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# B'nai Israel

*The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel*

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## **Rabbi's Corner**

As we complete our fourth year here in Petoskey, I am reminded that four is an important number in Jewish tradition. At the Seder table, our young ones ask four questions, we drink four cups of wine, and we sing about the four sons (as well as, I hope, the four daughters). We have four matriarchs, and there are four corners of the universe.

I could go on. This is just an excuse to say thank you for the lovely summer we spent here. We cherish our time in Petoskey for many reasons, but mostly because of you: a group of wonderfully hospitable, dedicated, and kind members of a Jewish community.

In Hebrew letters, the number five is the name of God, so we must not skip next year. Hope to see you all again in June 2018.

*L'hitraot,  
Maya & Menachem*



## **From the President**

Looking back on another wonderful summer with Rav Maya and Menachem, I am both saddened by the ending of this year and excited for the beginning of a new one. This month, we will celebrate the High Holidays, beginning on the 20th with Rosh Hashanah services, and ending with our Break-the-Fast on the 30th. (See the events roster on p. 2 for all the details in between.)

On September 11th, the entire congregation is invited to the monthly board meeting, where the Building Committee will give a presentation on the proposed new rabbi house.

Lastly, I am thrilled to announce that our student Rabbi Ben Azriel is returning for a second year, and will be here for two weekends each month! Our first service with him is September 8th.

*L'shalom,  
Gus*



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## September Events

Fri, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. – **Community Shabbat**

Sun., Sept. 10, 10 a.m. – **First Day of Sunday School**

Mon., Sept. 11, 7 p.m. – **Temple Board Meeting**

**(Congregation Invited to Building Committee**

**Presentation on Proposed Rabbi House)**

Wed., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. – **Erev Rosh Hashanah Services**

Thurs., Sept. 21, 10 a.m. – **Rosh Hashanah Services**

Thurs., Sept. 21, 12:30 p.m. – **Tashlich**

Fri., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Shuvah Services**

Sun., Sept. 24, 10 a.m. – **Sunday School**

Fri., Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. – **Kol Nidre**

Sat., Sept. 30, 10 a.m. – **Yom Kippur**

Sat., Sept. 30, 4:30 p.m. – **Yizkor**

Sat., Sep. 30, 6 p.m. – **Break the Fast**

## Hot Pstromi

**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.

## Birth Announcement

Clare and Dave Heidtke are excited to announce the birth of their grandchild, Lillian Rebecca Cronin, daughter of Roz Heidtke and Will Cronin, and granddaughter of Phyllis Cronin. Lillian was born in Viroqua, WI, on August 15, 2017.

## Save the Dates

**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. All weekend long, Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz, founders of Hot Pstromi, will provide wonderful music. 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 [cgellstein@gmail.com](mailto:cgellstein@gmail.com).


**November 17th-19th, Women and Girls Retreat** will be held in Munising, sponsored by the L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium. For more information, contact Carol Ellstein at [cgellstein@gmail.com](mailto:cgellstein@gmail.com). Registration info is forthcoming.

## Loan Opportunities

For over a hundred years, Hebrew Free Loan has provided interest-free loans to individuals in the Jewish Community for a wide variety of needs. For more information, visit [hfldetroit.org](http://hfldetroit.org), or email [info@hfldetroit.org](mailto:info@hfldetroit.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](http://www.jewishcollegeloansmi.org).

### Donations Received

<p><b>Rabbinic Fund</b>                  Carol Ellstein &amp;                  Joseph Wildberg                  Harry &amp; Caren Lever</p>	<p><b>General Fund</b>                  Neil &amp; Elizabeth                  Fellows                  Myra White—in honor                  of Rachel Wittenberg's                  college graduation.</p>
<p><b>Rabbi House Mattress</b>                  Steve &amp; Bonnie                  Fishman                  Carol Ellstein &amp;                  Joseph Wildberg                  Gustavo &amp; Rosanne                  Paz</p>	



In July, Abigail Baumhardt (left) and Milo Malkowski completed their joint Mitzvah project: a pancake breakfast to assist the Schwartz family in Evie's ongoing fight against cancer. Attended by a wide variety of community members, the event raised over \$4700.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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:

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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](mailto: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 *yarhzeit* 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  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 27	28	29	30	31	Sep. 1 7:59 	2 <i>Parshat Ki Teitzei</i>
3	4	5	6	7	7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services 7:46 	8 <i>Parshat Ki Tavo</i>
10 10 a.m. – Sunday School	11 7 p.m. – Board Meeting (Congregation invited to Building Cmnmte. Pres.)	12	13	14	15 7:32 	16 <i>Parshat Nitzavim-Vayelech</i>
17	18	19	20 7:30 p.m. – Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	21 10 a.m. – Rosh Hashanah Services 12:30 p.m. – Tashlich	22 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Shuvah Services 7:19 	23 <i>Parshat Ha'azinu</i>
24 <i>Fast of Gedaliah</i> 10 a.m. – Sunday School	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Erev Yom Kippur</i> 7:30 p.m. – Kol Nidre 7:05 	30 10 a.m. – Yom Kippur 4:30 p.m. – Yizkor 6 p.m. – Break the Fast