



Temple B'nai Israel

Letter from the President

The sound of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah is the pinnacle on a day in a season of renewal. The sound replenishes any drained convictions that we may have. There is something about hearing the shofar blast that warms the soul. It renews my spirit and gets me excited for all to come this year and at the same time creating a heart full of gratitude. We are thankful that Maya and Menachem were able to travel back from Israel to lead us in prayer throughout the high holidays. We are looking forward to learning with Gabrielle Pescador, our new school-year clergy. We are also excited to get to know all the new members that have joined us this year.

We are also looking forward to the prospect of hiring our first permanent clergy. We are currently collaborating with Temple Beth Shalom in Marquette for a shared, permanent clergy beginning fall of 2023. This position will bring someone to live in our community and provide services including helping guide our religious school, leading the congregation in prayer, and supporting us for all life cycle events. A permanent clergy person will also have the time to help Temple B'Nai Israel become a valued part of our greater community. To learn more about the hiring process, please attend our annual meeting on **November 6 at 12:30pm.**

This time of renewal provides us with space and time to contemplate and inspire, to strengthen our belief of a better, more just world.

Shanah Tova,
Val Meyerson
President

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Introducing Gabrielle Pescador

I am so honored to be joining Temple B'nai Israel. I cannot wait to embark on our journey together and get to know your stories, experiences, hopes and dreams, and vision of a rich and meaningful Jewish life. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to meet some of you in person and on zoom (in meetings, prayer spaces and classes) and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the near future. I embrace the unique opportunity of serving you, praying and learning together, and cultivating Jewish values in the lives of your children.

It is my belief and experience that a lot of what feels Jewish is not only communicated through religious practice, Jewish culture and values, but also through Jewish creativity and music. I learned this at a very young age in my childhood synagogue through the leadership of Cantor Saul Nadvan, Z"L, a man of remarkable spiritual and musical talents. I still hear his voice coming from the bimah, guiding me when I lead services. Some of my sweetest memories are of the evocative music that emanated from the synagogue. It is my hope to nurture similar experiences in the hearts of the TBI community, to pray and sing together, through joyful times and hard times, during holidays, shabbat and lifecycle events, and even as we all bring healing to this world through our unique expressions of tikkun olam.

As living expressions of the tree of life, we venture upward and elevate our hearts, our spirit and connection to the Divine. At the same time, we sink into our roots to be grounded in the faith of the countless generations that have preceded us through the riches of Jewish life and religious practice. Jewish memory is not necessarily about the details of history (although that is part of it), but more of a rediscovery of our faith through the practices of Jewish families and communities around the world across time. We read the Torah every week, celebrate shabbat and holidays and look for its relevance in our daily life, just as the generations before us.

I wish you all "shana tova umetuka" and "g'mar chatima tova." May your experience of Yom Kippur be meaningful and help you to express the best version of yourself in the coming year.

See you soon.

Love, peace and blessings,

Gabrielle Pescador

EVENTS

- **October 1st @10am**- Torah Study with Maya
- **October 2nd @10am** - Sunday School
- **October 4 @7:30pm** - Kol Nidre
- **October 5 @10am** - Yom Kippur Morning Service
- **October 5 @1pm** - Amy McMullen will lead a 20-30 minute guided body scan meditation /relaxation practice between services to release tension, quiet the mind, and support inward reflection.
- **October 5 @4pm** - Yom Kippur - afternoon service with Yizkor (Please send names ahead of time to tbipetoskey@gmail.com)
- **October 5 @6pm** - Neilah Service
- **October 5 @7pm** - Community Break Fast Potluck
- **October 9 @10am** - Sunday School
- **October 10 @7pm** - TBI Board Meeting
- **October 21 @7:30pm** - Kabbalat Shabbat
- **October 22 @10am** - Study w/ Gabrielle
- **October 23 @10am** - Sunday School
- **October 28-30** - L'Dor v'Dor Women & Girls Retreat

L'Shana Tovah!

We are excited to have Maya & Menachem preside over our holidays this year. We have our typical schedule of services and study. Please note that Maya has asked that **if possible, please wear white for Yom Kippur services.**

We also have many opportunities for all of our community to be on the bimah this holiday. There are options to read English blessings and prayers, alliya blessings, and other readings. If you are interested in an honor, or you have family in town and would like to offer them an honor, please call Val to discuss the particulars: 231-881-7676.

We are once again looking forward to our Community Break-Fast Potluck on **Wednesday, October 5, at 7:00pm**. All are welcome to join. There will be a Sign-up Genius link in the emails that will be going out. If needed, food and other potluck items can be brought to the temple on Tuesday. If you need to sign up for the emails, please email tbipetoskey@gmail.com and request to be added to the email list.

L'Dor v'Dor

COMPUTERS

Temple B'Nai Israel and all the other Consortium congregations are receiving the last of their computer supplies. Printers have finally arrived, and the USB hubs will arrive soon. The purchases were supported by an exceedingly generous 4-year Ravitz Grant to the Consortium to help us grow into a true umbrella organization for each congregation.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. The book is *The Light of Days* by Judy Batalion, about Jewish women in Poland who became active resistance fighters. Details and Zoom link can be found on the LDVD website under the Book Club link. The book club is open to all, so please visit us even if you've never attended before!

PLEASE REGISTER!

The annual Fall Women's Retreat will be held on October 28-30 at the Quality Inn Lakeshore in St. Ignace. In the Fall of 2012, the Consortium was launched at this same place.

Please join us for a weekend of rest, relaxation, fellowship, and spiritual enhancement as we celebrate our 10th anniversary! Non-binary participants of all ages are welcome. Register at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUn0jPfA1G4jXK8z6HrWodOxbZ4laiZj6KYWKCl0vCs9jqMw/viewform>

To see what the Consortium does, which congregations it serves, and who is on the Leadership Team, please check out our website at **ldvd.net**. The website also provides a calendar of all six congregations' schedules. For more information, contact Carol Ellstein at 517-881-0668 or cgeinstein@gmail.com

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October 2022

Tishrei 5783/Cheshvan 5783

Su M Tu W Th F Sa

						1 10am Torah Study w/ Maya Parsha: Vayelech
2 10am Sunday School	3	4 7:30pm Kol Nidre Service	5 10am YK Services 1pm Relaxation 4pm YK PM w/Yizkor 6pm Neilah 7pm Community Break Fast	6	7 Candle: 6:51pm	8 Parsha: Ha'azinu
9 10am Sunday School	10 Sukkot 7pm TBI Board Meeting	11	12	13	14 Candle: 6:38pm	15 Parsha: Sukkot
16	17	18	19	20	21 Candle: 6:26pm 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	22 10am Study w/ Gabrielle Parsha: Bereishit
23 10am Sunday School	24	25	26 Rosh Chodesh	27	28 Candle: 6:15pm L'Dor v'Dor Women & Girls Retreat	29 Parsha: Noach L'Dor v'Dor Women & Girls Retreat
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