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Rabbi’s Corner:

Shalom all -

Most people ask me, upon discovering where I am in the summer, is there Jewish life in Northern Michigan? Before our arrival, Menachem and I didn't know either.

Yes. There is Jewish life in Northern Michigan. And it is especially lively in the summer. We are fortunate to have been able to visit three congregations besides B’nai Israel in Petoskey. They are all connected to B’nai Israel via the consortium.

On our tour to the UP we stopped at Temple Beth Sholom in Marquette. The president Daniel Arnold proudly led us to the place and showed us this quaint Jewish center in midst of this beautiful University City.

We then dropped in at Temple Jacob in Hancock and discovered a historical site on the Keweenaw Peninsula in which the congregation dates back to 1889. The Jews of Hancock were part of the copper industry. They built their small, unique Temple in 1912 via the generosity of Jacob Gartner. The building is a gem. The Jewish population is very small there today but is led by dedicated members. Susan Burack, past president of the Temple, proudly showed us around and shared her hopes for a growing Jewish school and yearly celebrations.

Last week we went to Sault Ste. Marie where Gil and Ginny Cymbalist took a whole day to show us their town and I was fortunate to teach a class at night at which 10 people arrived at a last minute notice.

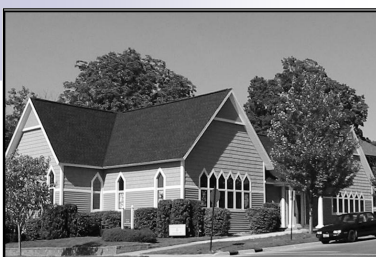
In each of these Temples the message was the same: if we want Jewish life we

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From the President:

Rav Maya and Menachem Leibovich brought with them a whirlwind of activity when they returned at the end of June for their second summer with the temple. Our weekly Shabbat services and Sunday Brunch 'n' Learns were both exceptionally well attended in July and enthusiastically praised by members and visitors alike. The Leiboviches will be here through August 16th; I urge you to enjoy their warmth and knowledge before they leave. We are also thrilled to host Hot P'stromi on Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. for a return engagement. First-time author Barbara Stark Nemon will join us on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion. Further information about both events can be found on page 2. Please join us!

Shalom, Dr. Carol Ellstein



August Events

Fri., July 31, 7:30 pm – **Shabbat Services**
 Sat., Aug. 1, 10:00 am – **Robbie Wise, Bar Mitzvah**
 Sun., Aug. 2, 11:00 am – **Brunch ‘n’ Learn**
 Sun., Aug. 2, 1:00 pm – **DVD of The Last Klezmer**
 Thurs., Aug. 6, 7:00 pm – **Hot P’stromi**
 Fri., Aug. 7, 7:30 pm – **Shabbat Services**
 Sun., Aug. 9, 11:00 am – **Brunch ‘n’ Learn**
 Aug. 10 – 14 – **Soul Train Day Camp**
 Mon., Aug. 10, 5:00 pm – **Dinner & Dancing with
 our Israeli Counselors**
 Mon., Aug. 10, 7:00 pm – **Board Meeting**
 Fri., Aug. 14, 7:30 pm – **Shabbat Services**
 Sat., Aug. 15, 10:00 am – **Grant Forbrig, Bar Mitzvah**
 Sun., Aug. 16, 6:00 pm – **Farewell Potluck Brunch**
 Wed., Aug. 19, 7:00 pm – **Barbara Stark-Nemon**

Hot P’stromi

Klezmer musicians Hot P’stromi, in their return performance at Temple Bnai Israel, will be rocking the house 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 6. The trio, led by Yale Strom, presents a mix of Klezmer, Balkan, and Yiddish music for all to enjoy.



Yale Strom on violin, Elizabeth Schwartz, vocals, and Peter Stan on accordion provide a memorable musical experience. Strom, a leading artist-ethnographer collects and researches music in Romania and is one of the foremost authorities on Klezmer music and its connection to Roma (Gypsy) music.

Klezmer music, for those not familiar with it, is folk music of the Jews of Eastern Europe. Itinerant Klezmer groups provided music at weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, and still do. When Jews immigrated to America from 1880 to 1924, Klezmer was influenced by jazz and vice versa. A Klezmer revival began in the ‘70s and has made the energetic music more popular around the world. For more information contact Carol @ 517.882.0668 or cgestein@gmail.com.

This concert is sponsored by Temple Bnai Israel and supported by a grant from the Ravitz Foundation Michigan Small Jewish Communities' Initiative of the Michigan Jewish Conference, a program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit.

Noted Jewish Author Visits Petoskey!

Please join Temple B'nai Israel for a special evening, 7:00-8:30pm, Wednesday, August 19, with author Barbara Stark-Nemon. Ms. Stark-Nemon’s debut novel, Even in Darkness will be the topic of her talk entitled *Family histories, family mysteries: a novel approach to my Jewish German family story*. The talk will take place at Dr. Naomi Overton’s home; RSVP to Val at (231) 487-1661 for location.



When she received a box of letters and documents from a German priest in 1996, author Barbara Stark-Nemon was already captivated by the story of her great-aunt’s Holocaust survival, and the unconventional life she and a priest lived in post-war Germany. What she learned from the contents of that box cemented her motivation to write Even in Darkness. Barbara will share the story of how 15 years of research, interviews, and travel informed her debut novel, and the process enhanced her understanding of the Holocaust and the important considerations in preserving a family story.

Barbara’s book is available for purchase at McLean and Eakin and if you can’t make it to the Temple at 7, Barbara will be at the bookstore that afternoon at 2 pm.



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need to be active and make it happen. It is a burden on a small group. To us it seems a miracle that Jews who have no Rabbi, nor most of them, a student Rabbi, still sustain Jewish activity. Some meet once a month, others only on holidays but there is on-going communication.

It reminded us of the little shtetls in Eastern Europe in the 18th century. Petoskey’s B’nai Israel impresses us as the biggest and most active (we are of course very objective). That means that although small yourselves, you have a precious gift to offer - it is your experience and your numbers and your ongoing dedication and love of Jewish Tradition. Sharing is strengthening. By giving, you are also taking, or as a Jewish homily states - to light a candle from a candle the one keeps burning and the other lacks naught.

~ Shalom ~ Rav Maya

Donations Received

May 20, 2015—

General Fund

Eleanor Blum

Gloria Levine — *in honor of Kiley Mann, Bat Mitzvah*

Mike & Rita Lindemann

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in honor of Patty Beck's birthday

Stacy McCracken Memorial

Youth Enrichment Fund—

Eve Reider & James Novick —

in memory of Bev Holden

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Gloria Levine — *in memory of Selma Ovshinsky*

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in memory of Bentley Lenhoff

Lee & Mile Jaffe Memorial Fund

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in memory of Lee and Miles Jaffe

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Lyndean & Myron Brick —

in memory of Bentley Lenhoff

Estate of Virginia Lepman —

in memory of Virginia Lepman

Gloria Levine

Marilyn Silver

Gabe Rothman Fund - Challenge Mountain

Gustavo & Dr. Rosanne Paz —

in honor of Gabe Rothman, Bar Mitzvah



**Soul Train Day Camp—
August 10—14. It's not too
late to sign up! Call Amy
for more information:**

231.373.2344.



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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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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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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11:00 – Brunch ‘n’ Learn & Movie – <i>Last Klezmer</i>	27	28	29	30	31 7:30 Shabbat Services 8:51	Aug. 1 10:00 – Robbie Wise, Bar Mitzvah <i>Parshat Va’etchanan</i>
2 11:00 – Brunch ‘n’ Learn	3	4	5	6 7:00 Hot P’stromi	7 7:30 Shabbat Services 8:41	8 <i>Parshat Eikev</i>
9 11:00 – Brunch ‘n’ Learn	10 <i>Soul Train Day Camp</i> 5:00 Potluck 7:00 Board Mtg	11 <i>Soul Train Day Camp</i>	12 <i>Soul Train Day Camp</i>	13 <i>Soul Train Day Camp</i>	14 <i>Soul Train Day Camp</i> 7:30 Shabbat Services 8:31	15 10:00 – Grant Forbrig, Bar Mitzvah <i>Parshat Re’eh</i>
16 6:00 – Farewell Potluck <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	17	18	19 7:00 Barbara Stark Nemon	20	21 8:19	22 <i>Parshat Shofim</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28 8:07	29 <i>Parshat Ki Teitzei</i>