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Letter From The President

I'm sure 2020 will go down in so many record books it will be hard to count. Building a new Rabbi house, murder hornets, politics, and the pandemic are not enough, Petoskey also saw the storm of a century with some saying up to 90 mph gusts. The trees that came down are too many to count. Not little trees, but huge old maples and black walnuts and willows. For those of you who are Harry Potter fans, it was truly like the Whomping Willow came to town with their army. Kudos to the City of Petoskey who came out the minute the storm subsided with electric crews and clean-up crews. A chipper truck was up and down the city street for days, and I'm sure will continue for many more. Good news... the Temple and new Rabbi house were spared. A medium sized limb broke off the neighbor's tree and landed on our back walkway, but we hope to get that removed in the near future. We were very lucky.

I'm still unsure about the day to day of the Temple, but learning to live with the unknown is beginning to be the new normal. Change is scary and can be difficult, but the past hardships we have all endured make us stronger. Moving forward with new changes will be easier to handle. While we still do not have plans for fall, but we are in discussion with the HUC about the new protocols for the students. Please bear with us as we maneuver through the unknown and try to bring some sort of worship and study to all. High Holidays are the next issue to tackle. We should know more after the next board meeting.

Take care, stay safe, wear your masks - Shalom,

Val Meyerson

Looking for a new Newsletter Editor

We are looking for a new Newsletter Editor to replace Chashah Johnson, who has started their first full-time job out of college. The Editor communicates with copy writers, organizes the monthly newsletter, and communicates with the printer and mailer. The pay is \$75 per edition.

If you are interested, please email valmeyerson@gmail.com and guspaz@aol.com with a letter of interest.

HEALING OUR COMMUNITY DURING COVID

Petoskey Interfaith Common Ground, a coalition of the Petoskey downtown faith-based congregations including pastors and lay leaders from the Emanuel Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, Petoskey, Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church of Petoskey, the United Methodist Church of Petoskey and Temple B'nai Israel of Petoskey, came together a couple months ago to explore ways that we can help our larger community mitigate the social and economic impact of the pandemic.

The coalition is joining forces with the Chamber of Commerce and the Petoskey Concert in the Park Series 2020 to hold a broad based interfaith community prayer service along with musician Owen James on Friday, August 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm following Owen's scheduled performance beginning at 12:00 noon, at the gazebo in Pennsylvania Park. This will be a diverse and inclusive 30-minute program with voices from a range of faith-based and secular traditions intended to bring together our community-both religious and non-religious to reaffirm we are all in this health pandemic together. We also want to show gratitude for our community's strength and resilience. All our welcome and of course the concerts and the community prayer program are free of charge.

In the future, the group plans to address the social justice issues that have been made even more plain as a consequence of COVID over the past several months.

For more information, please contact Pam Ovshinsky, povsh@yahoo.com or (248) 229-2155. So-

Events

Sun., August 2, 10am — Torah Study w/ Rav Maya

Fri., August 7, 7:30pm — Shabbat Services

Sun., August 9, 10am — Torah Study w/ Rav Maya

Mon., August 10, 7pm — Board Meeting

Fri., August 14, 7:30pm — Shabbat Discussion

Sun., August 16, 10am — Torah Study w/ Rav Maya

Fri., August 21, 7:30pm — Shabbat Services

Sun., August 23, 10am — Torah Study w/ Rav Maya

* Until further notice, all events will occur over the application Zoom.

All Temple events, including Sunday School sponsored programs, are open to all!

For questions about programs, please contact:

Tot Shabbat: lindsey-kaufmanlb@gmail.com

Shabbat and other events:

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Funds Available

- ☐ Temple General Fund ☐ Newsletter Fund ☐
- ☐ Prayer Book Fund ☐ Rabbi House Fund ☐
- ☐ Irene Gordon Memorial Fund ☐ Security Fund ☐
- ☐ Lee and Miles Jaffe Memorial Fund ☐
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- ☐ Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund ☐

Named Donations Available

- ☐ Tree of Life Fund (\$100 Per Leaf) ☐
- ☐ Memorial Wall (\$180 per plaque) ☐

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Special Summer 2020 Temple B'Nai Israel Shabbat Programming

During this out of the ordinary summer, Temple B'nai Israel is hosting Shabbat services on Zoom. Join student Rabbi Maddy Anderson and guitarist Conrad Gold for a brief Shabbat service, with prayer, song, D'var Torah, and a little schmoozing with your friends. We will have several Rabbis conducting services throughout the summer, ending August 21. Student Rabbi Maddy Anderson and Rabbi Ben Azriel, a former student rabbi, will both be leading services. Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg, rabbi emeritus at Temple Shir Tikvah in Troy, MI, and now serving Temple Beth Shalom in Traverse City will be with us on July 24 and 31. And on August 14, we will have a special guest speaker, professor of history at Hebrew Union College, Jason Kalman in lieu of Shabbat services.

Services begin at 7:30 PM, usually lasting less than an hour. Please use the link below to access services on your computer or device.

Although Rav Maya Leibovic has not traveled here from Israel this summer, she will be with us every Sunday at 10AM for Torah Study, from now till Aug 23.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 26 10am — Torah Study	27	28	29	30	31 7:30pm — Shabbat w/ Rabbi Sleutelberg	Aug. 1
10am — Torah Study 2	3	4	5	6	7:30pm — Shabbat w/ Rabbi Maddy 7	8
10am — Torah Study 9	7pm — Board Meeting 10	11	12	13	7:30pm — Shabbat Discussion w/ Prof. Kalman 14	15
10am — Torah Study 16	17	18	19	20 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	7:30pm — Shabbat w/ Rabbi Ben Azriel 21	22
10am — Torah Study 23 <hr/> 30	24 <hr/> 31	25	26	27	28	29