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Rabbi's Corner

During the Civil Rights movement, the Jewish community was actively involved in the pursuit of equal rights for all Americans. Reform rabbis marched alongside Dr Martin Luther King Junior on many occasions, including Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who marched alongside Dr. King in his March on Selma.

Maya Angelou's poem, *Abundant Hope evokes Dr. King's strength and compassion, pain and love, joy and despair. As we move through January, I encourage each of us to take an active part in the pursuit of justice for all. As Micah 6:8 teaches, "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."*

L'Shalom,

Maddy Anderson
Student Rabbi

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Letter from the President

Shalom Temple BNai Israel Family -

It is my honor and privilege to have been elected as your new president. Temple BNai Israel has been an integral part of my life and was one of the reasons I moved to Petoskey in 2001. I have loved being a part of this small but mighty community, watching the Temple grow and change throughout the years. I watched as my children grew and embraced their own sense of Judaism within the warm Jewish up-north family. I embraced the roll of Education Director and truly appreciated being a part of the lives of our youngest members. I have tried to learn the inner workings of the Temple these past few years on the Board. And now, I am looking forward to this coming year hopeful that it will be bountiful for all of us.

A warm and heartfelt thank you to Gus Paz who worked tirelessly and was always available these past few years as president and now will be continuing as our new Treasurer. Gus, you are a gem and I and I know all the rest of the congregants, are truly appreciative of all you do. I hope that my leadership will continue us on the path that has been laid before me, a path of warmth, and inclusivity for all. Happiest New Year to all.

Valerie Meyerson



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January Events

Sun., Jan. 12, 10am – Sunday School

Mon., Jan. 13, 7pm – Board Meeting

Fri., Jan. 24, 7:30pm – Shabbat Services with Rabbi
Maddy

Sat., Jan. 25, 11am – Torah Study followed by pot-
luck dairy brunch

Sun., Jan. 26, 10am – Sunday School

2020 Rabbi Weekends

January 24-26

February 7-9

February 21-23

March 6-8

April 24-26

May 15-17

June 5-7

Summer weekly services with Maya and
Menachem begin June 19.

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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Poem From Rabbi Maddy

Martin Luther King
Brought winds of healing
To his country
Reeling unsteady
With the illness
Of racial prejudice,
Screams of vulgarity
Could not silence him.
Fire bombs and dogs
Could not take his voice away.
...
All creeds and cultures
Were comfortable in
His giant embrace
And all just causes
Were his to support and extol

Through sermons and allocutions
With praise songs and orations
He preached fair play and serenity
From handcuffs and prison garb
From leg irons and prison bars
He taught triumph over loss
And love over despair
Hallelujah over the dirges and
Joy over moaning.
Fear not, we've come too far to turn
back
We are not afraid, and we shall overcome.

Excerpts from Abundant Hope

Donations Received

General Fund

Ernest Mainland IHO Max Engelman
Ken Feld
Stuart and Laurie Fenton

Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Gloria Levine IMO Joseph and Irene Gordon

Newsletter Fund

Harriet Colman

Temple Expansion Fund

Jim and Betty Line
Joel and Linda Beren
Susan Kroll and Ed O'Neill
Rex Rosenhaus

LDvD Inter-Generational 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 and register for the event at <http://bit.do/ldvdretreat>.

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
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Ask Dr. Ruth

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Rosh Chodesh (A Women's THING) is back – coming this February!

Please save the evening of Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm to meet up at temple to schmooze with our amazing group of temple women for a vegetarian potluck and screening of the 2019 documentary Ask Dr. Ruth. The iconic sex therapist of the 1980's is the subject of thought-provoking documentary that chronicles the unique and groundbreaking life of Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Learn about her incredible story as she reflects upon her life.

Excerpts from her radio and tv shows occasionally use explicit language.

Dessert and discussion will follow! For more information contact Pam (povsh@yahoo.com).

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Calendar of Events
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 29 <i>Chanukah</i>	30 <i>Chanukah</i>	31	Jan. 1, 2020	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	4:51 	10
12 10am – Sunday School	13 7pm – Board Meeting	14	15	16	4:59 	11
19	20	21	22	23	5:07 	18
26 10am – Sunday School	27	28	29	30	7:30pm – Shabbat w/ Rabbi Maddy 5:17 	25 11am – Torah Study followed by potluck dairy brunch
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