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The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel

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Rabbi's Corner

Temple B'nai is excited to announce that Rav Maya will return to Petoskey this month. The career of Maya Leibovich, who was born in Israel, has been long and illustrious. In 1974, she graduated from the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv, with both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree. She graduated cum laude from Hebrew Union College in 1992, and that same year became the first female Sabra (native Israeli) Rabbi ordained in Israel. Rav Maya has been a rabbi with Kehilat Mevasseret Zion since 1993 and from 2010 to 2014 served as chair of the Israeli Reform Rabbinical Council. She has written and edited many publications; her latest being "Parashat Ha'Mayim," published by Ha'Kibbutz Ha'Meuhad in 2010. Rav Maya and her husband, Menachem, are excited to be in Petoskey for Temple B'nai Israel's 120th Anniversary celebration!



Anniversary Weekend

Join in a celebration of Temple B'nai Israel's 120th Anniversary from

July 29th to the 31st. The weekend's events include:

- Friday, July 29, 7:30 p.m. Rav Maya will conduct a special **Friday Night Shabbat Service**
- Saturday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. Family-friendly **Havdalah Celebration Dinner and Dance**
- Sunday, July 31, 12:00 p.m. **Gala Champagne Luncheon** at the Bay View Country Club. \$50 per person. Please help us reach our next one hundred twenty years with a sponsorship.
 - \$5000: Founders, 1896 (up to eight tickets)
 - \$2500: Building, 1911 (up to six tickets)
 - \$1000: Rabbinic, 1925 (up to four tickets)
 - \$250: Renovation, 2006 (up to two tickets)

For more information, contact Emily Stuchell, event coordinator, at efreedland@hotmail.com.



June Events

Fri., June 3, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Sun., June 5, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**

Fri., June 10, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Sat., June 11 – **Shavuot Campout**

Fri., June 17, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Fri., June 24, 7 p.m. – **Services w/ Rav Maya**

Mon., June 27, 9 a.m. – **Jewish Voices Conf.**

Shavuot Campout

Join the Hebrew School in celebrating Shavuot at the 2nd annual “Talking Torah: Jewish Stories” campout at the Petoskey State Park on June 11th.

Three sites have been reserved. Bring a story, song, or poem to share round the campfire. For more information, contact Norman Baumhardt at [norms-](mailto:norms-@bnaiisrael.org)

Jewish Voices Conference

Women and men from across the state will convene this month at Temple Emanuel in Grand Rapids to share stories and achievements of Michigan's Jewish women who helped build our communities.

The conference will include workshops on preserving women's stories and the history of Jewish women in American sports, excerpts from an off-Broadway play, and a panel discussion on the cultural barriers faced by Jewish women.

The conference, which takes place on June 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is free of charge and includes lunch. For more information, contact Pam Ovshinsky, project advisory committee member, at povsh@yahoo.com., or go to www.michjewish-history.org.

Rabbinic Fund Drive

As we look forward to another beautiful Petoskey summer, the Temple Board is pleased to announce that Rav Maya and her husband, Menachem, will be arriving from Israel in late June. They will be staying in Petoskey until late August. Those who have experienced Rav Maya's services know and appreciate her leadership and expertise during Shabbat services, in-depth Torah study, and other temple events. We are very excited to have Rav Maya and Menachem back for another wonderful summer.

The temple will be executing a Rabbinic Fund Drive in order to finance Rav Maya's stay in Petoskey. We will be sending out a dedicated mailer and conducting other fundraising activities.

Your participation in the fundraiser will go a long way towards creating a vibrant and exciting summer season for everyone!

Farewell to Rabbi Aaron

On April 29, Student Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky led his final Shabbat Service with Temple B'nai Israel in Petoskey.

Aaron served our congregation with great enthusiasm and energy for two years, and it has been a great honor to observe his dedication to our congregation and his growth as a rabbi. He worked and traveled long hours to be with us, but still always ready and prepared. We will remember his infectious smile and amiable manner for years to come.

Let us all wish Aaron fair winds and following seas, and the best of success in his rabbinic career.

Donations Received

Perpetual Kaddish Fund	General Fund
Sally Cannon— <i>in memory of Eleanor McMahon</i> Rhoda Raider— <i>in memory of Jordan Raider</i>	Aaron Rozovsky— <i>in celebration of Temple B'nai Israel's 120th anniversary</i>

Hanukah display

For many years, Karly Ellison has completed the Petoskey Middle School Hanukah foyer display and how would like to pass off the baton. She would like to forward all materials and instructions needed to complete the display to a kind and loving family.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Ellison at (231) 487-0484.

Siddur Challenge Grant

The Siddur Challenge is coming to a close. Hal and Gail Willens have announced that they will fund twenty High Holiday Siddurs. The Temple would like to thank others who also contributed.

In the coming weeks, forty new High Holy Day Siddurs will be purchased and will available for Rosh Hoshanah.

Temple B'nai Israel will continue to accept donations for siddurs and commentaries.

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: _____

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:

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Calendar of Events

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Iyar / Sivan | June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	30	31	June 1	2	3 7 – Community Shabbat 9:05	4 <i>Parshat Bechukotai</i>
5 10 a.m. – Sunday School	6	7	8	9	10 7 – Community Shabbat 9:09	11 <i>Parshat Bamidbar</i> Shavuot Campout
12	13	14	15	16	17 7 – Community Shabbat 9:13	18 <i>Parshat Naso</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24 7 – Shabbat Services 9:14	25 <i>Parshat Behaalotcha</i>
26	27 9 a.m. – Jewish Voices Conference	28	29	30	July 1 7 – Shabbat Services 9:13	2 <i>Parshat Shlach</i>