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Letter from the President

The Petoskey District Library recently announced that they are hosting the traveling exhibit entitled "Americans and the Holocaust." The exhibit is a partnership between the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association. There are 50 US stops — two in Michigan. It will be on display at the Petoskey District Library January 4, 2021 - February 10, 2021.

The Temple has offered to support the library by providing Jewish treats for the exhibit opening reception, as well as helping with programming, including providing docents and panelists. There will be many programs associated with the exhibit, including some partner programs with local high schools and our community college. I hope that you all have an opportunity to stop in to view the exhibit when it's in town.

L'Chaim

Val Meyerson

Rabbi's Corner

Each year for Purim, we dress up in costumes, eat hamantaschen, and make lots of noise as we perform the story of Esther. Another Purim tradition is the giving of gifts both to friends (*mishloach manot*), and to the poor (*matanot le'evyonim*). Purim gift baskets typically include hamantaschen and other foods. Traditionally, *matanot le'evyonim* were given to Jewish poor people in the community so they too could celebrate the joy of the holiday. Today, many Jewish families participate in the social justice aspect of Purim by volunteering or donating to a local organization.

May this Purim be filled with fun and games, sweet treats and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness).

Chodesh Tov! (a good month)
Maddy Anderson



Student Rabbi



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March Events

Fri., Mar. 5, 7:30pm — Shabbat Services with Rabbi
Maddy

Sat., Mar. 6, 11am — Torah Study followed by
potluck dairy brunch

Sun., Mar. 8, 10am — Sunday School

Sun., Mar. 8, 11:30am — Purim Carnival

Mon., Mar. 9, 7pm — Board Meeting

Fri., Mar. 13—Sun., Mar. 15 — Intergenerational Retreat
(more information on page 3)

Fri., Mar. 20, 6pm — Community Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Sun., Mar. 22, 10am — Sunday School

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

For questions about programs, please contact:

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Shabbat and other events:

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Jewish History of Camp Petosega

Leonard Baruch, director of a Detroit based Jewish Camp Farband and his head counselor, Bertrand Sandweiss, bought Camp Petosega in 1955, including a 32-foot cabin cruiser yacht. All of the cabins were given Jewish names. According to the Michigan Jewish History 2008 article, “every Friday night—before everyone prepared for Shabbat services—a refrigerated truck would arrive with kosher meat.”

The article stated that, “although the camp's neighbors had little experience with Jews, they soon became friendly. Once, the kitchen burned down and neighbors helped rebuild the facility in ten days. During that time, buses took kids to a nearby school for meals.” Bertrand Baruch stated in his 2010 written history of Camp Petosega that “we thought we made the correct decision in developing a top notch summer camp for Jewish children; although there were no restrictions. . . No camper could ever forget going to Mackinac Island via our cabin cruiser. We are very proud of the campers and counselors who spent so many summers enjoying the pleasures of Camp Petosega.”

2020 Rabbi Weekends

Maddy will be in town on the following weekends: March 6-8, April 24-26, May 15-17, May 29-31, June 5-7.

Summer weekly services with Maya and Menachem begin June 19.

Laptop Support

Temple B'nai Israel and L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium are happy to offer discounts on Lenovo computers for congregational members. For more information, contact Carol Ellstein at cgeellstein@gmail.com or 517-881-0668.

Obituary for Temple Matriarch

Henriette Gordon Kaplan was the elder daughter of temple matriarch Irene Goldstein Gordon and a temple matriarch in her own right. Both Henriette and her younger sister Gloria Gordon Levine were both honored as one of our congregations' five Marvelous Mavens at a temple gala a few years ago. in 1996). Henriette and her husband Leo Kaplan (z"l) donated our temple memorial garden in memory of their daughter Marianne Kaplan (z"l), who sadly passed away in her twenties from an unknown illness. Please see Henriette's obituary written by her son, Paul Kaplan. <http://bit.ly/HKObit>

Purim Carnival

Purim Carnival come one come all! Enter your best Hamantashen recipe in the bake-off! Bring a game for the kids to play. Bring a vegetarian dish to pass! March 8th at 11:30 is when the fun begins. All are welcome.

Please let Emily Stuchell know if you are interested in volunteering at efreedland@hotmail.com

Donations Received**General Fund**

Dr. Howard Reznik
Mark and Louise Finkelstein
Mr. Ronald Granader

Irene Gordon Memorial Fund

Carol Hurand in memory of Dr. Henriette Gordon
Kaplan

**LDvD Inter-Generational
Retreat**

All are invited to the L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium's 2020 Intergenerational Purim Retreat, March 13-15 2020, at the Best Western Hotel in Sault Ste Marie MI.

Our usual events include Shabbat observance, the ever-zany Purimspiel, a delicious hamantaschen contest, snowshoeing and XC skiing, David C ontorer's update of Hebrew Free Loan options, lively musical jam sessions, and congregational sharing. Featured activities include separate presentations for children and adults on klezmer music and history by Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz; and presentations on cyber security and personal/congregational safety by security expert Col. Steve Bucci.

The retreat is partially funded by a generous grant from The Ravitz Foundation, with support from Hebrew Free Loan.

Participants will only pay for their own travel and hotel costs. Hotel subsidies are available on request. Contact Carol Ellstein for more information.

Please register for the retreat by March 1 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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The Story of Purim

The jolly festival of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar (late winter/early spring). Purim 2020 begins on Monday night, March 9 and continues through Wednesday, March 11, (March 12 in Jerusalem). The story of Purim is told in a nutshell below!

When King Ahasuerus of the Persian Empire had his wife, Queen Vashti, executed for failing to follow his orders, he arranged a beauty pageant to find a new queen. A Jewish girl, Esther, found favor in his eyes and became the new queen, though she refused to divulge her nationality. Meanwhile, the Jew-hating Haman was appointed prime minister of the empire. Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin), defied the king's orders and refused to bow to Haman. Haman was incensed, and he convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews on the 13th of Adar, a date chosen by a lottery Haman made.

Meanwhile, Esther asked the king and Haman to join her for a feast, where she revealed to the king her Jewish identity. Haman was hanged, Mordechai was appointed prime minister and a new decree was issued, granting the Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies. On the 13th of Adar, the Jews mobilized and killed many of their enemies. On the 14th of Adar, they rested and celebrated. In the capital city of Shushan, they took one more day to finish the job.

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Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30pm – Shabbat w/ Rabbi Maddy 6:16 	7 11am – Torah Study followed by putlock dairy brunch
8 10am – Sunday School 11:30am – Purim Carnival	9 <i>Fast of Esther</i> 7pm – Board Meet- ing	10 <i>Purim</i>	11 <i>Shushan Purim</i>	12	13 1st Day of Intergenera- tional retreat in Sault Ste. Marie 7:26 	14 2nd Day of Intergenera- tional Retreat in Sault Ste. Marie
15 Last Day of Intergenera- tional Retreat in Sault Ste. Marie	16	17	18	19	20 6pm – Community Potluck Shabbat Din- ner 7:35 	21
22 10am – Sunday School	23	24	25	26 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	27 7:44 	28
29 10am – Sunday School	30	31	April 1	2	3 7:53 	4