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Rabbi's Corner

"Israel are scattered sheep" claims the prophet Jeremiah (50:17).

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai explains Jeremiah's words via a simile: he likens the Israelites to passengers on a boat. Suddenly one of them takes a drill and starts drilling under his seat. The other passengers ask: what do you think you are doing? He answers: Why is it your business, am I not drilling under **my** own seat? So they answer: and the water will come up and flood the boat and we will **all** drown (Vayikra Raba,4:6).

This lovely simile is used by Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai to explain via a simple descriptive simile the value of mutual responsibility among Israelites/ Jews. Israel are responsible for one another.

It was originally meant in the legal (halachic) sense that every Jew is responsible for the performance of our commandments, but today serves as a dictum describing our peoplehood, our united goals and sacred mission as Jews wherever we are. Although the majority of Jews live today in our homeland Israel, we are still a scattered people. But as far as our destiny and future as a people, we are in the same boat.

This boat is in my simile Israel. It is our duty as Jews to make sure no one digs holes in our boat. One of the most dangerous holes is indifference. Another hole is detachment from Judaism and Israel (they very often walk hand in hand). Another, is identification with organizations who preach to the annihilation of Israel (sometimes under very liberal titles).

The fate of Israel will impact the lives of Jews wherever they live, whatever their political inclinations. Jews can be critical of Israel's government or policies but they have to stand together by Israel in its right to exist and in its fight to be a democratic Jewish state. They are part of Israel.

The National Jewish Population Study taken in 2001 in the US showed that only 21% of Reform Jews feel a strong attachment to Israel and the Jewish people. In contrast 91% of Orthodox Jews expressed strong attachment. The study showed that Reform Jews are less concerned about other Jewish communities than other denominations. Reform Jews care less about K'lal Israel.

Menachem and I feel that we carry a piece of Israel with us wherever we go. We feel that we bring our love and pride in Israel to you. We are no blind admirers. We recognize the faults of our country. We want to describe it realistically. We will engage in open talks discussions and debates with you. At the end of the day we hope all of us will be expressing care and true concern and attachment to our homeland.



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July Events

Fri., July 5, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya;
Parashat Korach

Sun., July 7, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck
Dairy Brunch; From Bondage to Freedom Part 1

Mon., July 8, 7pm — Temple Board Meeting

Fri., July 12, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya;
Parashat Hukat

Sun., July 14, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Pot-
luck Dairy Brunch; From Bondage to Freedom Part 2

Fri., July 19, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya;
Parashat Balak

Sat., July 20, 9am — Evie's Pancake Breakfast

Sat., July 20, 10am —Shabbat Morning Service w/ Rav
Maya at TBE Alpena

Sat., July 20, 12pm — Lunch w/ TBE & Alpena Tour

Sun., July 21, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Pot-
luck Dairy Brunch; Heroism in the Midst of Oppression,
The Midwives

Mon., July 22, 7pm — Journey of Daughter of Holocaust
Survivor to Rabbinate; @ Carnegie Building

Fri., July 26, 7:30pm—Shabbat Services w/ Rav Maya;
Parashat Pinchas

Sun., July 28, 10am—Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya;
Potluck Dairy Brunch; The Half Empty Haggadah

Sun., July 28, 5pm — Summer Soiree in the Temple
Backyard

Mon., July 29 — Soul Train Summer Camp Begins

All Temple events, including Sunday School sponsored
programs, are open to all!

For questions about programs, please contact:

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Rav Maya announces the birth of Eitan, born June 6 to her
daughter Avishag, and her husband Benny and brother to
Itamar (7) and Yoav (5). We are elated!

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.

Soul Train Summer Camp

Summer Day Camp for ages 5-14! Israeli Counselors! July 29 through August 2, 9:00 - 3:30 PM Israeli games, arts & crafts, sports & more! Contact Lindsey Kaufman for more information (248)763-3473 or kaufmanlb@gmail.com. This day camp program is made possible through the generosity of Soul Train, who provides the counselor salaries and transportation.

THIS Shabbat in CHARLEVOIX

Join us for a beautiful Shabbat service at the Charlevoix Band Shell Amphitheatre.

New this year, fun kids zone!

AUG 16 7:00 PM	6:15 PM NOSH & SCHMOOZE PRE-NEG BEFORE SERVICES
AUG 17 7:00 PM	HAVDALAH SERVICE AT EAST PARK IN DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

This is one weekend you will not want to miss!

FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lindsey at lfoxwagner@tbeonline.org or 248.851.1100.

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General Fund

Steven Fishman & Bonnie Josephson

Perpetual Kaddish

Dr. Howard Reznick: In Memory of Joyce Reznick

Temple Expansion Fund

Val Meyerson

Evie's Triumph

After a very difficult few years for Evelyn Schwartz and her family, Evie is cancer free! We should come together, celebrate Evie, and show our continued support for the work that remains. A great way to do that is to come out and support the Cancer Crusaders at the 15th annual Bear River Crawl July 20th here is a link to all the info and registration <http://bit.ly/SupportEvie>

Additionally, you can show your support for Evie and the Schwartz's with a special "Team Evie" T-shirt on sale for \$20. Please email Mark at mranda@hotmail.com to order, including size and quantity by July 8th. After the Bear River Crawl come to Temple B'nai Israel where this year's B'nai Mitzvah class will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit the Schwartz family from 9-11:30. \$10 donation suggested.

Email Mark at mranda@hotmail.com with questions.

Rav Maya's Journey

Journey of the Daughter of a Holocaust Survivor to the Rabbinate — Monday, July 22, 7:00pm – Petoskey District Library Carnegie Building, 451 E. Mitchell St.

Rav Maya is an amazing woman who has led a truly impactful life. We know her as our Summer Rabbi — the first Israeli-born woman ordained as rabbi by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. However, she has done so much more.

Rav Maya served as head of the Israeli Reform Rabbinical council, and was amongst the first rabbis to go to the former Soviet Union and teach Reform Judaism. During the year she dedicates time to a Women's Shelter in Jerusalem, participates in surveillance over road blocks and volunteers in Alyn at a rehabilitation center for physically challenged and disabled children, adolescents and young adults.

To learn more about our amazing summer Rabbi, attend this event!

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

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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:

Mark Rothman Treasurer
Temple B'nai Israel
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Summer Soiree

This year's Summer Soiree, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00pm, Sunday, July 28, will be held in the garden between the Social Hall and Rabbi House. 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 of comradery and hearing the update about the new Rabbi House. There will also be a wine auction! 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 to win the wine collection will be \$10.00 a chance. Tickets will be sold at the event; however, if you cannot attend, but would like to buy some tickets, contact Emily Stuchell to purchase, 231.330.4936.

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Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 30 10am – Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch	1	2	3	4 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	5 7:30pm- Shabbat Service w/ Rav Maya 9:12 	6
7 10am – Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch	8 7pm – Temple Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 7:30pm- Shabbat Service w/ Rav Maya 9:09 	13
14 10am – Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch	15	16	17	18	19 7:30pm- Shabbat Service w/ Rav Maya 9:04 	20 9am–Pancake Breakfast 10am–TBE Alpena Services Noon– Lunch w/ TBE & Alpena Tour
21 10am – Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch	22 7pm – Journey to Daughter of Holo- caust Survivor to Rabbinat; Carnegie Building	23	24	25	26 7:30pm- Shabbat Service w/ Rav Maya 8:57 	27
28 10am – Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Dairy Brunch 5pm – Summer Soiree	29 Soul Train Summer Camp	30 Soul Train Summer Camp	31 Soul Train Sum- mer Camp	August 1 Soul Train Sum- mer Camp	2 2pm–Soul Train Summer Camp; Graduation 7:30pm- Shabbat Service w/ Rav Maya 8:48 	3 10am–Simon Gelb Bar Mizvah