

# B'nai Israel

The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel

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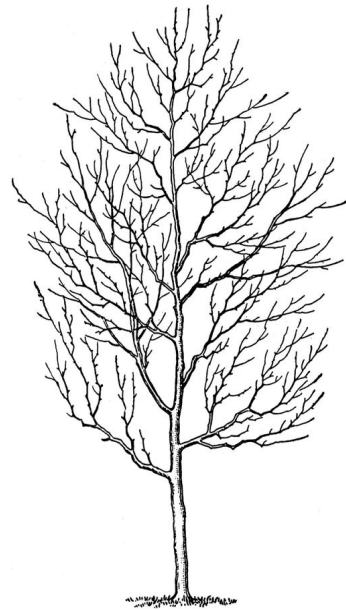
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The prospect is bare and white,  
And the air is crisp and chill,  
While ebon wings of night  
Are spread on the distant hill.

The roar of the stormy sea  
Seem the dirges shrill and sharp  
That winter plays upon the tree,  
His wild Aeolian harp.

In the pool that darkly creeps,  
In ripples before the gale,  
A star like a lily sleeps  
And wiggles its silver tail.

—“Winter Dusk,” by R.K.  
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## Save the Date — Purim Retreat

Temple B'nai Israel is excited to announce this year's Intergenerational Purim Retreat, which will take place the weekend of March 10th, in Sault Ste. Marie. This event has been organized through the volunteer collaboration between the L'Dor V'Dor Consortium (which consists of seven synagogues across Michigan and Canada), the Jewish Women's Foundation, and the Ravitz Foundation. We are looking forward to another weekend of family, food, and faith, and hope you can join us!

For more information, contact Carol Ellstein at [cgeinstein@gmail.com](mailto:cgeinstein@gmail.com).



### February Events

- Fri., Feb. 3, 6 p.m. — **Family Shabbat Potluck**
- Sun., Feb. 5, 10 a.m. — **Sunday School**
- Sun., Feb. 5 — **Tu B'Shevat Seder**
- Mon., Feb. 13, 7 p.m. — **Temple Board Meeting**
- Fri., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. — **Tot Shabbat**
- Fri., Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. — **Shabbat Services w/  
Rabbi Ben Azriel**
- Sat., Feb. 18, 10 a.m. — **Beginning Hebrew w/  
Rabbi Ben Azriel**
- Sun., Feb. 19, 10 a.m. — **Sunday School**

### March Events

- Fri., Mar. 3, 6 p.m. — **Family Shabbat Potluck**
- Sun., Mar. 5, 10 a.m. — **Sunday School**
- Sun., Mar. 5 — **Purim Seder**
- Fri., Mar. 10 — **Intergenerational Retreat Begins**
- Mon., Mar. 13, 7 p.m. — **Temple Board Meeting**
- Fri., Mar. 17, 5:30 p.m. — **Tot Shabbat**
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### Women Who Made a Difference

*Editor's Note: The following is the first installment in the ongoing series of biographies called "Women Who Made a Difference," written by several volunteer temple historians, chronicling the lives of active and influential women of Temple B'nai Israel. This month's subject is Minnie Rosenthal.*

Wilhelmina (Minnie) Von Wunderlich Rosenthal, born in 1886, was the wife of Alick Rosenthal, the daughter-in-law of founding member Samuel Rosenthal, the aunt of Irene Gordon, and the great-aunt of current member Gloria Gordon Levine. After emigrating from Poland with her family, Minnie grew up in Chicago and eventually settled with her new husband in his hometown of Petoskey.

The entire northern Michigan community greatly benefited from their presence. Alick helped to grow his father's department store, S. Rosenthal & Sons, while Minnie assisted in establishing both a Michigan and temple chapter of the National Federation of Sisterhoods. Together, the couple, who had no children, welcomed their young niece Irene into their home and then created a Sunday school for the fledgling temple's first children.

Minnie served as the Sisterhood's first vice president and second president. During her term, the state conference was held in Petoskey. Minnie's term as Sisterhood president continued until her death, in 1939.



### Donations Received

<p><b><u>Patron Level Dues</u></b> Harold and Gail Willens</p>	<p><b><u>Perpetual Kaddish Fund</u></b> Carol Ellstein and Joseph Wildberg—<i>in memory of Rosalyn Goldstick</i> David Miles—<i>in memory of Rosalyn Goldstick</i> American Legion, Leslie Shapton, Unit #226—<i>in memory of Rosalyn Goldstick</i></p>
<p><b><u>General Fund</u></b> Sandra Glazier Daniel and Denise Hamburger Karen and Gerald Adams</p>	
<p><b><u>Rabbinic Fund</u></b> Edward Frank—<i>in honor of Ben Azriel</i></p>	

### 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](mailto:tjohnson9916@charter.net).

For times of bereavement and remembrance, the **Chevra Kadisha** 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.

### 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

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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 My contribution is in honor or memory of:  
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Circle which fund you are designating (above) and then mail your check and this completed form to:

Tom Johnson, Treasurer  
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### Corrections

In last month's Patron-level Donors, the Joseph Wildberg was incorrectly listed as Gloria Levine.

In last month's Patron-level Donors, Isaac and Lindsey Kaufman's surname was incorrectly stated to be Cannon.

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


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**Calendar of Events**  
 Shevat / Adar | February

**2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan. 29	30	31	Feb. 1	2	3 6 – Family Shabbat Potluck 5:32 	4 <i>Parshat Bo</i>
5 10 a.m. – Sunday School & Tu B'Shevat Seder	6	7	8	9	10 5:42 	11 <i>Parshat Beshalach</i> <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>
12	13 7 p.m. – Temple Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 5:30 – Tot Shabbat 7:30 – Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi Ben 5:52 	18 <i>Parshat Yitro</i> 10 a.m. – Beginning Hebrew w/ Rabbi Ben
19 10 a.m. – Sunday School	20	21	22	23	24 6:02 	25 <i>Parshat Mishpatim</i>
26 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	27	28	Mar. 1	2	3 6 – Family Shabbat Potluck 6:12 	4 <i>Parshat Terumah</i>