

Temple B’Nai Israel



Rabbi’s Corner:



While I am writing this, many Israeli towns are under attack of rockets from the Gaza strip. There are issues of life and death on both sides of the border and peace has taken a step backwards. It is a terrible tragedy that the leaders in the Middle East have not got the courage and vision to lead their peoples to live side by side in understanding and mutual respect. Being far away from home makes it more difficult, but we are in daily contact with our family and friends. They try to keep a routine. So, we do the same here.

On Sunday, July 6, the B’nai Israel committee of the Hevra Kadisha (literally translated as “sacred group” meaning the group responsible for burial and mourning in the local Jewish community) held its meeting to discuss our relationship with Greenwood Cemetery and how congregation B’nai Israel can foster the connection between its present congregants and its past founders. Cemeteries are, in a way, “living history books”. They are fascinating places to visit. Jewish cemeteries are especially interesting because we put head stones on the graves, on which we inscribe personal data and very often add characteristics or special qualities of our dear ones, or tell of their professions or leadership roles in the community.

Two of many famous Jewish cemeteries are the very old one on Mount Olives (3000 years old) and the old Jewish cemetery in Prague (from the 17th century). According to

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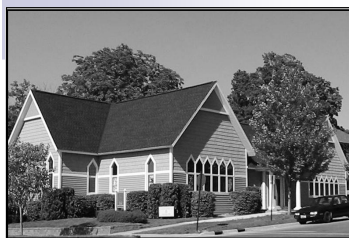
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News from the President

Before we know it, Rav Maya and Menachem’s 8-week summer tenure will be over. While they are here, several educational and/or social activities will showcase their talents. Please join us for a Sunday Brunch ‘n’ Learn on August 3 at 11 a.m., an evening program on Wednesday August 6, and an event on Sunday August 10 that will feature either a brunch or a movie. A school-age youth program is also being planned. The entire congregation is invited to say goodbye to the Leibovichs at a temple Potluck Dinner/Havdallah on August 16th, the night before they leave. On August 20, Cantor Richard Schwartz and his family will arrive in Petoskey for a 2-week vacation. His presence will enable us to offer a full docket of Shabbat services and Oneg every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Services on the 1st, 8th and 15th will be led by Rav Maya. Services on the 22nd and 29th will be led by Cantor Richard. Local friends and visiting houseguests are welcome to participate in all temple activities.

Shalom, Carol Ellstein





August Events

Fri., Aug. 1, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Services**
 Sun., Aug. 3, 11:00 AM – **Brunch ‘n Learn**
 Sun., Aug. 3, 12:45 PM – **Cemetery Visit**
 Aug. 4-8 – **Israeli Day Camp w/ Soul Train**
 Wed., Aug. 6, 7:00 PM – **Rav Maya Presents**
 Fri., Aug. 8, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Services**
 Sun., Aug. 10, 11:00 AM – **Movie w/ Rav Maya**
 Fri., Aug. 15, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Services**
 Sat., Aug. 16, 6:30 PM – **Potluck Havdallah**
 Mon., Aug. 18, 7:00 p.m. – **Board Meeting**
 Fri., Aug. 22, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Services**
 Fri., Aug. 29, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Services**

Upcoming Consortium & Youth Activities

9/19 - 21: MI Temple Youth; grades 9-12; Mackinaw City
October: Intergenerational/Family Retreat
11/7- 9: Women’s Retreat
11/21-23: Fall Kallah; grades 6-12; Mt. Pleasant (?)
1/16 - 18/15: MI Temple Youth Ski; grades 9-12; Boyne (?)
March 2015: Intergenerational/Family Retreat
April 2015: Small Group Retreat

Yahrzeit Notification—Pilot Program

A few Temple members have expressed an interest in receiving yahrzeit notifications. The Temple board is launching a pilot program to see if this can be done satisfactorily.

We will mail out yahrzeit notifications for the upcoming month about the same time as the monthly newsletters. Members can then observe as they wish.

Program success depends on many factors, including good yahrzeit information. Many entries in our list are incomplete and potentially inaccurate. Names may be misspelled and relationship information may be faulty. Dates may not be exact. Some entries only have the month, with no date or year.

Despite these difficulties, we will continue this pilot program for a few months. Continuation will depend upon member feedback and receptiveness.

Please bear with us as we try to work out the kinks and correct the entries.

Israeli Day Camp!

Due to the continued generosity of Soul Train, our Temple will again host Israeli Day Camp for children ages 5-12 from **August 4th-August 8th**. Campers will enjoy learning about Israel through food, music, dance, arts and crafts and more. Camp counselors live and attend school in Israel and come to share their culture with us. Camp is open to members (\$25 per camper) and non-members (\$50) with financial assistance available if needed. For more information or to request a registration form, please call 347-8741.



Consortium News

In June, L’Dor v’Dor Consortium leaders held a very successful planning retreat in Munising. We decided to devote more attention to group activities, and less attention to infrastructure. Priorities include youth development programs, block booking events, semi-annual intergenerational/family retreats, and semi-annual small-group retreats (e.g., Board members, women, men). Specific information will be distributed via newsletters, email and other mechanisms as it becomes available; in the meantime, check out the tentative calendar of Consortium and Youth events in this newsletter.

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Halkhah (Jewish law) Jews must take care of their cemetery. It is therefore important to have an active Hevrah Kadisha.

B’nai Isreal’s Hevrah Kadisha is hoping to get our congregants active in the caring for the cemetery. We especially hope to connect the youth to their past and to the legacy of the founders. So, on Sunday August 3rd, we are going to have a “Brunch and Learn” meeting in which we shall discuss Jewish traditions regarding mourning and burial. After our learning session we shall go together to the Jewish section of the Greenwood Cemetery and hear some stories about the people buried there.

We hope to have the younger generation join us. We understand that a People cannot build a future without knowledge and respect of its past. Our meeting on August 3rd will be a day before the eve of Tisha B’av- the date commemorating the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem. We will make past and present meet. Please join us.

Shalom, Rav Maya



Donations Received

through July 16, 2014

General Fund

Linda and Alan Farb –
in honor of Nathan Farb
 Charles and Barbara Glueck –
in memory of Dr Helen Glueck
 Bearcub Outfitters
 Barbara Mayer –
in Honor of Gabe Meyerson's Bar Mitzvah
 Ruth Jaffe and Paul Horowitz –
in memory of John Mayer
 Joshua and Mary Jean Meyerson –
in memory of David Page
 Gustavo and Roseanne Paz –
in honor of Bar Mitzvah, Gabe Meyerson
 Gustavo and Roseanne Paz –
in memory of John Mayer and David Page

Alvin's Helping Hand Fund

Carolyn and Ed Schreiber –
in memory of John Mayer



Bar Mitzvah, Gabe Meyerson

Mazal
Tov!

Chevra Kadisha Meeting

The Chevra Kadisha group will reconvene for a meeting at the cemetery after Rav Maya's Brunch 'n' Learn on August 3. We should be out at the cemetery around 12:45 pm. New and old members welcome! For questions, contact Sally at scanon123@aol.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
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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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 SCHWARTZ WILL BE
 LEADING SERVICES THE
 END OF THE MONTH—
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 Summer Soiree	28 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	29	30	31	August 1 7:30 Shabbat Services 8:50	2 <i>Parshat Devarim</i>
3 11:00 Brunch ‘n Learn 12:45 Cemetery Visit	4 Soul Train: Israeli Camp	5 Soul Train: Israeli Camp- <i>Tishah B’Av</i>	6 Soul Train: Israeli Camp 7:00 Rav Maya Presents	7 Soul Train: Israeli Camp	8 Soul Train: Israeli Camp 7:30 Shabbat Services 8:41	9 <i>Parshat Va’etchanan</i>
10 11:00 Movie w/ Rav Maya	11	12	13	14	15 7:30 Shabbat Services 8:30	16 <i>Parshat Eikev</i> 6:30 Havdallah – Potluck
17	18 7:00 Board Mtg.	19	20	21	22 7:30 Shabbat Services w/ Cantor Schwartz 8:19	23 <i>Parshat Re’eh</i>
24	25	26	27 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	28	29 7:30 Shabbat Services w/ Cantor Schwartz 8:06	30 <i>Parshat Shoftim</i>