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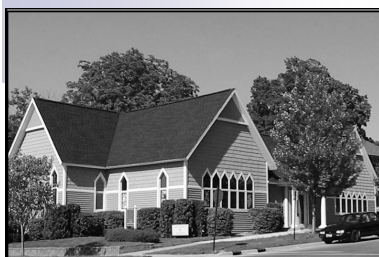
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Rabbi's Corner

Shalom l'kulam. I hope this finds you all in good health. I would first like to congratulate Josh Meyerson on becoming temple president. I know he will do the congregation proud. I would also like to congratulate Carol Ellstein on a job well done. Carol, it has been truly an honor to work with you, and Temple B'nai Israel is that much better due to all your hard work, love, and commitment.

December's Adult Ed class will be an exciting one, focusing in on Judah ha-Levi, one of the greatest Jewish philosophers and poets in our people's vast tradition. It will be a joy (*simcha*) and a blessing (*bracha*) to celebrate the festival of Hanukkah with you all while I am in Petoskey.

Finally, I ask that you keep the people and nation of France in your thoughts and prayers. May the wounded be healed (*r'fuah shlema*), may the fallen be for a blessing (*zikhrona livracha*), and may the evil-doers be brought to justice.



L'shalom, Aaron

From the President

Winter is knocking. It's dark now when I drive in to work and dark by the time I return home. It seems just a little bit harder to get out of bed and get moving this time of year. But I do think it gets us that much more excited for the Festival of Lights.

As I begin my term as Temple President, I am very thankful for our active Board, Sunday school, and Jewish community, all with such energetic members.

I wish everyone a warm and peaceful holiday and invite you to stop by for our Sunday school's Hanukah party. Later this month, we will have our annual China Buffet dinner on the 25th, followed by a Community Shabbat Service at the Temple.

Next summer, Rabbi Maya and Menachem, who have already purchased their plane tickets, will be with us from late June to August. "We are coming with much enthusiasm, as we already feel at home in Petoskey," the Rabbi said recently. "We shall leave the end of August this time. So we will have a lovely long summer together."

Shalom, Josh

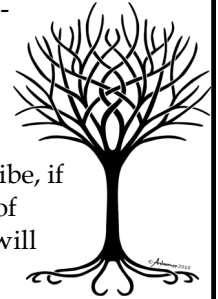


December Events

Fri., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. – **Community Shabbat Services**
 Sun., Dec. 6 – **Hanukah Begins**
 Sun, Dec. 6, 10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**
 Sun, Dec. 6, 12:15 p.m. – **Hanukah Potluck**
 Fri., Dec. 11 – **Rabbi Aaron Arrives**
 Fri., Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m. – **Tot Shabbat**
 Fri., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**
 Sat., Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m. – **Adult Ed w/ Rabbi Aaron**
 Mon., Dec. 14 – **Hanukah Ends**
 Mon., Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**
 Fri. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. – **Community Shabbat Services**
 Sun., Nov. 20, 10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**
 Fri., Dec. 25 – **Dinner at China Buffet**
 Fri., Dec. 25, 7:30 p.m. – **Community Shabbat Services**

Trees and Tribes Fundraiser

This fall, the Temple Board launched the Trees and Tribes Fundraiser, which will help in delineating the Jewish section of Greenwood Cemetery. We plan to plant twelve Cedar Trees, representing the twelve tribes of Israel, to beautify the cemetery and create a "sacred space." Donors may choose a preferred tribe, if available, and the names of both the tribe and donor will be carved on a plaque at the base of the tree. The cost to sponsor a tree is eighteen hundred dollars. At this time, we have sold five trees and hope to have all twelve purchased by springtime, so that planting may commence. If you are interested in a tree, please consider making what would be a generous year-end donation to our program. Order forms are available on the table in the Temple entryway.



For more information, contact Temple Treasurer Tom Johnson at 231-487-1661 or Sally Cannon at 231-250-4297.

Dispatches from Women's Retreat

Eighteen women from four Michigan Consortium congregations gathered at the Holiday Inn in Munising from November 20th to the 22nd, and spent the Spa Weekend learning, socializing, hiking, swimming, getting massages, and doing artwork and yoga. Aviva Panush and Margot Valles, two outstanding Jewish educators from East Lansing, illuminated the attendees with stimulating discussions of Leah, Rachel, the Shema, and universal values.

We were also introduced, by Marla Goldberg, the Union of Reform Judaism's Communities Manager, to the URJ's extensive network of resources, including Women of Reform Judaism. Everyone enjoyed learning about and sharing all that we have common, regardless of our varied religious affiliations or backgrounds.

Next year, three more retreats will be held: the March Intergenerational Family Retreat, the Marquette Women's Retreat in April, and the September Intergenerational Retreat, on Drummond Island.

– Carol Ellstein

November Board Elections

Following last month's elections, Josh Meyerson, a former Board Member at-large, will take over the presidency, replacing Carol Ellstein.

Emily Stuchell will replace Sally Cannon as Mischpacha. The Board wishes to thank Mrs. Cannon for her diligent services over the years, during which time she was also the Secretary and a two-term President.



A Note from the Treasurer

The congregation has voted to keep dues at their current levels for the fiscal year of 2016. Singles dues are three hundred fifty dollars per year, family dues six hundred per year.

An important part of the Temple's finance structure is the Patron Membership Program. Donations from patron members help ease the financial strain on members who are unable to pay the dues amount in full. Patronage donations can be any amount, but the dues notice, which has been mailed to members, suggests that levels be comparable to the desired patronage tier.

Please consider participating in the Patron Membership Program, which helps keep our Temple community vibrant and full.

– Tom Johnson

The Temple received no donations in the past thirty-day cycle.



The Union for Reform Judaism is planning a ten-day Small Congregations Seniors Trip to Israel from May 6th to 16th, led by Rabbi Margie Meyer. For details, visit arzaworld.com

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)
- 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:

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






The **Chevre 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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Temple B'nai Israel **5776** December 2015

Kislev 5776 Tevet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 29	30	Dec. 1	2	3	4 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:40 	5 <i>Parshat Vayeishev</i>
6 <i>Hanukah begins</i> 10 – Sunday School 12:15 – Hanukah Party	7	8	9	10	11 Rabbi Aaron Arrives 5:30 – Tot Shabbat 7:30 – Services 4:39 	12 <i>Parshat Mikeitz</i> 3 – Adult Ed
13 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	14 <i>Hanukah Ends</i> 7 – Board Meeting	15	16	17	18 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:40 	19 <i>Parshat Vayigash</i>
21 10 – Sunday School	24	25	26	24	25 6 – Christmas Dinner at China Buffet 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:44 	26 <i>Parshat Vayeichi</i>
27	28	29	30	31	Jan. 1 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:49 	2 <i>Parshat Shemot</i>