



Temple B'Nai Israel

December 2008 Newsletter ☆ Kislev/Tevet 5769

Our One Hundred Twelfth Year of Consecutive Service

CHANUKAH PARTY!



Please join the congregation on Sunday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m. for the Annual Temple Chanukah Party and Potluck.

Be sure to bring all your Menorahs and we will have a beautiful candlelight service for all to see and enjoy.

Many families are still using Menorahs that were brought to America by their ancestors when they came to flee the terrors of Poland, Russia and elsewhere. The Menorahs are indeed lovely to have and to use with many memories. Now there are lovely and artistic and comical Menorahs for even small children to light and enjoy and treasure.



And the big question remains:

Who Will Be Crowned This Year's Latke King?!

Will this be the year that Temple President Tom Johnson takes the prize? He continues to enter, but has yet to become the Latke King. As he prepares for what he hopes will be his winning campaign, he's still taking calls from other prospective Kings. For more information, call Tom at 487-1661.

May the Chanukah lights glow and bring light and joy to everyone!

Sunday	12/21	First Chanukah light	🕯 *
Monday	12/22	Two lights lit in the evening	🕯 🕯
Tuesday	12/23	Three lights lit in the evening	🕯 🕯 🕯
Wednesday	12/24	Four lights lit in the evening	🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯
Thursday	12/25	Five lights lit in the evening	🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯
Friday	12/26	Six lights lit in the evening (after the Sabbath)	🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯
Saturday	12/27	Seven lights lit in the evening	🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯
Sunday	12/28	Eight lights lit in the evening	🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯 🕯

* Remember: the Shamash does not count as one of the eight lights

DECEMBER 25TH GOINGS ON



As always, congregation members are invited to attend the Temple Ski Out at Nubs Nob on Thursday, December 25th at 9 a.m. You would be amazed at how much space there is on the runs Christmas morning.



This year we will also have our December 25th dinner at a new location! Join us at the China King Buffet on US 131 in Petoskey (across the street from Glen's). The China King Buffet is always popular with the kids and the restaurant management states they will be open Christmas evening. Our reservation is for 6 p.m. For more info, contact Tom Johnson at 487-1661.



**Ner Shel Tzedakah:
A Chanukah Project**

Ner Shel Tzedakah ("candle of righteousness") is a project in which families and individuals devote the 6th night of Chanukah to learning about the problem of poverty. They donate the value of the gifts (or the gifts themselves) that would otherwise be exchanged on that night to organizations that assist the poor, locally or globally.

This year, the 6th night of Chanukah falls on Friday, December 26th, 2008. By making donations on the sixth night of Chanukah, you will help our candle of righteousness glow brightly for those who are in need. Don't let the light go out!

Submitted by Pam Ovshinsky for the URJ Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism (www.urj.org)

■THE NEWSLETTER■

The Temple B'Nai Israel Newsletter is published monthly on or about the first of the month.

We would love to hear from you! The Newsletter is your forum—all contributions are welcome (including comments and corrections).

Submissions made before the 15th are greatly appreciated. If you would like to have something published in an upcoming issue, please call, write or e-mail:

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■THE “E-NEWSLETTER”■

In keeping with the spirit of conservation (both paper and postage), we are happy to announce the creation of the Temple B'Nai Israel “e-newsletter.”

Each recipient who switches from the traditional paper format to the on-line delivery will save the temple approximately 75¢ per month (while making an easy contribution toward our environmental initiative).

If you would like to begin receiving your newsletter in a PDF document, please take a moment and send an email to windrain@yahoo.com with the subject “Electronic Temple Newsletter.”

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SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



12/5	4:42 p.m.
12/12	4:42 p.m.
12/19	4:44 p.m.
12/26	4:48 p.m.

ANSWERS TO THE RIDDLES:

1. Springtime
2. Take a candle out of the box and the box will become a candle lighter!
3. Because the recipe said “Take one egg and beat it!”
4. A dreidle with hiccups
5. Because the candles are long enough.
6. Give up? So did the candle maker.
7. Your teeth.
8. One minute.

Letter from Rabbi Tami Elliott

Shalom Chaverim (Friends),

This is our Jewish season of light and celebration, a time to join with our friends and families for fun and games, oil-rich foods, and stories of our heroes and religious freedom. We have much to be thankful for!

We also can learn many lessons from a Jewish holiday, which in many ways is unique from other Jewish holidays. On this holiday, we remember when the Maccabees stood up to the Greeks, refusing to bow to their idols and adopt their foreign practices. When we consider their confrontation with the societal pressures to be like "everyone else," which meant rejecting their religious beliefs and uniqueness, we realize that Jews, young and old, encounter these subtle pressures every day, as minorities in a majority culture. Our tasks, as committed Jews, is to arm ourselves and our children with the tools with which to seek a deeper understanding of our world and its rich diversity and to celebrate and share our special traditions and celebrations as part of that rich tapestry.

During this Chanukah, I encourage you to volunteer to tell Chanukah stories at your local libraries or schools, to invite friends over for your Latke celebrations and candle lighting, to play dreidel and sing Chanukah songs, and to learn something new about this holiday or about Jewish life. This is the time in which we celebrate our religious freedoms, freedoms which carry meaning only if they are cherished and enjoyed. We teach and emulate heroism in our initiative to take on the Chanukah mitzvah of placing our chanukiot (Chanukah menorahs) in the windows, showing our Jewish lights to the world. This is the message of these 8 days.

As always, there are many shamashes or helpers to light our candles, our history and traditions, ancient rituals and rituals we create today. It is for us to display our menorahs in the windows, to shed their beautiful and unique lights to inspire ourselves and the world for all time to come.

I look forward to our de-light-full and tasty celebrations to come!

Chag Sameach (Happy & Joyous Holiday to You),

Tami U. Elliott
Rabbinic Intern

Rabbi Tami recommends the following books to read or share during Chanukah:

Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah by Sylvia A. Rouss (Preschool)

Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric A. Kimmel and Trina Schart Hyman (ages 4-8)

Zigazak! A Magical Hanukkah Night by Eric A. Kimmel and Jon Goodell (ages 4-8)

The Christmas Menorah by Janice Cohn (a true story about a Midwest town that fought for religious toleration and ethnic freedom) (ages 5-10)

As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson (ages 4-8)

Portraits of Jewish American Heroes by Malka Drucker and Elizabeth Rosen (ages 8-12)

Hanukkah, 2nd Edition: The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration (The Art of Jewish Living) by Ron Wolfson and Joel Lurie Grishaver

The Weight of the Sky by Lisa Ann Sandell (young adult)

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks (novel)

GROWING JEWISH FAMILIES

By Nancy Dwan, Program Coordinator



Happy Babies at Tot Shabbot (Left to right)
Connor Kranig, Maksym Malkowski, and Ida Dwan

Our first Tot Shabbat gathering was held at the Temple social hall on Friday, November 14. Student Rabbi Tami Elliott co-facilitated a fun-filled evening that included four families with young children. (One of the four babies was only six days old!) Four additional families expressed a strong desire to attend future events.

The children read and decorated Sh'ma-themed activity books, painted pillowcases, and took home a Shhhema and Sweet Dreamzzz songbook and CD. Following the activities was a short Shabbat service geared toward the three to four year old set"—complete with songs and dance featuring newly acquired soft and cuddly "stuffed" Torahs. (Even Lou Cannon couldn't resist one when it was spotted in the open ark during regular evening services later!)

Finally, the evening wrapped up with a delicious meal that satisfied children and adults alike. We were all so happy to see families relaxing and getting to know one another. Keep your eye on the Newsletter for details about our Tot Shabbat event planned for Friday, January 16, 2009. (Please note that because of the all-ages Chanukah party scheduled for Sunday December 14, we will not have a Tot Shabbat on the Friday of this December weekend.)

Teen event planning is still in progress. I have been approached by at least one Temple teen regarding a specific area of interest. Please let me know if you or your teenager has an idea to share. Growing Jewish Families programming can and should be driven by the desires of our membership.



Having Fun at Tot Shabbot (Left to right)
Mitchell Kranig, Sage Stuchell, Milo and Mya Malkowski

The Rosh Chodesh programming is underway with an event scheduled for Thursday, December 11 from 7-9 p.m. Rabbi Chava Bahle of Traverse City will facilitate a gathering she's calling Weaving The Vision: An Introduction to Rosh Chodesh. Each participant is invited to bring an object that symbolizes her spiritual journey and to share a short story about it. In Rabbi Bahle's words, "In this way we begin to weave the community of women together." After we share our stories, we will learn about the power and possibilities for sharing Rosh Chodesh together in upcoming months. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and call me at 348-9148 to learn the location, which will be in a Temple member's home.

News and Announcements



NEW TEMPLE BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

TBI is pleased to announce the appointment of Gustavo Paz as its new treasurer. Gus has already taken over the duties from outgoing treasurer Jason Page, so please address contributions and other finance-related documents to his attention.



In addition, Bev Holden will be joining the Board, replacing Rhoda Lampert.

IN GRATITUDE



We are especially thankful for the dedicated service of Jason Page during his time as treasurer. Jason made the difficult look easy and we are grateful for the time he spent on our board.

Many thanks, also, to Rhoda Lampert for her service over the years.

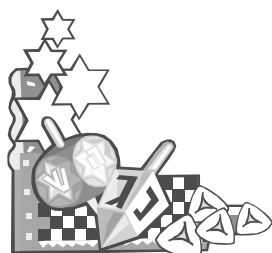


NEW DONATION CARDS

There are now new donation cards available with pre-addressed envelopes for your convenience.

THIS JUST IN!

Chanukah supplies available at Bed, Bath & Beyond in Petoskey—candles, gelt, and wrapping paper! If you shop there, thank them for carrying our holiday supplies!



ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

The United Way is looking for a volunteer to assist with the Federal Emergency and Shelter Program (FESP) Board. The Board helps determine how grant funds are allocated throughout the Northwest Michigan Area. The position requires attendance at two meetings a year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tom Johnson at 487-1661 as soon as possible.



OBITUARY

Temple B'Nai Israel sends sincere sympathy to the family of Martha Wise Mathews, 92, who passed away November 1, 2008. Martha and her husband William were long-time members of our Temple and lived in East Jordan for many years before moving to Cincinnati.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, William. She is survived by her children: H. Lee (Patti) Mathews of Columbus, Ohio, Jim (Lynne) Mathews of East Jordan and Mary-Bob (Jack) Rubenstein of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is also survived by her dear sister Susan Louer of Chicago, nine grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 5, 2008 in Cincinnati with burial in Lima, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

A contribution has been made in her memory to the Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund by the TBI Sisterhood.

MAZEL TOV!

Midwest Living

... to JAY BAVERS and
Jordan Valley
Glassworks for

appearing as part of the "Fall Michigan Art Tour"
in the October issue of Midwest Magazine. TBI's
own beautiful stained glass windows illustrate
why the magazine's editors were so impressed
with Jay and his work!

... to ROSALYN
GOLDSTICK, who was
honored by being
voted the "2008
Volunteer of the Year"
by the Charlevoix



Senior Center for her
service and dedication. She received a
Certificate of Appreciation and a plaque in her
honor from the Center at a dinner held there in
late October. She is a volunteer each morning
at the Center and has been active with the
group almost since it was organized. She has
also been Secretary of the Board of Directors
since 1996 and co-editor of their monthly
newsletter since 1995. ROSALYN had previously
been honored as "Volunteer of the Year" in
2006.

... to ESMAE GOLD, who was featured in
the Harbor Springs Community Schools'
Dance Department's "Fall For Dance"
fundraiser, presented at the Harbor
Springs Performing Arts Center
November 22, 2008. ESMAE is the daughter of
CONRAD GOLD and NANCY DWAN of Petoskey.



... to DAN SHUMWAY, on
his role as a member of
Concord Academy
High School Keramos

Dance Company. The Company performed at
the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey on
November 13, 2008 and will also be performing a
Renaissance dance at Stafford's' Bay View Inn
on December 14, 2008. DAN is the son of MICHAEL
and SUZANNE SHUMWAY of Petoskey.

... to SUZANNE SHUMWAY,
who performed the duties
of co-chair at the annual
month-long C.S. Lewis
Celebration in Petoskey.



SUZANNE is a professor at the North Central
Michigan College.

DECEMBER YAHREZEITS

JACOB GORDON
Father of Henriette Kaplan and Gloria Levine
December 5, 1946

ROSE BAVERS
Mother of Jay Bavers
December 20, 1989

MARY KAUFMAN WILDBERG
Mother of Col. Joseph Wildberg
December 20, 1996

HERMAN B. FELDMAN
Uncle of Alfred Frank
December 23, 1963

MELVIN HOLDEN
Husband of Beverly Holden
December 25, 1995

IRENE GORDON
Mother of Henriette Kaplan and Gloria Levine
December 25, 2004

JULIA FRYMAN
Mother of Barbara Barsman

ALEX GREENBLATT
Father of Barry Greenblatt

Happy Birthday

How old would you be if you didn't know
how old you are?

Satchel Paige
(Baseball Legend, 1906-1982)

12/05	Joan Chodak
12/06	Becca Buchalter
12/07	Linda Dresner
12/08	Larry Rubin
12/09	Carolyn Schreiber
12/10	Irene Stein
12/10	Bess Hurrand
12/14	Rob Cohen
12/16	Rowena Howard
12/17	Melvy Lewis
12/18	Judith Kastle
12/20	Tonya Mann
12/22	Conrad Gold
12/27	Betty Salzer
12/27	Honey Friedman
12/29	Franklin Kastle
12/31	William Bechek

Children's Birthdays

Grown men can learn from very little
children for the hearts of little children are
pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show
to them many things which older people
miss.

Black Elk
(Oglala Sioux Medicine Man, 1863-1950)

12/15/88	Geoffrey Horowitz
12/21/88	Hanna Gross
12/28/93	Blake Schulman

Happy Anniversary

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.

Zora Neale Hurston
(Playwright and Author, 1891-1960)

12/15/84	Sheryl and Alan Ackerman
12/16/51	Harriet and Albert Colman
12/18/60	Dr. Eugene and Reinhart Gelsayd
12/18/60	Teri and Joseph Craine
12/27/81	Gus and Rosanne Paz
12/28	Tom and Audrey Shapiro-Caldwell

Corrections

Heartfelt apologies from all of us at the TBI
Newsletter for the following omissions in
November's issue:

- ◆ The ninth birthday of Andrew McNamara
on November 11th
- ◆ The November 13th wedding anniversary of
Colonel Joseph Wildberg and Dr. Carol
Ellstein

We look forward to getting these dates RIGHT
next year!

If you spot any omissions or
corrections, please let us know! We
would also appreciate any
information you can provide about
new members—birthdays, children's
birthdays and anniversaries.












Any changes, additions, corrections or
omissions should be reported to our
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DECEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u> 🕯 4:42 p.m.	6
7 10 a.m. Religious School	8 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting 	9	10	11 7-9 p.m. Rosh Hodash w/ Rabbi Chava Balhle (see p. 4 for details)	12 <u>4:42 p.m.</u> 7 p.m. Shabbat Services with Student Rabbi Tami Elliott	13
14 10 a.m. Religious School Chanukah Party to follow at 11:30 a.m. 	15	16	17	18	19 <u>4:44 p.m.</u>	20
21  First night of Chanukah 🕯	22  Second night of Chanukah 🕯🕯	23  Third night of Chanukah 🕯🕯🕯	24  Fourth night of Chanukah 🕯🕯🕯🕯	25  Fifth night of Chanukah 🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯 9 a.m. Temple Ski at Nubs Nob 6 p.m. Dinner at the China King Buffet on US 131, Petoskey	26  Sixth night of Chanukah 🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯 🕯 4:48 p.m.	27  Seventh night of Chanukah 🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯
28  Eighth night of Chanukah 🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯🕯	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 			

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS *Thank you for your generosity to Temple B'nai Israel!*

Donor	Fund	Message (if any)
Rosalyn Goldstick	Newsletter Fund	Best wishes for good health and recovery to Jinks Jervey-Page of Charlevoix Best wishes to Mel Rosenhaus of Bloomfield, Birmingham and Charlevoix as he recuperates from a recent fall
Rosalyn Goldstick	Aubrey and Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund	In memory of Martha Mathews
Temple Sisterhood	General Fund	In memory of Edward G. McNamara, Jr.
Temple Sisterhood	General Fund	In memory of Martha Matthews.
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Your contributions are accepted year-round. You can use the contribution form (below) or for additional information contact Gus Paz, Temple treasurer.

Temple General Fund	Capital Campaign/Building Fund	Stacy McCracken Memorial Youth Enrichment Fund
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In addition, contributions to the Sisterhood may be made by sending them to:

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Temple B'Nai Israel Contribution Form

Your Name(s) and Address: _____

Designated Fund: _____ Amount of donation: _____

Person or Event Honored or Remembered (If any): _____

Name and address of person to receive contribution notice card: _____

Message: _____

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Thank you for your donation!

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EIGHT CHANUKAH RIDDLES

1. What time is it when you sit on a burning candle?
2. How can you light a Chanukah candle without a match?
3. Why did the foolish cook run out of the house when he was making latkes?
4. What has four sides, spins and hops?
5. Why won't the old candle maker make candles any longer?
6. If a candle and a half needed a wick and a half, how long would it take the candle maker to make a candle using noodles and soup?
7. What is the best thing you can put in a latke?
8. If one child can eat one latke in one minute, how long would it take 30 children to eat 30 latkes?



For answers, please turn to page two!