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September 2019

# B'nai Israel

*The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel*

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## Rabbi's Corner

As many of you know, I spent my first year of rabbinical school living in Jerusalem. During that year I was able to experience much of what Israeli culture and day to day life have to offer. I also had opportunities to spend time with Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem to learn about their culture and day to day lives. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is extremely nuanced, and so a conversation about it ought to also include many diverse understandings.

Yossi Klein Halevi's bestselling book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, shares his powerful attempt to reach beyond the wall that separates Israelis and Palestinians. Halevi speaks not only to his Palestinian neighbor but to all concerned global citizens, helping us understand painful choices confronting Israelis and Palestinians that will ultimately help determine the fate of the region.

I encourage you to read this short yet powerful book and join me for a conversation during the upcoming High Holy Days. We will discuss some of the themes that Halevi puts forth in his book, as well as the many responses he has received from his Palestinian neighbors. The most recent edition of his book, released earlier this summer, includes many of the Palestinian responses.

I look forward to seeing you later this month, and tackling this complicated topic over the holidays!

Chodesh Tov!

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Maddy Anderson  
Student Rabbi

Note: If you do not already own this book, I recommend purchasing the new edition published June 2019 as it includes the Palestinian responses. Find it on amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Letters-Palestinian-Neighbor-Yossi-Halevi/dp/006284492X>



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Temple members Elisa Seltzer and Pam Ovshinsky represented our congregation in the planning of the event and Elisa served as the program moderator, and the builder for our rabbi house construction project, Steve Johnston, Sturgeon Bay Woodworks was on the congregational panel to talk about building methods to generate almost no greenhouse gases.

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## Donations Received

### General Fund

Julie Edgar  
Mr. Charles Kiefer

### Temple Expansion Fund

Ivan Behrmann  
Mr. and Mrs. Behrmann  
Mr. and Mrs. Beren  
Dr. Carol Ellstein & Joseph Wildberg; IMO Minnie Drugel,  
Alfred Wildberg  
Dr. Carol Ellstein & Joseph Wildberg  
Mrs. Sue Freedland  
Ms. Rachel Goodstein  
Steve Johnston & Elisa Seltzer  
Rabbi Samuel Karff  
Mrs. Melvy Lewis  
Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Meyerson  
Marcia Mumbrue  
Mr. Jason Page  
Hank and Anita Schneider  
Suzanne Shumway  
Mr. and Mrs. Stuchell  
Steve & Karen Weiss

### Perpetual Kaddish

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Glueck  
Sanford Kopnick & Nancy Magnus

### Alvin's Helping Hand

Dr. Carol Ellstein & Joseph Wildberg; For Evelyn Fund  
Raiser

## 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

## LDvD Women's Retreat

See the 2019 Women's Retreat Save the Date.

Women's Retreat Tentative Agenda: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X3nQSvnZ4zikXDQ5KkBzN6LycKFHLVu1DitKRni0uU0/edit?usp=sharing>

Registration: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc92kiPN5CtA2d-JBdC\\_ggSLVaXpyU-7S92QLjp1JMKDZ6D8g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc92kiPN5CtA2d-JBdC_ggSLVaXpyU-7S92QLjp1JMKDZ6D8g/viewform) or <http://bit.do/ldvdwomen>

## 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](http://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 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					7:50 	
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