



Temple B'Nai Israel

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Our One Hundred Eleventh Year of Consecutive Service

TBI WELCOMES NEW CANTOR



For much of the past 20 years, Cantor Richard Schwartz has served individuals and communities as a synagogue soloist, religious leader, life-cycle officiant, teacher, music specialist, choir director, B'nai Mitzvah instructor, Jewish music consultant, performer, songwriter, and concert producer.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in vocal performance from the University of Massachusetts and shortly following his graduation came to Los Angeles where he trained for the cantorate successively with cantors Samuel Kelemer, William Sharlin and Nate Lam.

Cantor Schwartz is a Fellow of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and is a commissioned and invested member of both the American Conference of Cantors (Reform) and the Cantors Assembly (Conservative).

For a more detailed introduction to Cantor Schwartz, please see page three.

MEET THE CANTOR ON JULY 6, 2008

Please join us at the TBI Social Hall at 4 p.m. on July 6th for a special potluck in honor of our new Cantor.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet Cantor Schwartz and his family while reconnecting with other TBI members and their families.

The Temple will provide a main dish for the potluck and we hope everyone will bring a dish to pass.

For more information, please contact Tom Johnson at 487-1661.

BREAKING NEWS:

Jewish Women's Foundation Awards 2008 Grant to Temple B'nai Israel

The Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit's (JWF) Board of Trustees has announced Temple B'Nai Israel is among their 2008 grant recipients

TBI's grant proposal, "Growing Jewish Families," was one of twelve selected for funding by the JWF.

TBI was awarded \$12,150, to . . . "develop a stronger Jewish community in Northern Michigan by offering Jewish programming for tots, teens and women with the goal of enabling Jewish families in the broader Petoskey area to raise their children Jewishly, enjoy Jewish learning and experience life cycle and social activities in a Jewish context."

For more information on TBI's grant proposal, please turn to page four of the newsletter.



BLESS THE PETS JULY 26



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

We have rescheduled our special "Bless the Pets" ceremony to take place July 26th at 11 a.m.

Please feel free to bring your dog, your cat, your goldfish, or even your iguana (!) to the Temple Garden at 11 a.m. for a brief ceremony (after which you can show off your special friend).

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

■THE NEWSLETTER■

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

We would love to hear from you!

The Newsletter is your forum—all contributions are welcome (including comments and corrections). Submissions made before the 15th are greatly appreciated. If you would like to have something published in an upcoming issue, please call, write or e-mail:

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■THE "E-NEWSLETTER"■

In keeping with the spirit of conservation (both paper and postage), we are happy to announce the creation of the Temple B'nai Israel "e-newsletter."

Each recipient who switches from the traditional paper format to the on-line delivery will save the temple approximately 75¢ per month (while making an easy contribution toward our environmental initiative).

If you would like to begin receiving your newsletter in a PDF document, please take a moment and send an email to jpage@retailbackbone.com with the subject "Electronic Temple Newsletter."

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■GOOD SHABBOS!■



Candle Lighting Times:

7/4	9:13 p.m.
7/11	9:09 p.m.
7/18	9:04 p.m.
7/25	8:57 p.m.

■CORRECTIONS■

Our sincere apologies for the following:

- ESM^{AE} GOLD, we got your name right 80% of the time, but transposed the letters once (p. 5). Sorry!
- Harbor Spring should have been Harbor Springs (p. 1)

And, finally, a HUGE apology and correction:

Our Yahrzeit list has shown the name of Ron Weisberger for some time, but we are glad to report that our Dr. Ron is very alive and well! And, he and wife Deborah still live in Mullett Lake.

He might have acted like an angel while he was our Temple treasurer for many years, but the Yahrzeit list should have shown his parents' names—not his!

His mother, Molly Weisberger's death was April 20, 2000, and his father Harry Weisberger's was November 26, 1996.

CANTOR RICHARD SCHWARTZ: AN INTRODUCTION

Born and raised on Long Island, NY, Cantor Richard Schwartz attended Jewish day school through the 12th grade, and spent one year in Israel as part of the American Class at K'far Blum. He graduated the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance and following graduation, lived in Munich for one year performing Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs at numerous venues throughout Germany, teaching, and studying German and music.

In 1985 Cantor Schwartz moved to Los Angeles and trained for the cantorate working successively with cantors Samuel Kelemer, William Sharlin and Nate Lam. In addition to pursuing a career as a singer-songwriter for much of the past twenty years he has served communities and individuals in the Los Angeles area leading services, officiating at life-cycle events, training B'nai Mitzvah, directing ensembles, teaching, leading children and adults in song, composing and performing in, and producing, concerts.

Cantor Schwartz' commitment as a religious leader is to inspire to know God through prayer, words, and song. By passionately singing and creatively teaching adults and children about sacred Jewish music, texts, and traditions, Cantor Schwartz helps people experience Judaism in a meaningful, joyous, and transformative way.

Cantor Schwartz is a Fellow of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and is a commissioned and invested member of both the American Conference of Cantors (Reform) and Cantors Assembly (Conservative).

Cantor Schwartz and his wife Lily—along with their daughter, Lyric—will be making their home for the summer at the Rabbi house located behind the temple.

Please join us in welcoming the Cantor and his family at our Meet the Cantor potluck gathering on Sunday, July 6 at the TBI Social Hall.

■ TORAH STUDY WITH THE CANTOR ■



Two Torah study sessions are scheduled for the month of July.

The first session with Cantor Schwartz is July 9th at 11 a.m. at the TBI Social Hall (everyone is invited to bring a bag lunch for after study).

The second session is scheduled for July 16 at 7 p.m.

Time and date for future Torah Studies will be determined and announced at that time.

■ NEW TRIBUTE CARDS ■

User friendly Temple B'nai Israel Tribute Cards can now be purchased in the foyer prior to Friday night services.

A packet of five cards and envelopes can be purchased for \$90.00—Chai times five. You can write in the fund name of your choice, the name of the person being honored or remembered, and a personal note if you so choose. If you would like your tribute to be listed in the Newsletter, just mail in the Temple pre-addressed postcard and la Voila—it will appear in print. Snow bird members can take the packet with them to be used at their convenience. Stop berating yourself with "Why didn't I . . . ?" Now you can!



Jewish Women's Foundation Awards 2008 Grant

TBI Proposal: "Growing Jewish Families"

. . . We would like to provide a three tiered program, three threads woven together to make a strong community:

1. Provide a venue for new Jewish mothers to learn Jewish rituals and customs in a warm, encouraging setting;
2. Provide an avenue for our teens and tweens to strengthen the bond to their Jewish community; and
3. Provide a place for all Jewish women in northern Michigan to stay connected with each other, their Jewish values, their roots.



The three main threads of our project would weave our young moms, and our teen girls, within all the Jewish women of the community by providing an avenue to work and learn together. The bonds created will strengthen all of our commitments to our Jewish heritage. We have a small but mighty community. It is truly amazing what this group of people provide, without a Rabbi, without staff, and with very little money. The Jewish women and families are dedicated to their Jewish heritage and dedicated to keeping the congregation strong. With funding from the Jewish Women's Foundation, we can truly make a difference in the continued strength, support, and Jewish identity in Northern Michigan . . .



To join the JWF or to become a 10th Anniversary sponsor, please contact Helen Katz, JWF Director, or Lisa Brown, JWF Associate Director, at 248.642.4260.

(For the complete text of the press release, as well as additional information on the JWF, please go to www.jewishdetroit.org)

■ JULY YAHRZEITS ■

Helen Scheer

July 1, 2005
Mother of Gail Willens

Irvin Goldman

July 10, 1994
Husband of Anne Tauber Goldman, Step-Father Joel Tauber

Mary Goldberg

July 15, 1971
Grandmother of Judy Klass

Alfred B. Frank

July 23, 1959
Father of Dr. Alfred B. Frank

Leonard B. Shulman

July 24, 2005
Husband of Gail Shulman

Stacy Holden Schwartzfisher McCracken

July 25, 1992
Daughter of Beverly Holden

Seymour Heller

July 25, 1984
Husband of Berta Heller

D. Murray Rubin

Father of Lawrence A. Rubin

Tom Nover

Brother of Jack Nover

Sarah Fixler

Mother of Hilda Erman, Grandmother of Melvy Levy

Fanny Fasler

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Mother of Dr. Jerry Sitner

Sarah Willens

Mother of Robert Willens, Grandmother of Hal Willens

Saul Kling

Father of Aileen Kleiman

Jeff Anbender

Huband of Bonnie Anbender

Eileen Goodman

Cousin of Irene Stein

Seymour Osher

Father of David Osher

Joseph Cohen

Lillian Weinbaum

■ LANGUAGE LESSON, PART SIX ■



You might really be in a fix,
If we didn't give you Lesson Six!

Meshugge, Meshuggeneh	Crazy, obsessive
Mezuzah	The small object containing parchment with verses from Deuteronomy affixed to the doorpost of Jewish homes and businesses
Milchedig	Of milk; dairy products, utensils and equipment used with dairy products
Mishegoss	Silliness, absurdity, nonsense
Mish-mosh	A mess, everything mixed in
Mishpocheh	Family
Mitzvah	Divine commandment; a good deed
Nachas	Pleasure; pride, particularly as related to your children and their achievements
Narrishkeit	Foolishness; trivial
Nebbish	A wimp, nerd, dork
Nosh	A snack
Nu	So? Expression in Yiddish with many subtle meanings, depending on inflection, used almost as much as "oy," entire conversations can be conducted using only the word "nu."
Nudnick	A pest and a bore
Nudzh	Similar to nudge, but from the Russian "to fret"; to nag or pester
Onegepotchket	Thrown together without sense; overdone, over-the-top
Oy	If you only know the word "oy" you can converse in Yiddish; add nu, and you can make a speech. Capable of expressing the gamut from delight to despair.
Oy Vay	Oh, woe!

MAZEL TOV!

... to DR. HAL WILLENS, whose smiling face graces a giant Northern Michigan Hospitals billboard at the intersection of US 131 and M-75.



... to DR. LOUIS CANNON, who is once again chairing the Lub, Dub, and Splash cardiology conference (a joint conference hosted by NMH and Beaumont Hospital) at Boyne Mountain July 11-13, 2008. This conference—attended by approximately 350 doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel—is great for our area and our hospital!



TEMPLE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET'S HAVE AN ONEG!!!



After every Shabbat service,
We'll have an Oneg, you see—
So if you'd like to sign up
You might just telephone me!

We'll have some time for friendship
We'll have a little nosh,
You might serve just a little,
Or you could make it really posh!

You might like to bake some goodies,
Or it might be just challah and some wine—
Whatever you would like to serve,
We know it would be just fine.

You can do it with a helper or
You can do it all alone.
And, if you need to change the date,
Well, it isn't set in stone.

By Rosalyn

Yeah, we love to have an Oneg after each
Shabbat service. It is fun to be together and
schmooze a little.

We will have a "Sign Up Sheet"
posted on the refrigerator as usual,
and ask that you designate which
Friday evening you would like to
be the host or hostess or a
combination of either. (Oh,
yeah—the men do a great job, too!)



If you have any particular date that is easiest for
you, please sign up quickly, or call Rosalyn (231-
547-2636) to help schedule your dates.

■BABY NAMING■

There will be a baby naming
ceremony for Maksym
Malkowski on Friday, July 25
as part of Shabbat Services.



Please join Maksym's mother,
Jamie Swartzfisher, to share
the joy of this blessed event.

■ RAISING THE HEAT ON CONGRESS ■

"Climate change, the most urgent, multifaceted
and complex issue facing our nation and our
world, is too significant to leave unresolved by this
Congress," said Rabbi David
Saperstein this week after
the Senate failed to act on
pending legislation.



"As Congress considers
climate change legislation
in the future, the Reform
Movement will remain at
the forefront of those
committed to act on behalf
of the earth, our national
security, international
stability, and the poorest
people worldwide."

■VOICES OF THE NEXT GENERATION■

We would love to see the column
Voices of the Next Generation
become a regular feature of the TBI
Newsletter.



Please submit your children's essays,
artwork or prose for inclusion in upcoming issues—
their voices truly are the future!

Happy Birthday!

You can only perceive real beauty in a person as they get older.

Anouk Aimee, Actress (b. 1932)

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

7-01	Murray L. Blum
7-03	Eleanor Freedman
7-09	Richard Shapack
7-10	Albert Colman
7-12	Toby Haberman
7-14	Berta Molasky
7-15	Robert Moers
7-16	Dr. Alfred Frank
7-17	Gilda Cohen
7-17	Dr. Richard Salzer
7-22	John Mayer
7-23	Arthur Hurrand
7-23	Shelby Tauber
7-24	Robert Perish
7-28	Tom Caldwell
7-30	Joanne Karff
7-31	Paul Hack
7-31	Andrew Ellison

Children's Birthdays!

Young people are in a condition like permanent intoxication, because youth is sweet and they are growing.

Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 - 322 BC)

7-05	David Stanley
7-05-95	Casey Gold
7-13-73	Mark Willens
7-21-99	Asa Gold
7-24-88	Michael Rubens

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!

To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong, admit it—
Whenever you're right, shut up.

Ogden Nash, Writer (1873-1947)

7-01-90	Anita and Henry Schneider
7-01-69	Sandra and Robert Moers
7-05-90	Therese Rasch and Jack Levy
7-05-64	Dr. Marshal and Jane Cossman
7-05-69	Richard and Harriet Shapack
7-06-58	Harriet and Sid Israel
7-15-71	Judi and Ivan Zuiebach
7-16-78	Lynn and Elliot Margolis
7-18-46	Dr. Henriette and Leo Kaplan

Wishing you sweet summery celebrations and many happy returns.

Hopefully we will get all of the lists corrected soon.

Any changes, additions, corrections or omissions should be reported to our "Keeper of the Lists," Editor Emeritus, Rosalyn Goldstick:

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In addition, contributions to the Sisterhood may be made by sending them to:

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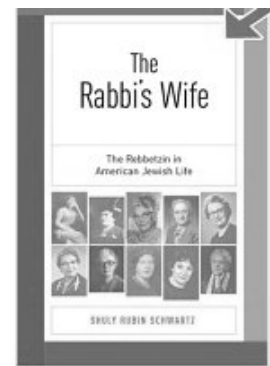
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BOOK SHELF

The Rabbi's Wife: The Rabbetzin in American Jewish Life

by Shuly Rubin Schwartz

NYU Press (Paperback: \$18.95)



Winner of the 2008 National Jewish Book Award in Modern Jewish Thought, Shuly Rubin Schwartz examines female religious leadership by way of acknowledging the Jewish religious and communal leaders who have rarely been the focus of scholarly work: the Rabbetzin. Schwartz has crafted a multi-layered, rich, candid and eye-opening book that will no doubt make you look somewhat differently at “the rabbi's wife.”

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