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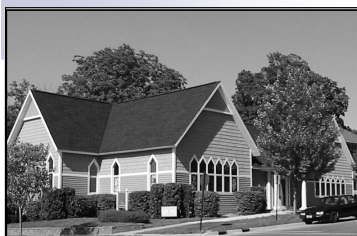
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Rabbi's Corner:

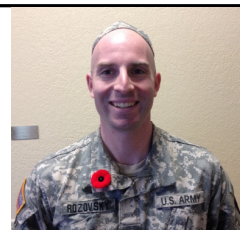
Shalom Everyone!

First and foremost, I can not thank you all enough for your understanding and support this past weekend. As you know, I was not able to make my flight to Petoskey due to several major accidents that closed the highway to the airport in Cincinnati. However, due to the innovative and adaptable spirit of this incredible congregation, I was still able to do my pulpit visit via the wonderful world of Skype. Would I have preferred to have been up in Petoskey? Absolutely, but all told, I think everything went pretty well.

In addition, I have wonderful news! It has now been confirmed that I will be returning in the fall to serve as your student rabbi for another year. I requested this because of how kind, welcoming, and supportive you have been of me this year. I owe you all a great deal of thanks.

Finally, I can not say enough about five upcoming b'nai mitzvot students. They are working incredibly hard and deserve a great deal of credit. Parents- I still have some appointments available on Saturday May 9th. Please contact me if you are interested. I look forward to seeing you on May 8th-May 10th.

Sincerely, *Student Rabbi, Aaron Rozovsky*



Message from our President:

March and April brought surprises all around. Liz Frey, Sally Cannon, Gus and Rosanne Paz, Robert Wise and his children Robbie, Elizabeth and Rickie, and I joined 34 other participants from 3 other northern Michigan Jewish communities at the Frozen Chosen Family Retreat in Sault Ste. Marie, for a spirited weekend of Shabbat observance, recreation, music, and communal enjoyment.

We were thrilled to receive a substantial donation from an anonymous donor known as Chai Minded (www.chaiminded.org). The check has been deposited temporarily into an interest-bearing account while the Board reviews ideas on how to put it to best use. According to the website: the mission of Chai Minded is quite simple: "making anonymous contributions to synagogues across the United States. Every synagogue is unique, but they all provide a spiritual haven and comforting community for members and guests." Chai Minded wants to help as many of those communities as possible.

In April, Rabbi Aaron missed his plane for Petoskey due to unforeseen circumstances. Being an intrepid soul, Rabbi Aaron honored all of his weekend's commitments via FaceTime and Skype; every planned service, program and meeting went off without a hitch. Although we were unable to enjoy Rabbi Aaron's presence in person, we were reminded that our temple's strength and survival depend on everyone's ability to change course as needed. Kudos to everyone who pitched in!

Carol Ellstein



Purim Celebrations!

Not only was the Purim celebration a success, it was supersonic. A huge thanks to Norman for the always amazing Purim spiel and to Adele for the organization of another great carnival. Some of the pictures include "The Great Bat-dini i.e. Bat-Houdini who entertained and amazed us with his magic tricks; fun and games by student run booths; our fearless leader and side kick dressed as her fearless leader!



Left to right: Gabe Rothman, Milo Baumhardt, Grant Forbrig, Robbie Wise, Kiley Mann.



Bnai Mitzvah Student Update:

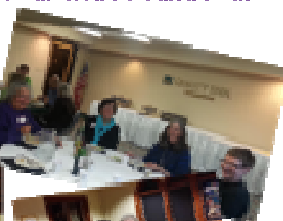
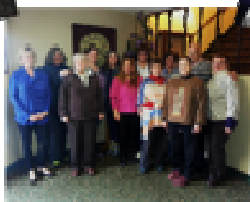
Gabe Rothman was recently featured in the Petoskey News Review for his efforts in regard to raising awareness and funds for Challenge Mountain as part of his Bar Mitzvah project. BNai Mitzvah students visited the cemetery; BNai Mitzvah students visiting with Bev Holden.



Pictured with an adaptive ski, and framed by Challenge Mountain leaders Linda Armstrong and Elizabeth Looze is 13-year-old fundraiser Gabe Rothman (center).

Women's Retreat

Join us for a Women's Retreat on June 13-14 at the beautiful Challenge Mountain. This is a great opportunity for women to relax, recharge, and connect with each other. We will have a variety of activities, including hiking, yoga, and a meal. Space is limited, so sign up today!



June 13-14
Munising, Michigan



Donations Received

February 15—April 18, 2015

General Fund

Anonymous donor through Chaiminded.org
 Rosalyn Goldstick
 Gloria Levine

Rabbinnic Fund

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Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Elizabeth Frey, *in memory of Barbara Frey*
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In memory of Berta Molasky:
 Russell & Christine Carpenter
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**Funds/Named Donations Available**

- ☐ Temple General Fund ☐ Newsletter Fund ☐
- ☐ Prayer Book Fund ☐ Building Fund ☐
- ☐ Irene Gordon Memorial 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 (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) ☐

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My contribution is in honor or memory of: _____

Circle which fund you are
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 mail your check and this
 completed form to:

Tom Johnson, Treasurer
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 PO Box 2416
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News from the Treasurer:

We are in the midst of our Rabbinic Fund fundraiser. I'd like to thank all of our current donors for getting us off to a great start. We still have a ways to go before we meet our goal, though. We are counting on your donations to make our Summer programming a success!

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 3	4	5	6	7	8 5:30 Tot/Family Shabbat 7:30 Community Shabbat Services 8:37 	9 <i>Parshat Emor</i>
10	11 7:00 Board Mtg	12	13	14	15 8:45 	16 <i>Parshat Bahar Bechukotai</i>
10:00 Sunday School 17	18	19 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	20	21	22 8:53 	23 <i>Parshat Bamidbar Erev Shavuot</i>
Shavuot 24	25	26	27	28	29 9:00 	30 <i>Parshat Naso</i>