

# Temple B'nai Israel



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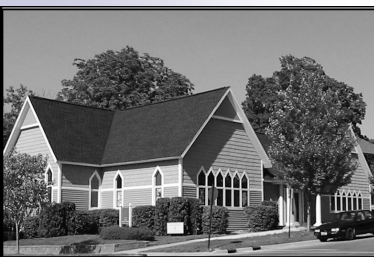
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## Rabbi's Corner

*Shalom l'kulam.* As I write this in December, let me say how wonderful it was to celebrate Hanukkah with so many of you. Although I was not able to spend the festival of lights with my own family, being able to kindle the menorah's candles on one of our people's most revered and beloved holidays with you all was especially meaningful and heartfelt.

I am very much looking forward to visiting Temple B'nai Israel in January. My stay will include a class on Maimonides, one of Judaism's greatest scholars, and a Friday Night Shabbat Service. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a very happy and sweet New Year.

— Aaron



## From the President

This year Temple B'nai Israel is celebrating its 120th anniversary. Since 1896, it has served the Jewish community in Northern Michigan through Shabbat services, holiday celebrations, and providing a place of worship. We are planning on having a gala celebration weekend during the summer months to mark this milestone and would like to enlist help in planning the events. Emily Stuchell, the Board Mishpacha, has graciously offered to chair the planning committee, but we still need your help in bringing this celebration to fruition. If you are interested in helping out, by being on the committee or in any other fashion, please contact Emily at [efreedland@hotmail.com](mailto:efreedland@hotmail.com) or 231-330-4936. We will keep you posted as the plans become clearer.

— Shalom, Josh

## Save the Date

- March 11-13, Marquette Comfort Inn.
- The Consortium's Intergenerational Retreat Weekend.
- Includes Purim celebration.
- All ages welcome.
- Registration info available soon.



### January Events

Fri., Jan. 1, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat Services**  
 Fri., Jan. 8, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat Services**  
 Sun., Jan. 10, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**  
 Mon., Jan. 11, 7 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**  
 Fri., Jan. 15, 7 p.m. – **Community Shabbat Services**  
 Fri., Jan. 22 – **Rabbi Aaron Arrives**  
 Fri., Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m. – **Tot Shabbat**  
 Fri., Jan. 22, 7 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**  
 Sat., Jan. 23, 4 p.m. – **Adult Ed w/ Rabbi Aaron**  
 Sun., Jan. 24 – **Tu B'Shevat**  
 Sun., Jan. 24, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**  
 Sun., Jan. 24, 11:30 a.m. – **Tu B'Shevat Seder**  
 Fri., Jan. 29, 6-9 p.m. – **Lay Leadership Conference**  
 Sat., Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. – **Lay Leadership Con.**  
 Sun., Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – **Lay Leadership Con.**

### Sunday School Updates

A big thanks to everyone in the community who made Hanukkah so enjoyable this year; those who assembled gift packages for our congregation's college students; and all those who attended this year's Hanukkah celebration and fried latkes. I am happy to announce that this year's Latke Cook-off winner was once again the B'nai Mitzvah class.



January class dates include Sunday school on January 10th, Tot Shabbat and Friday Night Services with Rabbi Aaron on January 22nd, and Sunday School on January 24th. Tu B'Shevat (the new year for trees) coincides with our Sunday School on the 24th, when we will host our Tu B'Shevat Seder. Thus, on the 24th we will be on our holiday schedule: class sessions beginning promptly at 10 a.m., and the holiday celebration at 11:30. As with all our holiday celebrations, the Seder is open to the community. Hope to see you there.

– Mark R.

### Lay Leadership Conference

The temple, through Ravitz Foundation's Small Congregations Initiative, will host a free Lay Leadership Seminar in the last weekend of January. Participants will learn about rites, such as B'rit Milah and funeral conduction, as well as how to lead Shabbat services in a Rabbi's absence.

Rabbi Matt Zerwekh, a former student rabbi in Petoskey who now resides in Kalamazoo, will lead the seminar this month. He brings warmth, wit, and knowledge of small congregations' challenges.

The seminar is open to all Petoskey Temple members, L'Dor V'Dor congregation members, and Kalamzoo Temple members. Enrollment will be limited to 15 students. Participants must have excellent public speaking skills, and familiarity with Hebrew will be useful. Above all, they must have the willingness to lead Shabbat services when called upon.

The seminar will begin on Friday evening and conclude Sunday afternoon. Participants must be present all three days.

Please RSVP to Tom Johnson, Treasurer, at [tjohnson9916@charter.net](mailto:tjohnson9916@charter.net) as soon as possible, so that proper quantities of books, materials, food may be procured.

### Slingshot Honors Consortium

The L'Dor v'Dor Consortium has learned that it will be included in the 2016 Slingshot Women and Girls Supplement, which aims to empower females across the country. The Slingshot Fund, founded in 2007, "has grown to become an important funding source, a closely watched seal of approval, and a leading voice advocating for innovation in Jewish life," says its website. This is L'dor V'dor's second consecutive designation; the consortium was profiled in the 2014-15 Midwest Edition and Women and Girls Supplement.



## Donations Received

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**The L'dor V'dor Consortium  
 will host its Spring Women's  
 Retreat in Munising this year,  
 from May 20th to the 22nd.  
 Registration info will be  
 made available soon.**

## Funds & Named Donations Available

- Temple General Fund  Newsletter Fund
- Prayer Book Fund  Building Fund
- Irene Gordon Memorial Fund
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- Tree of Life Fund (Leaves \$100 Each)
- Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund
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- Tribute Fund (packets of 5 tributes for \$90/pack)

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Tom Johnson, Treasurer  
 Temple B'nai Israel  
 PO Box 2416  
 Petoskey MI 49770




The **Chevra Kadisha** group has begun stocking items for use during times of bereavement and remembrance. Shiva candles, Kria ribbons, and yarhtzeit candles are now collected together in the bookcase in the basement. For questions or interest in purchasing, please call Sally Cannon or Carol Ellstein.

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**Tevet 5776 Shevat**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 27	28	29	30	31	Jan. 1 New Year's Day 7 – Community Shabbat 4:40 	2 Parshat Shemot
3	4	5	6	7	8 7 – Community Shabbat 4:39 	9 Parshat Va'eira
10 10 – Sunday School	11 Rosh Chodesh 7 – Temple Board Meeting	12	13	14	15 7 – Community Shabbat 4:40 	16 Parshat Bo
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22 Rabbi Aaron arrives 5:30 – Tot Shabbat 7 – Services 4:44 	23 Parshat Beshalach 4 – Adult Ed w/ Rabbi
24 Tu B'Shevat 10 – Sunday School 11:30 – Sedar	25	26	27	28	29 6 – Lay Leadership Conference 4:49 	30 Parshat Yitro 10 – Lay Leadership Conference