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The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel

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Rabbi's Corner

Our tradition teaches us that there is not just one beginning to the year, but rather that there are many. One of those beginnings is Passover, which is only a few days away. We are taught that as we are now six months past our last High Holiday season and less than six months away from the next, we should pause to reflect and reset our minds as the year careens by. While we have surely overcome many obstacles in the past six months, there are many we have yet to face. As we prepare to celebrate Passover, we pray that this time of happiness and joy is one that will fuel our spiritual needs as we continue to be sealed in the book of Good Life.

*L'shalom,
Ben*



Passover Seder

The Temple B'nai Israel Community Passover Seder will be held at 4:30 p.m. on April 15th in the social hall. The Sunday school will be organizing and helping Rabbi Ben lead the Seder, with a very accessible yet thorough Haggadah.

The students have been studying hard, and your participation will help bring the event together. We will be celebrating family style, so plan on bringing a dish and your family Seder plate if it is handy. Because we will be enjoying a brisket or two (of great acclaim), we will refrain from any dairy dishes at the Seder. Please plan on bringing your favorite kosher dish to pass, as well as a copy of the recipe or a bottle of wine. We will compile the recipes and provide everyone with a Passover Seder cookbook and a family copy of the Haggadah.



Please contact Mark Rothman at mramdam@hotmail.com with any questions.

April Events

Mon., April 3, 7 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**
 Sun., April 9, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**
 Mon., April 10 – **Passover Begins**
 Fri., April 14, 5:30 p.m. – **Tot Shabbat**
 Fri., April 14, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Service w/
 Rabbi Ben Azriel**
 Sat., April 15, 4:30 p.m. – **Passover Seder**
 Fri., April 21 – **Women's Spring Retreat Begins**
 Sun., April 23, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**

Housing Request

Rav Maya's daughter Avishag, son-in-law Benny, and grandchildren Itamar, five, and Yoav, two-and-a-half, will be visiting us this summer from approximately August 10 to August 24. They are looking for rented accommodation in the Petoskey vicinity during that time. There are no specific requirements. If you know of an opening or would like more information, please email Rav Maya at ravmaya@gmail.com.

Save the Dates for Future Retreats!

Intergenerational Retreats
 October 20-22, 2017 (Manistique)
 March 9-11, 2018 (Sault Ste Marie)



L'Dor v'Dor

Women's Retreats
 April 21-23, 2017 (18+) (Munising)
 November 17-19, 2017 (Munising)



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.

Dues Notices

Please look for dues notices, which will be sent out this April, at the fiscal year's halfway point. If you usually pay dues in the summer or have forgotten to pay dues, please pay as soon as possible. Dues payments are essential for the Temple's operation, especially as our busy summer season approaches.

Donations Received

Patron Level Dues

Brad and Becky Kranig
Patty and Louis Beck

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Dr. Irving Friedman—in
memory of *Rosalyn
Goldstick*



Picture: Gabe Meyerson

Partygoers celebrate Purim at last month's carnival, which included games, a cakewalk, and a hamantashen baking contest.

Women's Retreat

Save the date for this spring's Northern Michigan L'dor V'Dor Consortium Women's Retreat. Join your congregational sisters from all across the state for three days of relaxation and rejuvenation on the weekend of April 21th. For registration details or more information, contact Carol Ellstein at (517) 881-0668 or cgeinstein@gmail.com.

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

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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Corrections

This space is reserved each month for corrections. If any errors 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar. 26	27	28	29	30	31	April 1 <i>Parshat Vayikra</i>
2	3 7 p.m. – Temple Board Meeting	4	5	6	7 7:49 	8 <i>Parshat Tzav</i>
9 10 a.m. – Sunday School	10 <i>Passover Begins</i>	11	12	13	14 5:30 – Tot Shabbat 7:30 – Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi Ben 8:07 	15 <i>Parshat Passover</i> 4:30 p.m. – Passover Seder
16	17	18 <i>Passover Ends</i>	19	20	21 <i>Women's Retreat Begins</i> 8:16 	22 <i>Parshat Shemini</i>
23 10 a.m. – Sunday School	24	25	26 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	27	28 8:25 	29 <i>Parshat Tazria-Metzora</i>