

# Temple B'nai Israel

June 2022

Sivan/Tamuz 5782



## Letter from the president

We received the sad news that the Hebrew Union College (HUC) will be closing its Rabbinic program at their Cincinnati campus. The Cincinnati campus was where Petoskey, and many other midwestern congregations, contracted for student Rabbi services. Not only will there no longer be students studying in the Midwest, there is currently a very small number of new students in the entire program. Due to the pandemic, no recruiting has taken place over the last two years. This has created a shortage of reform student Rabbis. Currently there are three new students, the last class in Cincinnati, and the future classes also look as if they will be very small.

What this means for TBI is that we have no student for fall of 2022 and chances are we would have no student the following year as well. The Board has put together a committee to look at our options – which there are many. We are at the very beginning stages of this process so do not know much at this point, but we will keep you informed as we go. I can promise that we will have spiritual leadership during the year – we just don't know what it looks like yet.

The Leiboviches will be here this summer though! Maya and Menachim arrive in Michigan on June 20 and Rav Maya will provide weekly Kabbalat services and Torah study beginning June 24.

Shalom –

Valerie Meyerson, President

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SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 12-14, 2022  
INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER CAMP RETREAT  
GREAT LAKES EDUCATION CENTER, MANISTIQUE MI

L'Dor V'Dor Upper Great Lakes Jewish Consortium Leadership Team hosted a planning retreat in Munising on April 8-10, 2022 to celebrate almost 10 years in existence and to plan for the next 2-5 years. Facilitator was Noah Levine of the Jewish Community Legacy Project. The meeting ended with a motivated and exhilarated team that is ready to move ahead with our plans.

The retreat was made possible by very generous grant support from the Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit, which has mentored and supported us from the beginning, when they approved our 2012 start-up grant application. We are indebted to the JWF Trustees, Leadership, and staff for their generosity.

We made several decisions. Point people are already working on each one.

Review and revise (if necessary) LDVD Mission Statement.

Increase usage of the LDVD community calendar.

Organize focus groups at each congregation for input into future interests, needs, and programming ideas.

Develop strategies for identifying and engaging people who are not members of the synagogues.

Explore options for leadership development programs and resources, with URJ Small Congregations staff input.

Identify potential new Leadership Team successors and develop strategies preparing them to take over.

Identify themed retreats and programs.

Hire an educational coordinator.

Explore options for a traveling clergy person.

Schedule a Zoom meeting with all the congregations to ensure the preservation of the temples' cemeteries, to be organized by Noah Levine.

Help each congregation create a legacy plan, with assistance from Noah.

Five related goals were decided by the Leadership Team:

Pursue independent non-profit status.

Define and clarify the actual role of LDVD with regional Jews and congregations

Create mechanisms to facilitate direct member financial support for LDVD.

Create intra-congregational family programs.

Add men to the Leadership Team.

Contact Mandy Freidenberg or Carol Ellstein if you would like to become involved.

## Study Session with Maya

Join Rav Maya for a Sunday morning study session, via Zoom.

Sundays @ 10am

June 12

*The session will focus on the story of the Garden of Eden: Crime and Punishment*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172550105?pwd=OVJBcExqdWhmSmtKeXAxbTRBZ0M4QT09>

Meeting ID: 821 7255 0105

Passcode: 633361

Dial by your location: 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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## Events

June 2nd 5:30 pm: Act against antisemitism

June 12th 10:00 am: Last Zoom Torah study with Rav Maya

June 13th 7:00 pm: Temple board meeting

June 22nd 5:30 pm: Act against antisemitism

June 24th 7:30 pm: First Shabbat Service with Rav Maya

June 26th 10:00 am: In person Torah study with Rav Maya



# ACT AGAINST:

*A Series to Support Your Jewish Neighbors*

**PART I:**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**

**5:30PM**

**Temple B'Nai Israel, 505 Michigan St**

Tour the temple and learn what antisemitism is with Anti-Defamation League's Executive Director Carolyn Normandin, followed by a brief Havdalah service and delicious nosh.

**PART II:**

**WEDNESDAY,**

**JUNE 22, 5:30PM**

**Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St**

Keynote speaker Maddi Jackson, Director of Israel Education and Programming, MSU Hillel, will facilitate conversations about how to identify and respond to antisemitism, including incident reporting.

