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Rabbi's Corner

Shalom L'kulam!

Join me on Yom Kippur afternoon to discuss Yossi Klein Halevi's, *New York Times* Bestseller "*Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*." In the book Halevi tries to explain to his neighbors the meaning of Judaism and Jewish identity, as he understands it. We will tackle some of the themes that he puts forth in the book, as well as the responses he has received from his Palestinian neighbors.

In an interview with Jewish Journal, Halevi said, "I want them to understand why Jews aren't just a religion, but a people — a people with a religious identity and an attachment to a specific land. I wrote the book with one more intention: to elicit responses from my neighbors. I invited them to tell me their collective narrative and personal stories. My hope was that I would hear from Palestinians prepared to engage with me on the basic premise of the book: This was a conflict between two indigenous peoples — in our case, a re-indigenized people — each of whom could make a compelling case based on its own narrative for why this land belongs, by right, to them."

You can find the most recent edition of the book, published in June 2019, including Palestinian responses on amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Letters-Palestinian-Neighbor-Yossi-Halevi/dp/006284492X>

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For access to some of the Palestinian responses as well as interviews with Halevi in both print and video, check out the following websites: jewishjournal.com, nytimes.com, timesofisrael.com, tabletmag.com, hartman.org.il.

Shanah Tova U'metukah,



Maddy Anderson



October Events

Sun., Sept. 29, 10am – Sunday School

Sun., Sept. 29, 7:30pm – Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Mon., Sept. 30, 10am – Rosh Hashanah Services

Mon., Sept. 30, 12:30pm – Tashlich

Fri., Oct. 4, 7:30pm — Shabbat Shuvah Services

Sat., Oct. 5, 10am – Torah Study followed by potluck
dairy brunch

Tues., Oct. 8, 7:30pm – Kol Nidre

Wed., Oct. 9, 10am – Yom Kippur

Wed., Oct. 9, 4:30pm – Yizkor

Wed., Oct. 9, 6pm – Break the Fast

Sun., Oct. 13, 10am – Sunday School; Bill’s Farm
Market for Sukkot

Mon., Oct. 14, 7pm – Temple Board Meeting

Sun., Oct. 27, 10am – Sunday School

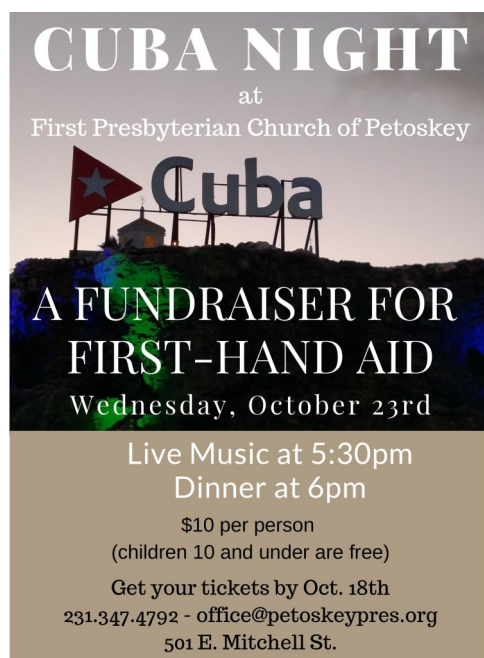
All Temple events, including Sunday School sponsored programs, are open to all!

For questions about programs, please contact:

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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 for more information.

Donations Received

General Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Magnus: via the Greater Cincinnati Foundation Ms. Weberman

Temple Expansion Fund

Mrs. Sue Freedland
Robert Greenberger & Renee Durbin
Richard Herman & Deborah Tyner
Mr. Saltzman: In honor of Rav Maya Leibovich
Hank and Anita Schneider: In honor of Merv Sternberg's 85th Birthday
Mrs. Gail Shulman
Mr. and Mrs. Soverinsky
Mr. and Mrs. Stuchell
Mrs. Shelby Tauber

Perpetual Kaddish

Hank and Anita Schneider: In Memory of BJ Shawn

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of Temple BNai Israel Sunday, November 17, 10:00 am

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 cgeilstein@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

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

Fellowship
Revel in the joy of Shabbat with Shabbat services, Shabbat dinner, and Havdalah. Enjoy the fun of fellowship with other women.

Learning
Torah study and discussions. Share with others of various experiences and backgrounds.

Relaxation
Relax in the pool, hot tub, or sauna. Enjoy a head and neck massage with a massage therapist. Engage with nature through outdoor recreation.

Register at bit.do/ldvdwomen

Funded through the generous support of the Jewish Women's Foundation of Detroit and made possible through the efforts of the L'dor v'Dor Consortium.

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Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 29 <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i> 10am – Sunday School 7:30pm – Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	30 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> 10am – Rosh Hashanah Services 12:30pm – Tashlich	October 1 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	2	3	4 7:30pm – Shabbat Shuvah Service 6:57 	5 10am – Torah Study followed by Putlock Dairy Brunch
6	7	8 <i>Erev Yom Kippur</i> 7:30pm – Kol Nidre	9 <i>Yom Kippur</i> 10am – Yom Kippur Service 4:30pm – Yizkor 6pm – Break the Fast	10	11 6:44 	12
13 <i>Erev Sukkot</i> 10am – Sunday School, Bill's Farm Market for Sukkot	14 <i>Sukkot</i> 7pm – Temple Board Meeting	15 <i>Sukkot</i>	16 <i>Sukkot</i>	17 <i>Sukkot</i>	18 <i>Sukkot</i> 6:32 	19 <i>Sukkot</i>
20	21 <i>Shmini Atzeret</i>	22 <i>Simchat Torah</i>	23	24	25 6:20 	26
27 10am – Sunday School	28	29	30 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	31	Nov. 1 6:09 	2