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Rabbi's Corner

I thought it was a strange concept when I was taught in religious school many years ago that "*shalom*" meant "peace," but also "hello" and "goodbye." It seemed impossible to me that one word could mean all of these things. How would you ever know the difference between someone greeting you and someone bidding you farewell? Yet, somehow, no one ever gets confused, and when you greet a person "*shalom*," they seem to effortlessly intuit your intention.

Right now, the time has come to say goodbye. The Talmud teaches, when bidding a living friend farewell, one should not say "*b'shalom*" but rather "*l'shalom*," meaning, do not say go *in* peace, but rather, go *towards* peace, but when bidding a deceased friend farewell, one should say "go *in* peace," not "go *towards* peace." (*Moed Katan* 29a) I always liked this teaching for the subtle lesson it conveys. Even when it is difficult to say goodbye, we wish that the person we bid farewell to is on their way to something better.

As I compose my final Rabbi's Corner for you, B'nai Israel, I wish you "*l'shalom*," go *towards* peace. You are an incredible community, and I thank you for the many lessons we have learned together and the many successes we have shared over these past two years. Most of all, know that there are many good things in store for you so long as you continue to work *towards* them. *Hazak, hazak, v'nithazek!* May you continue to go "from strength to strength!"

L'shalom,

Student Rabbi Brent Gutmann



Brent & Jill in Jerusalem



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Welcome to our New Student Rabbi

My name is Matt Zerwekh and I am the incoming Student Rabbi to the Temple B'nai Israel community. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself before I arrive in Petoskey. I grew up in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan until I moved to Kalamazoo where I earned my BA in Political Science and Comparative Religion from Western Michigan University. After graduating college, I served as Youth Director at Temple Emanu-El, in Oak Park, Michigan. I grew up spending summers with my family outside of Traverse City and attending Interlochen Arts Camp, so I am particularly looking forward to returning to the beauty that is northern Michigan.

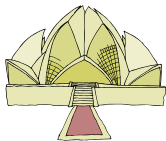
I love to hike, kayak, and attend live music events as well as travel. In fact, I hope to soon round my "foreign countries travelled" list to an even 20. I hope that this coming year will be fulfilling for the Temple community, I am looking forward to getting to know everyone.

All the best, Matt

***Matt's first Shabbat with us will be June 24th.*

Upcoming Events

Sun., June 5, 11:00 AM – **Family Picnic**
Mon., June 13, 7:00 PM – **Board Meeting**
Sat., June 18, 10:00 AM – **Adult B’Not Mitzvah**
Fri., June 24, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Service**
Fri., July 1, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Service**



Interfaith Discussion with Wisdom’s Women

Bayview Association is hosting the Wisdom Women’s Interfaith Panel, featuring a Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Jew. These women will share their journey as part of the Bay View educational series. The Interfaith series begins on Thursday, June 30th at 7:30p.m. in Voorheis Hall and then continues Friday morning at 9:30 with coffee and a more personal discussion. The group of women are from the Detroit area, including Gail Katz of Temple Israel in West Bloomfield. For more information about the event visit:

<http://www.interfaithwisdom.org/events/>

Mazel Tov!

The Temple offers a warm **MAZEL TOV** to the following members:

- * College graduates this month: Chelsea Cannon (Dickinson College); Becca Willens (Columbia College, Chicago); Sam Johnston (NCMC); and Daniel Shumway (NCMC).
- * Ben Hindle, upon winning NCMC’s Got Talent!
- * Karly Ellison on winning – with the most overall votes – a seat on the Petoskey School Board of Education!



B’Not Mitzvot

The Temple community is cordially invited to the B’not Mitzvah of Sally Cannon, Carol Ellstein, Val Meyerson, and Gail Willens on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The women have been studying for the past year with Rabbi Brent Gutmann, who will return to Petoskey to perform the service. A light luncheon in their honor will be hosted by Berta Meyerson and Marcy Wolf in the social hall after the service. Everyone is welcome. In lieu of gifts, please consider making a donation to the Temple.



Family Picnic

The Religious School families would like to invite all families interested to the end of year Celebration and Picnic, 11:00 a.m., Sunday, June 5, at the Bear River Pavilion. The Picnic is the time to celebrate a successful year for our students and show appreciation to our volunteer teachers.

Please join us for a fun-filled picnic lunch with games. To find the new Pavilion, at the Petoskey Lake Street Fire Station, turn south into the Pavilion Entrance/Parking Area (up-river) go under the US-31 Bridge and park in the designated area. Walk a short distance to the pavilion.

Please bring – a lawn game and a dish to share. Call/email Amy to let her know (231-622-8660 or mcmullen10000@live.com) your selection so she can make sure the picnic is well rounded. (In the case of inclement weather, we will meet at the Temple.)



Donations Received

Aubrey & Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund

Berta Meyerson Molasky - In honor of 50th Anniversary of Arlyn & Hester Meyerson

Berta Meyerson Molasky - In memory of Dr. Roy Arons, with condolences to his wife Toby and four children



Challahs Available

Simply Challah, by Emma Hindle, is offering freshly baked-to-order challah to people living in the Charlevoix and Petoskey area. 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.

Rosh Chodesh

As our Temple Sisterhood looks forward to another beautiful summer "Up North", we hope you will mark the date for our second annual Sisterhood social event which will once again provide us with the special chance to bring together our "snowbird" and year-round members and friends, to be held on Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Temple Sanctuary, Social Hall and Marianne Kaplan Memorial Garden.

This light brunch program will highlight the stories behind our stained glass windows with renowned Jordan



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) ☐

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My contribution is in honor or memory of: _____

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Valley Glass artists' Jay Bavers, Glenna Henley and son Billy Bavers. We will also screen the short documentary by award-winning filmmaker Harvey Ovshinsky, about the late Detroit artist Arthur Schneider, who created the sculpture of Moses in our Temple foyer. Of course bagels and cream cheese will be served.

Please contact Sisterhood President Carol Ellstein at (231) 525-9250 or cgeilstein@gmail.com; or Pam Ovshinsky, Rosh Chodesh Coordinator at (231) 622-8611 or povsh@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for further details!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	June 1	2	3 9:04 	4
5 11:00 Family Picnic	6	7 Erev Shavuot 9:07 	8 Shavuot 	9	10 9:09 	11
12	13 7:00 Temple Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 9:12 	18 10:00 Adult B'Not Mitzvah
19	20	21	22	23	24 7:30 Shabbat Service 9:14 	25
26	27	28	29	30	July 1 7:30 Shabbat Service 9:14 	2

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