

Temple B'nai Israel



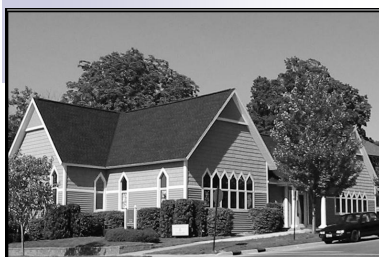
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Rabbi's Corner

I want to thank you all for another wonderful visit. With Tot Shabbat and Sunday Shacharit, Adult Ed, running with shul members, and Havdalah, we covered a full spectrum of both communal and spiritual Jewish life. Also, a big thanks to those of you who donated so generously to our food-bank drive. Looking ahead toward November, I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming winter clothing drive. Throughout the month, we will be accepting any coats, jackets, sweaters, etc., that you would like to donate. As scripture reminds us, we must always care for those who cannot care for themselves. With the temperature dropping rapidly, the less fortunate must be at the forefront of our thoughts. Hopefully, this act of Tzedakah and Gimilut Hasadim will make a difference in many lives.



Adult Ed will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st, to learn about the Ba'al Shem Tov. The session will be followed by Havdalah. I am also looking forward to working with our B'nos Mitzvah students, Lauren Rothman and Elizabeth Wise. I will see you all on November 20th!

Kol Tov, Aaron

From the President

At a Community Shabbat Service last month, about twenty members and visitors celebrated in the foyer and held a short service in the social hall – songs, prayers in Hebrew and English, talk of Torah, home-baked challah and Oneg treats. It brought back memories of my favorite Shabbatot, reminding me that services don't need formality in order to be meaningful. On my way home, I realized that the evening's simplicity and warmth reflected the essence of our temple. If you haven't attended one of our lay-led Shabbat services yet, please do so. Everyone is welcome!

My term, which ends this month, was enhanced by a board with vision, pragmatism, and humor; by committed and creative members; a balanced budget; an energetic student rabbi; and by two terrific summers with Rav Maya and Menachem Leibovich. Temple B'nai Israel is truly an up-north gem, sparkling since 1896.

Keep your eyes and ears open in the coming months: two major initiatives are being planned for 2016 – our Scholar-in-Residence Lay-Leadership Training weekend, and our temple's 120th Birthday Celebration. If you want to be involved with either event, please contact me, and I will pass your name along.

B'shalom, Carol Ellstein



November Events

All month – **Annual Winter Clothing Drive**
 Tues., Nov. 3 – **Temple Board Election**
 Fri., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**
 Sun., Nov. 8, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**
 Sun., Nov. 8, 1 p.m. – **Annual Meeting**
 Fri., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**
 Sun., Nov. 15, 4 p.m. – **Climate Change Gathering**
 Fri., Nov. 20 – **Women’s Retreat Begins**
 Fri., Nov. 20 – **Rabbi Aaron Arrives**
 Fri., Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m. – **Tot Shabbat**
 Fri. Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**
 Sat., Nov. 21, 3 p.m. – **Adult Ed w/ Rabbi Aaron**
 Sun., Nov. 22, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**
 Fri., Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Temple Updates

I hope you all had a chance to visit our lovely Sukkah (pictured) while it was up. The weather was very cooperative for the week of Sukkot.



The movie night at the Temple for the viewing of *Ushpizin* was likewise quite enjoyable. A big thanks to the Wise family for putting it together. And the annual Sukkot hay ride at Bills Farm Market was, as always, a joy.

I would also like to mention that Friday Night Community Shabbat Services will continue unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7 p.m, then candle lighting and services commence at 7:30.

—Mark R.

Interfaith Climate Change Gathering

On November 15th, from 4 to 6 p.m., community churches will join Temple B’nai Israel in “Answering the Call: An Interfaith Gathering for Climate Action.” St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, the Presbyterian Church, Cross of Christ Church Lutheran Church, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and the Episcopal Church were among those invited to sponsor. Interfaith minister Deb Hansen and the director of the Citizen’s Climate Lobby, Ron Marshall, will also attend. The event aims to share Pope Francis’s encyclical message on environmental responsibility, social justice and “our common home.”



The gathering will focus on the comments of Pope Francis and other faith leaders made regarding the connection between faith, social justice, and climate change; what environmentalism means to people of faith; and what we can accomplish together in our community. The event is open to the public.

To RSVP or for information, contact Pam Ovshinsky at povsh@yahoo.com.



Women’s Retreat Weekend

The bi-annual Women’s Spirituality Retreat will be hosted at the Munising Holiday Inn from November 20th to 22nd. Over the weekend, attendees can socialize with fellow Jewish women from Northern Michigan and the U.P., learn from educators Aviva Panush and Margot Valles, relax in the pool, hot tub, or sauna, and stroll in the nearby woods. On Friday, there will be a Shabbat dinner and service, on Saturday a Havdalah wine-tasting.

For questions, contact Carol Ellstein at cgellstein@gmail.com.

Donations Received

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Dr. Carol Ellstein and Joseph Wildberg
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 Dr. Irving Friedman
 Gerald Lorence
 Richard and Madelon Weber
 William J. and Ann Zousmer
 Charles Kiefer
 Robert and Sandra Moers
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Tree of Life Fund

Jerome and Barbara Sitner

Stacy McCracken Memorial Youth Enrichment Fund

Dr. Max Engleman – *in memory of Bev Holden*

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

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Temple Expansion Fund

Jamie Schwartzfisher and Matthew Malkowski –
in memory of Bev Holden
 Drs. Sally and Louis Cannon
 Linda Dresner Levy
 Dr. Carol Ellstein and Joseph Wildberg
 Gloria Levine



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)

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Donation Form

Name: _____

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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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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

Temple B'nai Israel Kitchen Policy

No treif. (i.e. pig, shrimp, bat, birds of prey, camel.) No mixing of milk and meat.

Given the number of people bringing in different dishes, we maintain a meatless policy during our potlucks. For meals with meat (e.g. a Seder), we will clarify in advance and withhold dairy for that event.

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Temple B'nai Israel **5776** November 2015

Cheshvan 5776 Kislev

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4 – Climate Change Event	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6 7:30 – Community Shabbat 5:03 	7 <i>Parshat Chayei Sarah</i>
8 10 – Sunday School 1 – Annual Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:54 	14 <i>Parshat Toldot</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20 Rabbi Aaron arrives 5:30 – Tot Shabbat 7:30 – Services 4:47 	21 <i>Parshat Vayeitzei</i> 3 – Adult Ed w/ Rabbi
22 10 – Sunday School	23	24	25	26	27 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:42 	28 <i>Parshat Vayishlach</i>
29	30	Dec. 1	2	3	4 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:40 	5 <i>Parshat Vayeishev</i>