# Temple B'nai Israel

## A Note From Our Spiritual Leader

This month we celebrate *Tu B'shevat*, the new year of trees. During the temple period *Tu B'shevat* helped mark the first fruit offerings. The festival has changed and evolved over 20 centuries and retains its significance and vitality to this day.

The kabbalists of 16th century *Tz'fat* revived and reinterpreted *Tu B'shevat* by creating a *seder* to celebrate and experience the fruit of the trees in relationship to the different aspects of our souls, as in Torah it says "a person is like a tree in the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19). The Torah itself is referred to as *etz chayim hi lamachazikim bah*, "she is a tree of life to them who hold fast to her."

Today, the celebration of *Tu B'shevat* stems from more than 2,000 years of Jewish tradition and helps us address and meet the environmental challenges of our day, and fuel our efforts toward *tikkun olam*, repairing and healing the world. The origins of *Tu B'shevat* remind us that we are the descendants of an indigenous people and heirs to an ancient wisdom that is deeply connected to the earth and cycles of the seasons.

In the words of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, "every blade of grass sings a song of praise and from that song of praise, a shepherd's tune is made." May all of us, including our partners in nature sing our songs of praise together in exquisite harmony.

For a musical expression of Rabbi Nachman's teaching, click on this link: https://youtu.be/W917WUit5L0

B'ahavah,

Hazzan Gabrielle

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## **EVENTS**

February 5th - 10am Sunday School (special tour of Americans & the Holocaust exhibit at Petoskey District Library (RSVP to tbipetoskey@gmail.com if you would like to join)

February 13th - 7pm TBI Board Meeting (Zoom)

February 24th - 7pm Kabbalat Shabbat

February 25th - Torah Study with Hazzan Gabrielle February 26th - 10am Sunday School

## Americans and the Holocaust **Exhibition**

There will be a private tour of the Americans and the Holocaust Exhibition at the Petoskey District Library for TBI on Sunday, February 5th @10am.

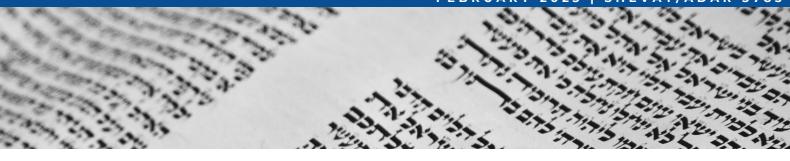
Please RSVP to: tbipetoskey@gmail.com (so that we can get an accurate head count)

**Americans and the Holocaust** is a traveling exhibition that examines Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. What did Americans know, and what more could have been done? The exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. - also presents stories of individual Americans, some of whom took actions that went against the grain at the time, daring to rescue Jews from Europe.

## L'Dor v'Dor

To see what the Consortium does, which congregations it serves, and who is on the Leadership Team, please check out our website at **Idvd.net**. The website also provides a calendar of all six congregations' schedules. For more information, contact Carol Ellstein at 517-881-0668 or cgellstein@gmail.com





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Our Spiritual Leader Gabrielle Pescador was Ordained as a Hazzan on January 8th through the ALEPH Alliance For Jewish Renewal Program!

Congratulations Hazzan Gabrielle!

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All Temple events are open to the public, including Sunday School sponsored programs! For questions about programs, please contact:

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5 <u>10am</u> Sunday School	6	7	00	9	<b>Candle:</b> 5:42pm	7 7  Parsha:  Yitro	
12	13 <u>7pm</u> TBI Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Candle: 5:52pm	18 Parsha: Mishpatim	
19	20	21 Rosh Chodesh	22	23	24 Candle: 6:02pm 7pm Kabbalat Shabbat	25 Parsha: Terumah 10am Study w/ Gabrielle	
26 10am Sunday School	27	28					