

Temple B’Nai Israel



Temple Board

Carol Ellstein, President
231-547-0817

Gus Paz, Vice-President
231-347-5131

Tom Johnson, Treasurer
231-487-1661

Judith Hindle, Secretary
231-622-1044

Sally Cannon, Mishpacha
231-525-9250

Bev Holden
231-535-2455

Lori Katzman
231-547-6909

Josh Meyerson
231-347-5402

Elisa Seltzer
231-526-6432

Nathan Farb, Rabbinic Intern
513-824-0013

Val Meyerson, Newsletter Editor
231-487-1661

Rabbi’s Corner:

This December, we celebrate Chanukah. Hanukkah. Hannukah. Hanukah. חנוכה. However you spell it, the name of this beloved holiday comes from the Hebrew word for rededication. It was on the 25th of the month of Kislev that the Temple in Jerusalem was rededicated after the Maccabees heroically defeated the powerful armies of Antiochus and took possession of the desecrated Temple. In its time, The Temple was the center of the Jewish faith. It was the link between Heaven and Earth, between Humanity and Divinity. It was the only connection that Jews had to God. Pagans had many alters for their many Gods, so it made sense that the early Jews had one altar for our one God. Chanukah, then, is not about the restoration of an important building, or the reassertion of national dignity alone. It is also about each and every Jew renewing their commitment to his or her faith. These days, we do not connect to God through a priestly altar. The ancient Prophets and early Rabbis discovered and created other ways to reach God. Prayer, sacred ritual, keeping Shabbat, blessing bread, giving tzedakah, and quiet listening are all invisible cords that bind us to God. Over the course of our everyday lives, these cords can be strained and weakened. We forget to give enough or to listen enough. Chanukah means rededication. We do not have a Temple altar to rededicate any longer. Our temples are in our hearts and our homes. This Chanukah, let us rededicate ourselves.



שלום

Student Rabbi, Nathan Farb



A Note from Carol...

TBI's Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 10th was filled with significant accomplishments and plans! The Board is staying intact with one slight change: Sally Cannon is the new Mishpacha Chair, and I am the new President. Here’s the brief synopsis of the meeting: TBI's finances are stable; our religious school is strong with a record 24 students; our social activities are booming!

Our summer activities included Soul Train Camp; a concert by Randy Kaplan; our annual brunch; Havdallah and socializing at the Petoskey Brewery. In addition, TBI was awarded a 3-year, \$60,000 grant from the Jewish Women's Foundation in Detroit to expand the L'Dor v'Dor No. MI Rural Jewish Women's Leadership Consortium.

Our student Rabbi Nathan Farb has returned for a second year and his presence is lending stability to our congregation and school. Our Tot Shabbat has thrived for another year, our library and communication systems are expanding, and our webpage is becoming more user friendly. In short, TBI's vitality is thrilling!

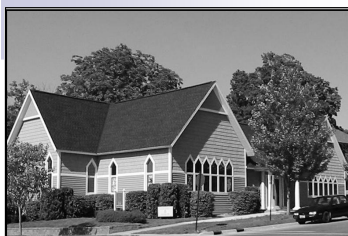
Shalom,

Carol Ellstein, TBI President
231-525-9250 or cgeellstein@gmail.com



In This Issue:

- Events 2
- Chevra Kadisha 2
- Library Volunteers 2
- Donations 3
- Treasurer Update 3
- Calendar 4





Upcoming Events

Fri., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. – **Tot Shabbat**
 Fri., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. – **Shabbat Services**
 Sat., Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m. – **Chevra Kadisha**
 Sun., Dec. 8, 10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**
 Mon., Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m. – **Board Meeting**
 Sun., Dec. 15, 10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**
 Wed., Dec., 25, 6:00 p.m. – **China King Dinner**

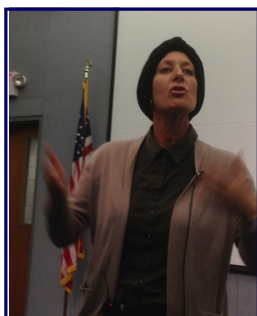


Library Volunteers Needed

Although the Temple Library is slow to get started, we are on our way. The library collection has been reviewed and books not needed have been donated or discarded. A cataloging and classification system has been put into place. New books are waiting to be ordered. What we need now are volunteers to help with labeling the books and adding them to the online catalog.

It’s really easy and shouldn’t take long if we get a few good people to help. The process involves creating labels and affixing to the book; stamping the book; adding a pocket and card to the book; adding the book to the Library Thing catalog. That’s it!

Val Meyerson will provide training. Norm Baumhardt has already begun the process and would love some assistance! If you are interested in helping out a few hours here or there, contact Val: 231.487.1661 or meyersen_954@charter.net. Thank you!



Four Faces of Eve with Helen Gottstein

Was a huge success! Many people in attendance at the college enjoyed the telling of life in Israel.

The Chevra Kadisha group will meet Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Temple Social Hall. We will take a look at several bereavement guides and continue discussion of possibly creating one for TBI members. If you have not attended a previous meeting of this group, but are interested in joining us, please do! For questions, call Sally at 231-547-0817.



Lauren Rothman had a great time at the recent Sunday School trip to the Pigeon River!

Tell your Friends!



For those of you receiving monthly Judaica books from the PJ Library, you know the value for you child of receiving books every month on a Jewish theme. Please tell your friends! If you have a child or a grandchild or know a child with Jewish roots who is not receiving their books – please share the information.

Children 6 months through 8 years old, who live in Temple B’Nai Israel’s service area, and have some sort of Jewish heritage (Temple membership is not a qualifier) please have them visit the PJ Library to sign up their child. It’s easy!

Visit pjlibrary.org; click on Parents & Families; click on How to Sign up; enter your zip code; click Make This Your Community; click on the enroll link on the right hand navigation bar; fill in the blanks and submit. Your child should start receiving books in a month or so.

Questions? Contact PJ Library coordinator Emily Stuchell at efreedland@hotmail.com. Happy Reading!

The name is the same:
www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org

The look is not. For the latest information on temple events, newsletter, historic archives, stained glass window reviews, and so on, please visit us at our new, updated website!

Mazol Tov to Rosalyn Goldstick for her Charlevoix County Outstanding Service Award!



Donations Received

October 19—November 16, 2013

General Fund—High Holy Days

Ira & Deborah Ginsburg
Harold & Jeannette Segel

General Fund

Sandra Glazier
Virginia Lepman
Joshua & Mary Jean Meyerson

Tree of Life Fund

Jerome & Barbara Sitner

Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Berta Molasky —
in honor of John Mayer-wishing him good health

Lee & Miles Jaffe Memorial Fund

Ruth Jaffe & Paul Horowitz

News from the Treasurer

Congregation dues' notices for FY 2014 have been mailed out. Dues are as follow: \$325 for singles and \$600 for a family. Many Temple members recognize that some are unable to pay their full dues, for a number of reasons. The Patron program helps ensure Temple's financial stability by allowing donations above and beyond the assessed dues, so the Temple community may flourish in these tough economic times.

Patronage levels are as follows:

- *Silver: \$150
- *Gold: \$250
- *Platinum: \$350
- *Diamond: \$500

The temple relies on dues for its continuing financial stability. Your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated.

The temple now accepts donations and dues payments with Paypal. Just go to the website, www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org, and click on the Paypal logo.

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: _____

Address: _____

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.



Temple B’Nai Israel
 PO Box 2416
 Petoskey, MI 49770

Located at the corner of Waukazoo &
 Michigan or on the web at:
www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org

Upcoming
 Rabbinic Visits

January 3 – 5
 February 7 – 9
 March 21 – 23
 April 18 – 20
 May 16 – 18



Temple B’Nai Israel **5774** December 2013

Kislev

5774

Tevet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 1 <i>Chanukah</i>	2 <i>Chanukah</i>	3 <i>Chanukah</i>	4 <i>Chanukah Rosh Chodesh</i>	5	6 5:30 Tot Shabbat 7:30 Shabbat Services 4:39	7 10:00 Chevra Kadisha <i>Parshat Vayigash</i>
8 10:00 Sunday School	9 7:00 Board Mtg.	10	11	12	13 <i>Fast of Tevet</i> 4:39	14 <i>Parshat Vayeichi</i>
15 10:00 Sunday School	16	17	18	19	20 Last day of school 4:41	21 <i>Parshat Shemot</i>
22	23	24	25 6:00 China King Dinner	26	27 4:45	28 <i>Parshat Vayeira</i>
29	30	31	Jan. 1	2 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	3 5:30 Tot Shabbat 7:30 Shabbat Services 4:51	4 <i>Parshat Bo</i>