



# Temple B'Nai Israel

May 2008 Newsletter



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Our One Hundred Eleventh Year of Consecutive Service

## ■ SHABBAT SERVICES MAY 2 ■



This will mark the last Shabbat service for Rabbi Sandra Bellush at Temple B'nai Israel this year. She has been absolutely wonderful and it has been great working with her this year.

Please show your appreciation for her efforts by attending services this Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. As an added treat, please feel free to bring a dessert to share afterwards.

## ■ BLESS THE PETS MAY 3 ■

Everyone who has a pet knows how special they are for your family.

On May 3, after Religious School, we will have a special "Bless the Pets" ceremony in the Temple Garden (weather permitting!).

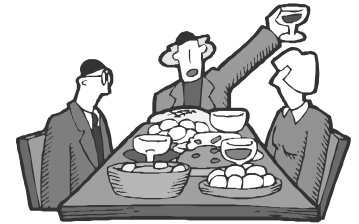
Please feel free to bring your dog, your cat, your goldfish, or even your iguana . . . at 11:30 a.m. for a brief ceremony. You can then show off your pet to everyone!

Please be sensitive to members who have allergies and do not bring your pet into the sanctuary.



## ■ PASSOVER SEDER ■

The Temple Passover Seder on April 27 was a huge success!



Many thanks to Gus Paz for leading the Seder.

Also, many thanks to Therese Rasch and Rosalyn Goldstick for helping to coordinate all the food and guests.

Just before the Passover Seder began, there was a short presentation in the Sanctuary as we unveiled two new Stained Glass Windows!

The first window is a celebration of the Purim holiday. This window features elements of this wonderful holiday and was donated by Art and Helen Braverman.

The second window features the Tree of Life and is dedicated to Rosalyn Goldstick, one of our Temple's most involved and admired members, to honor her lifetime of service to Temple B'nai Israel. She is still active to this day and we only wish we had half of her energy. Congratulations, Rosalyn! This window was made possible in part by a donation from the Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood.

All windows were designed, fabricated and installed by Jordan Valley Glassworks, who has done all the stained glass in Temple B'nai Israel.

Jordan Valley Glassworks are owned by Temple Members Jay Bavers and Glenna Haney.

Turn to Page Three for more about the unveiling of the windows and the tribute to Rosalyn Goldstick.

## ■ THE NEWSLETTER ■

The Temple B'Nai Israel Newsletter is published monthly on or about the first of the month.

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## ■ THE "E-NEWSLETTER" ■

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## ■ GOOD SHABBOS! ■



Candle Lighting Times:

5/2	7:16 p.m.
5/9	7:23 p.m.
5/16	7:31 p.m.
5/23	7:37 p.m.
5/30	7:44 p.m.

## ■ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ■

- 5/1—YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY)
- 5/7—YOM HAZIKARON
- 5/8—ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY (1948)
- 5/11—MOTHER'S DAY
- 5/23—LAG B'OMER (33<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF THE COUNTING OF THE OMER)
- 5/26—MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED



## ■ ROSALYN GOLDSTICK HONORED AT SEDER ■



During a small ceremony in the sanctuary, Rosalyn Goldstick was presented with the Tree of Life stained glass window—commissioned in her honor.

The sentiment of the evening was best summed up by Jeremiah Johnson who penned the following two poems to commemorate the occasion:

### ROSALYN

<b>R</b>	Rich with knowledge
<b>O</b>	Organized
<b>S</b>	So sweet
<b>A</b>	Amazingly helpful
<b>L</b>	Loves her children
<b>Y</b>	Youthful energy
<b>N</b>	Nice, helpful & kind

### MATRIARCH

How to compare Rosalyn to a spring day;  
Would be very hard, indeed, to say.  
But we will try and do our best; I know we  
Will find our way.

Rosalyn is sunny, warm and bright; her  
Eyes sparkle as the eternal light.  
Her heart blooms as a fresh daffodil;  
Shining in the sun's rays with much delight.

Rosalyn is so organized; she's feisty,  
Prompt and oh so wise.  
She likes to help and get things done;  
She's quick at wit and quick to rise.

Woman, mother, poet, Jew – Rosalyn  
Always knows who's who.  
She's kind, she cares, she's so unique; she  
Knows just what to do.

Shabbat would not be complete without  
Rosalyn standing on the tips of her feet.  
The candles shall always be lit, even  
Though she is so petite.

A Note of Appreciation to all of the Temple and Sisterhood friends and members:

For this gal who talks a blue streak and writes all of the time, it is hard to believe, but at this time I am indeed speechless!

There are no words that I can possibly say or write that will tell you of the thrill I had when our Temple President Tom Johnson made the announcement that a stained glass window, depicting the "Tree of Life," had been made and installed, and donated in my honor.

This has been my dream since we started having the stained glass windows—that I would choose this theme for MY window, but one which I never thought would be realized.

I do not know how it was planned, but I can only say from the bottom of my heart that I am sooo eternally grateful to Sisterhood and all of those who contributed to purchasing the window dedicated in my honor.

My thanks also to our member Jay Bavers and his partner Glenna, of the East Jordan Glass Works, for making such a beautiful window.

How appropriate that it should be on the wall adjacent to the beautiful wooden "Tree of Life" which my husband Clarence planned and started. Unfortunately, he died as a result of a car accident before it could be completed, and our Temple Board found an artisan who did the balance of the "Tree".

The more than 50 years that I have served our Temple and Sisterhood in various offices and many capacities, have been years of love and gratitude that I could contribute in any way to making our Temple the wonderful Jewish center that it is. We have served our Northern Michigan Jewish community for 112 consecutive years and hopefully, will continue to be active for another 112 years and more.

In addition to the honor of having the window dedicated to me, Jeremiah Johnson, age 10, also wrote and read a poem in my honor, for which I was honored. He is very talented and I am sure we will be reading more of his work in the future. The future of the Newsletter will be a testimony to him!

So, again, many, many thanks to all for the honors bestowed upon me.

Gratefully yours—

Rosalyn

## ■ RABBI SANDRA'S CORNER ■



Just a few weeks ago, in the Hebrew month of Nissan, we focused on our ancient struggles. Although each of us is obligated to see ourselves as personally having gone out from Egypt ["You shall tell your child on that very day: 'It is because of this that God did for me when I went out from Egypt.'"] (Ex. 13:8)], Passover is part of our biblical heritage.

The month of May brings a number of Jewish celebrations which re-focus our attention from ancient times to modern day and the State of Israel. May 1<sup>st</sup> (26 Nissan) is Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on which we remember the six million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis. Seven days later, on May 8<sup>th</sup> (3 Iyar) we celebrate Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day. On the day before Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel observes Yom Hazikaron, a day for all those who have given their lives fighting for, and subsequently defending, the State of Israel. As with other Jewish holidays, these observances have both religious and national significance.

I was very privileged last year during my time in Israel to observe these three significant days while living in Jerusalem. I remember that on Yom HaShoah and on Yom Hazikaron an air raid siren sounds, and all activity, including traffic, immediately ceases. People get out of their cars, even on busy highways, and stand in respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Last year in Jerusalem, this year in Petoskey!! Not exactly the last line of the Passover seder, but for me just as significant. Amazed at how swiftly this year has passed, and in awe of the experiences it has brought, I am very grateful to the members of Temple B'nai Israel for the privilege of having served as your student rabbi. The honor of leading the congregation in prayer was richly enhanced by your kindness and patience. Each and every one of our experiences and the individuals who touch our lives contribute to making us who we are. As I continue on my path to the rabbinate, it is with warm regard and much gratitude that I carry your insights, enthusiasm for learning and love of Judaism with me.

B'shalom v' todah,  
Sandra Bellush

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### Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial Day

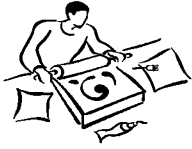
Although the events that Yom HaShoah commemorates took place in Europe, the origins of Yom HaShoah itself lie in Israel.

It was the Israeli government, in 1953, that first established this date as a day to commemorate the Holocaust and honor the memories of the martyrs who died during that terrible time.

Services are held on Yom HaShoah in which Yizkor candles are lit and special prayers are read. Some congregations light six candles for the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust (though other congregations have other customs). The Mourner's Kaddish is read by the congregation.

For those congregations who do not hold special services in remembrance, the Mourner's Kaddish is read by individuals at home.

## MAZEL TOV!



... to JEREMIAH JOHNSON, son of VALERIE MEYERSON and TOM JOHNSON of

Petoskey. JEREMIAH, a ten-year old Central Elementary School student, was named one of the 58 first place winners in the recent Creative Kids Design-An-Ad contest sponsored by the Petoskey News Review.

JEREMIAH'S ad was for American Spoon Foods.

... to ANNIE JOHNSON, daughter of VALERIE MEYERSON and TOM JOHNSON



of Petoskey. ANNIE, an eight-year-old third grader at Central Elementary School, recently won an essay contest sponsored by the Child Abuse Council, the Women's Resource Center and other area agencies. The contest's theme was "What makes a Good Parent?"

ANNIE'S essay reads:

"A good parent talks so I can understand them. They show they love you by giving you clothes and a nice house. They should inspire me to do things I never did before. They should teach me right from wrong. They should teach me to be polite in restaurants, to not act like a pig. They should be smart and educated. Parents should be able to teach me things about life. Parents should take care of me when I am sick. They should have jobs and earn money to feed me, take care of me. And, in return, I should love them and all the things they do for me."

## ■HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!■



This is a story that should be told  
Of God sitting on his throne of ivory and gold:

The cherubs who were getting ready for birth  
To be sent down from heaven to the earth,  
Were asking Him questions, and wanted to know  
Of things that would happen as they started to grow.

God said "I'll send an angel to hold you tight,  
And stay there with you, day and night.  
She'll hold you and soothe you, if you should cry.  
And at night she'll rock you and sing a lullaby.  
She'll cook for you, and sometimes give you a treat,  
And she will know all the things that you should eat.  
She'll bathe you and dress you and you will look charming,  
And she will call you her little darling.  
She'll play with you and sometimes take you to the park,  
And see that you get home safely before it is dark.  
The angel will look after you and do as I've bidden,  
But from you, her love will never be hidden.  
There are so many memories she'll make each day,  
And with you, all of them will always stay."

But what should we call her, when we want her to come?"  
Then God answered wisely—

"You can call her Mom."

By Rosalyn

## ■ LANGUAGE LESSON, PART FOUR ■



You said you liked our lessons—  
You asked for more and more!  
So, just to help you with your Yiddish—  
Here's our Lesson Number Four.

By Rosalyn

Hok a tchynik	To talk your ears off; nagging
Hoo-ha!	Astonishment. You were kidding?
Hondel	To negotiate
Hora	Circle dance while holding hands. A must for weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and celebrations.
Kibbitz, Kibbitzer	Someone who looks over your shoulder and tells you which card to play.
Kineahora	Magical expression to ward off the "evil eye," as in "My child is graduating school this spring, kineahora."
Kishka, Kishkas	A kind of sausage. Your insides, belly, as in "Oy, I got shpilkes in my Kishkas."
Knish	A small baked square of dough stuffed with delicious delights, such as potato, spinach, mushroom and even fruit or cheese.
K'nocker	Big-shot, show-off
Kosher	Originally denoted that which is "fit" and "proper." Foods permitted to be eaten by people who observe the Jewish dietary laws. In slang, it has come to mean authentic, trustworthy, reliable and clean.
Kvell	Bursting with pride.
Kvetch	To complain, gripe, fret or carp unduly.

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## ■ MAY YAHRZEITS ■

**Harry Goldstick**

**Brother-in-Law of Rosalyn Goldstick**

**May 3, 2000**

**Stuart G. Garson**

**Husband of Karen Barone Garson**

**May 4, 1997**

**Max Jepper**

**Father of Sandra LaLonde**

**May 17, 1995**

**Loretta Goldstick**

**Sister-in-Law of Rosalyn Goldstick**

**May 23**

**Adele Siegel Mayer**

**Mother of Martin Mayer**

**May 25, 1944**

**Esther Goldstick Miles**

**Sister-in-Law of Rosalyn Goldstick**

**May 27, 1997**

**Abraham Ran**

**Husband of Betty Nemer Ran**

**May 30, 1997**

**Gerard Scheer**

**Father of Gail Willens**

**Gerri Lester**

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## Happy Birthday!

We are always the same age inside.

Gertrude Stein

Your birthday is a reminder that God put you here for a purpose. Remember how much your presence enriches the lives of others.

5/2	Gail Willens
5/8	Jessie Stern
5/10	Harriet Shapack
5/12	Barbara Horowitz
5/12	Myron Curzan
5/13	Judy Zuebach
5/14	Aileen Kleiman
5/14	Sherman Friedman
5/17	Jennifer Gelb
5/17	Sidney Moss
5/21	Mary Jean Meyerson
5/21	Bertha Heller
5/21	Karen Garson
5/22	Dr. Harold Friedman
5/23	Dr. Josh Meyerson
5/24	Jack Ruby
5/26	Sally Mayer
5/27	Anita Schneider
5/31	Carol Engelman
5/31	Judy Klass

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## Sorry We Missed You!

Our sincere apologies for missing the April 28<sup>th</sup> birthday of Meyer Seltzer. Happy belated birthday, Meyer!

## Children's Birthdays!

The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything.

Oscar Wilde

5/27/88 Nicholas Jared Miller

5/29/02 Rachel Nicole Blum

FYI: Upon reaching age 21, children are taken off our "Children's Birthdays" list. They are considered "adults," but are not listed with the adult birthdays until they can be considered heads of households.

## Happy Anniversary!

A happy marriage is a long conversation that always seems too short.

Andre Maurois

5/12 Kathryn and Richard Lenter

5/11/99 Jennifer and Brian Gelb

5/24/42 Bess and Arthur Hurrand

5/27/73 Barbara and Michael Horowitz

5/28/95 Dr. Josh and Mary Jean Meyerson











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# MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Yom HaShoah	<p> <u>7:16 p.m.</u></p> <p>7 p.m. Shabbat Services with Rabbi Sandra Bellush</p> <p>Dessert potluck to follow</p>	<p>10 a.m. Religious School</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Bless the pets ceremony with Rabbi Sandra Bellush</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Yom Hazikar	<p>Israel Independence Day</p> 	<p> <u>7:23 p.m.</u></p>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Mother's Day</p> 	7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting				<p> <u>7:31 p.m.</u></p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10 a.m. Religious School					<p> <u>7:37 p.m.</u></p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<p>Memorial Day</p> 				<p> <u>7:44 p.m.</u></p>	



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☞ In honor of the birth of her granddaughter, Talya Edeet ☞

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Temple Sisterhood

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Beverly Holden

☞ To wish Bertha Molasky good health ☞

☞ Congratulations to Matt Malkowski on making the Dean's list in his nursing program ☞



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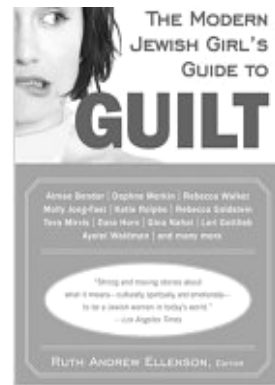
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## **READER'S CORNER**

### **The Modern Jewish Girl's Guide to Guilt**

Edited by Ruth Andrew Ellenson  
Plume (Paperback) \$15

Publisher's Weekly Review Provided by Elisa Seltzer



Rabbi's daughter Ellenson's wide-ranging and thought-provoking collection touches on familiar--mothers, marriage and bacon--as well as less obvious, but equally potent, sources of guilt. In one of the strongest essays, Susan Shapiro explains how she's done what most women only fantasize about: declined social engagements and cut back on granting favors so she can do what she wants. It's selfish, she admits, but she's happier. Binnie Kirshenbaum manages to retain a sense of humor despite being greeted with "When are you going to grow up and have a family?" whenever talk turns to her childlessness.

Humor is a staple for many of Ellenson's writers, among them Lori Gottlieb, whose "loving but lethal" mother seems to have been pulled from central casting. But Gottlieb captures the right tone, and the result is fresh and funny. As is Sharon Brous' recollection of being reprimanded by a religious Jew for placing an unopened bottle of salad dressing on a kitchen counter. "I was mortified and guilt-ridden-as much by my stupid mistake as by the fact that I didn't understand half the words she was shouting at me." Her solution: she is now a rabbi. That won't work for everyone, but given the variety of approaches offered here, most readers will find something to help assuage their guilty consciences.

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