

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

September 2020 Elul 5780/Tishrei 5781



Letter From The President

During this pandemic, the high holidays will look different than years past. We are looking towards the season, but the normal excitement of the new year is dulled by the anxiety of COVID19. How to cope through this very strange time? What I am doing is looking for what I love about the holiday and making sure I somehow bring that into the year.

What do I love about Rosh Hashanah? I love hearing the shofar, the meditative calm of prayer, the excitement of the new year, friends and family, shared meals, apples and honey. What do I love about Yom Kippur? I love Kol Nidre, the thoughtfulness that fasting brings, and breaking the fast with kugel! How can I possibly have a happy, and sweet new year with COVID19 looming in our midst?

I am planning to be present. I will plan to have our Rosh Hashanah meal with my inner circle. I will plan to participate in services with others, not just stay at my home, isolated. I plan on cooking all my favorite foods. I plan to get outside and enjoy this beautiful place we call home. I plan to concentrate on all the good in my life. We can still have prayer, we can still share a meal with our immediate family, we can still hear the shofar sound. A sweet and joyous new year to you all.

L'Chaim,
Val Meyerson, President

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TBI High Holiday Plans

We have been working hard to find a thoughtful collection of prayer, study, and community for our temple members. Thanks to Student Rabbi Maddy Anderson for her wonderful ideas and hard work to bring us all together this season. The live events will be hosted on Zoom, be one hour in length and will include schmooze time at the end of each session. The links to recorded sessions will be posted on our website: templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org. Reminders and links will be sent via Mailchimp. If you are not signed up for our emails, please do so through our website.

Events

Sat., Sept. 12 — Selichot: a 20-minute recorded meditation will be sent

Mon., Sept. 14, 7pm — Board Meeting

Fri., Sept. 18, 7:30pm — Erev Rosh Hashanah via Zoom. A half hour, pre-recorded family service will also be provided

Sat., Sept. 19, 10:00am — Rosh Hashanah Service via Zoom. Shofar blowing at 11am, Hal Willens

Sat., Sept. 19, 12noon — meet at the Bear River Trail head off Sheridan Rd (behind the City DPW) to walk the trail to Mineral Well Park for Tashlich service.

Sat., Sept. 19, 12:30pm — Tashlich Service at Mineral Well Park (across W. Lake St from City Hall). TBI will be providing holiday gift bags of apples and honey, as well as a make and take Havdalah craft! Pick yours up after Tashlich from Val.

Sat., Sept. 19, 4:00pm — Rosh Hashanah Torah Service, via Zoom. Join Maddy for a Torah reading with discussion to follow.

Fri., Sept. 25, 6:30pm — Tot Shabbat Shuvah, via Zoom. All are welcome to join Maddy for a family service with a Rosh Hashanah theme.

Sat., Sept. 26, 10:00am —Adult Study via Zoom with Maddy: What does racism look like in Jewish spaces?

Sun., Sept. 27, 7:30pm — Erev Yom Kippur via Zoom as well as a pre-recorded Family Service.

Mon., Sept. 28, 10:00am, Yom Kippur Service via Zoom

Mon., Sept. 28, 11:30am, Yom Kippur Torah Service, via Zoom. Join Maddy for a Torah reading with discussion to follow.

Mon., Sept. 28, 5:00pm, Memorial Service and Havdalah, via Zoom, Shofar blown by Gus Paz

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

For questions about programs, please contact:

Tot Shabbat: lindsey-kaufmanlb@gmail.com

Shabbat and other events: efreedland@hotmail.com

Thank you and Mazel Tovs!

During the pandemic we had many people step up and help provide services, worship, and community. First and foremost, thank you to Conrad Gold. Conrad stepped up and helped provide song to our weekly service last spring, as well as providing song during the summer service schedule. Conrad, your voice rings in all of our hearts. We are deeply appreciative.

And a big thank you to our worship leaders this summer, who stepped in to fill the shoes of our beloved Ma-ya Leibovich. Thank you to student Rabbi Maddy Anderson, and Rabbis Ben Azriel and Arnie Sleutelberg.

Donations Received

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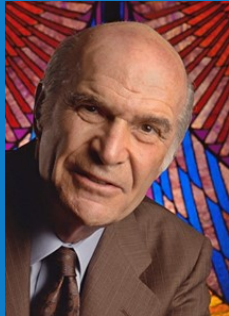
Perpetual Kaddish

Lyndean & Myron Brick: IMO Bentley Lenhoff
Val Meyerson: IMO Sam Karff

Saying Goodbye

Rabbi Samuel Karff left this world on August 15, 2020. Rabbi Karff was a long time Temple member and summer resident of Charlevoix. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to his family. May his memory be a blessing.

<http://bit.ly/rabbiKarff>



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- ☐ Temple General Fund ☐ Newsletter Fund ☐
- ☐ Prayer Book Fund ☐ Rabbi House Fund ☐
- ☐ Irene Gordon Memorial Fund ☐ Security Fund ☐
- ☐ Lee and Miles Jaffe Memorial Fund ☐
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- ☐ Stacy McCracken Memorial Youth Enrichment Fund ☐
- ☐ Alvin's "Helping Hand" Rosenhaus Memorial Fund ☐
- ☐ Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund ☐

Named Donations Available

- ☐ Tree of Life Fund (\$100 Per Leaf) ☐
- ☐ Memorial Wall (\$180 per plaque) ☐

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Welcome, Rabbi Matt!

Dear Temple B'nai Israel,

My name is Matt Derrenbacher, your student rabbi for the coming year! I am an incoming third year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College and previously worked as a Student Rabbi for Temple Beth El in Brownsville, TX. I am excited to get to know all of you and spend this coming year together. So, with that said, I wanted to let you all know a little bit about myself!

I grew up in a small town near Rochester, NY. I earned my BA in Religious Studies in Rochester. Then, I went to Louisville, KY to work on a master's degree in religion and biblical languages at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. During my time at the Seminary I worked as Senior Rabbinic Assistant at the nearby Temple. I also taught in both the Hebrew School and High School of Jewish Studies. After receiving my Master's, I taught introduction to religion at Bellarmine University and worked as a chaplain at the University of Louisville Hospital, while continuing my assistant rabbinic duties at The Temple. This summer I am working as a Chaplain Candidate for the United States Air Force and taking summer courses online at HUC.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and spending time together this coming year! I know with everything going on it may be some time before we get to physically see one another, so please feel free to reach out and introduce yourselves over the summer!

B'Shalom, Matt Derrenbacher

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:30pm — Selichot Services	12
13	14 7pm — Board Meeting	15	16	17	18 <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i> 7:30pm — Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	19 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> 10am — RH Services 12noon — Walk with us 12:30pm—Tashlich @ the Bear River 4pm — Torah Service & Discussion
20 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	21 <i>Fast of Gedaliah</i>	22	23	24	25 6:30pm — Family Shabbat Shuvah	26 10am — Adult Study: Racism in Jewish spaces
27 <i>Erev Yom Kippur</i> 7:30pm — Erev Yom Kippur Services	28 <i>Yom Kippur</i> 10am—YK Services 11:30am — Torah Service & Discussion 5pm—YK Memorial Service	29	30	Oct 1	2	3