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Temple B'Nai Israel

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Rabbi's Corner

We have entered the time of the year again when the sun sets early and wind from the lake chills the air. We see a repeated, ancient cycle where the world goes dark. We must be like candles during this time keeping the world lit.

Our tradition reminds us of this cycle in many ways. When we read about *B'nai Yaakov*, Jacob's sons, selling their brother Joseph into slavery, we often think of these things as stories from our past, but they are not. We may not even be aware from our comfortable homes in Northern Michigan that there are still 27 million slaves around the world. These are people forced to work for a meager sustenance living. They are often victims of physical or sexual abuse. We should not be the as the *Pharaoh who knew them not*.

You can be a candle this winter by becoming informed and looking for ways to effect the world-wide situation of human-trafficking. A number of organizations on the internet offer information and suggestions for how we can make a difference. Here are a few I recommend: www.freetheslaves.net, www.notforsalecampaign.org or www.atzum.org.

We hope you will join us this winter. A list of upcoming events and activities can be found in the pages of this bulletin. Please come and light up your soul with us and be the one to help keep others warm.

Kul Tuv, All the Best,
(Student) Rabbi Brent Gutmann



Brent & Jill in Jerusalem



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Chanukah Party!



Come join the festivities of Chanukah with our annual community party! On Sunday, December 5th, 11:30 a.m., our songster extraordinaire, Al Gross will be on hand to lead us in a fun, rousing song fest. Bring along your rhythm instruments and voices for a half hour of fun. Afterwards we can enjoy a community wide pot-luck Chanukah feast. Latkes will abound, I'm sure! For more information or to sign-up to help out, contact Val at 487-1661.



Annual Meeting Follow-up

The Annual Meeting of Temple B'nai Israel was held on November 7, 2010. Temple President, Sally Cannon, opened the meeting with remarks about what a good year it had been for our Temple. Sally reported that we had roughly 6-8 new families join the Temple, the majority of which are local. We had great programming, with a successful Rosh Chodesh series, Rabbi Brent's Mysticism series, and Jill's cooking classes. Through the help of many volunteers, we held several outreach efforts: a wine and cheese reception

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Upcoming Events

Wed., Dec. 1 – **First Night of Chanukah**
 Sun., Dec. 5, 10:00 AM – **Religious School**
 Sun., Dec. 5, 11:30 AM – **Chanukah Party**
 Fri., Dec. 10, 5:30 PM – **Tot Shabbat**
 Fri., Dec. 10, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Service**
 Sun., Dec. 12, 10:00 AM – **Religious School**
 Sat., Dec. 25, 6:00 PM – **Dinner at China King**



New Garbage Removal Process

A new garbage removal process has been approved by the board. Please do what you can to help.

1. Recyclable material is placed in the bins under the microwave. When the bins are full, individuals are asked to take the recyclables home for their curbside pick up and return the bins empty.

2. Garbage removal: Waste Management bags have been purchased and placed in the kitchen. The Petoskey Public Library has agreed to let us put our bags inside their protective gates in the alley (NOT in their bins, just inside the gates). Consolidate the garbage used into one Waste Management bag and remove the garbage after locking up the Temple. Thank you!



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for our summer friends, and partnering with several local churches to help with their Soup Kitchen. Finally, the sanctuary stained glass windows are now complete.

Sally then held the election of board members and officers. Bev Holden and Elisa Seltzer-Johnston wished to retain their seats and were approved unanimously. Gail Willens, as Vice Pres., & Gus Paz as Treasurer, also wished to retain their seats and were likewise approved.

Gus then gave the Financial Report and moved that dues remain the same for the

2010-2011 year. The membership approved the dues. Gus reported that dues held their own, but general fund donations were down and encouraged members to please pay as much as they can afford.

Reports from the Education Coordinator, the Sisterhood, and the Social Action Chair were heard.

Many thanks to Sally Cannon, President of TBI and all the board members. We had a wonderful year and are looking forward to what is coming. Your time, effort and passion are truly appreciated.

If you are staying in town over the Christmas holidays this year, join the Temple B’Nai Israel community for our annual get together, for of course, Chinese! Please join us for dinner at the China King Buffett on US-31 north, at 6:00 PM. Hope you all have an enjoyable and safe holiday!



Petoskey Art Club Visits Temple B’Nai Israel

The Petoskey Art Club visited the Temple on October 14, 2010. President, Sally Cannon, Sisterhood President, Carol Ellstein, and Social Action Chair, Pam Ovshinsky, hosted the event, with ten Art Club members attending. The Tree of Life, new High Holiday Torah covers, and the Moses statue in the foyer were highlighted for the visitors. The Moses statue, which was donated by Berta Meyerson-Molasky, is one of only three castings by local Michigan artist, Arthur Schneider. The first cast-

ing went to the Heinz collection; the second to Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, and the third to Berta (and now to our Temple). Temple members are encouraged to give this statue a closer look, next time you are at Temple. We are lucky to have it!

The majority of the visit, however, was focused on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Glenna Haney and Billy Bavers, from East Jordan Glass Works, explained the symbolism

and story behind each window. The Art Club visitors were particularly interested in the meaning behind the holidays and their depiction. Sally and Carol added their personal stories about the windows their families donated and why they chose the holidays they did. Finally, everyone had fun trying to find the stars of David that the artists at the Glass Works secretly inserted into each window. All of the windows can be studied further at: www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org



Donations Received

General Fund

Keith & Laura Podob

Bernard Wilson & Lora Silberman

Mark Berman & Donna Wright –
In memory of Dorothy Berman

Deanna Seltzer

Amy Fertell

Cynthia Musickant

William & Beverly Boas

David & Marcy Wolf

Richard & Virginia Lepman

Karen & Gerald Adams –
*For High Holiday Services,
in memory of Karen's father, Ralph Merkovitz*

Gustavo & Rosanne Paz –
*In memory of Martin Abromowitz,
Jill Gutmann's beloved grandfather.*

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, Stones \$1000 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)

**Temple B'Nai Israel
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:

Gus Paz, Treasurer
Temple B'Nai Israel
PO Box 2416
Petoskey MI 49770

We lost two highly regarded and long time temple members this past month. Our condolences go out to the families of Marvin Winkelman and Chuck Lampert. Our December Shabbat services be will dedicated in their beloved memory.

Challahs Available

Simply Challah, by Emma Hindle, is offering freshly baked-to-order challah to people living in the Charlevoix and Petoskey area. Orders need to be placed by Wednesday of each week, to be delivered on Fridays. Petoskey orders can be picked up at the Temple after 4:00 pm and Charlevoix orders should contact Emma for delivery details.

- Traditional Challah \$5.00
- w/Sesame Seeds \$5.00
- w/ Garlic Salt \$5.00
- w/ Everything \$5.50



To place your order call 231-622-1044.

Articles for the monthly newsletter are welcome. Please submit any articles by the 10th of the month. Although not everything will fit, I will try to include as much as I can. If an article is not date sensitive, it may be saved for the following month. Send newsletter information to Val at: meyersen_954@charter.net.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 28	29	30	Dec. 1  Hanukkah	2  Hanukkah	3  Hanukkah 4:40 	4  Hanukkah
5 10:00 Religious School 11:30 Hannukah Party  Hanukkah	6  Hanukkah	7  Hanukkah	8  Hanukkah	9	10 5:30 Tot Shabbat 7:30 Shabbat Service 4:39 	11
12 10:00 Religious School	13 7:00 Temple Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Last day of school for Charlevoix 4:40 	18
19	20	21	22 Last day of school for most districts	23	24 4:43 	25 6:00 Dinner @ China King
26	27	28	29	30	31 4:55 	Jan. 1, 2011 Happy New Year!

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