

Temple B’Nai Israel



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Rabbi’s Corner:

Shalom Chaverim!



It is the month of Elul. The gates of Heaven are open. It is *et ratzon* – a time of good will. It is also a time of *heshbon nefesh* – soul searching. I want to leave you some interesting homework...it is Franz Kafka's parable: [Before the Law](#). In Hebrew it is translated as: Before the Gate. I shall be happy to hear your ideas about it. Menachem and I wish you a Shana Tova and a meaningful new beginning.

Love,
Rav Maya

Hello All! I hope this finds you all well and that you have had a wonderful and joyous summer. I can't even begin to tell you how honored and excited I am to be serving as your student Rabbi for a second year. It is a true testament to your love of community and Judaism and your welcoming spirit that I asked for an extension in Petoskey. I heard that our five students – Kylie, Gabe, Milo, Robbie, and Grant, did absolutely superb jobs at their B'nai Mitzvah services. I am very proud of them but in no way am I surprised. They worked very hard and are extremely committed young adults. I look forward to another great year with all of you. See you in September!



Aaron Rozovsky

High Holiday Schedule & Break the Fast Information

- September 13:**
7:30 pm – Erev Rosh Hashanah
- September 14:**
10:00 am – Rosh Hashanah Adult & Children’s Service
12:30 pm – Tashlich
- September 22:**
7:30 pm – Kol Nidre
- September 23:**
10:00 am – Yom Kippur Adult & Children’s Service
4:30 pm – Yiskor
6:00 pm – Break-the-Fast

Join us for a community breaking of the fast directly following the Yiskor Service on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 23, 2015 around 6 p.m. The meal will be catered predominately by Julienne Tomatoes, with desserts welcome from Temple members. Please call Sally Cannon to RSVP at 231-250-4297. We also need volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you are willing to help, please let Sally know.

If leaving a message, kindly give family name and number of people attending. There will be no charge for the meal, but donations are appreciated to help off set costs. Suggested donation: \$15.00 per adult; \$5.00 per child.



September Events

Sun., Sept. 13, 10:00 am – **Sunday School**
 Sun., Sept. 13, 7:30 pm – **Erev Rosh Hashanah**
 Mon., Sept. 14, 10:00 am – **Rosh Hashanah**
 Mon., Sept. 14, 10:00 am – **Children’s Service**
 Mon., Sept. 14, 12:30 pm – **Tashlich Service**
 Tues., Sept. 15, 7:00 pm – **Board Meeting**
 Fri., Sept. 18, 7:30 pm – **Shabbat Shuvah**
 Tues., Sept. 22, 7:30 pm – **Kol Nidre**
 Wed., Sept. 23, 10:00 am – **Yom Kippur**
 Wed., Sept 23, 10:00 am – **Children’s Service**
 Wed., Sept 23, 4:30 pm – **Yiskor**
 Wed., Sept 23, 6:00 pm – **Break-the-Fast**
 Sun., Sept. 27, 10:00 am – **Sunday School**

Sunday School

Well after a fantastic summer with plenty of B'nai Mitzvah services and celebrations it is time once again to begin our religious school for the year. We will have a regular Sunday school session on September 13th, meaning Children's services begin at 10:00am, followed by class sessions and concluding with a potluck at 12:15.

There will be children's services at 10:00am for both Rosh Hashanah on September 14th and Yom Kippur, September 23rd. Sukkot Celebration will be September 27th. Please contact Mark with and question 231 -373-2349.mrandam@hotmail.com.



Women's Retreat:
A Spa for Mind, Body, and Spirit
 November 20-22, 2015 at Munising Holiday Inn Express
 Being able to take care of the world starts by
 taking care of ourselves as individuals.



From the President:

The arrival of September customarily heralds a new school year, a new Jewish year (5776), a new Torah cycle, and a new opportunity for personal atonement and renewal. This year, September will also herald the return of student Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky for a second year of rabbinical service. He will arrive for Rosh Hashanah, stay through Yom Kippur, and then return in October for the first of 8 consecutive monthly visits. I am delighted to welcome Rabbi Aaron back to our temple! I am equally delighted to announce that Rav Maya and Menachem Leibovich have accepted the Board's invitation to return in 2016 for a 3rd consecutive summer of rabbinical service.

We are incredibly blessed to have such talented Jewish resources within our midst for another year. However, such good fortune is not likely to be sustained for the long run. To help ensure our temple's continued viability, the Board voted to spearhead an initiative to develop a cadre of lay leaders. The Ravitz Foundation for Outreach to Small Jewish Communities has approved our application for a \$3000 grant to fund a Rabbi-in-Residence weekend to begin teaching holiday and life cycle ritual skills to members. The Ravitz Foundation has been a generous friend for many years, and it was with great pleasure that I thank them once again on behalf of the temple membership.

Shalom, Dr. Carol Ellstein

Donations Received

July 20—August 17, 2015

General Fund

Benjamin & Alyssa Cannon
 Dr. Rosanne & Gustavo Paz,
in honor of Robbie Wise's Bar Mitzvah
 Dr. Rosanne & Gustavo Paz,
donation for the Imagination Library
in honor of Milo Baumhardt

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Drs. Louis & Sally Cannon,
in honor of Steven Romisher
 Dr. Rosanne & Gustavo Paz,
in memory of Sheila Powell
 Howard & Lolly Averbuch,
in memory of Nachman Herman
 Joseph Wildberg & Carol Ellstein,
in memory of Alfred Wildberg
 Joseph Wildberg & Carol Ellstein,
in memory of Selma Ovshinsky

Prayer Book Fund

Milo Baumhardt, *four siddurs*



Trees and Tribes Fundraiser
 Coming Soon! Please watch your
 mail for this exciting
 opportunity to help our Temple
 and our section of
 Greenwood Cemetery.



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: _____

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 **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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 **Temple B’Nai Israel** **September 2015**

Elul 5775

Tishrei 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:41 	12 <i>Parshat Nitzavim</i>
13 10:00 Sunday School 7:30 Erev Rosh Hashanah	14 10:00 Rosh Hashanah Children’s & Adult Service 12:30 Tashlich	15 7:00 Board Mtg	16	17	18 7:30 Shabbat Services 7:27 	19 <i>Parshat Vayelech</i>
20	21	22 7:30 Kol Nidre	23 10:00 Yom Kippur Children’s & Adult Service 4:30 Yiskor 6:00 Break-the-Fast	24	25 7:14 	26 <i>Parshat Ha’Azinu</i>
27 10:00 Sunday School <i>Erev Sukkot</i>	28 <i>Sukkot</i>	29 <i>Sukkot</i>	30 <i>Sukkot</i>	Oct. 1 <i>Sukkot</i>	2 <i>Sukkot</i> 7:01 	3 <i>Sukkot</i>