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Rabbi's Corner

When friends and family ask me about my pulpit experience, I am often overcome with joy as I describe the vibrant, supportive, active community that I am so fortunate to serve here in Petoskey, MI. Having the opportunity to attend the L'Dor V'Dor Consortium Women's Retreat as the rabbi-educator increased my appreciation (even more!) for all of the hard work that each of you, and the other Consortium member congregations put into creating an authentic Jewish life for yourselves and your communities. Thirty-five women, from toddlers to grandmothers and every age in between, came together to sing and pray, eat and learn, relax and connect. As I said during the final session, my experience that weekend will be one that I will carry throughout my career as an example of what Jewish community looks like.

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in one of these retreats, I encourage you to consider registering for the upcoming Intergenerational Purim Retreat retreat, open to all ages and genders!

For more information about the retreat, visit: <http://bit.do/ldvdretreat>

Chodesh Tov (Have a great month!)

Maddy Anderson Student Rabbi



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Winter Torah Study

Join us on Saturday morning's for Torah Study with coffee & Potluck Dairy Lunch.

December 7 at 11:00am

December Events

Fri., Dec. 6, 7:30pm – Shabbat Services with Rabbi Maddy

Sat., Dec. 7, 11am – Torah Study followed by pot-luck dairy brunch

Sun., Dec. 8, 10am – Sunday School

Mon., Dec. 9, 7pm – Board Meeting

Fri., Dec. 20, 7:30pm – Shabbat Services with Rabbi Maddy

Sat., Dec. 21, 4:45pm – Chanukah Story Time w/ Maddy

Sat., Dec. 21, 5:30pm – Havdalah & Menorah Candle Lighting

Sat., Dec. 21, 6:00pm – Dinner & Text Study

Sun., Dec. 22 – Chanukah Begins at Sunset

Mon., Dec. 23 – Public School Winter Break Begins

Wed., Dec 25, 6pm – Dinner at China King Buffet

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house has served our community well, but has a sinking foundation, crumbling window casings, poor ventilation, and outdated appliances leading to continually increasing maintenance bills.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 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.

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

For questions about programs, please contact:

Tot Shabbat: lindsey-kaufmanlb@gmail.com

Shabbat and other events:

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Birth Announcements



Dr. Isaac and Lindsey Kaufman are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Dov, named for two of his great-grandfathers. Siblings Zoey, Sam, and Maya are excited to finally have him home!



Uriel and Faye Root are pleased to announce the birth of their baby boy, Eleazer Giuseppe, אליעזר יוסף בן אוריאל אבישולם.

Donations Received

General Fund

Keith & Laura Podob
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Sarosi:

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Harold & Linda Friedman: IMO Arthur Braverman

Rabbinic Fund

Hank and Anita Schneider: Sponsorship of Maya and Menachem 2020

Temple Expansion Fund

Reverend and Mrs. Donahoe
Val Meyerson
Hank and Anita Schneider

LDvD Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium's annual Intergenerational Purim Retreat, March 13-15 2020, at the Best Western Hotel in Sault Ste Marie MI.

All are invited! Our usual events include Shabbat observance, the ever-zany Purimspiel, a delicious hamantaschen contest, snowshoeing and XC skiing, David Contorer's annual update of Hebrew Free Loan options, lively musical jam sessions, and congregational sharing. Featured activities are age-targeted presentations on klezmer music and history by Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz; and personal safety, cyber security, and congregational preparation by security expert Steve Bucci.

Registration info will be available soon. The retreat is partially funded by a generous grant from The Ravitz Foundation, with support from Hebrew Free Loan.

Contact Carol Ellstein for more information.

Funds Available

- Temple General Fund Newsletter Fund
- Prayer Book Fund Rabbi House Fund
- Irene Gordon Memorial Fund Security Fund
- Lee and Miles Jaffe Memorial Fund
- Religious Education Fund
- Stacy McCracken Memorial Youth Enrichment Fund
- Alvin's "Helping Hand" Rosenhaus Memorial Fund
- Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Named Donations Available

- Tree of Life Fund (\$100 Per Leaf)
- Memorial Wall (\$180 per plaque)

**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:

Gus Paz Treasurer
Temple B'nai Israel
PO Box 2416
Petoskey MI 49770

Save the Date: Saturday, December 21, for a Hanukkah-Havdalah program in the evening. It might be one night early, but let's enjoy surrounded by candlelight, friends, and good food! More details to come in a follow-up email.



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Calendar of Events
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30pm – Shabbat w/ Rabbi Maddy 4:39 	7 11am – Torah Study followed by potluck dairy brunch
8 10am – Sunday School	9 7pm – Board Meet- ing	10	11	12	13 4:39 	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 7:30pm – Shabbat w/ Rabbi Maddy 4:41 	21 4:45pm – Chanukah Story Time w/ Maddy 5:30pm – Havdalah & Menorah Candle Lighting 6:00pm – Dinner & Text Study
22 <i>Chanukah Begins at Sun- down</i>	23 <i>Chanukah Public School Winter Break</i>	24 <i>Chanukah</i>	25 <i>Chanukah</i> 6pm – Dinner at China Buffet King	26 <i>Chanukah</i>	27 <i>Chanukah</i> 4:45 	28 <i>Chanukah</i>
29 <i>Chanukah Rosh Chodesh</i>	30 <i>Chanukah</i>	31	Jan. 1, 2020	2	3 4:51 	4