

Temple B'Nai Israel

Our One Hundred Twelfth Year of Consecutive Service

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CONSTITUTION DAY GATHERING AT TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

When: Sunday, September 14, 2008, 3-5 p.m.

Where: Temple B'nai Israel, 420 Waukazoo, Petoskey



Please plan to join Temple B'nai Israel, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Northern Michigan People for Peace and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Petoskey on Sunday, September 14, 2008 as we host Mary A. Bejian, Deputy Director of the ACLU of Michigan, for a talk and discussion about current threats to the Constitution, with a special performance by local musicians Dale and Maureen Scott, of the Peacemeal String Band.

Topics to be discussed include voting rights, the failure of Congress and the courts to uphold the rule of law, the importance of Constitution Day, and the possibility of forming a local ACLU volunteer unit.

The American Civil Liberties Union is the oldest organization in the United States defending the rights guaranteed to all people under the Constitution. The ACLU of Michigan is based in Detroit and has 9 volunteer branches throughout the state.

Constitution Day, observed annually on September 17, is a federal day of recognition of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. Constitution Day was created in 2004 by the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd of Virginia. Previously, the holiday had been named "Citizenship Day." The amendment requires that all publicly funded educational institutions provide education on the history of the U.S. Constitution on this day.

"This is an excellent opportunity to join together with other faith-based and local grassroots organizations around common values to educate our community about issues of democracy," explains Pastor Sherry McGuffin, of the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church.

"We are pleased to host this community wide event in our newly remodeled Social Hall," notes Tom Johnson, President of Temple B'nai Israel.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information on this program or the ACLU of Michigan, visit www.aclumich.org.

Contact information for the co-sponsoring organizations may be obtained by calling (231) 348-3847.



September 10-16, 2008

Please turn to page four for information on this powerful program.

■THE NEWSLETTER■

The Temple B'Nai Israel Newsletter is published monthly on or about the first of the month.

We would love to hear from you!

The Newsletter is your forum—all contributions are welcome (including comments and corrections). Submissions made before the 15th are greatly appreciated. If you would like to have something published in an upcoming issue, please call, write or e-mail:

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■CORRECTIONS**■**

Our sincere apologies for the following errors in the August TBI Newsletter:

- The correct yahrzeit for Aubrey Meyerson is October 12, 1995
- The correct yahrzeit for both Ruth Frank and Lee Johnston is August 28, 1997

■THE "E-NEWSLETTER"■

In keeping with the spirit of conservation (both paper and postage), we are happy to announce the creation of the Temple B'nai Israel "e-newsletter."

Each recipient who switches from the traditional paper format to the on-line delivery will save the temple approximately 75¢ per month (while making an easy contribution toward our environmental initiative).

If you would like to begin receiving your newsletter in a PDF document, please take a moment and send an email to jpage@retailbackbone.com with the subject "Electronic Temple Newsletter."

SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

9/5	7:51 p.m.
9/12.	7:38 p.m.
9/19	7:25 p.m.
9/26	7:11 p.m.
10/3	6:58 p.m.
10/10	6:45 p.m.
10/17	6:32 p.m.
10/24	6:24 p.m.
10/31	6:10 p.m.



ROSH HASHANA

Eve of First Day Monday, 9/29/2008	7:05 p.m.
Eve of Second Day Tuesday, 9/30/2008	Light Candles after 8:05 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/01/2008	Holiday Ends 8:03 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Eve of Yom Kippur Wednesday, 10/08/2008	Light Candles at 6:49 p.m.
Thursday, 10/09/2008	Holiday Ends 7:49 p.m.

SUKKOT

Eve of First day Sukkot	
Monday, 10/13/2008	Light Candles at: 6:39 p.m.

Eve of Second day Sukkof	
Tuesday, 10/14/2008	Light Candles after:7:40 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/15/2008 Holiday Ends 7:38 p.m

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Shalom Chaverim,

We have begun the month of Elul, the month which precedes the beginning of Tishrei, when we gather as a community for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It is a special mitzvah during this month to prepare our hearts and our minds by saying penitential prayers and reflecting on our actions and inactions during the past year. Other customs during these preparatory days include special study of Jewish texts and the visiting of the graves of loved ones, as we contemplate our past, our present and our potential.



Rabbi Tanhuma tells a parable about a tailor who went to market to buy a fish for a special meal on the eve of these holy days. The governor's servant was also shopping in the market for a fish for his master. Both spotted the one fish left in the stand and began bidding against one another, until the price of the fish was at 12 dinars. The tailor overbid the governor's servant.

When the governor sat down to dinner, he asked his servant what had happened to the fish he sent him to get for his dinner. His servant explained that a Jew had outbid him for the fish. The governor said, "Go and summon him." The tailor was brought before the governor, who asked him, "How is it that you, a tailor, would presume to eat a fish that cost 12 dinars?" The Jew answered, "I bought this fish for a meal to honor the special days during which Jews atone for all the sins we have committed during the past year." The governor accepted his response and let him go. Later that evening when the tailor cut open the fish, he found a pearl of the purest hue. He later sold this pearl which sustained him for all of his days.

The pearl in this story represents the potential of our deeds when they are contemplated and carried out in the Divine light. Our thoughts, words, and actions are priceless gems when they are honed by our Jewish ethics and values. These precious possessions have the potential to create life and meaning which shall sustain us for all the days of our lives. May we take this time to prepare ourselves, knowing that our most precious gifts lie within and among us, in our hearts, minds and hands, which are shaped by and in turn shape God's creations in the world, for goodness, peace and blessing. Ken y'hi ratzon. May this be God's will.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu,

May you be inscribed (in the book of Life) for a good year,

Blessings, Tami Elliott, Rabbinic Intern

TIKKUN OLAM IN THE NEW YEAR



As we prepare for the High Holidays and send warm wishes to our friends and families with the many blessings the promise of the New Year brings, it also provides us with the opportunity to reflect on what needs healing and repair, both within ourselves and within the world we live. As a

congregation and a tiny Jewish community in Northern Michigan, we recognize we cannot sit back and let others address the growing social issues that impact our lives. Tikkun Olam and social justice are not separate pieces of our Jewish faith, but intergal to our identity and practice.

This month the Temple is hosting a talk in our Social Hall, with Mary Bejian, the Deputy Director of the ACLU of Michigan to celebrate Constitution Day on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 3-5 p.m., featuring musical guests Dale and Maureen Scott of the Peacemeal String Band. This event is being co-sponsored by several local churches and community groups.

We are also looking to build on these relationships to begin an interfaith collaboration to address issues of poverty which affect our community at the local, state, national and global levels by exploring joint service projects and raising public policy concerns with those running for public office in the election's this Fall and beyond. This effort will also hopefully dovetail nicely with the recent Poverty Roundtable meeting organized by the United Way of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties and others, last month. (Sisterhood Treasurer, Val Meyerson-Johnson is also a member of the U-W Grant Committee.)

Of course, deeply related to issues of democracy and poverty is the crisis facing our environment which Aimon Dwan, teen member brought to our attention and we have not forgotten. If you would like to know what you can do on any or all of these initiatives, please don't hesitate to contact Temple members Therese Rasch-Levy, Nancy Dwan-Gold or myself, as well as Temple President Tom Johnson, our new rabbinic intern, and /or Temple board members or Sunday School teachers.

We look forward to your participation as we work together as a Jewish community to carrying on our tradition to create a "vesser and shenere velt,"—a better and more beautiful world, in the year to come.

L'Shana Tova, Pam Ovshinsky



Alliance to End Hunger • Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies • Bread for the World • Catholic Charities USA • Evangelical Lutheran Church in America • Interfaith Youth Core • Islamic Relief • Islamic Society of North America • The Jewish Council for Public Affairs • Jewish

Reconstructionist Federation • The National Council of Jewish Women • MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger • National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd • National Council of Churches • NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby • Presbyterian Church (USA) Washington Office • The Righteous Indignation Project • Sojourners • Union for Reform Judaism • United Jewish Communities • Women of Reform Judaism

From September 10-16, 2008 people of faith across the country will be mobilizing their communities to ask their local, state and national candidates what they will do to address the pressing issues of poverty and opportunity in America in their first 100 days in office.

In communities across the country, people of faith will be calling and writing the candidates, holding forums to discuss these issues with civic and political leadership, engaging in interfaith community service to aid those in need in their communities, and otherwise highlighting the need for increased leadership on these issues.

Poverty in American is a moral and urgent problem. As we look across our country today, we see a nation where millions of people lack the basic necessities of life and where the futures of far too many young people are clouded by economic and social policies that have failed to promote a shared prosperity.

Everyday faith organizations serve individuals in need within our communities. But our efforts to sustain our brothers and sisters living in poverty must be complemented with a serious plan from our political leaders to reduce the number of needy. By speaking out collectively during this week, we can spark a national conversation, and create a mandate for the officials elected this year to aggressively pursue a poverty-reduction agenda.

By acting during this time, you can be a part of a national interfaith movement to build the political and public will to address poverty in America.

You can find resources on how to participate and locate events near you! For more information visit:

www.fightingpovertywithfaith.com.

SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS

DR. JACOB COHEN Father of Dr. Alan Cohen September 2, 1960

REUBEN MERLISS Grandfather of Berta Molasky September 3. 1984

JOHN SHUMWAY Father of Michael Shumway September 6, 2001

HENRY OBRON Husband of Shirley Obron September 11, 1987

STANLEY MOLASKY Father of Marvin Molasky September 12, 1978 PHILLIP MINKIN
Husband of Edna Minkin
September 18, 2005

MARTIN PLOTKIN September 22, 1978

ESTHER GREEN Mother of Judy Klass September 25, 1972

HYMAN KLASS Father of Arthur Klass September 25, 1969

JOSEPH WILLENS
Father of Robert Willens
Grandfather of Hal Willens

Perce Gordon Goodrich Father of Janice Gerson 1996 PEARL ELION

Mother of Shirley Willens

MINNIE KRUGEL Grandmother of Carol Ellstein

JENNIE KRUGEL

Mother of Carol Ellstein

LEE FRIEDMAN
Brother of Irv Friedman

ALFRED FREEMAN
Father of Roseanne Freeman-Paz

THE STORY OF THE TEMPLE DONOR WALL

by Emily Meyerson



The new
Temple Donor
wall is a
beautiful piece
of art work
designed by
artist Mary
Pritchard of
Hammond Bay
Tile Works in

Rogers City, Michigan. Mary worked with a Temple committee to design the donor wall with the theme "the Temple through the four seasons." The idea was to combine Jewish themes with northern Michigan's out of doors. The shapes of the frames represent our Temple windows and the tiles were created as if each were a window and what one would see if looking outside from within.

The Temple tile at the bottom shows the Temple building, one in each color, as it stands each season at the corner of Michigan and Waukazoo in Petoskey, Michigan.

The four triangle tiles at the top of the windows are representative of our four seasons as follows:

- The summer window, in a green glaze, has a Dove and Olive Branch representing our summer outdoor lifestyle and the bright green landscapes.
- The fall window, in a brownish glaze, has a shofar and maple leaves representing our change of seasons and the change to a new year. The brown color and the leaves represents this cycle.
- The winter window, in a grey glaze, has a single flame combined with snowflakes and dark sky symbols representing our long dark winters and the lights of Chanukah. The grey color represents our winter.
- The spring window, in a blue glaze, has the parting of the red sea representing our freedom, our Jewish History and our choice to be in northern Michigan. The blue represents our famous waters that have drawn most members to northern Michigan.

The rectangle tile represents all four seasons in one, showing that throughout the year all seasons are important for Judaism, Temple B'Nai Israel, and our community.

DO YOU WANT A TEMPLE TILE?

Or any other tile on the donor wall?

Please cut and mail the form below!

Temple Tiles will be available during the High Holy Days. If you would like one please use the order form below to reserve your choice of color and plan to pick it up during the holidays. Additional Temple Tiles will be available for purchase at that time. All other tiles on the donor wall can be ordered through the Temple and will be available upon artist completion. We will try and get you an approximate date of completion. Please use the order form below. If you are unavailable to pick up the tiles in Petoskey, the tiles can be shipped; appropriate shipping and handling fees will be added to the total cost depending on the number of tiles ordered.

TEMPLE TILE ORDER FORM

Name:					
Address:					
Phone Number:			Email:		
					Total
Type of Tile	Color*	Style**	Cost per tile	Number	Amount
5" x 5" Temple tile in any color		n/a	\$45		
Any 10" Triangle Tile in any color			\$75		
4" x10" Rectangle Tile in any color		n/a	\$75		
4" x10" Rectangle Tile (multi color)	n/a	n/a	\$125		
Shipping and Handling	If picking up th	ere is no charg	e, if mailing stand	ard rates will apply	
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Payment: Please attach a check made payable to Temple B'Nai Israel and mail to Emily Meyerson, 520 Cherry Street, Petoskey, MI 49770. If you have any questions regarding the tiles, placing orders, or you need a cost for shipping please contact Emily Meyerson at 231.347.7948 or via email at emeyerson@charter.net.

^{*} Please state Blue, Green, Grey, or Tan

^{**}Please state which style of tile, Dove, Shofar, Candle, or Red Sea

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 🖞 7:51 p.m.	
7	8 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 nth 7:38 p.m. representation 7 p.m. shabbat services with student Rabbi Tami Elliott. Oneg to follow	1
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21	22	23	24	25	26 🖞 7:11 p.m.	
28	29 7 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Services with Student Rabbi Tami Elliot	30 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah services. 12:30 p.m. Tashlikh at Mineral Well Park. 3:30 p.m. Children's				

Happy Birthday!

From birth to age eighteen, a girl needs good parents. From eighteen to thirty-five, she needs good looks. From thirty-five to fifty-five, she needs a good personality. From fifty-five on, she needs good cash.

Sophie Tucker (1884-1966)

9/02 9/02 9/04 9/05 9/08 9/08 9/08	Lynn Ludwig Ruth Lefkowitz Mel Lester Sheryl Ackerman Rosalyn Goldstick Martha Friedman Therese Rasch
9/09	David Ozga
9/16	Norman Jaslove
9/16	Peter Cummings
9/18	Jan Gerson
9/20	Baylee Shulman
9/21	Ann Rosenthal
9/22	Jane Cossman
9/22	John Mayer
9/22	Leonard Shulman
9/25	Sally Ginn
9/25	Arnold Geyser
9/29	Doris August

Children's Birthdays!

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished a how much he had learned in seven years.

Mark Twain, Writer (1835-1910)

9/02/91	Samuel Seltzer Johnston
9/04/93	Esmae Gold
9/09/89	Michael Margolis
9/17/94	Kylah Seltzer Johnston
9/23/93	Daniel Ackerman
9/28/89	Zachary Engelman

Happy Anniversary!

If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, So I never have to live without you.

Winnie the Pooh, by A.A. Milne

9/09/51	Lynn and "Skip" Hecht
9/15/83	Dr. Hal and Gail Willens
9/21/86	Dr. Arnold and Judy Gross
9/25/77	Dr. Larry and Margo Rubens
9/30/44	Marvin and Doris Winkelman

OCTOBER 2008 Please note: See p. 2 for a complete list of candle lighting times for the Holidays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 6:58 p.m. 7 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah Services with student rabbi Tami	4
5 10 a.m. Religious School	6	7	Yom Kippur begins at Sunset 8:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Services	9 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Services 2 p.m. Children's services 3:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Services 5:30 p.m. Evening Yitzkor Service 6-6:30 p.m. Break the fast at the Social Hall	<u>10</u> ⁸ 6:45 p.m.	11 10 a.m. Shabbat Services with Student Rabbi Tami Elliot. Bat Mitzvah for Rachel Wittenberg
10 a.m. Religious School	Sukkot Begins at Sunset. 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	14	15	16	<u>17</u> 8 5:32 p.m.	18 Just a Plain Farm visit
19 10 a.m. Sukkot Celebration	20	21	22	23	<u>24</u> Ĉ 6:24 p.m.	25
26	27	28	29	30	3 <u>1</u> Ĉ 6:10 p.m.	

■LANGUAGE LESSON, PART EIGHT■



You've waited patiently for this lesson, we know, So in this lesson, we will show Some words you remember, some that are new, But here they are—just for you!

By Rosalyn

Shmear	To spread; i.e., cream cheese fresh-whipped to a smooth texture and spread on a bagel!
Shmegegge	A no-talent; someone who brings nothing to the party; between a nudnik and a schlemiel
Shmooze	Friendly, warm conversation, often accompanied by hand gesticulations
Shmutz, Shmootzik	Dust, dirt, dusty
Shnook	Unassertive patsy; someone who answers "Here!" when you say "schlemiel"
Shnor, shnorrer	To get something for nothing; a moocher, a freeloader
Shpilkes	On pins and needles; nervous
Shpritz	Spray, squirt
Shtarker	Muscular, strong person
Shtetl	Eastern European villages with Jewish communities that thrived during World War II
Shtik	A routine or bit, usually acting
Simcha	Happy event, as in "Your son's Bar Mitzvah was a real simcha!"

The first eight lessons have been divine— You must wait 'til October for Number Nine!

MAZEL TOV!

... to ALEX ENGELMAN, who completed his Bar Mitzvah on August 16, 2008 with the Temple Sanctuary completely filled with friends, neighbors and relatives. His concluding words about assuming the responsibility of Jewish manhood were impressive and we know he will follow thru and be an asset to our Temple and the Petoskey community. ALEX is the son of DR. MAX AND CAROL ENGELMAN of Petoskey.

TO ALEX ENGELMAN ON HIS BAR MITZVAH AUGUST 16, 2008

It's said there is magic in the number "three"—
And you are the third son in your family
To have a Bar Mitzvah in our Temple small—
As you read the Torah in front of all.
You conducted the Service and gave your thought
That there's a lot in the future, and you'll forsake it not;
You'll take your responsibilities now of manhood—
You made all of us there so very proud.
You ended with "Oseh Shalom" by you brothers three—
A better ending there could not be.

By Rosalyn Goldstick

... to Dr. Louis and Sally Cannon on their beautiful Lake Charlevoix home being selected to appear



in the July/August 2008 "Home Life Up North Magazine." The article stressed the "wet and wild" atmosphere of having the home built on the banks of the lake, with flourishing gardens and

water features that flow thru their lakeside property. We quote: "As one of the top 100 cardiologists in the nation and head of the Heart and Vascular Center of Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, Louis, his wife said 'will even head out at night with his flashlight after work to check on the plants and flowers. It's his therapy. We just love it,'" said Sally.

... to CONRAD GOLD and NANCY DWAN on the beautiful baby naming service for little IDA ELEANOR on Friday, August 22nd. It was a <u>simcha</u> indeed for baby Simcha (Ida's Hebrew name). Most touching was Conrad's song he performed with his guitar, "Baby V," in honor of Ida's birth. She seemed to apprent to the performed with the seemed to apprent to the performed with the seemed to apprent to the performed with the seemed to apprent the performed with the seemed to apprent the performed with the seemed to apprent the performance of the performance of the seemed to apprent the seemed to apprent the performance of the seemed to apprent the seemed the seemed the seemed to apprent the seemed the seemed

honor of Ida's birth. She seemed to appreciate it, as she sang along quite confidently. Mazel Tov to the whole family.



RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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Karen Sandberg General Fund Congratulations to Elain Sikov on your retirement

Morton & Lois Stanley General Fund

Gloria Levine Eugene Levine Memorial Fund In memory of Shirley and Morrie Mersky

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Thank you for your donation!

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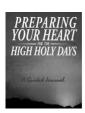
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BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Submitted by Rabbinic Intern Tami Elliott:



Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days by Kerry M. Olitzky, Rachel T. Sabath, and David J. Wolpe (Jewish Publications Society, Paperback, \$15.95)

God's To-Do List: 103 Ways to Be an Angel and Do God's Work on Earth by Dr. Ron Wolfson (Jewish Lights Publishing, Paperback, \$16.99)



Many thanks to those who hosted an Oneg (or more) this past month, including Liz Frey, Nancy Dwan and Conrad Gold, Cantor Richard and Lily Schwartz, Dr. Max and Carol Engelman and others. If your name is omitted, please accept our apologies—there were many changes on our schedule this month!

We will continue to have Onegs after all services this fall (no, no, not on Yom Kippur!)—so if you would like to take a turn at hosting, please sign up.