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# B'nai Israel

*The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel*

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## Rabbi's Corner

When I arrived in Petoskey for the High Holy Days last year, I was extremely nervous. After a year of working with Temple B'nai Israel I can confidently say that those nerves have faded, and I have each of you to thank for that. From the moment I began, I have been surrounded by the support of this community; in your kind words, in your participation in music and prayer, and in your encouraging smiles when I look out from pulpit. Your care for this community is an inspiration. I am so thankful to have begun my journey to becoming a rabbi with such a special community, and I look forward to continuing the journey next fall!

Chodesh Tov!

Maddy Anderson

## Safety Updates!

The TBI Security Team has implemented new safety procedures! When you arrive, you will be greeted and asked to use a name tag and sign in. If you arrive after 7:30, simply ring the bell. There will be training initiatives for congregants implemented soon. Please attend! These modifications are being implemented to enhance comfort and security at the temple. Thank you to an anonymous donor for underwriting our security improvements are funded.

## Save-the-Dates

August 9-11— L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium Intergenerational Retreat in Manistique. Fun and learning for all ages, backgrounds, and interests. Contact Carol Ellstein at [cgeinstein@gmail.com](mailto:cgeinstein@gmail.com) for details

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## June Events

Fri., June 7, 7:30pm — Shabbat Services w/ Rabbi Maddy

Sat., June 8, 11am—Torah Study and Potluck Dairy Brunch

Sun., June 9, 10am—End of Year Pizza party; Shavuot; Sunday School (Dairy/Parve)

Mon., June 10, 7pm — Temple Board Meeting

Tues., June 25 — Maya and Menachem Arrive!

Wed., June 26, 7pm — Answering the Call (See Ad)

Fri., June 28, 7:30pm — First Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Rav Maya

Sat., June 29, 10am — Bat Mitzvah of Mya Malkowski, Daughter of Jamie and Matt

Sun., June 30, 11:30am — Lunch & Learn w/ Rav Maya; Potluck Brunch (Dairy/Parve); Shalosh Regalim—The Three Festivals of Pilgrimage

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:

## What is Shavuot?

Shavuot, the “Feast of Weeks,” is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. Shavuot is also referred to sometimes as Pentecost. Although its origins are to be found in an ancient grain harvest festival, Shavuot has long been identified with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. The first determines the ritual for the holiday, which was one of the three pilgrimage festivals of ancient Israel, when Israelite males were commanded to appear before God in Jerusalem, bringing offerings of the first fruits of their harvest. The second determines the significance of the holiday for Judaism, tying it in with the seminal event of Jewish religious memory, namely the entering into a covenant between God and Israel, exemplified by Israel’s assumption of Divine law.

## 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

Mrs. Sue Freedland: Donor tile In Memory of Michael  
Freedland  
Mr. Charles Kiefer

### Perpetual Kaddish

Rhoda Raider: In Memory of Jordan Raider

### Tree of Life

Mrs. Sue Freedland: In honor of 50th wedding anniversary

SAVE THE DATE

## ANSWERING THE CALL: *An Interfaith Response for Climate Action*

*The 2018 climate reports are wake-up calls for unprecedented action now to protect our children's future. Recognizing the choice we face, come learn what we as members of faith communities can do! Creative interfaith voices will inspire and equip us to put faith into action in response to this urgent challenge. Mark your calendars now!*

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Voorhies Hall  
Bay View, Michigan**

Sponsored by:  
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Petoskey - Emanuel Episcopal Church of Petoskey - Greensky Hill Indian United  
Methodist Church, Charlevoix - Michigan Interfaith Power & Light - Temple B'nai Israel of Petoskey -  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Petoskey

Contact: Rev. Deb Hansen, debhansenmail@gmail.com

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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  
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## Inspirational Sermon

Rav Maya read a particularly inspiring sermon on the Women Rabbinical Network's newsletter and wanted to share with all of the women — particularly younger women — at Temple B'nai Israel. To be inspired (honestly, regardless of gender or age), be sure to check out the next eNewsletter to read it in its entirety! Here's a sneak peak: "Here's the takeaway: if we want to live in a world of equity, we have to model that world. If we want our daughters and granddaughters to become whatever they can imagine: a Rabbi, a surgeon, the President of the United States, the messages that matter the most are the ones they receive at home, at school, and at synagogue."



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## Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 26	27	28	29	30	31 9:02 	1
2	3	4 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	5	6	7 7:30pm- Shabbat Service 9:07 	8 11am—Torah Study and Putlock Dairy Brunch
9 <i>Shavuot</i> 12pm — End of Year Pizza Party; Shavuot; Sunday School (Dairy/Parve)	10 7pm — Temple Board Meeting	11	12	13	14 9:11 	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 9:14 	22
23 ----- 30 11:30am — Lunch and Learn w/ Rav Maya; Shalosh Relagim	24	25 Maya and Menachem Arrive!	26 7pm—Answering the Call (See ad)	27	28 7:30pm— First Kabalat Shabbat Service with Maya 9:14 	29 10am—Mya Malkowski Bat Mizvah