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Rabbi's Corner

Shalom Haverim. The day I write this note is the 15th of Av (August 19), the Jewish day of love. Raban Simeon ben Gamaliel said, "Never were more joyous festivals in Israel than the fifteenth of Av...for on them the maidens of Jerusalem used to go out dressed in white garments—borrowed ones, in order not to cause shame to those who had them not of their own...And thus they went out and danced in the vineyards, saying, Young men, look and observe well whom you are about to choose [as a spouse]; regard not beauty [alone], but rather look to a virtuous family, for Gracefulness is deceitful, and beauty is a vain thing, but the woman that feareth the Lord, she is worthy of praise." **Continued on p. 4, "Rabbi's Farewell"**



The High Holy Days

- Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. — Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 3, 10 a.m. — Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 3, 12 p.m. — After-service Tashlikh
- Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat Shuvah Service
- Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. — Kol Nidre
- Oct. 12, 10 a.m. — Yom Kippur
- Oct. 12, 4:30 p.m. — Yizkor
- Oct 12, 6 p.m. — Break the Fast



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September Events

Fri., Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Fri., Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m. – **Tot Shabbat**

Fri., Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi
Ben Azriel**

Sun., Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School w/ Rabbi
Ben Azriel**

Mon., Sept. 12, 7 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**

Fri., Sept. 16 – **Drummond Isl. Retreat**

Fri., Sept. 16, 4 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sat., Sept. 17 – **Drummond Isl. Retreat**

Sun., Sept. 18 – **Drummond Isl. Retreat**

Fri., Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sun., Sept. 25, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**

Fri., Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Drummond Isl. Retreat

Please join us for the upcoming L'dor V'dor Consortium Fall Intergenerational Retreat, from Sept. 16th to 18th, at Drummond Island Resort. In addition to exploring the Jewish social action concept of Tikkun Olam (literally, “repair of the world”), participants will have ample opportunity to enjoy the pristine environment of beautiful Drummond Island. Separate activities will be available for children, teens, and adults. Detroit Jewish educator Rebecca Starr, U.P. native and daughter of Temple B'nai Israel member Betty Line, will provide spiritual leadership throughout the weekend.

To register, visit <http://bit.do/Fall16>. For more information, contact Carol Ellstein at cgeellstein@gmail.com or Betty Line at chelsea@alphacomm.net

Trees and Tribes

In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in our section of the Greenwood Cemetery. The Sunday School has visited several times, the Board has met with the Greenwood staff to consolidate communication, and the Chevrah Kadisha study group has studied Jewish burial practices. Recently, Rav Maya suggested planting trees around our section to create a sacred space.

Now, the Board is launching its Trees and Tribes Fundraiser, intending to plant twelve cedar trees around the Jewish section, one for each tribe of Israel. A donor may choose his or her tribe, if available, and both the tribe and donor's name will be engraved on a plaque at the base of the tree. The sponsorship cost is \$1800. Checks should be made out to Temple B'nai Israel and sent to Tom Johnson, Treasurer. Sponsorship forms are available at the Temple. For questions, please contact Sally Cannon at (231) 250-4297 or scannon123@aol.com, or Tom Johnson at (231) 487-1661.



Donations Received

120th Anniv. Celebration

Menachem and Maya Leibovich
 Mark and Marsha Barsman
 Mark Rudman
 Congregation Beth Shalom of Traverse City
 Pamela Ovshinsky
 Joanne Friedman
 Jack and Jane Soloman
 Sharon Sisskind and Arthur Anderson
 William Schulman and Lori Katzman
 Joseph Wildberg and Carol Ellstein

Religious Education Fund

Howard and Meredith Goldberg

Prayer Book Fund

William Schulman and Lori Katzman

General Fund

Gustavo and Rosanne Paz—*in honor of Lauren Rothman's Bat Mitzvah*
 Alfred Ernst—*in honor of Carol Ellstein*
 Barbara Mayer—*in honor of Tom Johnson's conversion ceremony*
 Barbara Mayer—*in thanks of Rav Maya's and Menachem's services*
 Julian and Carol Magnus

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Erwin Weiss
 Harold and Linda Friedman—*in memory of Helen and Arthur Braveman*
 Robert Greenberger and Renee Durbin—*in memory of Eileen Greenberger and Mel Durbin*
 Barbara Mayer—*in memory of Berta Molasky*

Rabbinic Fund

Howard and Meredith Goldberg

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 (\$100 Per Leaf)
- Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund
- Donor Wall Tile Fund (\$48 per tile, plus freight)
- Tribute Fund (packets of five 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
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In Memoriam

The Temple wishes the best to the family of Skip and Lynn Hecht. The Hecht's were members for many years, and they will be greatly missed by all.

Corrections _____

This space is reserved each month for corrections. If any errors are seen, please contact Asa Gold at goldasa99@gmail.com, and an appropriate correction will be printed in the subsequent issue.

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Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 28 11 a.m. – Lunch and Learn	29	30	31	Sept. 1	2 7:30 – Community Shabbat 7:56	3 <i>Parshat Re'eh</i>
4 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	5	6	7	8	9 5:30 – Tot Shabbat 7:30 – Shabbat Services 7:43	10 <i>Parshat Shoftim</i>
11 10 a.m. – Sunday School	12 7 p.m. – Temple Board Meeting	13	14	15	16 <i>Drummond Isl. Retreat Begins</i> 7:30 – Community Shabbat 7:30	17 <i>Parshat Ki Teitzei</i>
18 <i>Drummond Isl. Retreat Ends</i>	19	20	21	22	23 7:30 – Community Shabbat 7:16	24 <i>Parshat Ki Tavo</i>
25 10 a.m. – Sunday School	26	27	28	29	30 7:30 – Community Shabbat 6:59	Oct. 1 <i>Parshat Nitzavim</i>