

B'nai Israel

The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel

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Rabbi's Corner

Editor's Note: The following is from Ben Azriel, who will be our student rabbi this fall.

I was so very excited to learn that I will be serving as your congregation's student rabbi! My family's history with Petoskey reaches back decades. My grandfather conducted business here (in the Log Home companies) and became good friends with many members of the community, including the late Bev Holden and her husband, Mel. So after a two-decade absence, I am thrilled to have a chance to return.

As most of you know, I am a first-year rabbinical student at H.U.C. and am currently in Jerusalem. I ended up at H.U.C. after serving as the financial director at a reform synagogue in Columbus, Ohio. I also worked as an accountant, specializing in personal tax plans and small businesses. I graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in American Judicial Politics and Econometrics (economic statistics). During school, **Continued on p. 3, "New Rabbi"**



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.



May Events

Sun., May 1, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**

Fri., May 6, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Mon., May 9, 7 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**

Fri., May 13, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Sun., May 15, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**

Fri.-Sun., May 20-22 – **Women's Retreat**

Fri., May 20, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Wed., May 25 – **Lag Ba'Omer**

Fri., May 27, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**



Holocaust Cellist Concert

On Friday, May 20, join us at the Crooked Tree Arts Center to celebrate the musical genius of Richard Stöhr, an 20th-century cellist who was exiled from Austria when the Nazis invaded and whose work has gone largely unpublished and unrecognized.

Cellist Stefan Koch and pianist Robert Conway will perform a variety of Stöhr's pieces at 8 p.m. on the 20th. Adult tickets cost \$10; students' cost \$5. Children under twelve are free.

This event is part of a block-booking activity offered by the L'Dor v'Dor Consortium and is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit.

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!


Siddur Challenge Grant

A donor has issued a challenge grant aimed at replacing the temple's outdated High Holy Day Siddurs, *The Gates of Repentance*, which are nearly forty years old and which will hopefully be replaced with the new *Mishkan Ha'Nafesh*.

The donor will match all donations to this initiative up to one thousand dollars. If you would like to help the temple meet the donor's challenge, please forward a donation to the Prayer Book Fund. Siddurs, which cost \$50 each, will each have a nameplate attached, honoring its sponsor.

Donations can be mailed to the treasurer at 3942 Lorraine Drive, Petoskey MI 49770.

Donations Received

<p><u>Perpetual Kaddish Fund</u> Elizabeth Frey—<i>in memory of Rhoda Lampert</i></p>	<p><u>Gordon Memorial Fund</u> Trudi and Arthur Weiss—<i>in memory of Rhoda Lampert</i></p>
<p><u>Prayer Book Fund</u> Stanley and Lee Katlein Thomas Johnson and Valerie Meyerson</p>	

A Note on Dues

Dues notices will be going out in the next few weeks to those members who historically pay in the summer, as well as those with outstanding balances.

These payments fund a large part of the temple's operations, and we simply cannot succeed without everyone contributing. Your prompt attention to the dues notice will be greatly appreciated.

—Tom Johnson

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:

Tom Johnson, Treasurer
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"New Rabbi," cont'd from p. 1

I served as the youth engagement coordinator of another local reform synagogue, where I taught, advised, and tutored students of the congregation.

In my free time I enjoy guitar and like to travel. I grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, but am now living in Israel and currently with my fiancée, Rachel, who is doing research on the quality of elderly care in the Israeli medical system. She hopes to begin medical school in the coming years. We plan to get married over Memorial Day weekend in 2017.

B'shalom, Ben

L'Dor v'Dor Women's Retreat

Weaving Who We Were, Who We Are, Who We Are Becoming

May 20-22, 2016 Agenda

Munising Holiday Inn Express

Registration deadline, Friday May 6th

Registration: <http://bit.do/WR2016>

\$90 per person for shared rooms

\$180 per person for individual rooms

Teens and College Students 1/2 Price

Scholarships available for all

Read and share your thoughts of

Deborah, Golda, and Me: *Being Female and Jewish in America* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin

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Calendar of Events

2016

Nissan / Iyar | May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 10 a.m. – Sunday School	2	3	4	5	6 7 – Community Shabbat 8:35 	7 <i>Parshat Acharei</i>
8	9 7 – Temple Board Meeting	10	11	12	13 7 – Community Shabbat 8:44 	14 <i>Parshat Kedoshim</i>
15 10 a.m. – Sunday School	16	17	18	19	20 Women's Retreat Begins 7 – Community Shabbat 8:51 	21 <i>Parshat Emor</i>
22 Women's Retreat Ends	23	24	25 <i>Lag Ba'Omer</i>	26	27 7 – Community Shabbat 8:59 	28 <i>Parshat Behar</i>
29	30	31	June 1	2	3 7 – Community Shabbat 9:05 	4 <i>Parshat Bechukotai</i>