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Rabbi's Corner

Before I retired, I was the rabbi of congregation Mevasseret Zion, situated on a mountain outside Jerusalem. Many Jewish pilgrims who come to Jerusalem for the first time stop in our little town to recite the *Sh'hecheyanu* (the blessing for doing something new). Mevasseret derives its name from the prophet Isaiah, who long ago must have stopped at the then-barren mountaintop and admired King David's walled city. His prophecy is read on August 5th as the haftarah of the Shabbat Nachamu (Shabbat of Consolation). From Isaiah 40:9:

"Ascend a lofty mountain,
Oh herald of joy to Zion
Raise your voice with power,
Oh herald of joy to Jerusalem; **Cont'd on p. 2, "Rabbi's Note"**



From the President

Though August is upon us, the summer is far from over! Rav Maya is having Shabbat Services every Friday through the end of the month, assisted by Menachem and our wonderful musicians. Before each service, the musicians will practice at 6:30; feel free to join them and contribute your own musical talents. Rav Maya is also having her fabulous Lunch & Learn sessions every Sunday at 11 a.m. (Her farewell study session will be on August 27th.) Abby Baumhardt will have her Bat Mitzvah on August 19th. The Temple Summer Camp's first week began on July 31th, and continues in its second week on August 7th. The always terrific camp counselors, who are provided by Soul Train, an Israeli advocacy group, are requesting a vehicle loan for daily use. Please call me if you are willing to lend a car.

*L'shalom,
Gus*



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August Events

Tues., Aug. 1 – **Tisha B'Av**

Fri., Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m. – **Pulpit Music Rehearsal**

Fri., Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sun., Aug. 6, 11 a.m. – **Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya**

Mon., Aug. 7 – **Soul Train Camp Week Two Begins**

Fri., Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m. – **Pulpit Music Rehearsal**

Fri., Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sun., Aug. 13, 11 a.m. – **Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya**

Tues., Aug. 15, 7 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**

Fri., Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m. – **Pulpit Music Rehearsal**

Fri., Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sat., Aug. 19, 10 a.m. – **Abigail Baumhardt Bat Mitzvah**

Sun., Aug. 20, 11 a.m. – **Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya**

Tues., Aug. 22 – **Rosh Chodesh**

Fri., Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. – **Pulpit Music Rehearsal**

Fri., Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**

Sun., Aug. 27, 11 a.m. – **Farewell Lunch & Learn**

Tues., Aug. 29 – **Rav Maya and Menachem Depart**

Save the Dates

October 15th, Hot Pstromi is returning for another concert at Temple B'nai Israel! Join us, along with members of local churches and other Hot Pstromi enthusiasts, for a Sunday afternoon interfaith musical event. Hot Pstromi will incorporate a number of compositions into a discussion on klezmer and its role in sustaining Eastern European Jewry. The event is being offered by the L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium in conjunction with grants from the Jewish Women's Foundation and the Ravitz Foundation Initiative.

October 20th-22nd, Wilderness Adventure Jewish Retreat will be held at the Clear Lake Education Center in Manistique. There will be activities for people of all ages from Jewish congregations, and both rustic and comfort lodging options are available. Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz, founders of Hot Pstromi, will provide wonderful music all weekend long. Another new feature this year: a pescatarian veggie menu! For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.do/Wild17>. Other questions, contact Carol Ellstein at cgeilstein@gmail.com.

Reminder— 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.

"Rabbi's Note," cont'd from p. 1

Raise it, have no fear;
Announce to the cities of Judah:
'Behold your God.' "

When you travel to Israel, please make a stop at Mevasseret Zion on a Friday night, join congregation KAMATZ for services. If there, I should be happy to join you. Our family has two homes of prayer. One is here in Petoskey, the other is in Mevasseret Zion. I hope for a connection between the two that is not only for me, but also for you.

*L'shalom,
Maya*

Donations Received

<p>General Fund</p> <p>Gustavo & Rosanne Paz—in honor of <i>Milo Malkowski's Bar Mitzvah</i></p> <p>Gustavo & Rosanne Paz—in honor of <i>Abigail Baumhardt's Bat Mitzvah</i></p>	<p>Rabbinic Fund</p> <p>Irving Friedman Edward O'Neill & Susan Kroll Barbara Mayer</p>
<p>Perpetual Kaddish Fund</p> <p>Diane & Richard Clark—in memory of <i>Michael Freedland</i></p>	<p>Temple Garden Fund</p> <p>Alfred Ernst—in honor of <i>Hank & Anita Schneider</i></p>

Vehicle Loan

The camp counselors for the temple's summer day camp are provided by Soul Train, an Israeli advocacy group. They have always been terrific, and the kids really have a great time. We are asking for someone to volunteer the use of a car for the counselors to drive to camp every morning. If you are willing to lend a car for their use, please contact Gus Paz at guspaz@aol.com, gpaz@glenergy.com, or (231) 675-0638.

Loan Opportunities

For over a hundred years, Hebrew Free Loan has provided interest-free loans to individuals in the Jewish Community for a host of needs, including emergency expenses, medical and dental needs, college tuition, adoption, and business expenditures. For more information, visit hfldetriot.org, or email info@hfldetriot.org.

In addition, the William Davidson Jewish College Loan Program offers need-based, interest-free college and graduate school loans for Jewish U.S. citizens. For more, visit www.jewishcollegeloansmi.org.

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)

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 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 My contribution is in honor or memory of:

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Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 30 11 a.m. – Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya	31 <i>Soul Train Camp Begins</i>	Aug. 1 <i>Tisha B'Av</i>	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. – Pulpit Music Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services 8:45 	5 <i>Parshat Va'etchanan</i>
6 11 a.m. – Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya	7 <i>Soul Train Week Two Begins</i>	8	9	10	11 6:30 p.m. – Pulpit Music Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services 8:35 	12 <i>Parshat Eikev</i>
13 11 a.m. – Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya	14	15 7 p.m. – Temple Board Meeting	16	17	18 6:30 p.m. – Pulpit Music Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services 8:23 	19 <i>Parshat Re'eh</i> 10 a.m. – Abigail Baum- hardt Bat Mitzvah
20 11 a.m. – Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya	21	22 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	23	24	25 6:30 p.m. – Pulpit Music Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services 8:11 	26 <i>Parshat Shoftim</i>
27 11 a.m. – Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya	28	29 <i>Rav Maya and Menachem Depart</i>	30	31	Sept. 1 7:59 	2 <i>Parshat Ki Teitzei</i>