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Temple Bulletin

The Meaning of Membership

Joshua Wease, President

We have been enjoying the benefit of past and current members, who have contributed to our community since 1857 CE. We enjoy a mortgage-free building with beautiful art and multiple Torah scrolls. Just like all of the contributions of members who have come before us, our financial contributions to this community are an act of tzedakah and is absolutely vital to the survival of the Reform Jewish community in Grand Rapids. Our contributions ensure that there is a beautiful temple, High Holiday services, and Jewish cultural events not only when you need and want them, but when other people need and want them, too. As I discussed in last month's newsletter, the Temple needs to change the way it raises funds.



Many members have expressed their dissatisfaction of setting "dues" because it is rigid and uncompromising. It has often been likened to paying dues at a country club where members pay based on their own personal use and benefit. Likewise, many members have expressed dissatisfaction with the concept of a "benchmark" amount that is dictated to members. Both concepts obliterate the joy and charity of supporting our community. While some may find a pro-rata

calculation helpful, it is not a useful concept when we are thinking of our contribution to Temple as tzedakah to this area's Jewish community. This rigid, pro-rata amount also does not consider the individual financial circumstances of each of our households.

This month, the Board will consider a Temple funding proposal that is intended to *completely replace* our current funding method of benchmarked dues. It is an approach that has been adopted by many synagogues across the country. It was considered by the Operating Committee earlier this month and it will be presented to the Board at the meeting scheduled for July 21, 2016. The main thrust of this proposal is that all contributions to Temple should be considered and treated as tzedakah and that tzedakah amounts should be voluntarily pledged by members of our community rather than dictated to them by way of "benchmark dues." his proposal also contains several systemic changes to Temple's administrative procedures with several goals. First, that all fundraising and pledge drives are conducted consistently on an annual basis. Second, congregants must receive reports

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August Simchas!

Meet Genevieve Lebster

Genevieve Marie Lebster is the daughter of Ryan and Cathy Lebster and the granddaughter of Gary and Barbara Adelman. Genna is an honor student at Harbor Lights Middle School in Holland. She loves to bake, read, swim in Lake Michigan, and hang out with her friends, but she spends much of her time practicing gymnastics. She hopes to become a collegiate gymnast.

In preparation to become a Bat Mitzvah, Genna has been putting an emphasis on committing random acts of kindness. For a special project, she has been raising money for the P.E.A.C.H. Foundation, which funds research towards a cure for a rare type of brain tumor (DIPG). She was inspired to do this by a nine year old family friend who was diagnosed with DIPG in March and has bravely become an important part of the research.

The entire congregation is welcome to come help Genna celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on August 27 at 10:00 A.M.

Meet Mishka Witkin

Mishka has many gifts, one is her ear for music. She works out complicated songs on the piano by ear and plays clarinet in Concert Band at Rockford East Middle School. Mishka has always been a highly creative person with a heart of gold, love for animals and great sensibility. She is often the person her friends and family turn to for sorting out what is fair and just. Mishka is very committed to doing what is right--and being right. Most

apropos, Mishka has chosen to help the International Humane Society rescue dogs and cats from inhumane treatment in Asia.

Lacrosse is Mishka's favorite sport. She stands goalie for the 7th/8th grade Rockford Girls Lacrosse Team. And we are certain her commitment to saving the planet has boosted her success in this position!

Mishka's favorite place to be: Habonim Dror Camp Tavor. She anticipates camp all year long and plans to become a Camp Tavor counselor.

We are pleased and honored to announce our dearest Mishka celebrating her BatMitzvah, Saturday, August 20th, 2016, at 10:00 AM. Please celebrate with us in this special morning service and luncheon following. ☆

Members Make Music at the Summer Cooler Concert Series

We have a wealth of musically talented members at Temple. Some have agreed to share their music with us prior to Friday services. Thanks to Pam Rush for organizing this delightful addition to our social hour!

Concerts will be in the Temple Auditorium (that's the other half that looks like the sanctuary) and will begin at 5:30 PM. All are welcome!

August 5th—Lori Jacobs

August 26th—Todd Wilke, Christine Golden and Michelle Benjamin ☆

Temple Emanuel Bulletin

This newsletter is published monthly for the benefit of the congregation of Temple Emanuel. Information, views, opinions and editorial content expressed herein are strictly those of the authors or the editorial staff. All information is presented on a space available basis and should be **submitted by the 15th of the month prior to your event.**

Information should be submitted in readable handwritten form, or typed, and can be left at the Temple office, or faxed to 616-459-6510. You may also e-mail to:

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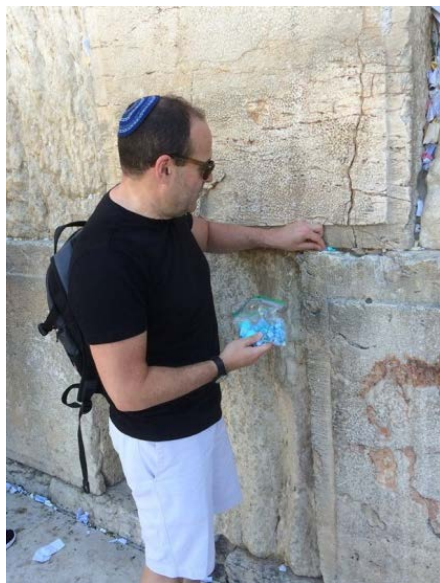
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Postcards from Jerusalem

Rabbi Michael Schadick is on Sabbatical until August 16th.



July 3, 2016

How blessed I am this morning to be at the most sacred site in the world for Jews. The Kotel is all that remains of the ancient Temple. I am placing the prayers of our United Jewish School students and their families in the ancient stones. My eyes are not very dry.



The feelings of holiness at this site in Jerusalem are simply overwhelming. Let us all take a moment today to pray for peace.



July 7, 2016

Rabbi Schadick found a fellow Michigander at a café in his neighborhood. It's a small world after all!



July 8, 2016

Got Halvah and Challah? Sweets & bread in abundance at the Machaneh Yehuda market.



August Service Calendar

We thank our members for leading services this summer while Rabbi Schadick is away on sabbatical. He will return on August 16th.

Friday, August 5th

6:15 PM

Shabbat Services

Jonathan Golden leads services. *There will be a Summer Cooler Concert featuring Lori Jacobs in the Auditorium during the social hour from 5:30 to 6:15.*

Friday, August 12th

6:15 PM

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Emeritus Albert M. Lewis leads services. Miska Witkin will participate in preparation for her Bat Mitzvah. We thank the Mixon-Witkin Family for hosting the Oneg Shabbat.

Friday, August 19th

6:15 PM

Shabbat Services

We welcome Rabbi Schadick home from his sabbatical. We will celebrate August birthdays & anniversaries. There will be a chicken dinner following services. Bring a pot-luck side dish. \$3/person or \$10 for a family. RSVP to the office by Thursday 8/18 at noon.

Friday, August 26th

6:15 PM

Shabbat Services

There will be a Summer Cooler Concert featuring Todd Wilke-piano, Christine Golden-violin, and Michelle Benjamin-clarinet in the Auditorium during the social hour from 5:30 to 6:15.

August Yahrzeits

August 5

Sol Bach
Ruth Gittlen
Ben Goldstein
Gertrude Hammerman
Sam Hammerman
Lora Lurie

August 12

Maxine Brink
Charles Ciner
Mildred Gibby
Alfred Gottlieb
Michael Mehlman
Edwin Pupke
Ethel Rutstein
David Spungen
Al Winniman

August 19

Irving Enoch
Mabel Enoch
Lucinda Kaufman
John Marthens
Rae Olender
Joseph M. Schwartz
Bernard Zack

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Ahavas Israel Corners of the Field Garden Needs Volunteers



Arend Vyn (pictured above) harvested 230 onions, which he had planted in our community garden last April. Arend has been helping in the garden as part of his Bar Mitzvah program.

We welcome and need helpers to assist with harvesting and weeding. We meet early Sunday mornings. For more information email Mary Kaneti at mcubed4300@gmail.com or Allyson Cole-Strauss at allysoncolestrauss@gmail.com.

Our award-winning community garden supports the Temple Emanuel Food Bank as well as the Baxter Community Center with healthy, fresh vegetables during the growing season.

The next Temple Food Bank distribution day is Wednesday, August 17th at 8:00 AM. Volunteers are needed not only on distribution day, but throughout the month. Please contact Barbara Duchemin at

Blumahleah@hotmail.com to help with this mitzvah!



Message from President Josh Wease

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of the Temple's financial health on a regular basis. Third, that we must enhance the joy of supporting our community through voluntary giving. Last, we require a system that will encourage younger people, college students and young families to join and get active in our community.

Please contact me if you have questions, comments, or concerns email is the best way to reach me: wease@law.msu.edu.

All are welcome to the Board Meeting, which will be at Temple at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016. As an aside, with the exception of this month, Board Meetings are typically every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. ☆

Book Club to Meet August 25th

The Temple Book Club will meet on Thursday, Aug. 25th at 7 PM in the Temple Library to discuss *My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me* by Jennifer Teege.

Book Club is open to everyone! For more information please contact Mary Kaneti at mcubed4300@gmail.com. ☆

August Celebrations

We will celebrate August anniversary and birthday blessings on Friday, August 19th at Shabbat Services. Rabbi Schadick will bestow his favorite chocolate bars upon everyone celebrating this month!

Anniversaries

- Aug. 1 Mindy & Mitch Kahn
 Aug. 3 Cathy & Ryan Lebster
 Eve & Nelson Rider
 Gilbert & Barbara Wynn
 Aug. 5 Donna & Bruce Cohen
 Jack Novick &
 Jeanne Englehart
 Aug. 7 Phyllis & Harvey Gendler
 Aug. 8 Tammy & Stanley
 Spungen
 Aug. 9 Elana & Michael Wiener
 Aug. 11 Marcia & Roger Beutner
 Chad & Eleonora Zagel
 Aug. 12 Stacy & Aric Beyer
 Ellen & David Fishman
 Tracy Miller-Rider &
 Thomas Rider
 Aug. 13 Angela & Marc Specter
 Aug. 14 Lisa & Nick Stickler
 Aug. 17 Sherry & Douglas Singer
 Aug. 19 Jan & Lindsay Fonger
 Aug. 20 Glenn & Kathi Barkan
 Aug. 22 Lisa & Andrew Dennen
 Sheila & Michael Eppinger
 Marilyn & Norman Leven
 Patti & Rich Moed
 Nancy & Charles Olender
 Aug. 26 Dan Fogel & Brenda Behm
 Aug. 31 Carol & Mike Presant

Birthdays

- Aug. 1 Conner Van Calligan
 Aug. 2 Cynthia Powsner
 Aug. 3 Jim Charbauski

- Aug. 4 Michelle Benjamin
 Kate Bandos
 Nancy Olender
 Aug. 5 Judith Goodman
 Aug. 6 Alex Tarr
 Aug. 7 Thomas Fox
 Aug. 8 Margery Kaye
 Christine Golden
 Aug. 9 Erin Fisk
 Caleb Rapoport
 Aug. 10 Emily Levitt
 Michael Rapaport
 Aug. 11 Zev Deaner
 Caleb Rispler
 Matthew Miller
 Peggy Leven
 Aug. 12 Mabelle Hammond
 Bernard Lawton
 Aug. 13 Michael Demeter
 Peter Dennen
 Stuart Jacobson
 Aug. 14 Stephanie Lebster
 Jennifer Belfer
 Aug. 15 Pam Rush
 William Hoffinger
 Aug. 16 Kathy Steindler
 Aug. 17 Sarah Van Fossen
 Ilene Gould
 Aug. 18 Jacob Cieply
 Lisa Rose
 John Joyner
 Aug. 19 Jessica Varley
 Henry Agerson
 Davita Deaner
 Aug. 20 Lori Reineke
 Daniel Gerber
 Aug. 22 David Blandford
 Sandi Oppenheimer
 Aug. 23 Doug Bandos
 Aug. 25 Joel Gerber
 Aug. 26 Gloria Dennen
 Aug. 27 Jacob Starnier
 Rebecca Charbauski
 Rhonda Pappas
 Diane Broomberg
 Aug. 28 Lucy Caldwell
 Aug. 29 Noah Wolff
 Aug. 31 Lilah Stickler
 Ellie Wikander

August Yahrzeits

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August 26

Hortense Herman Alper
 Laura Bandos
 William Dlott
 Mitchell Fishman
 Martin Frank
 Bernard Hack
 Sam Horowitz
 Nathan Kravitz
 Estelle Leven
 Jerry Lipsner
 Rhoda Powsner
 Merrill Rush
 Bert Selig
 Norman Sernick
 Mike Westbrook
 Diane Zuppke

The congregation sympathizes with the recently bereaved families of:

Marc Zuppke—husband of Judy Zuppke; father of Amy VanFossen and Mindy Zuppke Mott; grandfather of Cody Polk, Scarlett Polk, Anabel Mott, Leah VanFossen and Sarah VanFossen; brother-in-law of Beverly Niedelson.

Mike Sanders—good friend of Pam Rush

Meyer May House Tour on Aug. 21

Meyer May was the owner of May's of Michigan, a clothing store. He served as Temple Emanuel's President in 1917-1918. When he and his wife Sophie commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to build a home for them, they were defying convention in their neighborhood of Victorian homes. The house is located at 450 Madison Ave. SE in the heart of the Heritage Hill historic neighborhood.

Designed in 1908 by Frank Lloyd Wright in his Prairie Style, Meyer May lived there until his death in 1936. The house passed out of the May family in 1942. It was altered significantly and was eventually divided into apartments before it was acquired in 1985 and fully restored by Steelcase Corp. in 1987.



Wright's Other Grand Rapids Work

Sophie's parents, Hattie and David M. Amberg were so impressed with their daughter's home that in 1909 they commissioned Mr. Wright to



design a home for them just a few blocks away at 505 College Ave. SE.

Wright accepted the commission and submitted the original designs for Amberg House, but left the completion of the commission to two of his staff architects, Marion Mahony Griffin and Walter Burley Griffin while he scandalously ran off to Europe with Mamah Cheney, the wife of one of his clients in Chicago.

When the Temple building committee was working on the construction of our present building in the early 1950s, Architect Erich Mendelsson made a site visit and noted that the only two modern structures in the entire city of Grand Rapids were the Meyer May House and Amberg

House.

Temple Emanuel has reserved a special tour of the Meyer May House on Sunday, Aug. 21st at 1:00 PM. Amberg House is just two blocks away, but is privately owned and tours are not available. Join us to learn about the history of our Temple and our city.

Tour reservations for Meyer May House are required. Call 616-459-5976.

Girls Night Out Will Be Third Wednesday of Each Month

Everyone seems to be busier than ever these days. We know that "stopping to smell the roses" is good advice, but it is so easy to ignore it when our time is measured by a stopwatch instead of a sun dial.

Linda Zizos, Sylvia Herman and Janice Fonger would like the ladies of our community to put one more thing in their calendars each month: time to relax and enjoy!

Join Linda, Sylvia and Janice at Houlihan's in the Breton Village Mall on the third Wednesday of each

month from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for some dedicated time to relax, socialize and smell the roses by the patio if the weather is nice!

RSVP by the Monday prior each month to one of the ladies listed above so that they can reserve a table for everyone. ☆

Do you need another 2015-16 Temple Directory? Those little books seem to sprout legs and walk away from time to time! Call the Temple Office and we will be happy to send one to you. ☆

Tzedaka to the Temple

We thank the following people for their support of our Temple including the building, programs and religious activities.

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Lillian Klein

In Honor of:

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Marilyn Tiche

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In Honor of:

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High Holy Days At Temple Emanuel

Just 3 years ago many of us were caught by surprise with the earliest High Holy Days since 1899. This year our holidays are much, much later!

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Sunday, October 2nd and continues all day on Monday, October 3rd.

Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Tuesday, October 11th and continues all day on Wednesday, October 12th.

We invite everyone to join us as we Break the Fast together following Yom Kippur concluding services.

Attending High Holiday Services Away from Home

Are you planning to travel during the High Holy Days?
Do you have loved ones who are planning to visit you?

When space allows, members of URJ congregations who will be traveling during the High Holy Days will be welcomed to worship at fellow URJ congregations. Please note that High Holy Day seating is based on the discretion of the host congregation. A form is to be completed by your home congregation and submitted directly to the destination congregation. Please contact Cathrin Finney in the Temple Office for your Courtesy Seating Requests. Additional information including verification of an individual's good standing and confirmation of seating availability will be communicated directly between the visiting and host congregations. ✡

Members should look for your High Holy Day tickets in the mail the week of September 12th. If you are travelling for the holidays, please be sure to request seating at your

destination Temple before September 23rd. If you have friends and family visiting Grand Rapids, be sure they do the same! ✡