



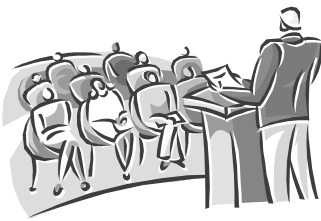
Temple B'Nai Israel

November 2008 Newsletter ☆ Chesvan/Kislev 5769

Our One Hundred Twelfth Year of Consecutive Service

A Note to Our Members:

The Temple's Annual meeting is on November 2, 2008 at 12 noon at the Social Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. The Temple Board will elect new board members and officers, review the current dues structure and consider other business.



Among the other business is the discussion of possibly hiring staff clergy on a more permanent basis. This discussion arises from the interest of many congregation members as to the possibility of hiring Cantor Schwartz. Cantor Schwartz was

the congregation's leader this last summer, and many members truly enjoyed his services. However, there are many factors to consider before any hiring decision can be made:

1. Should the temple change its current hiring process?
2. Can the temple afford to bring on staff?
3. Who should the temple hire, if the answers to 1 and 2 above are yes?

This business could be vital to our congregation's future, as it could dramatically change how the Temple is staffed, conducts its services, impacts the community and funds its operations. As a result, all members are invited to attend and provide their input. The Temple Board can then make decisions in accordance with the congregation's desires.

If you are not able to attend, then please make your thoughts known. Anyone who wishes may contact board members, who are listed at the front of the newsletter. Everyone's input is needed to make the best possible decision.

We look forward to seeing everyone! Refreshments provided!

Shabbat Celebration 11/14

Take an hour or so to join us for our Shabbat celebrations on Friday, November 14.

Families with young children, don't miss our special Shema Bedtime Program starting at 5:15 p.m. All tots may dress in their pajamas for this bedtime gathering. We will be creating Jewish family fun, decorating Shema pillowcases, singing bedtime and Shabbat songs, noshing and telling stories with friends and family! See p. 5 for additional information on this Growing Jewish Families program.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to "Fall Back"!

Daylight Savings Time comes to an end at 2 a.m. this Sunday, November 2.



Every Vote Counts

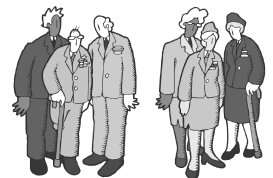


Be sure and make your voice heard at the polls on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Local polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is celebrated Tuesday, November 11th. TBI urges



everyone to take time to honor all those brave men and women in the military who have served or are serving our Country.

Biennial Re-Union

The NELC/Detroit Federation Biennial Re-Union is scheduled for November 13-16, 2008



For more details, check the URJ website at www.urj.org/nelc. You can also call the NELC office direct (and toll-free) at 888.282.6352.

■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 15th 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 with the subject “Electronic Temple Newsletter.”

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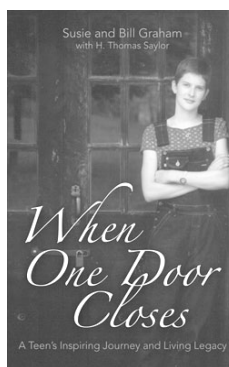
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SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



11/7	5:01 p.m.
11/14	4:53 p.m.
11/21	4:46 p.m.
11/28	4:42 p.m.

Book Signing on Saturday, November 15th



Authors Susie and Bill Graham will be signing their new book When One Door Closes from 3-5 p.m. at Horizon Books in Petoskey. This true story of their daughter Alex's life and legacy has been featured in the Detroit Jewish News over the last several weeks, and is a book ". . . about the decisions we make when

faced with adversity and choosing to make the world a better place." All are invited.

HIGH HOLIDAY THANK YOUS

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful High Holiday Observance. Everyone's contribution is important and all contribute in their own way. Of special note:



THANK YOU

- Many thanks to Irv Friedman, whose Cantorial assistance during Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur were wonderful
- Thanks to Julienne Tomatoes, whose catering at the Break the Fast was exactly right
- Thanks to Andy Smith, who helped set up for the Break the Fast
- Tami Elliott, who conducted wonderful services all High Holiday Season.

And finally, thanks to all who helped in a candle lighting, or chanted an Aaliyah, or participated in a reading. It is with everyone's assistance that the Congregation can conduct services.

CHOOSE LIFE!!

Our High Holy Days were so lovely this year,
With members and guests from far and near.
The prayers that we said, and prayed with our hearts,
To do what God asks us, and each to do his part.

"Choose Death or Choose Life," the Torah decreed:
To "Choose Life" we must all do our very best deed.
To make each day better and live to the most;
Not pass each day off and downward coast.

"Choose Life" and make each day count for more;
Aid the homeless; console and feed the poor;
Help the widow and the orphan, too;
See what good mitzvot you can do.

"Love your neighbor, as yourself,"
Put hatred and grudges on the shelf;
Make amends to each of your fellow men,
Control your words (try counting to ten!)

Phone friends, send them a cheerful note or letter;
"Choose Life" and make the world so much better.
And, then when the good Lord asks for your choice,
"I Choose Life," you will answer in a clear voice.

Then God will look down, and give you a nod—
You have found favor in the sight of our God!

By Rosalyn

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay awhile and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever, the same.

Flavia Weeden

. . . and so it is with our Petoskey B'nai Israel Temple, Many new friends come for a service, many become great members of our Temple—and then they leave for the winter. They have made a great impression on our hearts, and we hate to see them leave, even or a few months. This is the time of the year when our "snow birds" all seem to fly away. We wish all of them a wonderful winter, with peace and harmony, and much good health. We send much love with you all. You will all be greatly missed this winter.

It was so great to see so many of our old friends at the High Holy Days, and the Sanctuary was filled with smiles, hugs, kisses, and "It's so good to see you!" echoed many times. One only has to be at our Temple to feel the sincere love and affection for each person who comes here. One member said she had attended another Temple in Detroit area for Rosh Hashanah, and "It wasn't the same—it wasn't like this!" Because, in the very large temples and synagogues, most people there are just names or numbers. In our little Temple, each ONE means a GREAT deal to us all.

Be sure to keep in touch. One way, of course, is to continue your membership with our Temple, to continue receiving our wonderful (okay, so I am biased!) Newsletter, and to write to us. We will love having a note from you—tell us where you are, what you are doing, etc. We promise to drop you a note or put your info in our Newsletter (only if you wish) to share with other friends here. We will be waiting to hear from you and to see you all next spring.

Much love,
by Rosalyn

Letter from Rabbi Tami Elliott

Shalom Chaverim (Friends),

After weeks filled with many Jewish holidays during which we celebrated in our Sukkot (festival booths), ate our new sweet fruit for the New Year and rolled our Torahs back to the beginning to read them again (because we are not the same people we were last year), we start a new year refreshed by the beautiful colors of the fall and the limitless possibilities which await us during the coming year.

So as I pondered about what to write about, I remembered that November is one of those rare months in which there are no special Jewish holidays other than Shabbat (which of course is special in and of itself)! I then remembered one of my teachers in Jerusalem, Rabbi Shaul Feinberg, one of the kindest and welcoming persons whom I had ever met. In our liturgy class, we each had to present some sort of reading or poem which had a special meaning for us. I chose a poem, which is in our new prayer book, Mishkan Tefillah, which was written by a Leah Goldberg, an Israeli poet, and wanted to share that with you.

Leah Goldberg was born in Prussia in 1911. She studied in Lithuania and Germany and received her doctorate from the University of Bonn in 1933. She moved to Palestine in 1935 and became a lecturer in literature at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, a theatre critic and a prominent poet and author, writing many volumes of poetry and over 20 children's books. In 1970, the year that she died, she was awarded the Israel Prize for

Literature. My favorite poem of hers is called, Lamdeinu Elohai, "Teach Me O God. . ."

Teach me O God, a blessing, a prayer
On the mystery of a withered leaf
On ripened fruit so fair
On the freedom to see, to sense,
To breathe, to know, to hope, to despair

Teach me O God, a blessing, a hymn of praise
As each morning and night
You renew Your days,
Lest my days be as the one before
Lest routine set my ways

We are given new opportunities every hour and every minute to make the most of every moment. The possibilities are endless and the reward is great, if we only reach for it. This is the potential for living our Jewish lives to the fullest.

Take a few moments to make a difference for the men and women who struggle in Darfur, for the 47 million who do not have healthcare in this country, to encourage the EPA to fulfill its mandate to keep our air and water clean. Action alerts and information can be found at the website for the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism at <http://www.rac.org>.

Take an hour or so to educate yourself on the issues and make your vote count!!!

Shalom & See You Soon,
Tami U. Elliott

MAZEL TOV!



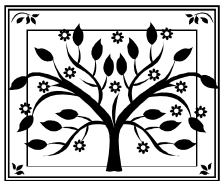
. . . to RACHEL FANNY WITTENBERG, daughter of LIZ AND JAMEY WITTENBERG, on her Bat Mitzvah October 11th. The sanctuary was definitely over-flowing with family, friends, Temple members, and well-wishers from near and far for RACHEL's special day. That she came thru with very glowing colors is putting it mildly. Her portions of the Torah were beautifully chanted, and made her parents, her teachers, and everyone proud of her. Many thanks also to her parents for hosting a lunch at the Temple afterwards.

. . . to ELIANA LEVY, daughter of JACK LEVY and THERESE RESCH of Harbor Springs, who was chosen by her classmates at Harbor Springs High School as part of its 2008 homecoming court.



. . . to JINKS JERVEY-PAGE, whose "Martini" (to husband JASON PAGE's James Bond) costume won her first prize at the "Fright Night at the Castle" fundraiser for Charlevoix Children's House.

Growing Jewish Families Update



Plans are currently underway for all three threads of our Temple's Growing Jewish Families Program. Future newsletters will include details regarding the two threads for tweens/teens and women, but for now . . .

Please mark your calendars for the first scheduled program for families with young children (tot thread). This gathering is geared to families with children five and under who would like to start, or enhance, their family shabbat traditions. Hence the name Tot Shabbat! On her next Temple visit, November 14, Rabbi Tami will help facilitate an evening of fun and worship. Please join us at 5:15 p.m. for a light snack and activity with the Shema prayer as the theme.

Each young child will be able to decorate, (with fabric markers) a Shema and Sweet Dreams pillowcase. (Please bring an old work shirt or other clothing acceptable for messy work.) Each child will take home a Shema and Sweet Dreams activity book, which will give parents the opportunity to teach their children the Shema at bedtime in an interactive and gentle way. Also, each family will be given a Shema and Sweet Dreams CD and songbook complete with 20 songs created by the Jewish Family Education Project of Metro Detroit's Cantors and Cantorial Soloists.

Following the activity, Rabbi Tami will officiate a Tot Shabbat service and then help host a simple meal. The meal will be provided by the Sisterhood and is scheduled just before the evening adult/family service at 7 p.m. So we will be fitting a lot between 5:15 and 7 p.m.!

As coordinator, I encourage you join us. I will be making calls earlier in the week to remind families with young children of this exciting gathering—only the first of many to come!

Nancy Dwan, Coordinator
Growing Jewish Families Program

Obituary

Our sympathy is extended to TBI members Edward "Mike" McNamra and Kay Erlanger-McNamara on the death of Mike's father, Edward G McNamara, Jr., who passed away October 11, 2008.

Born in 1916, Mr. McNamara lived in St. Ignace for most of his life. He served in the military during World War II, graduated from University of Detroit in 1948, and was an attorney in Michigan, following in the footsteps of both his father and grand-father, and in 1949 was appointed by then Governor G. Mennen Williams as Mackinac County's Friend of the Court and served for 42 years until resignation in 1990. He was involved in scouting, enjoyed woodworking and remodeling his home. He will be greatly missed by his community. A contribution in his memory has been given to the Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund by the B'nai Israel Sisterhood.

IN APPRECIATION

Our musical trio of Conrad Gold (guitar and vocals), Suzanne Shumway (clarinet) and Andy Ellison (percussion) adds so much to Temple



holidays and celebrations. We are truly appreciative of the gifts they give us each time they play.

Conrad Gold, in addition to singing and playing the guitar, is also a songwriter. For the baby naming ceremony of their baby Ida (Simcha), Conrad wrote the following song in her honor and played it at the ceremony. Many thanks, Conrad, for allowing us to share the beautiful lyrics with our readers.

Baby 5

Welcome to your brand new home
We're so glad you're here with us
You have our everlasting love

You must be so very tired
From traveling so very far
So sleep, Simcha, 'neath the moon
and stars.

And follow your dreams
Wherever they may lead
Keep joy alive inside
And find a place of peace
May your life be filled with wonder
Learning every day
The secrets this world will reveal

The sun will soon begin to rise
The day will begin anew
As our new life begins with you.

TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS:



SOPHIE SOLOMAN
ALEX ENGELMAN
RACHEL WITTENBERG

We watched this B'nai Mitzvah class grow—
We watched them as they learned to know
Their Judaic history, and their Hebrew, too,
And they all studied until they knew
That their B'nai Mitzvah means so much,
And has to have the personal touch.

They studied hard and they studied long,
They knew that nothing could go wrong.
Each year since they have been quite small,
They've tried to learn and remember all.
And now their big days were coming fast
And the knowledge they have will really last.

We wish each one of them the best,
We know this day will be the test
Of what they've learned and what they know
And at their B'nai Mitzvah day, to us they'll show
The culmination of the years gone by,
And to do their best, they'll surely try.

For this is the beginning of a new life now
As young men and women, they'll take a bow!

We have been so very happy to have three of
our "youngsters" become adults in the eyes of
the Jewish community as they had their B'nai
Mitzvahs. Each one did an outstanding job
and we are so very proud of them all.

For those of you who may remember . . .

We recently received a call from
ZELDA FRYMAN GOLDSTEIN, now living in
California for many years. ZELDA
was the youngest child of ZALMAN
AND JULIA FRYMAN, who were very prominent in
helping to keep our Temple alive in the early days.
ZALMAN will be remembered for the Fryman Shoe
Store which was in business over 40 years in
Petoskey. His parents were part of the original 14
members who started our Temple. ZELDA would
like to send best wishes to any and all of our
members.



We also had a note from MILDRED
TERR, whose husband was a
physician/surgeon in Charlevoix
in the early 1950s and they were
very active in our Temple &
Sisterhood. She states that she is
now 90 years old (she will always
be young!) and has been living in Las Vegas, New
Mexico for 50 years. Her father TOM ROSEN and
brother JOSEPH ROSEN owned a steel company in
Petoskey, and helped with the building of our
basement after we had purchased our Temple
building

There was also word from RABBI
SAMUEL & JOAN KARFF that she is doing
much better after some surgery in
May, and they look forward to
being back north to Charlevoix next
summer. They send their best
wishes to everyone.



NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

JOSEPH FELDMAN
Father of Jeanne Frank
Grandfather of Alfred Frank
November 3, 1941

NATHAN BELASCO
Father of Claire Heidtke
November 5, 1967

ROSE BROOMFIELD RUBIN
Mother of Lawrence Rubin
November 10, 1969

EVA TAUBER
Grandmother of Berta Tauber Molasky
November 11, 1979

SAMUEL B. FELDMAN
Brother of Jeanne Frank
Uncle of Alfred Frank
November 18, 1967

BEN KRUGEL
Father of Carol Ellstein
November 20, 1971

SYLVIA JAFFE
Mother of Miles Jaffe

Happy Birthday

No matter how often I tell people I'm thirty-nine
some of them refuse to believe I'm that old.

Jack Benny, Comedian (1894-1974)

11/01	David Howard
11/07	Valerie Meyerson
11/09	Dr. Jane Harris
11/10	Lynne Mathews
11/14	Elisa Seltzer
11/15	Zelda Goldstein
11/16	Lynn Kukes
11/19	Marvin Molasky
11/21	Shirley Obron
11/22	Beth Feldman
11/25	Tim McCracken
11/28	Sandra Moers
11/29	Tom Johnson
11/29	Dr. Carol Ellstein

Children's Birthdays

Children have neither past nor future; and that
which seldom happens to us, they rejoice in the
present.

Jean de La Bruyere, Author (1645-1696)

11/04/94	Benjie Lerman
11/10	Eli Ellison
11/11/99	Andrew McNamara
11/26/90	Michael Ludwig
11/28/90	Aimon Dwan

Happy Anniversary

Being deeply loved by someone gives you
strength; loving someone deeply gives you
courage.

Lao-Tzu, Philosopher

11/03/71	Melvy and Milford Lewis
11/12/88	Elisa Seltzer and Steve Johnston
11/11/52	Alfred and Ileen Gottlieb
11/12/48	Bette and Mel Rosenhaus
11/27/52	Dr. Sheldon and Jessie Stern
11/27/81	Dr. Max and Carol Engelman
11/28/87	Dr. Lori Katzman and Bill Schulman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TEMPLE NEWSLETTER!

I couldn't let this issue go by
To celebrate our Newsletter, I had to try.
It started in 1980 with a one pager and then
To 23 members, each month I'd send
The Temple Newsletter for all to read,
And about our Temple, the news to heed.

It didn't have poetry, the first several times,
'Til Jean Frank and Julia Fryman insisted I put in my rhymes.
Everyone loved them (or so they said!)
And I guess their praise went to my head
So, ever since, no issue goes in the mail
Without a poem about Temple, 'its virtues to hail.

They said, "You retired, but you still write a big part"
You know this Newsletter will always be in my heart.
To just write a poem, for me, isn't much—
To tell of our holidays, meetings, and such.
But it keeps our friends and members all in the know,
And when you like reading it, that gives me a glow.

When we got new members, informed they must be.
So I continued writing some of my poetry.
Now, one month we sent out 275 copies or more,
And someone wondered "Really? What for?"
Well, we know it's lots of work, and costs money, too
To send out the letters each month to you

But, if it keeps you informed about our Temple so great,
And tells you when and what we will celebrate-
If it gets one new member who reads it to know,
That to our Temple activities they really must go—
Then, I've justified my poetry to myself and to you,
And to celebrate its birthday, this I had to do.




--By Rosalyn

Did that poem sound familiar? Yes, I have used it before.
Normally, it is easier for me to write a new poem for each
event, but somehow this older poem stuck in my mind
and I didn't think I could improve on the thoughts therein.
I don't know how many copies we send out each month
now – I am not the one who does the mailing any more!
But, I still enjoy contributing to the Newsletter each month
and hope that it brings you as much happiness to receive
it, as it does for me to still participate in it.

Many thanks to all of those others who also do so much to
help contribute, edit and print the Newsletter—including
faithful Tom Johnson, Elisa Seltzer, Pam Ovshinsky, our
coordinator Sue Scally, and any others who write us with
their news. We love to hear from all of you. Please send
us your thoughts, your news, your complaints (What?
Complain about our Temple? Wow!!) But, everyone has
his own opinions on everything, and we'd like to know
yours.



NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 10 a.m. • Religious School <hr/> 12:00 noon • Annual Meeting (Temple to provide luncheon, See p. 1 for details)	3	4 Election Day 	5	6	7 5:01 p.m.	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day 	12	13	14 4:53 p.m. 5:15 p.m. • Tot Shabbot 7 p.m. • Shabbat Services with Student Rabbi Tami Elliott HUC Biennial	15
16 10 a.m. • Religious School HUC Biennial	17	18	19	20 HUC Biennial	21 4:46 p.m.	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving 	28 4:42 p.m.	29

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Donor	Fund	Message (if any)
Jane Harris	Education Fund	
Shirley Freeman	General Fund	
Sharon and Mel Ettenson	General Fund	In honor of Rachel Wittenberg on her Bat Mitzvah
Anonymous	General Fund	In honor of Cantor Richard Schwartz
Gloria Levine	Eugene Levine Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In honor of Hal and Gail Willens In honor of 65th Wedding Anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gersh
Gary and Carol Hurand	Eugene Levine Fund	In honor of the anniversary of Evelyn and Sid Gersh
Art and Trudy Weiss	Eugene Levine Fund	In honor of the anniversary of Evelyn and Sid Gersh

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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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:

Val Meyerson
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Petoskey, MI 49770



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Message: _____

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THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

(Poem by Anonymous)

"Twas the night of Thanksgiving, but I just couldn't sleep;
I tried counting backwards; I tried counting sheep.
The leftovers beckoned—the dark meat and white
But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation
The thought of a snack became infatuation.
So I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door,
And gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,
'Til all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.
But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees—
Happy eating to all—pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump;
May your potatoes 'n gravy have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious, may your pies take the prize;
May your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs.



May your Thanksgiving be blessed
and be sure to give thanks to God
who blessed you.

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving
Holiday, Temple B'Nai Israel is
happy to announce our donation
of 202 pounds of food to the
Manna Food Project. Manna's
Food Bank helps families in need
throughout the area. For more
information (or to donate or
volunteer), visit the Food Bank
Council of Michigan at www.fbcmich.org