10-94	Mia Levy
6-16-83	Amy Friedman
6-18-84	Rachel Kline
6-19-99	Joel Buchalter/Miller
6-20-87	Jesse Gross
6-27-87	Benjamin Friedman

FYI: Upon reaching age 21, children are taken off our "Children's Birthdays" list. They are considered "adults," but are not listed with the adult birthdays until they can be considered heads of households.

# Happy Anniversary!

Where there is great love there are always miracles.

Willa Cather, Writer (1873-1947)

6-09-63	William & Ann Zousmer
6-12	Harvey & Aileen Klieman
6-12	Zelma & Gilbert Gottlieb
6-14	Dr. Harold & Linda Friedman
6-14	Shelley & Richard Golden
6-16	Beth & Sidney Feldman
6-12-62	Ilene & Robert Segar
6-17	Dr. Irvine & Honey Friedman
6-18-78	Debra & John Chandler
6-19-72	Bonnie & Bill Bechek
6-19	Mary & Myron Curzan
6-23-95	Larry & Elma Ruben
6-30-73	Lisa & Andrew Goldstein

Apologies (and belated felicitations) to:

- Lolly Averbuch, for omitting her March 8<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Howard Averbuch, for forgetting his March 10<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Sally Mayer, for overlooking her May 26<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Kiley Mann, for missing her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 26<sup>th</sup>

Hopefully we will get all of the list corrected soon.

Any changes, additions, corrections or omissions should be reported to our "Keeper of the Lists," Editor Emeritus, Rosalyn Goldstick:

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# JUNE 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  10 a.m.  Religious School Picnic	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  7:30 p.m.  The Meaning of Shavuot with Jeff Surowitz, Detroit Jewish Federation (see p. 1 for details)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  🕯 9:07 p.m.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7 p.m.  Temple Board Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  🕯 9:11 p.m.	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					



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<b>In Honor of Rosalyn Goldstick's Tree of Life Stained Glass Window</b>		<b>In Honor of Our Children: We Love and respect you guys</b>	
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<b>Irene Gordon Memorial Fund</b>			
<b>In Memory of Eugene Levine</b>			
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*Thank you for your generosity to Temple B'nai Israel!*

Your contributions are accepted year-round. You can use the contribution form (below) or for additional information contact Jason Page, Temple treasurer.

Temple General Fund	Capital Campaign/Building Fund	Stacy McCracken Memorial Youth Enrichment Fund
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Prayer Books	Lee and Miles Jaffe Memorial Fund	Tree of Life Fund (Leaves \$100 each, Stones \$1,000)
Rabbinic Fund	Religious Education Fund	Aubrey and Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund

In addition, contributions to the Sisterhood may be made by sending them to:

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Your Name(s) and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send your donations to:

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Thank you for your donation!



## MUSIC CORNER

### **New Soul**

By Yael Naim

Atlantic Records

Yael Naim is a French-Israeli singer and songwriter who is garnering a lot of media attention after her song "New Soul" was used by Apple in an advertising campaign for its MacBook Air. The success of this song made her the first Israeli solo artist to have a top ten hit in the United States. The song peaked at #7 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Born to Tunisian parents in Paris before moving to Tel Aviv, Yael has not forgotten the classical training which initially led her to seek out other genres.

New Soul features everything from piano to brass and organ music in its output. Although on paper this may look like a cluttered and odd soundscape, the music is fleshed out with Naim's beautifully clear and pure vocals.

## BOOK SHELF

### **In My Hands:**

**Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer**

By Irene Gut Opdyke, with Jennifer Armstrong

Mass Market Paperback  
Laurel Leaf Publishing, \$6.99



This is the true story of a Polish Christian girl who protected and saved many Jews during the Holocaust. Kyla Johnston, 8th grader, is reading it now and finding it a very engaging portrayal of the lives and fears of ordinary folks during German occupation and likes the point of view coming from a teenage girl who really lived through it and performed extraordinary acts of heroism and courage for ordinary reasons.

This book is available at the Petoskey Public Library (call number: 940.53 OPD), bookstores and Amazon.com. It is suitable reading for Middle Schoolers and up.

Review submitted by Elisa Seltzer

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