

# TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

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## **Letter From The President**

Dear TBI Members and Friends,

It is with a sad heart that I share the news that Maya and Menachem Leibovich will not be joining us in person this summer. It is just one more hit to the crazy 2020 year. After much deliberation and thought, the board came to this difficult decision for these reasons:

- We are not sure when we will be able to congregate this summer, if at all.
- Even if we can congregate, many people will choose to stay home and not visit the sanctuary in person.
- While Maya and Menachem want to be with us, it is best for them to stay close to home.
- With construction delays, our new Rabbi parsonage will not be available. Finding a home for them would be difficult in this time of social distancing.

However, the good news is plenty.

- Maya has agreed to host her weekly Torah study sessions with us, via the Zoom application.
- We are also working on weekly shabbat services with TBI's previous Rabbinic students, current Rabbinic students, and lay leaders.
- The work on the Rabbi House has started back up and hopefully will be complete for high holidays.
- We are healthy and strong and looking towards a bright future.

Hope you too are healthy and looking forward to a different but hopefully delightful summer.

Shalom  
Val Meyerson, President

## **Maya returns!**

While Maya will not be with us physically, she will be providing weekly Torah study sessions. Each Sunday at 10am, beginning June 28, Maya will teach the Decalogue. She will begin with Exodus 19 with the preparation of the revelation on Mount Sinai. Each week thereafter she will concentrate on one of the ten commandments. These sessions will be provided via Zoom. Reading materials will be provided via email prior to each session. If you will be participating in one or all these sessions, please email Hal Willens to receive the packet: [hjwillens@gmail.com](mailto:hjwillens@gmail.com).



## **Community Support**

During this very difficult time, we want to make sure our members know we are here for them. If you are struggling during this time, please let us know.

You can contact Emily Stuchell at [efreedand@hotmail.com](mailto:efreedand@hotmail.com) for confidential communication.

As a community, we also need to take care of those that need the most help – and right now, the Schwartz family needs it more than ever. Kim, as a healthcare worker, and Harris, as a college student, both pose risks to Evie.

To help support the family in this time of chaos, you can donate to their GoFundMe at [bit.ly/EvieSupport](https://bit.ly/EvieSupport).

Any and all support is greatly appreciated.

## **Events**

Mon., June 8, 7pm — Board Meeting

Fri., June 19, 7:30pm — Kabbalat Shabbat

Sun., June 28, 10am – Torah Study with Maya

\* Until further notice, all events will occur over the application Zoom.

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

For questions about programs, please contact:

Tot Shabbat: [lindsey-kaufmanlb@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey-kaufmanlb@gmail.com)

Shabbat and other events:  
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## **Donations Received**

### **Temple Expansion Fund**

Dr. Jane Harris

### **Levine Memorial Fund**

William & Shirley Yolles:  
IHO Gloria Levine

### **Perpetual Kaddish**

Rhoda Raider: IMO Jordan Raider  
Ms. Jamie Schwartzfisher and Mr. Matthew Malkowski: IMO Beverly Holden & Michael Freedland



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

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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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PO Box 2416  
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## **Membership**

To all Temple Members – we will be sending out an updated membership directory and would like some information.

1. If you have new contact information, please email your updates to: [tbipetoskey@gmail.com](mailto:tbipetoskey@gmail.com)
2. All members will receive this membership directory. If you do NOT want your contact information included – please email [tbipetoskey@gmail.com](mailto:tbipetoskey@gmail.com) and we will not include you in this mailing.