#### July 2014

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# **Temple B'Nai Israel**

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#### Rabbi's Corner:

t home I am called "Rav Maya". You will probably be calling me "Rabbi Maya". These are two different titles in Hebrew and in Jewish history. "Rav" was the title for the Babylonian Rabbis and "Rabbi" the one for the Israelites. Besides that, two very famous rabbis were addressed as "Rav" and "Rabbi": The first one was Rav Aba Bar Ibo, who is credited with the flourishing of the Babylonian Yeshiva Sura and the second was Rabbi Yehudah Hanassi, also known as Judah the Prince. He was the chief redactor and editor of the Mishnah.



They were addressed only by their titles (and so they appear in the Talmud) because of their fame and the respect towards their teachings and leadership.

These two rabbis taught Jewish studies on both sides of the ocean. There was constant rivalry between the Jewish centers of Israel and Babylonia. There was also a constant movement of rabbis from Israel to Babylonia and vice versa as well as was much exchange which enriched the Jewish communities. A great testimony to that are the two Talmuds: The Jerusalem Talmud and the Babylonian Talmud.

In the Babylonian Talmud there is a story told by Rabbi Yohanan, one of the greatest amoraim in which he recalls a debate between Rav (Ibo) and Rabbi (Yehudah H'anassi) in which sparks of fire poured out of their mouths and he, Rabbi Yohanan was unable to

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#### **Summer Soiree with Wine Auction**

This year's Summer Soiree, 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 27, will be held at the home of Louis and Sally Cannon on beautiful Lake Charlevoix. As in years' past, this event is an opportunity to reconnect with our summer members and do some fundraising for the Temple. We are hoping for a beautiful night for sipping good wine and enjoying the Cannons' gardens and lake views. The auction will work as follows: everybody brings a bottle of their favorite wine to auction, as well as a story about why this is their favorite. (served at their wedding? attracted to the really cool wine label? tasted for the first time at a beautiful vineyard in CA?). Tickets for the wine collection we will amass, will be \$10.00 a chance. Our Master of Ceremonies, Kyle Ciesielski, of Esperance will draw the winning ticket. Tickets will be sold at the event; however, if you cannot attend, but would like to buy some tickets, contact Sally to purchase. This event is being sponsored, in part, by the generosity of Esperance, the Schulman Family, the Cannon Family, and Bearcub Outfitters. Please RSVP to Sally Cannon at scannon123@aol.com; 231-250-4297 OR Pam Ovshinsky at povsh@yahoo.com; 248-229-2155. Invitations will arrive soon.

#### Temple B'Nai Israel



#### **Upcoming Events**

Fri., July 4, 7:30 PM – Shabbat Services
Sun., July 6, 10:00 AM – Chevra Kadisha
Fri., July 11, 7:30 PM – Shabbat Services
Fri., July 11, 7:30 PM – Welcome Rav Maya Oneg
Sun., July 13, 11:00 AM – Learning w/ Rav Maya
Mon., July 13, 11:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
Fri., July 18, 7:30 PM – Shabbat Services
Fri., July 25, 7:30 PM – Shabbat Services
Fri., July 25, 9:00 PM – Irene Gordon Memorial Oneg
Sun., July 27, 8:00 PM – Shabbat Services

#### July with Rav Maya

Direct from Israel, Rav Maya Leibovich and her husband Menachem will be fully rested and restored by the time July 4th arrives. Before venturing out for Independence Day fireworks, plan to stop by the temple at 7:30 pm where you will be able to attend Shabbat services, enjoy an Oneg snack, and still feast your eyes on thrilling displays of fireworks. On Sunday, July 13, join us at the Temple from 11:00 – 1:00 pm for a casual buffet brunch 'n' learn with Rav Maya. Then on July 27, visit with Rav Maya and Menachem at the Cannon's home for the Summer Soiree. We hope to see you throughout the month!

#### **Hebrew Free Loans**

Hebrew Free Loan has a number of loan programs supporting personal, business and education endeavors. They are expanding their programs to all of Northern Michigan Jewish residents, and have recently launched the William Davidson Jewish College Loan Program The William Davidson Jewish College Loan Program is dedicated to helping Michigan's Jewish students access higher education that will allow them to achieve career success. The William Davidson Jewish College Loan Program provides an interest-free loan of up to \$7,500 per student per year – for qualifying, Jewish, Michigan residents to help address the rising costs of higher education. Check out their newsletter at <u>hfldetroit.org</u> for more information..



Due to the continued generosity of Soul Train, our Temple will again host Israeli Day Camp for children ages 5-12 from August 4th-August 8th. Campers will enjoy learning about Israel through food, music, dance, arts and crafts and more. Camp counselors live and attend school in Israel and come to share their culture with us. Camp is open to members (\$25 per camper) and non-members (\$50) with financial assistance available if needed. For more information or to request a registration form, please call 347-8741 or email: info@templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org.

#### **Chevra Kadisha Meeting**



The Chevra Kadisha group will reconvene on Sunday, July 6 at 10:00 am at the Temple. We will update everyone (including Rav Maya) on work accomplished during the year and create a summer schedule for additional meetings. New and old members welcome! For questions, contact Sally at scannon123@aol.com.

#### **Rabbi's Corner**

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follow the argumentations (Hulin:137, 2). This is probably an exaggeration due to love and admiration.

One can see a likeness to these olden times in the two large Jewish centers of today: Israel and the US. I cannot liken myself to such great rabbis but I want to believe I will be walking in Rav's footsteps. No, I do not intend to build a yeshiva in Petoskey but I hope to be learning with you, to bring Israel to you and be able to enrich your lives, as much as I imagine I will learn from you and be enriched by the wonderful opportunity you are offering me.

My husband Menachem and I will be joining you shortly after Shavuot and will be leaving you shortly after Tu B'av. On both these holidays we recall stories about love. On Shavuot we read the story of Ruth, her love for Naomi , Naomi's people and her love of Boaz. Tu B'av is the Jewish celebration of love (our version of Valentine's Day).

Could it be that our coming to you during this period is a sign? Menachem and I do hope so. We are excited about joining you for the summer and hope to form a meaningful love story with B'nai Israel Petoskey.

Shalom, Rav Maya

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#### **Donations Received**

through June 20, 2014

#### General Fund

Linda Farb In honor of Nathan Farb's fine service

#### Alvin's Helping Hand Fund

Carolyn Schreiber In memory of John Mayer

Perpetual Kaddish Fund Berta Molasky In memory of John Mayer





Olive Dwan and Asa Gold celebrate on becoming Bat and Bar Mitzvah.





#### **Funds/Named Donations Available**

Temple General Fund 

Newsletter Fund 
Prayer Book Fund 

Building Fund 
Irene Gordon Memorial Fund 
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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)

#### **7emple B**'**Nai Jsrael** 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

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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> Located at the corner of Waukazoo & Michigan or on the web at: www.templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org

Stop by the Temple 11:00 Am, Sunday, July 13 for Brunch 'n Learn with Rav Maya.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Rosh Chodesh	30	July 1	2	3	4 7:30 Shabbat Services 9:13	5 Parshat Balak
6 10:00 Chevra Kadisha	7	8	9	10	11 7:30 Shabbat Services 9:00 Welcome Rav Maya Oneg 9:10	<b>12</b> Parshat Pinchas
13 11:00 Brunch 'n Learn w/ Rav Maya	14 7:00 Board Mtg.	15	16	17	18           7:30         Shabbat Services           9:05         1	19 Parshat Matot
20	21	22	23	24	25 7:30 Shabbat Services 9:00 Irene Gordon Memorial Oneg 8:59	<b>26</b> Parshat Massei
27 8:00 Summer Soiree	28 Rosh Chodesh	29	30	31	August 1 7:30 Shabbat Services 8:50	<b>2</b> Parshat Devarim