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# Temple B'Nai Israel



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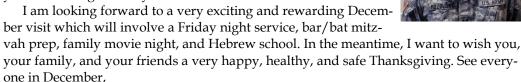
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#### Rabbi's Corner:

I want to begin by thanking everyone for such an incredible Veterans Day weekend. With your spirit and participation, I think we were able to truly pay homage to our nation's veterans. I also want to thank everyone for their incredible generosity in donating so much to the canned food drive. Your donations speak highly of your heartfelt generosity.



Student Rabbi, Aaron Rozovsky









## **Annual Meeting**

At the Temple Annual Meeting on November 9, returning officers Carol Ellstein, Gus Paz, Tom Johnson, and Judith Hindle, Mishpacha Chair Sally Cannon, and Members -at-large Josh Meyerson and Lori Katzman began the second year of their two-year terms, while returning Board members Elisa Seltzer and Bev Holden, and new Board member Jamie Schwartzfisher were elected for new two-year terms. The Board and temple membership are excited to announce the return of Rav Maya and Menachem Leibovich for another summer visit with us from June 24 - August 16, 2015. Feel free to contact Carol Ellstein at cgellstein@gmail.com to share ideas for brunch topics and programming events.

### L'Dor v'Dor News

The L'Dor v'Dor Consortium is thrilled to announce our selection as one of the most innovative Jewish organizations for the 2014/15 funding year. From the Slingshot website: "Slingshot, A Resource Guide to Jewish Innovation, is an annual compilation of the most inspiring and innovative organizations, projects, and programs in the North American Jewish community today. Since its inception, Slingshot has highlighted more than 250 innovative Jewish organizations in North America." We are listed in the 2014/15 Midwest Edition and the 2014/15 Supplement on Women and Girls, which were both released at the beginning of November.

More than 20 women from the eight L'Dor v'Dor congregations (now includes Iron Mountain) enjoyed a wonderful Women's Spirituality weekend in St. Ignace during the November retreat. Presenters Aviva Panush and Margot Valles, introduced attendees to the shechinah, techinnot, & other topics of spirituality.

Save the Date: An Intergenerational and Family Retreat, scheduled for March 13-15 2015.



#### **November Events**

Fri., Dec. 5, 7:30 pm—Shabbat Services
Sat., Dec. 6, 6:00 pm—Family Movie Night
Sun., Dec. 7, 10:00 am—Sunday School
Sun., Dec. 14, 10:00 am—Sunday School
Sun., Dec. 14, 11:30 am—Chanukah Party
Mon., Dec. 15, 7:00 pm—Board Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 pm—China King Dinner



# **Chanukah Supplies**

Chanukah may be the last thing on your mind, but Bed, Bath, and Beyond in Petoskey already has stocked shelves with some of the supplies needed to celebrate the Festival of Lights. They have a selection of candles, chocolate gelt, dreidels, menorahs (chanukiyot), some interesting velvet stockings with Jewish stars, glass candle drip trays (with the candle blessings on them) and some humorous Chanukkah gift items. The manager related this is the only order he is able to place so please make your purchases early while they have plenty of

while they have plenty of items in stock. We have been lucky to have this store remember our community and order these items for us, so if possible, purchase them here.



### **Religious School Update**

Sunday school is rolling right along. A special thanks to all the members who make it such a wonderful and poignant experience. In addition to engaging in a morning service, Hebrew and Jewish content studies, the oldest of our students are participating in service activities outside of the class room. Our latest activity was to visit the cemetery, hold a short veterans service with Rabbi Aaron, place American flags and tend to grave stones.

December will be another exciting month of activities, Rabbi Aaron will be back the weekend of December 5th-7th. There will be Friday night services, but we will not conduct our regular Tot Shabbat—it is Petoskey Open House. I would encourage everyone to get out and support our community! In lieu of Tot Shabbat on Friday, perhaps we can throw our energies into a family movie night at the Temple, December 6th, 6:00 pm. The Gentlemen's Book Club will be providing pizza so any other tasty morsels that you like to nosh on please do so. The movie is <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jher.2007.1001/jher.20

Chanukah begins at sunset on the 16th. We will be having our Sunday school Chanukah party on Sunday the 14th, with regular class sessions from 10:00-11:30 and the Chanukah celebration beginning at 11:30. Everyone is welcome; bring your menorah and a dish to pass. Be well.

Mark Rothman, Education Coordinator





Students visited the Jewish Cemetery for a Veteran's Service with Rabbit Aaron. Above—Kylie & Morgan Mann place stones on the Rosenthal's headstone Right—Dr. Dan Mann Top Right—Gabe Rothman







#### **Donations Received**

through November 17, 2014

#### General Fund - High Holy Day Appeal

Irving Friedman

#### **General Fund**

Rachel Goodstein
Richard & Virginia Lepman
Robert & Sandra Moer—
in memory of Conrad Johnson and David Page
Robert & Sandra Moer—
in honor of Jack Solomon's recovery

#### Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Irving Friedman
Gustavo & Rosanne Paz —
in memory of Dorothy Nell Clayton
Gustavo & Rosanne Paz —
in memory of Karen Raines



#### **News from the Treasurer:**

- \* The Congregation Annual meeting concluded November 9. The congregation retained the current board, and elected new board member Jamie Schwartzfisher. Thanks to Jamie for volunteering to serve.
- \* The congregation decided to maintain its current dues structure-\$325 for single members, \$600 for families. Everyone is encouraged to contribute Patron level dues to help those members who find they are unable to pay in full.
- \* Dues notices went out last weekend. Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.
- \* Also, the Congregation announced a Rabbinic Fund campaign, which intends to fund future Summer programs and polished pulpit leadership. More details on the campaign will follow in the near future.





## **Funds/Named Donations Available**

- $\Box$  Temple General Fund  $\Box$  Newsletter Fund  $\Box$ 
  - □ 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 □
  - $\Box$  Tree of Life Fund (Leaves \$100 Each)  $\Box$
- $\ \square$  Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund $\ \square$ 
  - □ Donor Wall Tile Fund (Tiles \$48 each plus freight) □
  - ☐ Tribute Fund (packets of 5 tributes for \$90/pack) ☐

# **Temple B'Nai Jsrael**Donation Form

Name:	
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My contribution is in honor o	or memory of:
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Circle which fund you are	Tom Johnson, Treasurer

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

The **Chevra Kadisha** group has begun stocking items for use during times of bereavement and remembrance. Shiva candles, Kria ribbons, and yarhtzeit candles are now collected together in the bookcase in the basement. For questions or interest in purchasing, please call Sally Cannon or Carol Ellstein.

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

Please consider donating to the canned food and winter coat drive. Bring your items to the TBI foyer sometime before Chanukah.



# Temple B'Nai Israel



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Tevet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Dec. 1	2	3	4	5 7:30 Shabbat Service	6 6:00 Movie Night Parshat Vayishlach
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7 10:00 Sunday School	8	9	10	11	12	<b>13</b> Parshat Vayeishev
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14 10:00 Sunday School	15 7:00 Board Mtg	16	<b>17</b> Chanukah	<b>18</b> Chanukah	<b>19</b> Chanukah	<b>20</b> Chanukah
11:30 Chanukah Party	Ü				4:41	Parshat Mikeitz
<b>21</b> Chanukah	<b>22</b> Chanukah	<b>23</b> Chanukah	<b>24</b> Chanukah	25 6:00 China King	26	<b>27</b> Parshat Vayigash
		Rosh Chodesh		Dinner	4:45	
28	29	30	31	1	2	<b>3</b> Parshat Vayechi
					4:50	