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# B'nai Israel

*The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel*

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## Rabbi's Corner

During my last visit, we were blessed with the support of the faith community of Petoskey. We joined together in prayer and spoke candidly about the effects of anti semitism on our community. I am thankful to be a part of this community during this difficult time for American Jews.

In just a few days, we will celebrate Hanukkah together as a community, and in our homes with our families. I look forward to joining together in prayer and study on Shabbat, and in celebration of light and hope this Hanukkah season. Join us Sunday for a special musical Hanukkah program for the whole congregation!

B'Shalom,  
Maddy Anderson



## From the President

The first phase of our Musical Artist-in-Residence project will be culminating in a Chanukah performance with the Sunday School! After that, phase two will begin culminating in a January 25<sup>th</sup> Shabbat performance. All are welcome to join in the fun at any time. Many of our adults and children play a musical instrument or just enjoy singing. Put your talents to fun use by coming together to learn to play and sing Jewish music together, including favorite Chanukah and Shabbat Kabbalah songs.

The Temple Annual Meeting was held on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Elections were held for Mishpacha / Education Director and one At-Large Member. Emily Stuchell and Elisa Seltzer were reelected to their respective positions. The 2019 fiscal year's budget was presented and approved with no increase in dues.

Don't forget our annual Christmas Day get-together at China Buffet King at 6pm!

L'shalom,  
Gus



## December Events

Fri., Nov. 30, 5:30pm — Tot Shabbat

Fri., Nov. 30, 7:30pm — Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi  
Maddy

Sat., Dec. 1, 11am — Torah Study and Potluck Dairy  
Brunch

Sun., Dec. 2, 10am — Sunday School

Sun., Dec. 2, 11:00am — Chanukah Party w/ Artist-in-  
-Residence

Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30pm — Lay Led Shabbat Services

Sun., Dec. 16, 10am — Sunday School

Sun., Dec. 16, 1:00pm — Rehearsal with Artist-in-  
Residence, Hillary Duberstein; for Musical Shabbat  
in January

Tue., Dec. 25, 6:00pm, Dinner at China King Buffet



## Artist-in-Residence

Beginning Sunday, October 14, 2018 Temple B'nai Israel invites music lovers of all ages to come and sing, play your instrument, or tap your feet to the beat. We would like everyone of all ages to come participate in this first exciting event. If you don't play an instrument, we will provide cymbals, bells, sticks, whatever makes a beat so that all are included.

We have several sessions and dates planned for the Fall and early winter so we hope everyone will participate. Our efforts thus far will culminate with a Chanukah performance on the 2nd, and then we will resume rehearsals for our January performance on December the 16th. Our artist-in-residence will be Hilary Duberstein who is a Cantorial Soloist and currently works with different synagogues not only providing Cantorial service but working with children's religious services.

We would like to have an idea of the number of persons and types of instruments that might be here going forward, so please send an email to Jim or Betty Line. Thanks to Pam Ovshinsky, Conrad Gold, Betty and Jim Line.

Email: [jline1373@gmail.com](mailto:jline1373@gmail.com) or [bettyline1939@gmail.com](mailto:bettyline1939@gmail.com)

## Rabbi House Project

Since 1925, Temple B'nai Israel has hosted student rabbis during the summer. In the 1990s, a year-round internship was established and, since 2014, Rav Maya Leibovich has served during the summer months. Purchased in 1998 for sixty thousand dollars, the current rabbi house has served our community well, but has begun to show both its limitations and, simply, its age—a sinking foundation, crumbling window casings, poor ventilation, outdated appliances—leading to continually increasing maintenance bills.



*Artist rendering of new rabbi house*

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. The proposal details a sustainably constructed three bedroom, two-bath, fully conditioned 1,900-squarefoot space, with appropriate furnishings and landscaping. For more information, please contact the co-chairs 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.

## Donations Received

### General Fund

Mr. Kenneth M. Feld  
 Mark & Pamela Jacobstein  
 Gloria Levine  
 Gerald Lorence  
 Ms. Jamie Schwartzfisher & Mr. Matthew  
 Malkowski: Cost of Pumpkins and Hayride Suk-  
 kot 2018  
 Joe Winchell

### Rabbi House Fund

Marshall & Jane Cossman  
 Steven Fishman & Bonnie Josephson  
 Harold & Linda Friedman  
 Bob and Bedonna Perish  
 Eunice & Milton Ring  
 Hank and Anita Schneider

### Rabbinic Fund

Hank and Anita Schneider: Sponsorship of Maya  
 and Menachem for 2019

## 2019 B'nai Mitzvah Class

The 2019 B'nai Mitzvah Class will be running the annual Harvest Food and Supply Drive to benefit the Women's Resource Center Safe Home. Please bring non-perishable foods, household supplies, and personal care items to donate during the months of November and December. Donation boxes will be located in the Temple foyer. Please visit [wrcnm.org](http://wrcnm.org) for more information and the complete Safe Home Needs List.



The 2019 B'nai Mitzvah Class also visited our Jewish Section of the Greenwood Cemetery on Veterans Day, to pay their respects, say the Mourners Kaddish and restock the stones in the northwest corner of our section.

## Funds / Named Donations Available

- ☐ Temple General Fund ☐ Newsletter Fund ☐
- ☐ Prayer Book Fund ☐ Building Fund ☐
- ☐ Irene Gordon Memorial Fund ☐ Oneg 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 (\$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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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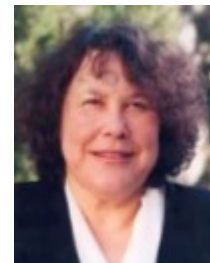
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Mark Rothman Treasurer  
 Temple B'nai Israel  
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 Petoskey MI 49770



So, on November 7th in the ordination and academic convocation at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, I was awarded Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa.

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| <div> <div>5779</div> <div>Calendar of Events</div> <div>2018</div> </div>                                |                       |   |                      |                      |   |   |
|---|-----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Kislev / Tevet   December   |                       |   |                      |                      |   |   |
| Sunday  | Monday                | Tuesday                                       | Wed.                 | Thursday             | Friday  | Saturday  |
| Nov. 25   | 26                    | 27  | 28                   | 29                   | 30<br>5:30pm — Tot Shabbat<br>7:30pm — Shabbat Services<br>w/ Rabbi Maddy<br>4:41  | Dec. 1<br>11am — Torah Study<br>and Potluck Dairy<br>Brunch |
| 2<br>10am — Sunday School<br>11:00am — Chanukah Party<br>w/ Artist-in-Residence                           | 3<br><i>Chanukah</i>  | 4<br><i>Chanukah</i>                          | 5<br><i>Chanukah</i> | 6<br><i>Chanukah</i> | 7<br><i>Chanukah</i><br>4:39   | 8<br><i>Chanukah</i>  |
| 9<br><i>Chanukah</i>  | 10<br><i>Chanukah</i> | 11  | 12                   | 13                   | 14<br>7:30 — Lay Led Shabbat<br>Services<br>4:39                                   | 15<br><i>Rosh Chodesh</i>                                   |
| 16<br>10am — Sunday School<br>1:00pm — Rehearsal w/<br>Artist-in-Residence; for<br>performance in January | 17                    | 18  | 19                   | 20                   | 21<br>4:42   | 22  |
| 23<br>-----<br>30   | 24<br>-----<br>31     | 25<br>6pm — Dinner<br>at China King<br>Buffet | 26                   | 27                   | 28<br>4:46   | 29  |