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Rabbi's Corner

Temple B'nai is excited to announce that Rav Maya will return to Petoskey this month. The career of Maya Leibovich, who was born in Israel, has been long and illustrious. In 1974, she graduated from the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv, with both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree. She graduated cum laude from Hebrew Union College in 1992, and that same year became the first female Sabra (native Israeli) Rabbi ordained in Israel. Rav Maya has been a rabbi with Kehilat Mevasseret Zion since 1993 and from 2010 to 2014 served as chair of the Israeli Reform Rabbinical Council. She has written and edited many publications; her latest being "Parashat Ha'Mayim," published by Ha'Kibbutz Ha'Meuhad in 2010. Rav Maya and her husband, Menachem, are excited to once again return to Petoskey for the summer.



Rabbinic Fund Drive

As we look forward to another beautiful Petoskey summer, the Temple Board is pleased to announce that Rav Maya and her husband, Menachem, will be arriving from Israel this month and will be staying in Petoskey until late August. Those who have experienced Rav Maya's services know and appreciate her leadership and expertise during Shabbat services, in-depth Torah study, and other temple events. We are very excited to have Rav Maya and Menachem back for another wonderful summer.

The temple is currently conducting its annual Rabbinic Fund Drive in order to finance Rav Maya's stay in Petoskey.

Your participation in the fundraiser will go a long way toward creating a vibrant and exciting summer season for everyone!



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June Events

Sat., June 3 – **Shavuot Campout**

Mon., June 12, 7 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**

Fri., June 23, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sun., June 25, 11 a.m. – **Adult Education**

Sun., June 25, 1 p.m. – **Welcome to Rav Maya**

Fri., June 30, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sun., July 2, 11 a.m. – **Adult Education**

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 10th to August 24th, and 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.

Dues Notices

Our semi-annual dues notices were sent out last month. If you have already made payments, thank you for your support. Dues payments are an essential part of the Temple's financing. If you haven't yet made your dues payment, please pay what you can as soon as possible.

Save the Date

Save the date for these upcoming retreats!

October 20th-22nd: Intergenerational Retreat in Manistique, featuring Klezmer music training with Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz

November 10th-12th: Women's Retreat, locale to be determined. Women and girls of all ages welcome.


In Memoriam

In this time of mourning, the Temple wishes the best to the family of Michael Freedland, of Petoskey and Venice, Florida, who passed away last month at the age of seventy-two. The founder and president of Monarch Steel, Mr. Freedland's life was filled with helping others. He cared for animals and never left home without dog treats in his pockets; his own two Labradoodles, or any dog he met along the way, were often the recipients of these treats. Mr. Freedland is survived by his beloved wife of nearly fifty years, Sue, four children and six grandchildren. An interment service was held last month at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Vehicle Loan

Rav Maya is looking for a vehicle to use over the summer. If you have a car you aren't planning to use this summer, please consider lending it to the Temple for Rav Maya's use. We will return the vehicle in the same condition as when you lent it. Your help with this project would be greatly appreciated!

Donations Received

<p><u>General Fund</u></p> <p>Charles Kiefer Hank and Anita Schneider Richard and Harriet Shapack</p>	<p><u>Rabbinic Fund</u></p> <p>The Minkin Family Foundation Charles and Barbara Glueck—<i>in memory of Dr. Helen Glueck</i></p>
	<p><u>Perpetual Kaddish Fund</u></p> <p>Valerie Meyerson and Thomas Johnson—<i>in memory of Michael Freedland</i></p>

Tree of Giving

We now have a permanent reminder of our Temple’s giving spirit in the form of a Norfolk pine tree in our social hall. A basket near the tree collects items (non-perishable foodstuffs and personal care items), which will be taken to our local food pantry. If you would like to help, please deposit only non-expired items in the basket. In addition, the tree serves as a place to post the specific needs of a person in our temple or someone in the wider community. All ideas are welcome.

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:

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Corrections _____

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

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.





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Calendar of Events
 Sivan / Tammuz | June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28	29	30	31 <i>Shavuot Begins</i>	June 1	2 9:04 	3 <i>Parshat Naso Shavuot Campout</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9 9:09 	10 <i>Parshat Behaalotecha</i>
11	12 7 p.m. – Temple Board Meeting	13	14	15	16 9:12 	17 <i>Parshat Shlach</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services 9:14 	24 <i>Parshat Korach Rosh Chodesh</i>
25 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 11 a.m. – Adult Ed 1 p.m. – Welcome to Rav Maya	26	27	28	29	30 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services 9:14 	July 1 <i>Parshat Chukat</i>