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Rabbi's Corner

Each year during the High Holidays we are given the opportunity to pause and reflect on our past year. We are faced with confronting our transgressions and finding space in our hearts to offer forgiveness. As Jews, it is our tradition to do this as a collective. To stand together as a community and support each other.

It is also an opportunity to take notice of where we have been, and where we want to go. It is my hope that in the coming weeks we find comfort in being together. That we make peace with the past and look toward the future. I look forward to sharing in this journey with you as we begin the new year together as a community.

L'Shana Tova u'Metuka - For a Good and Sweet New Year
Maddy Anderson



From the President

It was a whirlwind of a summer! We were very busy with Maya and Menachem, but now we are getting ready for the High Holidays with our new Student Rabbi Madeline Anderson. Maddy is a rising second year rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. During her year in Israel studies at H.U.C.-J.I.R., she volunteered with Encounter Programs. Before rabbinical school, Madeline worked as the marketing and communications coordinator at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and has spent two years working with Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity. In college, she studied business at the University of Indianapolis, where she received a B.A. in Global Leadership. She has served on the Young Professionals Board at Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and has volunteered with Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Community Relations Council. Maddy hopes that her passions for Jewish life, social justice, and leadership will guide her to build meaningful connections with the Jewish community in Petoskey.

L'shalom,
Gus



September Events

Sun., Sept. 9, 7:30pm – Erev Rosh Hashanah

Services

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

Mon., Sept. 10, 12:30pm – Tashlich

Fri., Sept. 14, 7:30pm – Shabbat Shuvah Services

Sat., Sept. 15, 11am – Torah Study and Potluck Dairy

Brunch

Sun., Sept. 16, 10am – Sunday School

Mon., Sept. 17, 7pm – Board Meeting

Tue., Sept. 18, 7:30pm – Kol Nidre

Wed., Sept. 19, 10am – Yom Kippur Services

Wed., Sept. 19, 4:30pm – Yizkor

Wed., Sept. 19, 6pm – Break the Fast

Sun., Sept. 23 – Sukkot starts at Sundown

Sun., Sept. 30, 10am – Sunday School

Sun., Sept. 30 – Bill's Farm Market Sukkah Party

Rabbi House Project

Since 1925, Temple B'nai Israel has hosted student rabbis during the summer. In the 1990s, a year-round internship was established and, since 2014, Rav Maya Leibovich has served during the summer months. Purchased in 1998 for sixty thousand dollars, the current rabbi house has served our community well, but has begun to show both its limitations and, simply, its age—a sinking foundation, crumbling window casings, poor ventilation, outdated appliances—leading to continually increasing maintenance bills.



Artist rendering of new rabbi house

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. The proposal details a sustainably constructed three bedroom, two-bath, fully conditioned 1,900-squarefoot space, with appropriate furnishings and landscaping. For more information, please contact the cochairs 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.



Donations Received

Rabbi House Fund

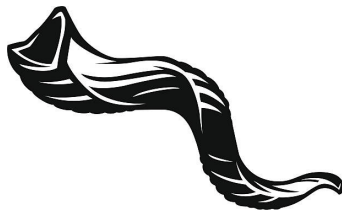
Louis & Patty Beck: Rabbi House 1 and 2 of 3
 Maria Furgeson
 Menachem & Maya Leibovich
 Gloria Levine
 Mason & Lynne Rosenthal: In Memory of Berta
 Molasky

General Fund

Dr and Mrs. Kaufman—Israeli Day Camp
 Supplies

The High Holidays

Although the High Holidays — the two days of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) — occupy three days only, they lie within a web of liturgy and customs that extend from the beginning of the preceding Hebrew month of Elul through Yom Kippur.



The focus of this entire period is the process of *teshuvah*, or repentance, whereby a Jew admits to sins, asks for forgiveness, and resolves not to repeat the sins. Recognizing the psychological difficulty of self-examination and personal change, the rabbis instituted a 40-day period whose intensity spirals toward its culmination on Yom Kippur, a day devoted entirely to fasting and repentance. The shofar is blown to mark the end of the Yom Kippur fast.



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: _____

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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
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Save the Date

L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium Annual Fall Women & Girls Retreat

November 2-4

Holiday Inn Express, Munising

Join us for a weekend of sisterhood, spirituality, relaxation, wine, and great food!

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Calendar of Events
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 26	27	28	29	30	31 8:01	Sept. 1
2	3	4	5	6	7 7:48	8 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>
9 7:30pm – Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	10 10am – Rosh Hashanah Services 12:30pm – Tashlich	11	12	13	14 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Shuvah Services w/ Rabbi Madeline 7:35	15 11 a.m. – Torah Study and Potluck Dairy Brunch
16 10am – Sunday School	17 7pm – Temple Board Meeting	18 7:30pm – Kol Nidre	19 10am – Yom Kippur Services 4:30pm – Yizkor 6pm – Break the Fast	20	21 7:21	22
23 <i>Sukkot starts at Sundown</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10am – Sunday School Bill's Farm Market Sukkah Party					7:08	