

Temple B'Nai Israel



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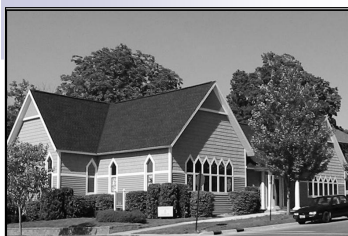
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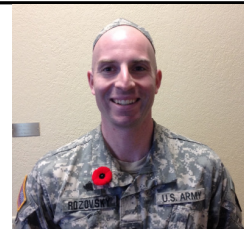
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I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Hanukkah and prosperous and wonderful New Year. One of the central aspects of Hanukkah is the right to religious freedom. We, as American Jews, are truly blessed to live in a country where we have the right to worship our faith without fear of persecution or harm. To that end I thought I would share a portion of a letter President George Washington wrote to the Jews of Newport, Rhode Island in 1790 affirming their undeniable right to religious liberty and freedom: "...the Government of the United States gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance. May the children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy." (<http://www.tourosynagogue.org/index.php/history-learning/gw-letter>)

Sincerely, *Student Rabbi, Aaron Rozovsky*



News From Carol:

Long-time temple member Berta Meyerson Molasky passed away on December 20th, at McLaren Hospice in Petoskey after suffering a fall. Her death was peaceful and not prolonged.

Berta was the mother of Ben Meyerson (Nicole Dewey) of Utah, and Temple members Val Meyerson (Tom Johnson), Josh (Mary Jean) Meyerson, and Emily Meyerson (Harry Kitchen). She is also survived by grandchildren Jeremiah and Anne Johnson, Max and Gabe Meyerson, and Amanda Kitchen; brother Joel (Shelley) Tauber; sister-in-law Shelby Tauber and lifelong friend Barbara Mayer. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Gerald Meyerson and Marvin Molasky.

There will be a memorial service at Temple B'nai Israel in Petoskey, 3:00 p.m., Sun., Jan 4.

Berta was a vibrant, strong, active and beloved member of our temple. Her presence

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A Note from ARZA

Voting will open January 15th for the upcoming World Zionist Congress. Right now, the stakes couldn't be higher. This is a vote for soul of the State of Israel and we need your support. We are all watching very closely to what happens in Israel as a Knesset bill threatens the fabric of Israeli democracy.

Reform rabbis are free to perform marriage rites for Jews anywhere in the world-except in Israel! Money is being poured into settlements across the Green Line while Reform congregations are struggling. This upcoming vote could work to change all of that. But not without you. Please register to vote at: reformjews4israel.org.

President Rabbi Josh Weinberg



January Events

Sun., Jan. 4, 3:00 pm – **Molasky Memorial**
 Sun., Jan. 11, 10:00 am – **Sunday School**
 Mon., Jan. 12, 7:00 pm – **Board Meeting**
 Fri., Jan. 16, 5:30 pm – **Tot/Family Shabbat**
 Fri., Jan. 16, 7:30 pm – **Shabbat Services**
 Sun., Jan. 18, 10:00 am – **Sunday School**



The Aleph class taking a stretch break with Moreh Gold.

SAVE THE DATE!
 L'Dor v' Dor –
 Family Retreat Weekend
 March 13-15 in Mackinaw City!

Religious School Update

A big thank you to everyone who came out and made the Family Movie Night a grand success. We will look forward to another similar event in the future. Sunday school is moving along, following our Hanukkah party on December 14th we will have a short break over the winter holidays and return to our studies on January 11th, followed by another session on the 18th with Rabbi Aaron.

The Hanukkah party was a smashing success and a big thanks to all those who participated. The annual latke cook off was won in decisive fashion by Team B'nai Mitzvah who earned the award of one free cut to the head of the motzi line at the next Sunday school.

Mark Rothman, Education Coordinator



Berta Molasky

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will be acutely missed by her immediate family, extended family, temple family and friends in the greater Petoskey and Charlevoix communities. May her family be comforted and her memory be a blessing for all who knew and loved her.

Contributions in Berta's memory may be made to either of the following organizations, or to a charity of your choice:

Temple B'nai Israel of Petoskey
 Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund
 PO Box 2416
 Petoskey MI 49770
www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org
National Council of Jewish Women
 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 306
 Southfield MI 48033
www.ncjwgds.org



The canned food and warm clothing drive was a big success. Thanks to everyone who generously donated to this worthy cause. All collected items were donated to the Women's Resource Center in Petoskey. Lauren Rothman is pictured as she dropped off some of the items.

Yahrzeit Notices

The Temple mails out Yahrzeit notices every month. We use our yahrzeit database as the main source of information for this effort. However, the database is incomplete and may have errors. If you wish to add a loved one to the database for inclusion in the yahrzeit notification program, please drop a note to Tom Johnson at: tjohnson9916@charter.net

Temple Member Rosalyn Goldstick is recovering from a fall. She welcomes visitors at Boulder Park Rehabilitation Center in Charlevoix.

Donations Received

November 17 through December 26, 2014

General Fund

Drs. Louis & Sally Cannon
 Harold & Lynda Friedman
 Dr. Brian & Jennifer Gelb
 Henry & Nancy Hanflik
 Dr. Henriette Kaplan
 Dr. Stan & Lee Katlein
 Jan Kirychuk
 Brad & Becky Kranig
 Richard & Virginia Lepman –
in honor of L'Dor V'Dor Consortium
 Mike & Rita Lindemann
 Dr. Joshua & Mary Jean Meyerson
 Dr. Naomi Overton

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Gustavo & Rosanne Paz –
in memory of Larry Krugel and Bud Meadows
 Dr. Carol Ellstein & Joseph Wildberg –
in memory of Berta Meyerson Molasky

Rabbinic Fund

Steven & Bonnie Fishman
 Shirley Freeman

Newsletter Fund

Franklin & Judith Kasle

**Funds/Named Donations Available**

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

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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:

Tom Johnson, Treasurer
 Temple B'Nai Israel
 PO Box 2416
 Petoskey MI 49770

News from the Treasurer:

A major Temple initiative this year is revitalizing the Rabbinic Fund. Last Summer's wonderful experiences with Rav Maya Leibovich and Cantor Richard Schwartz demonstrated the extraordinary value that experienced Rabbis, Cantors and Cantorial Assistants bring to our congregation. Our summer program was excellent in every regard, and feedback from our Temple community was very positive, indeed.

In order to continue offering these high service levels, we will be launching a Rabbinic Fund drive this winter. We will be conducting a targeted mailing campaign, with telephone follow up. However, you can donate now. Already, we have received several donations, but we will need more so that we can fund these high caliber programs for the foreseeable future!

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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Michigan or on the web at:
www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org

Upcoming Rabbinic Visits:

February 20-22, 2015

March 6-8, 2015

April 10-12, 2015

May 8-10, 2015







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Tevet 5775 Shevat

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 4:50 	3 Parshat Vayechi
4 3:00 Molasky Memorial	5	6	7	8	9 4:58 	10 Parshat Shemot
11 10:00 Sunday School	12 7:00 Board Mtg	13	14	15	7 5:30 Tot/Family Shabbat 7:30 Shabbat Services 5:06 	17 Parshat Va'eira
18 10:00 Sunday School	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20	21 Rosh Chodesh	22	23 5:16 	24 Parshat Bo
25	26	27	28	29	30 5:26 	31 Parshat Beshalach