

# Temple B'Nai Israel



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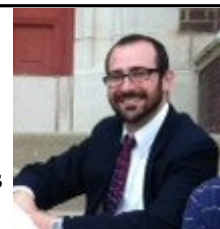
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What a crazy holiday calendar we've had this year! Rosh HaShanah on the first day of school, Chanukah during Thanksgiving, Tu B'Shvat in the dead of winter; what is happening? Well thankfully, the Jewish calendar comes equipped with a leap year to reset by adding an extra month every year or two. This month is that extra month, Adar I. That means that Purim and Passover won't be so darn early, but it means that we have to wait an extra month for dressing up in costume and eating Hamantaschen. This month we get a consolation prize, Purim Katan (literally "Mini-Purim"), which will memorably fall on February 14. That's when Purim would have fallen if not for the leap year. We don't read the megillah, and we don't wear costumes, but we can still celebrate! One of the customs of Purim is to give gifts of food and special treats to friends, loved ones, and the needy called mishloach manot. How appropriate that this tradition falls on St. Valentines Day, a Christian holiday that has been adopted by American secular society. It is also the custom to give sweets to your sweet on this day each year. This February 14, you can give sweets and treats to friends and family as well and wish them all a happy Purim Katan! Plus, don't forget to do your Tikkun Olam and share the love with the needy who would certainly appreciate a little TLC this cold season.

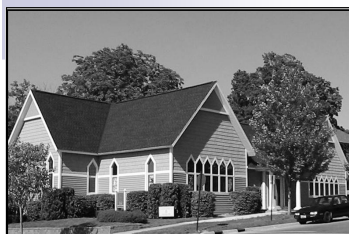


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Student Rabbi, Nathan Farb

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## A Note from Carol...

February is typically such a dreary month that it's often easier on the soul to look ahead to March. Fortunately, Purim will provide a welcome February respite this year. I hope that all the Esthers and Mordechais among you will attend Shabbat Services with Rabbi Nathan on Friday the 7th and the school's Purim Carnival on Sunday the 9th. All Hamans and Vashtis will be welcomed, too!

Save the date for two special March events. On Sunday the 16th at noon, B'nai Israel will host a concert with Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi, the acclaimed Detroit-based klezmer band. On March 28-30, Michigan's northern-most congregations will meet in Mackinaw City for the second 6 Synagogue Shabbat Getaway Weekend. The first Getaway Weekend in October 2013 attracted 80 enthusiastic participants, ranging in age from 4-80+. This next one promises to be equally terrific! Both events are funded by

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## Upcoming Events

Sat., Feb. 1, 10:00 a.m. — **Chevra Kadisha**  
 Fri., Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m. — **Tot Shabbat**  
 Fri., Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. — **Shabbat Services**  
 Sun., Feb. 9, 10:00 a.m. — **Sunday School**  
 Sun., Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m. — **Purim Carnival**  
 Mon., Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m. — **Board Meeting**  
 Sun., Feb. 23, 10:00 a.m. — **Sunday School**  
 Sun., March 2, 10:00 a.m. — **Library Work Bee**

# Welcome!

*Please welcome new members  
 Charles Kiefer from Gaylord and  
 Lucy Ackland from Boyne City.*

## Historical Mitzvah Project

Asa Gold and Olive Dwan will be celebrating as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in May 2014. Together they decided that their Mitzvah Project will be a combined effort to make a film that will focus on documenting the Rosenthal family, who were a large part of our community since Temple B'nai Israel's inception in 1896. They are aiming to capture the rich historical knowledge of our temple members, present this information professionally and artistically, and share the production with the wider community.

The film's focus will be on the Rosenthal family's journey, from the founding of Petoskey's Temple B'nai Israel in 1896, up until today. Gloria Levine, a Rosenthal, is currently a member of our temple and states that she "is excited about the idea." Asa and Olive will be interviewing and filming her. They will make connections from the Rosenthal family to other aspects of the Temple's local history, including the forming of the Sisterhood, and to past local businesses, such as S. Rosenthal and Sons.

Asa and Olive submitted a grant request to the Ravitz Foundation this past fall, but did not receive funding because their organization does not support Bar and Bat Mitzvah projects. To make this film successful, they need lapel mics, tripods, a lighting system, two cameras, and editing software. If you or anyone you know would like to support our project, or has extra film equipment that could be used for this purpose, please contact Asa or Olive at goldc@charemisd.org. Thank you!

## Library Work Bee

A big shout out to the library volunteers that will be working hard on March 2 to catalog, process, and shelve new books for the Temple Library!



Thank you to Tom, Jeremiah, Anne Johnson, Norm Baumhart, Amy Rothman, and Jaimie Schwartzfisher! If you would like to join us in this work bee, please contact Val @ 231.487.1661 or Meyerson\_954@charter.net.

## Carol's note...

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grants from the Ravitz Michigan Small Jewish Community Statewide Outreach Initiative and are outgrowths of the L'Dor v' Dor Northern Michigan Jewish Women's Rural Leadership Consortium. The Consortium is supported by a grant from the Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit.

Shalom,  
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*Tu B'Shvat Seder table is inviting and tasty!  
 TBI Sunday School celebrated the holiday of the  
 trees with a lovely seder!*





## Donations Received

November 17 - December 15, 2013

### General Fund – Patron Level Donor

David and Andrea Page  
Dr. Harold and Mrs. Gail Willens  
Richard and Harriet Shapack  
Brad and Becky Kranig

### General Fund

Mark & Kim Schwartz

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donations and dues payments with  
Paypal. Just go to the website,  
[www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org](http://www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org)  
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## 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
PO Box 2416  
Petoskey MI 49770

## Challahs Available

Simply Challah, by Emma Hindle, is offering freshly baked-to-order challah to people living in the Charlevoix/Petoskey area. Orders need to be placed by Wednesday 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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Upcoming  
Rabbinic Visits

March 21 – 23  
April 18 – 20  
May 16 – 18



Temple B'Nai Israel **5774**

**Shevat** **5774** **Adar 1**

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 5:26 	Feb. 1 10:00 Chevra Kadisha <i>Parshat Terumah</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7 5:30 Tot Shabbat 7:30 Shabbat Services 5:37 	8 <i>Parshat Tetzaveh</i>
9 10:00 Sunday School 11:30 Purim Carnival	10 7:00 Board Mtg.	11	12	13	14 <i>Purim Katan</i> 5:47 	15 <i>Parshat Ki Tisa</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21 5:57 	22 <i>Parshat Vayak'hei</i>
23 10:00 Sunday School	24	25	26	27	28 6:07 	March 1 <i>Parshat Pekudei</i>