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## Rabbi's Corner

Every year, we tell the story of Passover—one of underdogs taking control and gaining their freedom; of the subjugated using what little power they have to test limits and reach new heights; and of young Moses altering tradition, pushing for transformation, and creating change. As we arrive at Passover this year, we realize there still exist chains restricting hope and change—but also that the essence of the Passover story remains. As seen in recent activism, the young continue to rise up, just as Moses did, to break the shackles and create change. In all of our lives, the story of Passover is ever-present. This year, may our Seders be filled with not only the ancient story of Passover, but also with modern stories of hope and transformation. May we help to write the newest version of the Haggadah: the newest version of the story of freedom.

*Ken Yehi Ratzon,  
Ben*



## Women Who Made a Difference

*Editor's Note: The following is the third installment in an ongoing series of biographies called "Women Who Made a Difference," which, written by several volunteer temple historians, chronicles the lives of active and influential women of Temple B'nai Israel. This month's subject is Rosalyn Goldstick.*

Rosalyn Goldstick's poetry, her love of the Sisterhood and Temple B'nai Israel, and her unwavering optimism all made her a beloved presence in our small Jewish community. After her death, in November 2016, at the age of ninety-seven, many temple members felt that her passing signified the end of B'nai Israel's foundational era.

Up until her death, Rosalyn continued writing poetry, which remained inspirational and enduringly relevant to all temple occasions that were blessed with her compositions. **Continued on p. 2, "Goldstick"**

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## April Events

Fri., April 6, 5:30 p.m. — **Tot Shabbat**

Fri., April 6, 7:30 p.m. — **Shabbat Services w/  
Rabbi Ben Azriel**

Sat., April 7, 11 a.m. — **Torah Study**

Sat., April 7 — **Passover Ends**

Sun., April 8, 10 a.m. — **Sunday School**

Mon., April 9, 7 p.m. — **Temple Board Meeting**

Fri., April 20, 7:30 p.m. — **Community Shabbat**

Sun., April 22, 10 a.m. — **Sunday School**

## Rabbi Hosting

If you want to get to know (or get to know *better*) our new student rabbi or returning summer rabbi, you can invite them to your house for dinner! Our student rabbi will be available on Saturdays, and our summer rabbi will be available most of the week throughout the season. This is a nice way for the rabbis to get to know our community and for our community to get to know our rabbis. Please feel free to give them a call and make arrangements; their phone numbers are listed on the front page of each newsletter on the left-hand side.

## March Retreat Recap

Early last month, over forty participants, ranging in age from six months to over eighty years, and hailing from the upper peninsula, Petoskey, Ann Arbor, and Chicago, participated in the L'Dor v'Dor Inter-generational Retreat in Sault Ste. Marie, enjoying a spirited Shabbat weekend of Torah, friendship, education, food, Tai Chi, swimming, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, a tour of the Sault shul, a hamantaschen contest, and a Purimspiel. Guest speakers Alyssa Vert-Levine, of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, and David Contorer, of Hebrew Free Loan, brought knowledge and insight from their respective organizations. And the retreat was generously supported by the Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit.

Other weekend activities included: a children's mask-making project and traveling trunk show; a visual one-hundred-seventy-five-year history of Israel's boundary and population changes; an inter-congregational presidents' meeting; group sharing of each community's activities; a discussion of current anti-Semitic threats and security innovations in each community; and ideas for future collaboration, including possible retreats, block-booking educational opportunities, and communal sharing of resources via long-distance learning.

## “Goldstick,” cont'd from p. 1

Today, her poetry is part of Temple B'nai Israel's written legacy, a reminder for all coming generations of Rosalyn's life and times, while Rosalyn herself is a stalwart symbol of longevity and grit, due to both her irascible energy and personal values, and her refusal to cease or to ever become discouraged, even through hard times endured by her family and her temple. (It was neither easy nor simple to navigate being Jewish and raising Jewish children in the small community of Charlevoix, which when she first moved there was home to only two other Jewish families.)

But despite challenges, she and her husband, Clarence, still found time to become dedicated volunteers both within the temple—Rosalyn serving as secretary, president, and treasurer of the Temple Sisterhood, and founding the temple newsletter in 1980, publishing it twenty-five years before passing it on—and in the wider community—with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Charlevoix Historical Society, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Charlevoix Hospital Guild.

Both in life and after passing, Rosalyn served and continues to serve as an example for all who knew her or who were touched by her unrelenting action. She will be remembered as a woman who led the temple through periods of hardship and who made its comfortable times all the more prosperous.

### Donations Received

#### Ravitz Grant

United Jewish Founda-  
tion Security Initiative



#### Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Louis and Sally Cannon—  
*in memory of Richard  
McMahon*

Wendy Fershee—*in  
memory of Charles  
Greenman*

Elizabeth Frey—*in  
memory of Barbara and  
Caroline Frey*

### Temple Open House

Temple Beth El of Alpena has invited Temple B'nai Israel's members and friends to visit their beautifully renovated synagogue at the congregation's open house.

Our own temple has its roots in Alpena, from where in 1875 Sam Rosenthal, a member of the town's Jewish community, left for Petoskey, where he was to establish a mercantile business.

The open house will take place on Sunday, May 6th, from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

### Save the Date

The next Intergenerational Retreat will take place on the weekend of August 24th at the scenic and rustically serene Clear Lake Educational Center in the central upper peninsula. The theme is "Putting the Pieces Together," encouraging participants to discuss their unique and varied journeys to and within Judaism. Resources will be available for interfaith families and individuals considering conversion.

Registration information is forthcoming.

### 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

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**NOTICE: The Spring 2018 Women's Retreat has been cancelled due to an inability to find a weekend during which a viable number of participants will be available.**

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## Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30 p.m. – Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi Ben Azriel 7:56 	<b>7</b> <i>Parshat HaChodesh</i> <i>Passover Ends</i> 11 a.m. – Torah Study
<b>8</b> 10 a.m. – Sunday School	<b>9</b> 7 p.m. – Board Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:05 	<b>14</b> <i>Parshat Shemini</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 p.m. – Community Shabbat Services 8:14 	<b>21</b> <i>Parshat Tazria-Metzora</i>
<b>22</b> 10 a.m. – Sunday School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:23 	<b>28</b> <i>Parshat Acharei-Kedoshim</i>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	May 1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:32 	<b>5</b> <i>Parshat Emor</i>