

# B'nai Israel

*The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel*

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## **Rabbi's Corner**

The world stands on three pillars, according to Tractate Avot (The Teachings of our Fathers): on the study of Torah; on worship; and on deeds of loving kindness. Worship and acts of loving kindness can be performed without a mentor, but the study of Torah requires a teacher and a learner. It requires dialogue and a learning environment. The word "Torah" derives from teaching and learning, implying that teacher becomes learner and learner becomes teacher in different circumstances. Thus, the Torah is a source of life, and we are requested to dedicate to its study day and night. That much is laid out in Joshua 1:8: "This book of the Torah shall not depart your mouth, rather you should contemplate it day and night."

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## **From the President**

As our temple continues to be a gathering place for families, retirees, and summer visitors, it is heartwarming to witness this small group's accomplishments. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Maya and Menachem back for another busy season of milestones and celebrations. The Sunday School celebrated Shavuot and the end of the school year with a family campout at the Petoskey State Park. This summer, we also celebrate two Bat Mitzvahs. Elizabeth Wise's was held on June 25th, and Lauren Rothman's will be held on August 6th.

On a recent Friday, Rabbi Maya was called to perform a graveside ceremony, a memorial service at the temple, and a baby naming ceremony during evening services—all in one day. There was not a dry eye in the full sanctuary that night. It showed, once again, why we all hold our temple so close to our hearts. As we celebrate the 120th anniversary, I cannot help but think that our founders and the many families who have kept the candles lit through thick and thin would be pleased to see the soul of Judaism alive and thriving.



### August Events

Fri., Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**  
 Sat., Aug. 6, 10 a.m. – **Lauren Rothman Bat Mitzvah**  
 Sun., Aug. 7, 11 a.m. – **Lunch and Learn**  
 Fri., Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**  
 Sun., Aug. 14, 11 a.m. – **Lunch and Learn**  
 Fri., Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**  
 Sat., Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m. – **Stories of the Shoah**  
 Sun., Aug. 21, 11 a.m. – **Lunch and Learn**  
 Fri., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**  
 Sun., Aug. 28, 11 a.m. – **Farewell to Rav Maya**  
 Wed., Aug. 31 – **Rav Maya and Menachem Depart**

### Stories of the Shoah

Join Rabbi Maya this month for a special Havdalah program in which all are invited to share their personal stories related to the Holocaust. Come and share your family's stories, pictures, mementos, and thoughts, and may we support each other as we discuss what had such an impact far too many lives. The event will be held at Temple B'nai Israel on August 20th at 7:30 p.m.

### Birth Announcement

Louis and Sally Cannon are excited to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Ryan Aaron Cannon, son of Ben and Alyssa Cannon. Ryan was born on July 9, 2016.

### Drummond Isl. Retreat

Please join us for the upcoming L'Dor V'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium Fall Intergenerational Retreat, September 16th to 18th, at Drummond Island Resort. In addition to exploring the Jewish social action concept of Tikkun Olam (literally, "repair of the world"), participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the pristine environment of beautiful Drummond Island. Separate activities will be available for children, teens, and adults. Detroit Jewish Educator Rebecca Starr, Upper Peninsula native and daughter of Temple B'nai Israel member Jim Line, will provide spiritual leadership throughout the weekend.

To register, visit <http://bit.do/Fall16>, and for more information, contact Carol Ellstein at [cgellstein@gmail.com](mailto:cgellstein@gmail.com).

### "Rabbi's Note," cont'd from p. 1

This school of study is called *Beit Midrash*—a house of learning and interpreting—which, in antiquity, excluded women. That is fortunately no longer true. We are proud to have established a *Beit Midrash* in Temple B'nai Israel. It is a *Beit Midrash* that is open to all who wish to learn. Every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we indulge in Jewish text and then share a potluck lunch. It is our duty as parents to know our heritage so that we can pass it on to the next generation, which will do the same when their time comes. It is this unbroken chain of generations that has sustained Temple B'nai Israel for one hundred twenty years. Come learn with us, to ensure the future of Temple B'nai Israel and the future of the world.

—Rav Maya

### Donations Received

<p><b><u>120th Anniv. Celebration</u></b></p> <p>Louis &amp; Sally Cannon                  Trudi &amp; Henry Wineman                  Jim &amp; Betty Line                  Irving Friedman                  Joshua &amp; Mary Jean Meyer-                  son                  Julian &amp; Carol Magnus                  Michael &amp; Susan Freedland                  Leonard Senkfor                  Gilda Cohen                  Harry Kitchen &amp; Emily Mey-                  erson                  Steve Johnston &amp; Elisa Seltzer                  Lee &amp; Jody Schottenfels                  Mark &amp; Kim Schwartz                  Rabbi John Linder                  Rabbi Brent &amp; Jill Gutmann                  Steven Fishman &amp; Bonnie                  Josephson                  Gus &amp; Rosanne Paz                  Joanne Friedman                  Alan &amp; Denny Camiener                  Mark &amp; Amy Rothman</p>	<p><b><u>Rabbinic Fund</u></b></p> <p>Stephen &amp; Emily                  Stuchell                  Gail Shulman</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>General Fund</u></b></p> <p>Nancy Lenhoff                  Marshal &amp; Jane Coss-                  man</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Perpetual Kaddish Fund</u></b></p> <p>Joshua &amp; Mary Jean                  Meyerson—<i>in</i>  <i>memory of Irene</i>  <i>Sklar</i></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Prayer Book Fund</u></b></p> <p>Jim &amp; Betty Line</p>
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### 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 (\$100 Per Leaf)
- Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund
- Donor Wall Tile Fund (\$48 per tile, plus freight)
- Tribute Fund (packets of five tributes for \$90/pack)

## Temple B'Nai Israel Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 My contribution is in honor or memory of:  
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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

For times of bereavement and remembrance, the **Chevra Kadisha** group stocks items, including Shiva candles, Kria ribbons, and *yarhtzeit* candles. Items are stored in the basement bookshelf. To purchase or learn more, please contact Sally Cannon or Carol Ellstein.

### Corrections —————

This space is reserved each month for corrections. If any are seen, please contact Asa Gold at goldasa99@gmail.com, and the appropriate correction will be printed in the subsequent issue.

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Calendar of Events

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Tammuz / Av | August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 31 12 – Champagne Luncheon	Aug. 1	2	3	4	5 7:30 – Shabbat Services 8:43	6 <i>Parshat Matot-Massei</i> 10 – Lauren Rothman Bat Mitzvah
7 11 a.m. – Lunch and Learn	8	9	10 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	11	12 7:30 – Shabbat Services 8:33	13 <i>Parshat Devarim</i>
14 11 a.m. – Lunch and Learn	15	16	17	18	19 7:30 – Shabbat Services 8:21	20 <i>Parshat Va'etchanan</i> 7:30 – Sharing Stories from the Shoah
21 11 a.m. – Lunch and Learn	22	23	24	25	26 7:30 – Shabbat Services 8:09	27 <i>Parshat Eikev</i> 7:30 – Havdalah Service
28 11 a.m. – Farewell to Rav Maya	29	30	31 Rav Maya and Menachem depart	Sept. 1	2 7:30 – Community Shabbat 7:56	3 <i>Parshat Re'eh</i>