

B'nai Israel

The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel

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Rabbi's Note

“For sale: baby shoes, never worn.” Ernest Hemingway had a way with words. No doubt that many of his stories will be known for centuries to come as some of the finest of our time. If you were asked to write a story in exactly six words, what would those words be? Literal? Figurative? What if you were asked to write an autobiography daily, by using only six word memoirs? This is a challenge that I have chosen to take on this year. Every day, taking the time to write out six words that define that day, some days using literal experiences, other days figurative.

On Yom Kippur, I spoke about highway hypnosis, the ability to go through regular activities without remembering how you arrived at the end. I invite you to join me in the six-word memoir challenge, a way to be sure that after every day we can process and deconstruct it. And, as a bonus, by the end of the year you have an amazing book full of memories to reflect on.



*L'shalom,
Ben*

Annual Board Meeting

The annual meeting for all temple members will be held Nov. 6th at 12:30 p.m., following Sunday School. A potluck lunch will be served, with bagels provided by the Board.

The Board encourages everyone to attend, as the itinerary includes a review of the temple's budget for past and upcoming years, building and maintenance issues, and the yearly review of our Sunday School and other activities.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or learning more, please contact President Joshua Meyerson, at (231) 347-5402 or JMeyerson43@gmail.com.



November Events

Fri., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. — **Community Shabbat**
Sun., Nov. 6, 10 a.m. — **Sunday School**
Sun., Nov. 6, 12:30 p.m. — **Annual Meeting**
Fri., Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. — **Community Shabbat**
Fri., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. — **Shabbat Services w/
Rabbi Ben Azriel**
Sun., Nov. 20, 10:00 a.m. — **Sunday School**
Fri., Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. — **Community Shabbat**



Women's Retreat

The Women's and Girls' Shalom Retreat: Finding Peace through Fellowship, Learning, and Relaxation, will take place from November 11th to the 13th, at the Munising Holiday Inn Express. Funded by the generous support of the Jewish Women's Foundation of Detroit, and sponsored by the L'dor V'dor Consortium, the retreat will consist of a relaxing weekend of learning, with the guidance of Jewish community leader Margot Valles, during which attendees can meet and connect with other Jewish women and girls from across the state. Shabbat services, dinner, and a Havdalah celebration are all included. Please visit <http://bit.do/nov16> by Nov. 3rd, for room rates and to register. For more information, contact Carol Ellstein, at cgeinstein@gmail.com, or Betty Line, at chelsea@alphacomm.net.

Trees & Tribes

Thanks to the generous support of all those who contributed to the Trees and Tribes fundraiser, the cedars delineating the Jewish section in Greenwood Cemetery are now in place. Next spring, after the cedars have taken hold, we will install marker stones with plaques honoring the donors who sponsored the trees.

Cedars are still available for sponsorship. If interested, please contact Tom Johnson, Board Treasurer, at tjohnson9916@charter.net.

New Members


The temple is proud to welcome the following new members.

Erica Schwartzfisher—Petoskey, MI
Gail Shulman—Walloon Lake, MI
Michael Fishman and Sonny Barnett—
Birmingham, MI
Gary and Carol Hurand—Grand Blanc, MI

Prayer Book Update

The Ravitz Foundation has funded twenty Plaut Commentaries, which the temple will purchase this November. (Twenty additional Plaut Commentaries will also be purchased, to ensure sufficient volume for all services.) These commentaries will replace the Soncino Chumash Commentaries, which feature outdated language and are no longer reputable within mainstream contemporary Jewish worship. If interested in sponsoring a volume, simply make a \$75 donation to the temple's Prayer Book Fund, or contact the treasurer for more information.

Donations Received

<p><u>High Holy Day Fund</u></p> <p>Elizabeth Frey Gerald Lorence Michael and Rita Lindemann Rachel Goodstein Louis and Sally Cannon Rhoda Raider Richard and Kathryn Lenter William and Beverly Boas Irving Friedman Naomi Overton Norman and Karan Weinberg Leonard Senkfor and Gilda Cohen Ruth and Robert Glass</p>	<p><u>Patron-Level Dues</u></p> <p>Gary and Carol Hurand Michael Fishman and Sonny Barnett</p>
<p><u>Rabbinic Fund</u></p> <p>Hank and Anita Schneider—<i>in honor of Tom Johnson's conversion ceremony</i></p>	<p><u>Perpetual Kaddish Fund</u></p> <p>Pam Ovshinsky—<i>in memory of Joan Karff, Blanche Engelman, and Rhoda Lampert</i> Charles and Barbara Glueck—<i>in memory of Joan Karff</i> Valerie Meyerson and Thomas Johnson—<i>in memory of Joan Karff</i></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

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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 PO Box 2416
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For times of bereavement and remembrance, the **Chebra Kadi-sha** group stocks items, including Shiva candles, Kria ribbons, and *yarhtzeit* candles. Items are stored in the basement bookshelf. To purchase or learn more, please contact Sally Cannon or Carol Ellstein.

Corrections _____

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

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Calendar of Events
 Tishrei / Cheshvan | November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct. 30	31	Nov. 1	2	3	4 7:30 – Community Shabbat 6:03	5 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> <i>Parshat Noach</i>
6 10 a.m. – Sunday School 12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:55	12 <i>Parshat Lech-Lecha</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18 7:30 – Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi Ben Azriel 4:48	19 <i>Parshat Vayeira</i>
20 10 a.m. – Sunday School	21	22	23	24	25 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:44	26 <i>Parshat Chayei Sarah</i>
27	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2 7:30 – Community Shabbat 4:42	3 <i>Parshat Toldot</i>