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Rabbi's Corner

July is coming up and the heat of the summer is on! We've now left the spring holidays way behind. We had a wonderful series of programming this school year, from Simchat Torah through Shavuot, but now the time has come to welcome back old and familiar faces for our summer and core programming.

Welcome to each and every one of you whom I have not met yet. I am Brent Gutmann, and I have been the Student Rabbi at Temple B'Nai Israel since August of last year. In the time you have been gone, Temple B'Nai Israel got settled in for the winter and blossomed again in the spring. Now the Temple Board and I have sown seeds for what hopefully will be one of our most active and memorable summers yet. We have all kinds of activities, religious and community-based lined up.

The summer is a time of gathering and storytelling. We read the books of *Bamidbar* and *Devarim*, Numbers and Deuteronomy, which finish the story of the Israelites journey from slavery to freedom in the promised land. Join us for Tot Shabbat and regular Friday night services as we retell this journey.

We will also remember our history in its glory and its nadirs. We pay homage on Tishe'ah B'av, July 20th this year, and to the destruction of our people's two holiest sites. We celebrate Tu B'av, Jewish Valentine's Day, on July 26th, a day when single youth amongst Israel go to the parks to socialize and fall in love.

We have added to the traditional days also. Our summer day camp runs through July 2nd. There will be a fieldtrip to Fort Michilimackinac for Sunday school aged families. And there will be classes in Jewish Mysticism and Cooking. On Sunday mornings, you can join me for an informal bike ride along the lake. And this is just July.

We hope you will join us for as much as you can! We, at Temple B'Nai Israel, wish you a warm, peaceful, and relaxing summer.

Kul tuv, All the Best,
(Student) Rabbi Brent Gutmann

Sisterhood Wine & Cheese Celebration

Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood is pleased to host a Wine & Cheese Reception at the Charlevoix summer home of Audrey Shapero, on Thursday, July 15 from 4-6 p.m. Detroit author, Jeannie Weiner will talk about her recent novel, *Sante Fe Sister*, a story that explores growing up Jewish in a small town. Copies are available for purchase at MacLean & Eakin, Petoskey.

We look forward to catching up with all our friends and celebrate our good fortune to have a small, but thriving community of wonderful Jewish women in northern Michigan. Visitors welcome! RSVP to Carol Ellstein, 231.525.9250 / cgellstein@gmail.com or Pam Ovshinsky, 231.622.8611 / povsh@yahoo.com.

Oneg Opportunities!

We need Oneg hosts this summer on July 16, August 13, and August 20. Responsibilities include: set-up, clean-up and bringing food to share (Challah provided by Sisterhood).

To help, please reply to Carol Ellstein: 231.525.9250 or cgellstein@gmail.com or add your name to the list attached to the Temple refrigerator. Thank you!

Upcoming Events	
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Mon., June 28 – Israeli Jewish Day Camp Begins
Fri., July 2, 5:30 PM – Tot Shabbat
Fri., July 2, 8:00 PM – Shabbat Services
Fri., July 2, 9:30 PM – Welcome Back Rabbi Oneg
Fri., July 9, 8:00 PM – Shabbat Services
Sun., July 11, 10:00 AM – Ride with the Rabbi
Mon., July 12, 7:00 PM – Board Meeting
Thurs., July 15, 4:00 PM – Wine & Cheese Celebration
Fri., July 16, 5:30 PM – Tot Shabbat
Fri., July 16, 8:00 PM – Shabbat Services
Sun., July 18, 10:00 AM – Ride with the Rabbi
Mon., July 19, 7:00 PM – Tishe’ah B’av Program
Tues., July 20, 6:00 PM – Korean Cooking w/ Jill
Fri., July 23, 8:00 PM – Shabbat Services
Fri., July 23, 9:30 PM – Irene Gordon Memorial Oneg
Sun., July 25, 10:00 AM – Day Away:
 Fort Michilimackinac
Tues., July 27, 8:00 PM – Mysticism
Fri., July 30, 5:30 PM – Tot Shabbat
Fri., July 30, 8:00 PM – Shabbat Services

Tishe'ah B'av is said to be the saddest day on the Jewish calendar. Join Rabbi Brent on Monday, July 19th, 7:00 p.m. for an educational and religious journey exploring the holiday through a look at the ancient Temples. The evening will begin with a PBS Nova DVD

“Ancient Refuge in the Holy Land: Unearthing a Rebel Hideout.” Then Rebbetzin Jill will convey her recent trip to Israel and her experience at the ancient Philistine City of Gath. To culminate the evening, there will be a brief service with readings from Lamentations and a discussion about the Tishe’ah B’av holiday. Discussion will surround the destruction of the two Temples and the meaning to the Jewish people.

Ravitz Grant Workshop Opens Doors among Northern Michigan Congregations

Sally Cannon, Val Meyerson, and Gail Willens represented Temple B'nai Israel at an all day workshop on Saturday, May 15, 2010 in Elk Rapids. They were joined by representatives from Congregation Ahavat Shalom and Congregation Beth El of Traverse City to talk about sharing resources, strengthening ties, and improving Jewish life in Northern Michigan. The workshop was funded by a Ravitz grant from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and was facilitated by Pamela Evans, from NorthSky Nonprofit.

The workshop proved to be an important first step in the three congregations getting to know one another. Discussion items included strategies for increasing membership; improving communication between

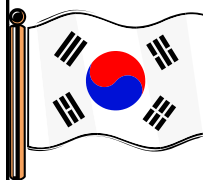
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Asian Cooking with a Jewish Flair

Jill Abromowitz Gutmann, owner of Kosher Kimchi Catering and our very own Rebbitzin, will be demonstrating Kosher Asian cooking this summer. Jill has lived in several Asian countries and was taught how to cook by her host families. On July 20th, 6:00 p.m., Jill will be demonstrating kosher Korean cooking and then on August 3rd, the culinary topic will be kosher Thai cooking.

The evening will begin with demonstrations on making an appetizer, an entrée, and a dessert. Jill will show everyone how easy it is to cook tasty, healthy and exotic kosher meals. And then of course, everyone will sit down and enjoy the meal together. Please RSVP so Jill knows how much food to purchase: jillgutmann@gmail.com.



*Among those who stand, do not sit;
among those who sit, do not stand.
Among those who laugh, do not weep;
among those who weep, do not laugh.*



Donations Received

General Fund

- Arthur & Bess Hurand, in memory of Larry Rubin
- Marvin & Lynn Hecht, in memory of Larry Rubin, Shirley Willens, & Marvin Molasky
- Louis & Sally Cannon, in honor of Alex's Graduation from Petoskey High School
- Howard & Lolly Averbuch, in honor of Bailey & Julia
- Linda Dresner Levy & Edward Levy, in memory of Joan Chodak

Newsletter Fund

- Mrs. Myra White

Gloria Levine – the Eisenfeld donation for the Eugene Levine project



Moved? Let us Know!

It's a fact. Sometimes, people change their mailing address during the summer. If you've moved, and want to keep receiving the temple newsletter, please email the Temple at info@templebnaiisraelofpetoskey.org, or notify Tom Johnson at 231-487-1661. That way, we can keep our mailing lists current and up to date!



Funds/Named Donations Available

- ☐ Temple General Fund ☐ Newsletter Fund ☐
- ☐ Prayer Book Fund ☐ Building Fund ☐
- ☐ Irene Gordon Memorial 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 (Leaves \$100 Each, Stones \$1000 each) ☐
- ☐ Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund ☐
- ☐ Donor Wall Tile Fund (Tiles \$48 each plus freight) ☐
- ☐ Tribute Fund (packets of 5 tributes for \$90/pack) ☐

Temple B'Nai Israel Donation Form

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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:

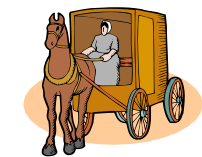
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Tot Shabbat Update

Tot Shabbat will be held every other week at 5:30 pm, beginning July 2nd. Tot Shabbat is geared for families with children ages birth through 6. All families welcome to join in the fun. Please mark your calendars for July 2, July 16, July 30 and August 13th.



Day Away: Fort Michilimackinac



Michigan has been home to Jews since 1761, when the first Jewish settler, Ezekiel Solomon, came as a fur trader and supplier to the British troops in the strategic wilderness outpost at Fort Michilimackinac.

On Sunday, July 25th, Temple B’nai Israel families will visit Colonial Michilimackinac. Join us as we tour this Northern Michigan landmark, and converse with locals who reenact the period in costume. There is rumor that Ezekiel Solomon may make an appearance!

This event is perfect for families with children or adults with an adventurous spirit. Bring a bag lunch! Weather permitting, we may tour the lighthouse and mill creek parks following.

Prices are as follows:

- Adults: \$10 or Triple Choice (includes Mackinac Point Lighthouse & Mill Creek Discovery Park) \$21
- Children 5-17: \$6 or Triple Choice \$12.50.

Park Hours are 9am-6pm.



**PLEASE RSVP by July 18th to
brentgutmann@gmail.com**

Visit Colonial Michilimackinac at:
<http://www.mackinacparks.com/colonial-michilimackinac/>

Riding with the Rabbi

Rabbi Brent is organizing an informal weekly bicycling group on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. He hopes to ride the wheelway north and south throughout the summer. The first ride is scheduled for June 20th. Riders of all abilities are welcome. Meet at the Rabbi house ready to ride by 10 a.m. RSVP to Brent at brentgutmann@gmail.com.



The Meyerson extended family walked a drizzly 5K in support of the recent Lupus Research fundraiser. Our Team Lupa\$\$ Kicker\$ managed to raise more money than most of the corporate sponsors! The total raised in the fundraiser was more than \$25,000 going directly for Lupus research.

Did you know that there are many resources available to you through the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) website? There is information about holidays, Torah study, handling difficult issues, a bookstore, and more!

**Check them out at
www.urj.org!**



Brent, Kabbalah, & Mysticism, Oh My!

Come and explore Jewish mysticism and spirituality with Student Rabbi Brent Gutmann. Brent Gutmann will lead the second installment of a series of classes on Tuesday, July 27th. During this session we will explore the evolution of ideas surrounding the World to Come and the Messianic Era. Learn about angels, God, the meaning of the mitzvot, and more! Come join us as we explore strange and surprising Jewish texts, Tuesday, July 27th, 8:00—9:00 PM. Mark your calendar for the last installment of the series on August 17th.

Schmaltz and Matzo Ball Soup!

The Growing Jewish Families-Rosh Chodesh Thread held it's last program of the season, focusing on what else - food! Do Jews believe eating matters? You betchya!



From the time Abraham invited wayfarers to a meal, we are heirs to a tradition that cares about food and nourishment.

And what could be more Jewish than schmaltz and matzo ball soup?! Thanks to the culinary talents of Temple member Jean Gross, our Rosh Chodesh group prepared a delicious Shabbat meal which we later in the evening shared with Temple members at a congregation-wide pot-luck.

During our "down-time," Rosh Chodesh participants explored the issues addressed in Rabbi Yoffie's 2009 URJ Biennial Sermon about what it means to eat Jewishly or ethically as Reform Jews, in today's world given our

concerns over pressing ecological, economic and health and spiritual matters. (Read the whole sermon at www.urj.org.)

The following day, Temple volunteers Stan and Lee Katlein, Gloria Levine, Liz Frey, Carol Ellstein, Joe Wildberg, and Pam Ovshinsky, brought the left-over food to serve for guests at the Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. The left-overs from the meal were then donated to the Nehemiah and Mary-Margaret homeless shelters.

So, in one weekend we engaged in the best of our Jewish tradition through Jewish study, communal eating, and feeding the hungry. During the discussion, a desire to continue our exploration of food as a theme was expressed. So, look for two more cooking classes this summer, with Rebbitzin Jill.

We welcome feedback about how we can continue to nourish our needs as Jewish women living in northern Michigan. We hope you will join us in our journey at whatever point you choose...

Many thanks go to the Detroit Jewish Women's Foundation for funding the Growing Jewish Families programming over the last year and a half.



Challahs Available

Simply Challah, by Emma Hindle, is offering freshly baked challah to people living in the Charlevoix and Petoskey area. Challah's are baked fresh to order and are made of all natural wholesome ingredients. They have been taste tested by the Temple Board and are rated as absolutely delicious. Orders need to be placed by Wednesday of each week, to be delivered on Fridays. Petoskey orders can be picked up at the Temple after 4:00 pm and Charlevoix orders should contact Emma for delivery details.

Traditional Challah	\$5.00
w/Sesame Seeds	\$5.00
w/ Garlic Salt	\$5.00
w/ Everything	\$5.50



**To place your order call
231-622-1044.**



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congregations, sharing programming ideas; fund-raising; and sharing rabbinical support.

The Presidents of each congregation agreed to obtain Board approval for informal sharing and increased communication between congregations. Communication strategies include linking each Temple's websites, listing the contact information of all 3 congregations in each newsletter, and cross publishing (through mass email and newsletter) important events occurring in each congregation. The group felt this would be helpful to members who wished to know what was happening in the other congregations as well as visitors searching for Jewish services/programs in Northern Michigan. The group plans to continue the discussion.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>June 27</p> <p>10:00 Ride with the Rabbi</p>	28	29	30	July 1	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 Tot Shabbat 8:00 Shabbat Services 9:30 Welcome Back Rabbi Brent Oneg</p>	3
<p>Happy Fourth of July!</p> 	5	6	7	8	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:11</p>	10
<p>11</p> <p>10:00 Ride with the Rabbi</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 Board Meeting</p>	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 Sisterhood Wine & Cheese Celebration</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 Tot Shabbat 8:00 Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:07</p>	17
<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Ride with the Rabbi</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 Tishe’ah B’av Program</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 Korean Cooking</p>	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 Shabbat Services 9:30 Memorial Oneg</p> <p>9:01</p>	24
<p>25</p> <p>10:00 Fort Michilimackinac</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 Mysticism</p>	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>5:30 Tot Shabbat 8:00 Shabbat Services</p> <p>8:53</p>	31

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