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Asked in early February to comment on the Egyptian revolution, President Obama responded, "We are watching history unfold." We were all captivated by the sense that we too were watching the Egyptians realize that no person could deny them their universal right to determine their own government.

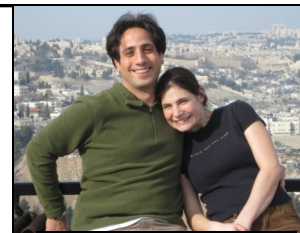
In the wake of this unprecedented *masse* psychological shift in the Arab world from despotism to self-governance, we have seen moments of triumph rivaling the magnificence of the parting of the Red Sea. We saw when the Egyptian people celebrated Mubarak's surrender, and we considered that it might not be so bad for populations neighboring Israel to resolve their grievances. On the other hand, we have been reminded that as much as we would like to believe that people are really good at heart, evil exists, Haman is real.

We despair at the plight of the Libyan people. Moammar Kadafi has demonstrated the rottenness that can fester in the human soul. The world cannot tolerate a leader who attacks his own people with tanks, warships, and planes demanding that after four decades of his despotic rule, someone new should get to steer the ship of state. Let Libya be heard when she shouts, "Let my people go!"

We continue to watch these events and ask that Libyans, Tunisians, Egyptians, Yemenites, Iranians, Chinese, and all peoples who seek freedom from despotic rule be blessed. We welcome them to join us, exalting divine goodness and endeavoring to bring about ultimate goodness in the world.

This upcoming Passover, we retell our own story of freedom. We threw off the shackles of slavery and submitted ourselves to the one who is greater than the entire world combined. When we tell our story this year, we tell it in full awareness that the journey we began three and a half thousand years ago continues. Today, we are still watching the history *we began* happen. It is our duty as a freed people to help free all who strive to be free. This Passover we dedicate our hearts, our minds, and every ounce of energy we can muster to lift up those still yearning to be free.

Hagim u'Zmanim l'Sason, Happy Holidays, (Student) Rabbi Brent Gutmann



Brent & Jill in Jerusalem

Passover Seder

Our Community Passover Seder will be held Saturday, April 23rd at 4:30 p.m. at the Temple. Please join us for the epic telling of one of our greatest stories. Therese Rasch will again be coordinating the potluck (thanks Therese!) with assistance from Carol Ellstein, but they could use some help. Please contact Therese to reserve your spot and for more information on how you can help: 231-526-9301 or trasch@ncmich.edu.

The following Petoskey businesses are carrying Passover supplies:

Grain Train:
matzos, macaroons etc.

Julienne Tomatoes:
Passover desserts

Tannery Creek:
shank bones for Seder plates

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Upcoming Events

Mon., April 11, 7:00 PM – **Board Meeting**
 Fri., April 15, 5:30 PM – **Tot Shabbat**
 Fri., April 15, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Service**
 Sat., April 16, 1:30 PM – **In the Kitchen w/ Jill**
 Sun., April 17, 10:00 AM – **Religious School**
 Sat., April 23, 4:30 PM – **Passover Seder**



Happy Passover

by Rosalyn Goldstick

Passover is coming for a full eight days -
 It's the time we change our dietary ways.
 With Matzo ball soup and Gefilte Fish –
 (Whoever thought up such a special dish!)
 And farfel and borscht, or just Matzo Brie –
 But no bread – just matzos for you and for me.
 The charoses and herbs and salt water, too,
 All have great meanings for me and for you.
 They remind us of troubles our forefathers knew,
 In their escape from Egypt, across the sea, too.

Aaron repeatedly begged, "Let My People Go!"
 But cruel Pharaoh's answer was always a big "NO."
 What hardships and burdens Pharaoh did impose –
 How the Israelites suffered, no one really knows!
 So, God caused the plagues – there were ten in all,
 Which finally caused Pharaoh's defenses to fall.
 Moses held out his staff so the sea would divide;
 And the Jews crossed over to the other side.
 Then Pharaoh's men followed, but the sea soon closed,
 And covered the men and horses, where they rode.
 Now, Seders are held by Jews every where,
 So our faith and remembrances we do declare,
 To honor the Israelites of so long ago,
 When Pharaoh finally "Let Our People Go!"

Rosh Chodesh

Thru a small grant from the Ravitz Small Jewish Communities Initiative we are pleased to announce our Rosh Chodesh events:

Rosh Chodesh Nissan - **Saturday, April 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
 "In the Kitchen with Jill." Back by popular demand! Come see "what's cooking" as our Temple Rebbetzin and HUC-JIR grad student, Jill Gutmann takes us on a journey of the history of Jewish cooking. And if we're lucky, she may help us whip up a few Passover delicacies along the way! An afternoon that's sure to nourish body and soul.

Questions and RSVPs should be directed to Sisterhood/ Mishpacha President Carol Ellstein (231-525-9250 or cgellstein@gmail.com) or Rosh Chodesh Coordinator Pam Ovshinsky (231-622-8611 or povsh@yahoo.com).

SAVE THE DATE:

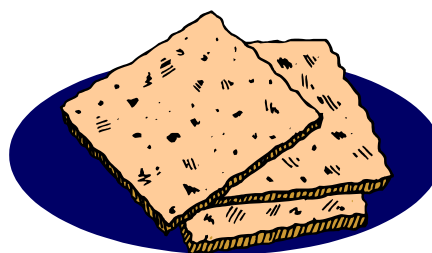
Second Annual Sisterhood/Mishpacha Summer Celebration - Sunday Brunch, July 24th. Featuring the stories behind our Temple art. Special guests to be announced.

Temple Rosh Chodesh group take to heart the command "Be Happy It's Adar," as they shared jokes, stories and of course good food with special guest Rebecca Starr, along with her husband Rabbi Aaron Starr.



Member Address Book

The Temple Board has decided to publish an updated Temple Address Book, since many new families have joined our congregation since the last printing in 2008. If there have been any changes to your address(es) or phone numbers, please contact Gus Paz at 231-347-5131 or gpaz@glenergy.com. If you prefer that your information not be included in this publication, please notify Gus as well.



Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being.
 Morris Joseph



Challahs Available

Simply Challah, by Emma Hindle, is offering freshly baked-to-order challah to people living in the Charlevoix and Petoskey area. Orders need to be placed by Wednesday of each week, to be delivered on Fridays. Petoskey orders can be picked up at the Temple after 4:00 pm and Charlevoix orders should contact Emma for delivery details.

Traditional Challah \$5.00
w/Sesame Seeds \$5.00
w/ Garlic Salt \$5.00
w/ Everything \$5.50



To place your order call 231-622-1044.

Help!

We are missing our copy of The Torah: A Women's Commentary edited by Dr. Tamara Cohn Eskenazi and Rabbi Andrea Weiss. It is a green book with gold embossed lettering. I'm pretty sure someone borrowed it and just forgot to bring it back. Now, it is buried deep in someone's home. Please look around your home for this book. It is quite a treasure and a resource that we would like to have available for the rest of the congregants.

Thank you for checking and re-checking!

Val Meyerson, Education Coordinator

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 (Leaves \$100 Each, Stones \$1000 each) ☐
- ☐ Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund ☐
- ☐ Donor Wall Tile Fund (Tiles \$48 each plus freight) ☐
- ☐ Tribute Fund (packets of 5 tributes for \$90/pack) ☐

Temple B'Nai Israel Donation Form

Name: _____

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Phone: _____

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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:

Gus Paz, Treasurer
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Mission to Israel w/ Rabbi Dan

My son-in-law, Rabbi Daniel Fellman, a former TBI student rabbi, is taking his congregation - Temple Concord in Syracuse NY - on an 11-day tour of Israel, from December 26, 2012, to January 5, 2013. He has invited any interested TBI members to join his group. Details of the tour can be found at www.arzaworld.com. Just type in "Syracuse" in the "search for a tour" box, and it will lead you to the Temple Concord agenda. Feel free to contact me at cgeilstein@gmail.com or 231-525-9250 if you are interested.



See, Touch, Feel...Discover

Carol Ellstein,
Sisterhood President

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wed. | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| March 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | April 1 7:49 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 7:58 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 7:00 Temple Board Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 5:30 Tot Shabbat 7:30 Shabbat Service <i>Rosh Chodesh Nissan</i> 8:07 | 16 1:30 In the Kitchen w/ Jill |
| 17 10:00 Religious School | 18 <i>Passover begins at sundown.</i> | 19 <i>Passover</i> | 20 <i>Passover</i> | 21 <i>Passover</i> | 22 <i>Passover</i> 8:16 | 23 4:30 Passover Seder |
| 24 <i>Passover</i> | 25 <i>Passover</i> | 26 <i>Passover ends at sundown</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 8:25 | 30 |

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