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Rabbi's Corner

Where Are You Jews of Northern Michigan?

In one of his latest articles Prof. Yoram Yovel – Israeli famous Psychoanalyst, TV presenter, brain researcher and writer-mentioned a WW2 event worth remembering. American Planes were shot down by the Germans during WW2. The Americans decided to shield the planes. They studied all planes that came back from battle to see where the rockets managed to get through, and decided to protect doubly only those areas. A Jew, survivor of the war ,who was amongst the engineers, thought the protection of the planes needn't be decided by the planes that made it safely back home. He thought the places to shield where on

the planes that were shot down. Yoram Yovel cited it as an example to thinking creatively, of imagining that which is not obvious.

I am told that in a concert held in Bay Harbor, a couple of weeks ago ,when asked who is Jewish in the audience 40% raised their hands.

That means there are many Jews in the area, but we do not see them in Temple.

I challenge every member of TBI to think out of the box of ways to bring the "scattered sheep" back home.

We care for Jewish life in Northern Michigan. Let us discover where all our brothers and sisters hide and why. Don't give the obvious answer, find the truer causes. If each of us sets his/her mind to find at least one non -affiliated Jew, we might find ourselves doubled in strength. Whoever saves one life is saving a whole world.



August Events

Fri., August 2, 2pm—Soul Train Summer Camp Graduation in the Social Hall

Fri., August 2, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya;
Parashat Matot Mase'y

Sat., August 3, 10am — Simon Gelb Bar Mitzvah Sun., August 4, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch; The Four Questions

Fri—Sun., August 9-11 — LDvD Consortium Retreat Fri., August 9, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya; Parashat Devarim

Sat., August 10, 10am — Ricky Wise Bar Mitzvah
Sat., August 10, 7:30pm — Havdalah at the Willens
Sun., August 11, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya;
Potluck Dairy Brunch; Women's Seder
Mon., August 12, 7pm — Temple Board Meeting
Fri., August 16, 6:15pm—Nosh & Schmooze Pre-Neg;
TBE's Shabbat in Charlevoix

Fri., August 16, 7pm — Services at Charlevoix's Band Shell Amphitheatre

Fri., August 16, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya;
Parashat Va'Ethanan

Sun., August 18, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch; Elijah

Fri., August 23, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya;
Parashat Ekev

Sun., August 28, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch; Farewell to Maya and Menachem

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

For questions about programs, please contact:

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Rabbi House Project

Purchased in 1998 for sixty thousand dollars, the current rabbi house has served our community well, but has a sinking foundation, crumbling window casings, poor ventilation, and outdated appliances leading to continually increasing maintenance bills.

To solve this costly issue, the temple is engaged in a fundraising campaign for the construction of a new rabbi house, which will improve our campus and help sustain our vibrant Jewish presence in Northern Michigan by providing safe, accessible housing for the rabbis this temple is so fortunate to attract each year. For more information, please contact the cochairs of the Rabbi House Fundraising Committee—Val Meyerson and Sally Cannon—or the temple president, Gus Paz. Pledge forms are available on Temple B'nai Israel's website.



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Donations Received

General Fund

Anonymous
Jonathan Bilmes & Barbara Becker: In honor of Jim Line's
service to the Temple
Mr. and Mrs. Sternberg
Union of Reform Judaism

Temple Expansion Fund

Mrs. Elizabeth Frey: Mark Rothman & Amy McMullen Mr. William Schulman & Dr. Lori Katzman Suzanne Shumway

Social Action

On the evening of June 26, TBI joined several local congregations and about 150 people from diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds gathered at Voorhies Hall in Bay View to hear scientific, spiritual and community speakers talk about why faith based communities must take unprecedented action now to mitigate (no longer prevent) the effects of global climate change and what we can do.

As a result, we have formed the Northern Michigan Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light (NMiIPL) to help hold congregations accountable for doing their part in the necessary transition to 0 percent carbon emissions and a clean and renewable energy economy!

Temple members Elisa Seltzer and Pam Ovshinsky represented our congregation in the planning of the event and Elisa served as the program moderator, and the builder for our rabbi house construction project, Steve Johnston, Sturgeon Bay Woodworks was on the congregational panel to talk about building methods to generate almost no greenhouse gases.

We are looking for people to represent TBI on the NMiIPL chapter coalition. Please contact Pam Ovshinsky at povsh@yahoo.com for more information.

Funds / Named Donations Available

- □ Temple General Fund □ Newsletter Fund □
 - □ Prayer Book Fund □ Building Fund □
- \square Irene Gordon Memorial Fund \square Oneg Fund \square
 - ☐ 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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Circle which fund you are designating (above) and then mail your check and this completed form to:

My contribution is in honor or memory of:

Mark Rothman Treasurer Temple B'nai Israel PO Box 2416 Petoskey MI 49770

Havdalah Saturday August 10th, 7:30pm at the Willens home.

Bring a dessert or something to nibble: 10406 McCarthy Rd Alanson.

If you can join us - email hjwillens@gmail.com.

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Calendar of Events Tammuz/Av | August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 28 10am - Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch 5pm — Summer Soiree	99 Soul Train Sum- mer Camp	30 Soul Train Summer Camp	31 Soul Train Summer Camp	August 1 Soul Train Summer Camp	Rosh Chodesh 2pm-Summer Camp; Graduation in Social Hall 7:30pm- Shabbat Service w Rav Maya 8:48	8 10am—Simon Gelb Bar Mitzvah
4 10am — Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch	5	6	7	8	LDvD Consortium Retreat 7:30pm- Shabbat Service w/ Rav Maya	10 LDvD Consortium Retreat 10am-Ricky Wise Bar Mitzvah 7:30pm— Havdalah
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18 10am — Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch	19	20	21	22	7:30pm - Shabbat Service w/ Rav Maya	24
25 10am — Lunch & Learn; Potluck DB; Farewell to Maya!	26 Maya and Men- achem Leave :(27	28	29	30 8:03	31