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Rabbi's Corner

At the Seder, we read:

"My ancestor was a wandering Aramean. He descended to Egypt and resided there in small numbers. He became a nation – great, powerful and numerous. Then the Egyptians treated us badly. They persecuted us and subjected us to hard labor, the God of our ancestors. God heard our voice.

God saw our persecution, our labor and our oppression. God took us out of Egypt – with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, signs and wonders. Then God brought us to this place and gave us this a land of milk and honey." (Deuteronomy 26)

We are commanded to tell and retell this story to our children every year at the Passover table, and to declare that we, too, stood at Sinai. Generations before us have devoted their lives to serving the Infinite and to the study of the eternal book, as they, too, were forced to wander.

How we have wandered throughout the ages! Through the Hellenistic period, and through medieval Spain and Europe. Through countless times and places we have wandered. Sometimes our paths crossed. Sometimes our paths diverged. Eternally, our nation – sometimes great, powerful and numerous, and sometimes tired, poor and wretched – has continued to wander. Will our wandering ever cease? I pray that we've settled in a place that will bring us security, but we know the pendulum of history swings still. Does knowing this make me worry? No, my ancestor was a wandering Aramean, who humbly loved the Holy One, Blessed be God, and so the Holy One continues to love his children, and look out for them, no matter where on Earth they wander, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, signs and wonders.

Hagim u'Zmanim l'Sason, Happy Holidays,
Student Rabbi Brent Gutmann



Brent & Jill in Jerusalem



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TBI Member Running for Board of Education Seat

Temple member Karly Ellison will be on the ballot, May 3, for a seat on the Petoskey School Board of Education. Many of you may know Karly. She is the wife of Andy and mother of 15 year old Eli. She currently owns and operates "TwistenLocks" hair salon and also creates Fiber Art sold at many local galleries.

Karly believes that the school system's strength lies in the staff. She believes the schools have excellent principals, teachers, secretaries, janitors, cooks and aides. She also believes that the school board would gain strength by having more diversified views speaking for the people. She believes the entire school population creates our caring network of community.

Contact Karly for details on her platform: aellison@charter.net.

Upcoming Events

Sun., May 1, 10:00 AM – **Religious School**
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Parent Meeting
Mon., May 9, 7:00 PM – **Board Meeting**
Fri., May 13, 5:30 PM – **Tot Shabbat**
Fri., May 13, 7:30 PM – **Shabbat Service**
Sun., May 15, 10:00 AM – **Religious School**
Sun., May 22, 10:00 AM – **Run for Daggett**
Sat., May 28, 10:00 AM – **Bar Mitzvah – Ian Shumway**
Sun., June 5, 11:00 AM – **Religious School Picnic**



A 5K Race and Kids Fun Run will be held at Camp Daggett 10:00AM, Sunday, May 22. The event is being held for Max Meyerson's Mitzvah project. It will raise money for Summer Camp scholarships. Max, currently a 7th grade student at Petoskey Middle School, has attended summer camp at Daggett for the last 5 years. "I really like going to Camp Daggett Summer Camp and know that some kids can't attend because of the cost. I wanted to help raise money so other kids could enjoy summer camp too," stated Max. "I like to run so I thought a 5K race and Fun Run would be a good way for people to raise money and also have a good time at Camp."

There will be a 5K race for anyone and a short (1/2 mile) Fun Run for younger runners. Awards will be given for the first three finishers and all fun run participants. Refreshments will be available after the run for everyone. The cost is only \$15 or \$50 for a family of four or more. All proceeds will go to the Camp Daggett Scholarship Fund. To register for the event go to www.campdaggett.com. For more information contact Max Meyerson at 231-347-5402.

Rosh Chodesh

SAVE THE DATE

Second Annual Sisterhood/Mishpacha Summer Celebration - Sunday Brunch, July 24th. Featuring the stories behind our Temple art. Special guests to be announced.

Member Address Book

The Temple Board has decided to publish an updated Temple Address Book, since many new families have joined our congregation since the last printing in 2008. If there have been any changes to your address(es) or phone numbers, please contact Gus Paz at 231-347-5131 or gpaz@glenergy.com. If you prefer that your information not be included in this publication, please notify Gus as well.



Religious School Update

The Religious School is nearing the end of another wonderful school year. There are only a few sessions and activities left before the summer break. My hope is that we are strengthening the commitment of families to their Jewish heritage.

Our youngest students in the Aleph class have been learning the Hebrew letters and a bit about the Jewish holidays. The Gimel students have been learning bible stories as well as working on sounds and letter combinations in their Hebrew class. The Dalet kids are learning about modern Jewish history and the 6th graders are learning the prayers and the B'Nai Mitzvah worked on their Torah portions.

A big thank you to our volunteer teachers this year who have done a wonderful job: Amy Rothman, Aleph content; Emily Stuchel, Aleph Hebrew; Elisa Seltzer, Hebrew & Bar Mitzvah prep; Lori Katzman, Hebrew; Tom Johnson, Bible stories & History; Kyla Johnson and Jeremiah Johnson, Hebrew tutors.

All Religious School parents are asked to attend a meeting on May 1, 10:45 AM in the sanctuary. We will be discussing the logistics and future of the program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Val Meyerson, Education Coordinator at 487-1661.



Donations Received

Newsletter Fund

Elizabeth Frey
Adele Silver

General Fund

Louis & Sally Cannon, for 2 Siddurim



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.



The Religious School students performed a wonderful and lively Purim Schpiel! Can you find the traditional Purim characters? Students from left to right are: Gabe M., Anne J, Sage S, Lauren R, Gabe R, Max F, Grant F, Ian S, Mishka M (in back), Mitchell K, Max M, and Jada W.

"Hillel taught: Do not separate yourself from the community."

(Pirkei Avot 2:5)



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

Name: _____

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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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 10:00 Religious School 10:45 Parent Meeting	2	3 School Board Elections	4	5 <i>Rosh Chodesh Iyar</i>	6 8:33 	7
8	9 7:00 Temple Board Meeting	10	11	12	13 5:30 Tot Shabbat 7:30 Shabbat Service 8:42 	14
15 10:00 Religious School	16	17	18	19	20 8:50 	21
22 10:00 Run for Daggett	23	24	25	26	27 8:57 	28 10:00 Bar Mitzvah— Ian Shumway
29	30	31	June 1	2	3 9:04 	4

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