

# Temple B’Nai Israel



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## Rabbi’s Corner:

**P**urim is almost here, and that means hamentaschen, graggers, and masks! Purim is also a time for mishloach manot, or gifts of food for friends and for the poor. Purim is perhaps the most joyous holiday for Jews, so it should be no surprise that we would want to spread that joy as much as possible! Some people make beautiful and elaborate baskets to give to friends and family, and others volunteer or donate to a food pantry. Jewish tradition teaches that this tradition is just as important to Purim as the reading of the *megillah*, the story of Esther. As Reform Jews, we recognize that God works through human hands to bring about the world’s redemption, and from Purim, we learn that the work can be a lot of fun! So shake your graggers, nosh your hamentaschen, and give joyously to spread the celebration of this happy day!



*Rabbinic Intern Nathan Farb*

## Rabbi Saperstein’s thoughts on Tikkun Olam....

Rabbi David Saperstein is the director and counsel for the Religious Action Center. The Religious Action Center is the hub of Jewish social action and legislative activity in Washington, D.C. For more information about the Religious Action Center, visit them at [www.rac.org](http://www.rac.org).

*As our community grapples today with the challenge of Jewish continuity, I continue to believe what I learned from my mother: that our traditional commitment to social action is a key asset in the work of Jewish continuity. So many of my generation were taught by their families, as I by mine, that the “doing of Torah” was the doing of tikkun olam. Polls have repeatedly found social justice activity to be by a large margin the most common expression of Jewish identity in America. The power of social justice as a means of strengthening Jewish identity is affirmed to us at the Center in the experience of the thousands of youth leaders who annually come through our programs. Finding ways to reach the tens of thousands of idealistic Jewish youths involved in secular advocacy, social service, and public interest work in order to help them make the connection with their Jewish roots, with the Jewish tradition, and with the Jewish community remains a central challenge to our generation.*

*My mentor, Al Vorspan, taught me to understand fully what Professor Isadore Twersky has written: “One cannot claim to be a God intoxicated Jew without having a passion for social justice.” He taught me that we Jews survive not just for our own sake but because God has given us a purpose: to transform this world for the better, to goad the conscience of the world. And he taught me that our Jewish voice and vision are more needed at this crossroads of human history than ever before.*

So, when we see our children helping, cleaning, praising—let us remind them that all those mitzvahs are part of who we are and what connect us to our greater Jewish community.

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### Upcoming Events

- Fri., Feb. 8, 5:30 PM – Tot Shabbat
- Fri., Feb. 8, 7:30 PM – Shabbat Service
- Sun., Feb. 10, 10:00 AM – Religious School
- Sun, Feb. 10, Noon – The Daily Jew
- Mon., Feb. 11, 7:00 PM – Board Meeting
- Sun., Feb. 24, 10:00 AM – Religious School
- Sun., Feb. 24, 11:30 – Purim Carnival



### Religious School Update

Josh Meyerson lead a beautiful and well organized Tu B'Shevat Seder with musical accompaniment from Conrad Gold, Dan Mann and Norman Baumhardt.



February highlights include Tot Shabbat on February 8th, Sunday school with Rabbi Nathan on the 10th and the Purim carnival on February 24th.

An important topic of security arose recently, which brought a change in procedure for Sunday School. Following some preliminary discussion, Sunday School parents would like to better secure the building. **The doors to the Temple will now be locked shortly after 10:00 a.m.** Anyone seeking entrance to the Temple after the doors are locked, will go to the back social hall entrance to be let in or contact Mark Rothman at 231-373-2349. This is an initial step, the topic of security will be discussed more thoroughly at the next board meeting and amongst the Sunday School parents. For further information about security during Sunday School or to provide input, contact Mark directly.



The TBI Puppet Players present—

### Supersonic Purim: A Puppet Show in 3 Acts.

The show is suitable for all audiences and the temple community is invited to attend the fun.

**Sunday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.**



Join Rabbi Nathan Farb in discussion of how our everyday life fulfills many different mitzvahs and strengthens our connections with our spirit.

*I have met brave women who are exploring the outer edge of human possibility, with no history to guide them, and with a courage to make themselves vulnerable that I find moving beyond words.*

Goria Steinem

The Daily Jew  
 Accessing your inner holiness in everyday life  
 Sun. FEB 10 at noon



**Donations Received**

**General Fund**

Shirley Freeman, *in honor of the Paz Family*  
 Elizabeth Frey  
 Irving Friedman  
 Brian Gelb  
 Brad & Becky Kranig  
 David Miles, *in honor of Rosalyn Goldstick*  
 Robert & Marilyn Silver  
 Jan Brackstone Stein, *in memory of Isidor Becker*  
 Harold & Gail Willens

**Newsletter Fund**

Elizabeth Frey

**Irene Gordon Memorial Fund**

Franklin & Judith Kasle, *in memory of Art Hurand*

**Building Fund**

Henry & Anita Schneider, The Toots Foundation

**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)
- 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**

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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  
 Temple B'Nai Israel  
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**TBI Classifieds**

*Temple Board is in need of volunteers to sponsor the Oneg following Shabbat services. Please contact Carol [cgellstein@gmail.com](mailto:cgellstein@gmail.com) or 517-881-0668 if available to help out. Thank you!*

Did you know that TBI has a portion Greenwood Cemetery, reserved for our membership? Plots are available for purchase, if any member would like to be buried here in Petoskey. Contact Tom Johnson, Treasurer, for details.

**Stuchell Ceramics** has made kiddush cups for celebrating holidays and Shabbat! The cost is \$25. They are available by phone: 231-487-1017, Facebook message: @stuchellceramics or email: [stuchellceramics@gmail.com](mailto:stuchellceramics@gmail.com).



**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.**



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Temple B’Nai Israel **5773** February 2013  
**Shevat** **5773** **Adar**

| Sunday   | Monday                                       | Tuesday | Wed. | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday                      |
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| January 27   | 28   | 29      | 30   | 31       | February 1<br>5:28                                     | 2<br><i>Parshat Yitro</i>     |
| 3  | 4  | 5       | 6    | 7        | 8<br>5:30 Tot Shabbat<br>7:30 Shabbat Services<br>5:38 | 9<br><i>Parshat Mishpatim</i> |
| 10<br>10:00 Religious School<br>12:00 The Daily Jew                  | 11<br>7:00 Board Mtg.<br><i>Rosh Chodesh</i> | 12      | 13   | 14       | 15<br>5:48   | 16<br><i>Parshat Terumah</i>  |
| 17   | 18   | 19      | 20   | 21       | 22<br>5:58   | 23<br><i>Parshat Tetzaveh</i> |
| 24<br>10:00 Religious School<br>11:30 Purim Carnival<br><i>Purim</i> | 25<br><i>Purim</i>                           | 26      | 27   | 28       | March 1<br>6:08  | 2<br><i>Parshat Ki Tisa</i>   |