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# B'nai Israel

*The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel*

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## Rabbi's Corner

I want to begin by saying Kol HaKavod (literally “all the honor”) to everyone who took part in the Hanukkah celebration last month. I missed the end, but heard the results that the B’nai Mitzvah class won the latke cookoff. Thank you to the musicians and everyone who worked to make that program possible. It was truly a wonderful way to kick off Hanukkah and the season of light.

Much like the Jewish New Year, the secular New Year calls on each of us to set new goals, and work to become the best version of ourselves. May we each take a moment to be thankful for what we have, and continue spreading our light in the world, all year long.

B'Shalom,  
Maddy Anderson  
Find my sermons @ [rabbimaddy.com](http://rabbimaddy.com)



## From the President

The first phase of our Musical Artist-in-Residence project (with renowned cantorial soloist Hilary Duberstein) culminated in a Chanukah Performance with the Sunday School Chanukah Party! We now have Phase Two to look forward to! The schedule for this next phase has changed. We will now have a Kabbalah Shabbat performance on Friday March 15. We will have four rehearsals starting with the first on February 23. Please refer to the article in this issue for more details.

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 Shabbat Kabbalah songs.

L'shalom,  
Gus



## January Events

Fri., Jan. 11, 7:30pm — Lay Led Shabbat Services  
 Sun., Jan. 13, 10am — Sunday School  
 Mon. Jan., 14, 7pm — Temple Board Meeting  
 Fri., Jan. 25, 5:30pm — Tot Shabbat  
 Fri., Jan. 25, 7:30pm — Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Maddy  
 Sat., Jan. 26, 11am — Torah Study and Potluck Dairy Brunch  
 Sun., Jan. 27, 10am — Sunday School and Tu B'Shevat Seder

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: Emily - efreedland@hotmail.com



## 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

Karen & Gerald Adams  
 Louis & Patty Beck  
 Mr. and Mrs. Beren  
 Drs. Louis & Sally Cannon  
 Bob & Pat Chadwick  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fellows In Honor of Jillian Fellows  
 Harold & Linda Friedman  
 Dr. Brian Gelb  
 Dr. Jane Harris  
 Mr. Thomas Johnson  
 Nancy Lenhoff  
 Naomi Overton  
 Mr. and Dr. Gustavo/Rosanne Paz

### Rabbi House Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Beren  
 Robert Briggs  
 Mrs. Gilda Cohen & Leonard Senkfor  
 Marshall & Jane Cossman  
 Dr. and Mrs. Charles Glueck  
 Dr. Jane Harris  
 Mr. Thomas Johnson  
 Steve Johnston & Elisa Seltzer  
 Dr. and Mrs. Kaufman  
 Mr. and Dr. Gustavo/Rosanne Paz  
 Mr. Switow

### Alvin's Helping Hand Fund

Jennifer Eis

## 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.

## 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:

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Circle which fund you are designating (above) and then mail your check and this completed form to:

Mark Rothman Treasurer  
 Temple B'nai Israel  
 PO Box 2416  
 Petoskey MI 49770

## Tu B'Shevat

January 21 is *Tu B'Shevat* ("the 15th of Shevat") marks the beginning of a "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

Legally, the "New Year for Trees" relates to the various tithes that must be separated from produce grown in the Holy Land. We mark the day by eating fruit, particularly from the "Seven Kinds" that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates). On this day we remember that "Man is a tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19) and reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue.

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<div> <div>5779</div> <div>Calendar of Events</div> <div>2019</div> </div>						
Tevet/Shevat   January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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6	7 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	8	9	10	11 7:30 — Lay Led Shabbat Services 5:00 	12
13 10am — Sunday School	14 7pm — Temple Board Meeting	15	16	17	18 5:09 	19
20 <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>	21 <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>	22	23	24	25 5:30pm — Tot Shabbat 7:30pm — Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi Maddy 5:18 	26 11am — Torah Study and Potluck Dairy Brunch
27 10am — Sunday School and Tu B'Shevat Sedar	28	29	30	31	1 5:29 	2