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The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel

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Rabbi's Corner

Tu B'Shevat, the new year for trees has just passed. In many American Jewish communities, this holiday is thought of as the Jewish Arbor Day, but this was not the original purpose of the holiday. Tu B'Shevat was created to celebrate the agricultural cycle of trees, and their new growth in the spring. While it is difficult to picture what budding trees looks like in the winter here in Northern Michigan, Israel will soon be filled with budding and blossoming trees and plants.

Crops in Israel during temple times were important both to sustain the population, and to provide a tithe according to ancient Jewish law. The rabbis of the Mishnah remind and teach us that those who were able to own fields of crops were in turn required to tithe a portion of that crop to the poor, so they too could eat.

As we finish up this Hebrew month of Shevat and approach spring here in Michigan, keep in mind the importance of protecting our environment and the people who inhabit it. May we all do our best to practice *gemilut hasadim*, *performing acts of loving kindness, both towards people and the earth.*

Maddy Anderson, Student Rabbi



Save-the-Dates

Sunday, March 31—Limmud Michigan is a global movement that celebrates diverse Jewish thinking as an active and evolving conversation: think globally, attend locally. Jewish communities from all over Michigan will gather at The JCC of Metropolitan Detroit and The Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield!

Sunday, April 28—Violins of Hope Concert at the Great Lakes Performing Arts Center

Thursday, May 2—Holocaust Remembrance Day event at Temple B'nai Israel

August 9-11—L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium Intergenerational Retreat

Contact Carol Ellstein at cgeinstein@gmail.com for details



February Events

Fri., Feb. 8, 7:30pm — Lay Led Shabbat Services

Sun., Feb. 10, 10am — Sunday School

Mon., Feb. 11, 7pm — Temple Board Meeting

Fri., Feb. 22, 5:30pm — Tot Shabbat

Fri., Feb. 22, 7:30pm — Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi
Maddy

Sat., Feb. 23, 11am — Torah Study and Potluck
Dairy Brunch

Sat., Feb. 23, 6pm — Musical Shabbat Rehearsal w/
Maddy

Sun., Feb. 24, 10am — Sunday School

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

For questions about programs, please contact:

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Artist-in-Residence

The second phase of our two-part Guest-Artist-in-Residence Jewish Music Education Program will continue in 2019. We will switch up our focus from Chanukah songs to learning and playing Shabbat music for a TBI Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night service. Our newly revised rehearsal and performance schedule to be held in the temple sanctuary is as follows:

Rehearsal WITH Maddy on Saturday February 23rd 6 pm

Rehearsal without Maddy Sunday March 3rd 1 pm

Rehearsal without Maddy Sunday March 10th 1 pm

Dress Rehearsal without Maddy Thursday March 14th 6 pm

Kabbalah Shabbat performance Friday, March 15, 2019, 7:30 pm

All are welcome! Contact TBI President Gus Paz at (231) 675-0638, or committee members Jim and Betty Line, Conrad Gold and Pam Ovshinsky. If you have any musical concerns, please feel free to call Hilary Duberstein at (812) 679-6773, or any of our wonderful musicians for testimonials!

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 cochairs 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

Mrs. Elizabeth Frey
Dr and Mrs Kaufman
Mr. & Mrs. Kranig
Richard & Madelon Weber
Dr. and Mrs. Hal Willens

Rabbi House Fund

Paula Green
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Kasle
Dr. & Mrs. Stan Katlein
Mrs. Barbara Mayer: in Memory of Berta Molasky
James & Virginia Michalowski: In Memory of Marvin and
Doris Winkelman
Margaret Winkelman
Robert Winkelman & Vicki Pontz: In Memory of Marvin
and Doris Winkelman
Scott Winkelman: In Honor of Marvin and Doris
Winkelman
Todd Wyett

Newsletter Fund

Mrs. Elizabeth Frey
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Kasle

New Security Measures

TBI Board has been working all year on updating the safety and security of our Temple, social hall and congregants. Some of the initiatives taken and completed by our board include new easy exit/locking doors, safety and security daily checklists, and training. A big thanks to our security committee!

New security procedures in place:

- * Doors will be locked all the times.
- * On Shabbat, Greeters will be stationed in the foyer let people in and welcome them.
- * Greeter will instruct people to sign in, and fill out and wear name tags.
- * If the Greeter is not present, please ring the door bell.

B'Nai Mitzvah Class

The B'Nai Mitzvah Class of 2019 completed their fundraising drive to benefit the Women's Resource Center and delivered collected donations to the Safe House. They also opted to donate the Tzedakah funds collected at the Temple over the past year to the sum of \$50!

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: _____

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:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan. 27	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	7	8 7:30 — Lay Led Shabbat Services 5:29 	9
10 10am — Sunday School	11 7pm — Temple Board Meeting	12	13	14	15 5:49 	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 5:30pm — Tot Shabbat 7:30pm — Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi Maddy 5:59 	23 11am — Torah Study and Potluck Dairy Brunch 6pm—Musical Shabbat Rehearsal w/ Maddy
24 10am — Sunday School	25	26	27	28	Mar. 1 6:09 	2