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November 2019

# B'nai Israel

*The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel*

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## Rabbi's Corner

For Shabbat on November 8-9, we will be studying *Lech Lecha*. Abraham will be sent out, to go forth from his father's house to a land where he will be a stranger. Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin wrote, "To be Jewish is to know what it means to be a stranger. That was the essential message of the vision that Abram had - the 'coming attractions' of his descendants becoming slaves in Egypt. The experience in Egypt taught the Jews the meaning of what it's like to be a stranger, and from this they learned to treat strangers with dignity." Join us Saturday, November 9 at 10:00am for a dairy potluck brunch and discussion on *Lech Lecha!*

Chodesh Tov!  
(May you have a good month!)



Maddy Anderson  
Student Rabbi



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### November Events

Sun., Oct. 27, 10am – Sunday School

Fri., Nov. 8, 7:30pm – Shabbat Services with Rabbi Maddy

Sat., Nov. 9, 10am – Torah Study followed by potluck dairy brunch

Sun., Nov. 10, 10am – Sunday School

Sun., Nov. 17, 12noon – Temple B'nai Israel Annual Meeting followed by potluck dairy brunch

Sun., Nov. 24, 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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### 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house has served our community well, but has a sinking foundation, crumbling window casings, poor ventilation, and outdated appliances leading to continually increasing maintenance bills.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.

### Social Action

On the evening of June 26, TBI joined local congregations and about 150 people from diverse religious backgrounds gathered in Bay View to hear scientific, spiritual, and community speakers talk about why faith based communities must take unprecedented action to mitigate the effects of global climate change and what we can do.

As a result, we have formed the Northern Michigan Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light (NMIPL) to help hold congregations accountable for doing their part in the necessary transition to 0 percent carbon emissions and a clean and renewable energy economy!

We are looking for people to represent TBI on the NMIPL chapter coalition. Please contact Pam Ovshinsky at [povsh@yahoo.com](mailto:povsh@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Donations Received

### Rabbinic Fund

Suzanne Shumway: To defray costs of additional pulpits

### Temple Expansion Fund

Mark & Paula Birnholtz  
Steven Fishman & Bonnie Josephson  
Mr. Conrad Gold & Mrs. Nancy Dwan  
Bob and Bedonna Perish  
Mr. and Mrs. Shaevsky

## Annual Meeting

### Annual Meeting of Temple BNai Israel Sunday, November 17, 12noon

Temple Annual Meeting will be hosted at 10am, November 17, with a potluck, dairy brunch to follow. It is important to attend the meeting to hear news of the congregation, and to vote on three important issues: bylaw change, officer elections, and approval for a possible mortgage. Proposed bylaws can be found on the website and in the bi-weekly emails.

## LDvD Women's Retreat

See the 2019 Women's Retreat Save the Date.

Ginny Cymbalist of the Sault Ste. Marie congregation (Temple Beth Jacob) has offered to extend her distance learning educational initiative (currently with 4 pre-B'nai Mitzvah students) to students who wish to supplement their congregations' religious school classes. Contact Carol Ellstein at [cgellstein@gmail.com](mailto:cgellstein@gmail.com) or 517-881-0668 for more details.

### 2019-20 LDvD dates:

- Women and Girls Retreat - Nov 1-3 Munising
- Intergenerational Purim Retreat - March 13-15 - Sault Ste Marie
- Intergenerational Camp Retreat - August 14-16 - Clear Lake (Manistique)

## 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  
Petoskey MI 49770

### 3 B's of Judaism:

**Believing, Belonging, Behaving**

Women and Girls' Jewish Retreat

November 1-3, 2019 at Munising Holiday Inn Express  
\$90 per person/double room, \$180 per person/single room  
Teens and College Students: ½ price  
\*Scholarships available for all\*

<p><b>Fellowship</b> Revel in the joy of Shabbat with Shabbat services, Shabbat dinner, and Havdalah. Enjoy the fun of fellowship with other women.</p>	<p><b>Learning</b> Torah study and discussions. Share with others of various experiences and backgrounds.</p>	<p><b>Relaxation</b> Relax in the pool, hot tub, or sauna. Enjoy a head and neck massage with a massage therapist. Engage with nature through outdoor recreation.</p>
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**Register at [bit.do/ldvdwomen](http://bit.do/ldvdwomen)**

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**Calendar of Events**  
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**2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 27 10am – Sunday School	28	29	30 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	31	Nov. 1  6:09 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30pm – Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Maddy 5:00 	9 10am – Torah Study followed by potluck dairy brunch
10 10am – Sunday School	11	12	13	14	15  4:52 	16
17 12noon – TBI Annual Meeting followed by pot- luck dairy brunch	18	19	20	21	22  4:46 	23
24 10am – Sunday School	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>  4:41 	30