



August 2009

# Temple B'Nai Israel

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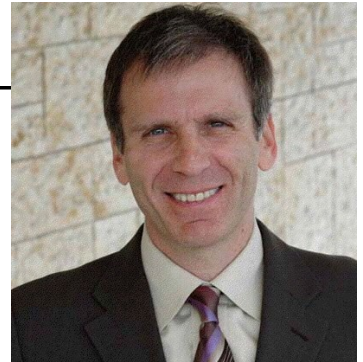
## Cantor's Corner

Dear Friends,

As you receive this newsletter my family and I will have been in Petoskey for over one month during our second summer here. I treasure each day here; to be of service to the congregation, to enjoy the beauty of the area, and to experience the warmth of the people.

Temple B'nai Israel is a blessed community, indeed. Its presence in North Western Michigan adds diversity and goodness to the greater community. Its over 100-year history links it with generations past. Its beautiful sanctuary is a sacred space to connect with God. Its leaders and congregants are open-minded, caring and committed to the values of Torah, prayer, and kind action.

Reflecting on this community, the words "divine spark" somehow come to mind. These words come from and are fully explored in the writings of Kabbalah. In its simplest terms, every human being is born with a spark of divinity. And each person has the opportunity to participate in a 'cosmic' repair of the world by releasing his or her individual spark into the world. This repair is referred to as *tikkun olam*. (cont. on pg. 5...)



## Summer Series Continues

### Gateway to Jewish Spirituality Seminars

The series concludes August 2 at 10:30 AM. The Cantor will present G'milut Hasadim. Please feel free to bring a light snack.

### Wednesday Night Film and Schmooze

Continues on Wednesdays, at 8 PM. The congregation will host a number of films and videos highlighting the American Jewish experience. Also featured will be Israeli films and a family film night. Please feel free to bring movie candy, popcorn, drinks, etc for a fun filled and interesting event.

### Adult Education: Do you Know Why?

Meets August 10 at 7 PM: the Cantor will discuss the history and meaning of the Service events, such as Hagbah, the Torah procession, and so on.

### Shabbat Celebration

Cantor Schwartz will celebrate Shabbat every Friday at 8 PM, through August 21st. Please join us as he leads the congregation in his dynamic and creative services. Onegs are scheduled for every Shabbat celebration; a sign up sheet will be posted in the kitchen. The final observance, on August 21, will include a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 PM.

## Growing Jewish Families

*Nancy Dwan, Coordinator: 348-9148*

All three “threads” of the Growing Jewish Family programming are weaving together and strengthening our Jewish connections: **Tot Thread, Teen Thread, Rosh Chodesh Thread for Women.**

*Growing Jewish Family programming will continue in the fall – watch the newsletters for updates. If you would like to receive email invitations to the events, please email Val at: meyersen\_954@charter.net.*

## Summer Farewell Potluck

Our final Summer Shabbat observance will be on Friday, August 21. A potluck is scheduled for 6:30 PM that night. Please bring a dish to pass as we conclude another successful summer season!

## High Holidays are Just Around the Corner!

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown, September 18 and Yom Kippur, September 28. As always, the Break-the-Fast Dinner will be at the Social Hall on September 28 after services. If you are interested in volunteering to be the coordinator for the Break-the-Fast, including taking RSVPs, please call Tom Johnson at 231-487-1661.

Also, we will need a volunteer to blow the Shofar. If interested, please call Tom Johnson at 487-1661.

## Hiroshima Commemoration

The annual community Hiroshima Commemoration event is scheduled for Sunday, August 2. If interested, please meet at the Mineral Well Park in Petoskey at 1:00 PM that Sunday.

## Temple Calendar

August 1, 8:00 PM—**Havdalah Hootenany**

August 2, 10:30 AM—**Gateway To Jewish Spirituality Series: G’milut Hasadim**

August 5, 8:00 PM—**Film & Schmooze Series: Israeli Award Winning Film, Ushpizin**

August 7, 8:00 PM—**Shabbat Services**

August 10-14—**Summer Day Camp**

*(see article on pg. 4)*

August 10, 7:00 PM—**Do You Know Why? (Adult Education)**

August 12, 8:00 PM—**Teen Event: Don’t Mess with the Zohan, starring Adam Sandler**

August 13, 7:00 PM—**Temple Board Meeting** (note the day change)

August 14, 8:00 PM—**Shabbat Services**

August 15, 8:00 PM—**Havdalah Story-Telling at the Willens’ home**  
*(see article pg. 3)*

August 21, 8:00 PM—**Shabbat Services**



## Donations Received

### General Fund

Mike & Rita Lindeman

### Other Donations

Jason Page, for the purchase of the *Ora V' Simcha* siddurs, to be used for Religious School services.



## **“Healing the Bear” River Cleanup**

The Annual Healing The Bear River Cleanup event is Saturday, August 1, 2009, meeting at Mineral Well Park at 9:00 AM. The cleanup is scheduled to take place from 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM.

The Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council provides a luncheon and free T-shirt to participants.

This is a way to help the environment in a concrete, definable way and is a great family event. If interested, please contact Valerie Olinik-Damstra at the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, at 347-1181 ext. 111.



## **Havdalah Celebrations**

Our summer program offers two Havdalah observances in the month of August. The first is the **Havdalah Hootenany**, on Saturday, August 1. We will meet at 8 PM at the Social Hall for a Havdalah observance and song session with the Cantor. Please feel free to bring a light snack/dessert to share.

**Havdalah/Story Telling** will meet on August 15, at 8:00 PM, at the residence of Hal and Gail Willens, 10406 McCarthy Road in Alanson. Phone 548-1412 for directions. Please feel free to bring a light snack/dessert to share.

## **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 Seed — \$5.00  
w/ Garlic Salt — \$5.00  
w/ Everything — \$5.50



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

## **Funds/Named Donations Available**

- ☐ Temple General Fund ☐ Newsletter Fund ☐ Prayer Book Fund ☐ Capital Campaign/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 and Gerald Meyerson Perpetual Kaddish Fund ☐
- ☐ Donor Wall Tile Fund (Tiles \$48 each plus freight) ☐ Tribute Fund (packets of 5 tributes available for \$90/pack) ☐



***Come and be a part of the...  
Petoskey-area Jewish Day Camp 2009!***



**When?**

Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 14  
9:30am - 3:00pm

**Who?**

5 - 12 year olds

**Where?**

Temple B’Nai Israel

**What?**

Two Israeli counselors will be running our camp sharing their love of Judaism and Israel. They are being brought to us by *Soul Train*, an Israeli organization which reaches out to small Jewish communities throughout the world.

The kids will participate in activities such as Jewish games, sports & outdoor fun, arts & crafts, singing & dancing, "traveling" through Israel, celebrating Shabbat, and having fun with old friends & making new ones!

**Cost & Registration**

- \$20/child, (full scholarships are available) thanks to *Soul Train* and The Jewish Federation of Detroit's Ravitz Statewide Outreach Initiative we are able to keep the costs down.
- Registration Required – call or email Elisa for Registration Form: 231.330-1086 or [eseltzer@emmetcounty.org](mailto:eseltzer@emmetcounty.org).

**Other Information**

- Kids will be asked to bring a dairy lunch each day (see registration for suggestions) and parents will be invited to sign up to host a daily snack.
- Parents will have the opportunity to sign up to be Parent-of-the-Day and families will be invited for a special activity during the week!
- Know other Jewish families who may not be aware of this opportunity? Please let Elisa know and she will get them info!



**Other Possibilities & Ways to Get Involved**

**Toddler program for 2-4 year olds:** If there's interest, will be lively and "just the right size"!

**Madrichim** (Junior Counselors), ages 13+, and/or a parent helper are invited to assist the counselors; contact Elisa if interested.

**Teen program:** an evening for teens to connect with our Israeli counselors, Miri and Tehilla, and watch Adam Sandler's *Don't mess with the Zohan*: August 12, 8:00 PM. Popcorn & Soda provided.

**Home Hospitality Opportunity**

Experience Israeli culture - what it's like to keep kosher (while striving to be flexible here in Petoskey!), and celebrating Shabbat - with the two Israeli counselors. The young ladies need a home together, but could stay in one home for a few days and then another. We are in need of home stays from Sunday, August 9 through Saturday, August 15.

We are in need of greeters, to welcome the counselors to northern Michigan. Also, if you'd be willing to share any time with the counselors at the end of their day – take them shopping for kosher food and/or arts & crafts supplies for camp, or have an air mattress or two to lend – please contact Elisa.

***Contact Elisa Seltzer with any questions at: 231.330-1086 or [eseltzer@emmetcounty.org](mailto:eseltzer@emmetcounty.org)***

***This day camp program is made possible with a grant from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's Ravitz Statewide Outreach Initiative.***

***Looking forward to an amazing Jewish Day Camp experience right here in Petoskey!***

## Mazel Tov and Thank Yous!

### Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rosalyn!

Trudi Whitesell, Rosalyn Goldstick's daughter, announces the Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party for Rosalyn Goldstick on Saturday, August 15, 1-4 PM, at the Charlevoix Senior Center — 06906 Norwood Road, Charlevoix. Light refreshments will be served. Please no gifts. Donations can be made to either the Charlevoix Senior Center or the Temple. Please call Trudi at 547-0709 for more information.

### Sisterhood Changes

Many thanks go to Berta Molasky, who has served as Sisterhood president for many years. She assisted in fundraising projects as well as launched the donation note cards projects. She also dutifully participated on the Board of Trustees while president. Thank you Berta! Carol Ellstein has agreed to take over for Berta and is already starting to think about ways to help the Temple community. Thank you Carol for accepting this position. We all look forward to working with you.



*"A bird that you set  
free may be caught  
again, but a word that  
escapes your lips will  
not return."*

*-Jewish Proverb-*

### Cantor's Corner

*(...cont. from pg. 1)*

Jewish tradition maintains that the release of divine sparks occurs through the mindful doing of *Mitzvot*, sanctioned commandments of the Torah. Most contemporary interpreters, however, suggest that the release of our sparks can be effectuated in various ways and that for each individual the path of release is different.

When I associate divine sparks with this community I imagine a beacon of light emanating to other Jews in other parts of the state and country. I imagine Temple B'nai Israel's members and visitors engaged in Jewish learning, experiencing religious services that are inspiring, expressing kindness and support to one another, and experimenting with the observance of *Mitzvot*. And I see the release of sparks occurring through a sharing of knowledge and love for Judaism with non-Jewish friends and neighbors.

*Please join us for the remainder of the summer by attending services and special events.  
And may the coming New Year be a time of continued blessing and enlightenment for  
this community.*

## Volunteers Needed

### General Services

Volunteering is a great way to help the Temple community! If you have a service you feel may be useful for the congregation, for example, trimming the hedges, lawn mowing, or snow removal, please contact Tom Johnson at 231-487-1661.

### Religious School Teacher

We are looking for someone to help with teaching during the upcoming religious school year. No formal teaching education is needed, just a passion for kids, learning, and Judaism. If interested, please contact Val Meyerson, Religious School Coordinator, at 231-487-1661.



## Event Calendar—August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> 8:30 am - Clean— The— Bear 8:00 - Havdalah
<sup>2</sup> 10:30 - Jewish Spirituality 1:00- Hiroshima Comm.	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup> 8:00 pm - Film & Schmooze	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup> 8:00 - Services	<sup>8</sup>
<sup>9</sup>	<sup>10</sup> Summer Camp 7:00 - Adult Ed.	<sup>11</sup> Summer Camp	<sup>12</sup> Summer Camp 8:00 pm - Teen Event	<sup>13</sup> Summer Camp 7:00 pm-Temple Board Meeting	<sup>14</sup> Summer Camp 8:00 - Services	<sup>15</sup> 1-4:00-Rosalyn's B'Day Party 8:00-Havdalah
<sup>16</sup>	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup> 6:30 - Potluck 8:00 - Services	<sup>22</sup>
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