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A Dazzling New Menorah
ILLUMINATING OUR TEMPLE and INSPIRING OUR COMMUNITY!

One of the “technical” reasons that Chanukah has become such a popular holiday is that all the way back in the Talmud (rabbi: 21a-24a), the rabbis decreed that the primary spiritual goal of the holiday’s ritual is pursumei nisa – “publicizing the miracle of the oil.”

For many centuries, Jews had to be cautious spreading the light of Chanukah in places where that simple act could invite unwanted attention or even violence. But in modern times, and certainly in America, lighting the menorah in a more public way has become a huge, joyous occasion each year. At our Temple, like so many others, Chanukah is one of our biggest events, with programming for kids, adults, and various segments of our community.

The last time we had a new Chanukah Menorah at TBE was all the way back in 1943. That piece of ritual art served us well for nearly 80 years, but its aesthetic reflected a very different time in the life of our Temple. It had also been slowly falling apart for a number of years, and no longer offered our congregation a proud way to publicize our miracle.

So I was thrilled when Temple members Sandy and Michael Hermanoff decided to help us commission a new Menorah last year. We turned to Lynn Rae Lowe – a brilliant artist from Arizona who also created our 7 Days of Creation artwork in the Chapel, and who grew up as a TBE member in Detroit! Her dazzling interpretation culminated with a beautiful unveiling and dedication ceremony during our Chanukah extravaganza on December 18, 2022.

My deepest hope is that our new Menorah will not only brighten our bima, our social hall, our foyer, and any other place where we use it ... but that it will inspire generations of Temple members to do exactly what the ancient rabbis hoped: spread light, goodness, and kindness far and wide in a world that desperately needs it.
When my mother passed away, I heard the calling and knew I needed to take over this tradition. Last year was the first time without my mom, and I had to teach myself how to make the dough. I practiced and practiced using the recipe, her notes and all her kitchen equipment and eventually mastered the cookie.

The tradition of baking for Purim seemed lonely all by myself, so this year I invited TBE members and friends to Temple for an "Unorthodox Hamantaschen" event in partnership with Laura Gottlieb’s "Make and Take" programs. I personally made each participant’s dough myself and we filled Handleman Hall with a lot of joy, fun and creativity.

A new tradition was instantly created with my temple family as the evening was a big hit (see you all next year). And no, I am not sharing the secret recipe!

When I think of the many traditions in my own family and in Jewish culture, food often takes center stage. Having recently returned from Israel where I represented Temple Beth El on the "Motor City Mission," I am recovering from the amazing and plentiful food we ate throughout the trip.

We were surrounded by the food of our people, and it was a great reminder of what brings us all together without strife. Sitting around a dinner table with our loved ones and friends, eating the foods of our story, is one of the places I feel most connected to being Jewish.

May you all enjoy your time with family and the traditions and food that continue to connect us.
You may have noticed the “coming soon” signs and a bit of dust over by the DeRoy Sanctuary—that was from the construction of our state-of-the-art archival repository. This new space was built to house over 2,000 linear feet of archival collections. Check out the photos showing the process! You will see how the construction converted the space from a cloak and storage room into the new archives wing.

Once construction was complete, it was time for the big move! For the Leo M. Franklin Archives of Temple Beth El, it was as “simple” as moving collections from our archives room upstairs into the new space. For the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives, it was a much bigger project! The bulk of the Simons Collection has been housed, until now, at the Reuther Library downtown. We labeled every box, prepped and loaded them for transport, and a couple thousand boxes were placed on the new shelves.

Going forward, researchers, students, academics, and community members can visit the Jampel Center in its new home—within Temple Beth El! Inside the Prentis Memorial Library you will find the staff of both archives, their volunteers, and interns. The library is also home to the new reading room, a special space dedicated to researchers and volunteers for the Jampel Center.

The move is complete! The start of 2023 brought lots of great starts—including the official move-in of the Joan Meyers Jampel Center for Michigan Jewish Heritage (Jampel Center). If you didn’t catch the article in the January Bulletin, the Jampel Center is a collaborative effort to promote our state’s Jewish legacy through the preservation of archival collections and joint outreach. It strives to connect the past with the present and celebrate the contributions of the Jewish community to Michigan and beyond.

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Israel is an incredible and gorgeous country. Despite its small size, the variety of natural beauty is breathtaking. Every corner of the country is packed with history. When you travel to other countries there are beautiful mountains, deserts or oceans, but the combination of history and beauty is everywhere in Israel.

The staff of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit spent almost a year planning and preparing for this trip. The staff that accompanied us were attentive to everyone on the trip. So many of us came home feeling that we had made many new friends.

What made our experience in Israel special was our tour guide Zalman, on the Temple Beth El / Shir Shalom bus #3. He has an incredible knowledge of the country and its history. Israel is a country where you have to get out of the major cities. Everywhere you go in this small country includes amazing historical sites, food and incredible people with so much spirit and pride. Daily Zalman would prepare us for the sites and experiences we encountered each day. He mapped out our route and gave us significant historical facts connected to each site. Equally important was our bus driver. I was in awe of how he was able to maneuver through the narrow streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Clergy on our bus included our Rabbi Mark Miller as well as Rabbi Michael Moskowitz from Shir Shalom. Our bus captains, Nancy Fortier and Judy Roberts, supplied us with snacks and games during some of our longer bus rides.

For those who arrived a day early, the Federation staff planned a walking tour of Old Jaffa with time to enjoy all the street food in Tel Aviv. The Mission formally began with an evening reception at Floor 49, the top of the Azrielli Towers in Tel Aviv. The next morning the group welcomed the former Israeli Ambassador in London, Mark Regew, who discussed the challenges and inspirations in Israel today. The group spent two nights in Tel Aviv, during which we toured the city, visited various Federation sponsored agencies and toured the Museum of the Jewish People.

Then we were off to the Michigan Central Galilee Partnership Region where groups visited archaeological sites, the Nazareth Innovation and HiTech Park or spent time outdoors. We had dinner with Israelis from the Region at Kibbutz Sarid. We experienced the Golan Heights on ATV's; my driver was our fearless Executive Director, Rachel Ellis. After a delicious picnic lunch, the groups visited the Old City of Safed, a Galilean boutique winery or went hiking in the Galilee. That evening, staff, volunteers and teens from the Michigan Central Galilee Partnership joined the group for dinner.

We departed the next morning for Jerusalem, stopping for a unique Mission ceremony at the newly opened National Memorial for the Fallen Soldiers at Mt. Herzl, followed by a brief tour of the cemetery. We celebrated Shabbat at the Davidson Center and Hermelin Steps at the Southern Wall excavations with all the mission clergy, after which we walked to the Kotel. This was followed by Shabbat dinner. We ended Shabbat with Havdalah in the Orient Hotel, since it was raining outside. We visited Yad Vashem on Sunday followed by going on a culinary journey through Jerusalem, visiting Masada and the Dead Sea or touring the Temple Mount. We ended that day with dinner where we were entertained by Hafla drumming and dancing.

Noted American presidential historian, Gil Troy, spoke to our group Monday morning, after which we visited various Federation sponsored organizations. We enjoyed some free time for lunch and last minute shopping and then had a farewell dinner at an IDF Border Security base where we met the young men and women who secure the borders of Israel.

I admit that the trip was exhausting, but worth the sore feet and back. I experienced so much of this small country filled with beauty, history and heroically proud people. I encourage anyone who has either thought about traveling to Israel as first timers or as repeat visitors to make the journey and take it off your bucket list. I am so happy I did!

Shalom!

From Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

I recently had the opportunity to be a part of the Motor City Mission to Israel. I joined 140+ travelers, including clergy and Federation staff members on this memorable journey. Although this was not my first trip to Israel, it certainly felt like it.

rochelle NELSON
TBE Board President
Chava Mirel was our guest for Global Voices, sponsored by Larry and Mary Epstein, on December 2-3. Shabbat services, Nosh and Knowledge, and an intimate house concert…the joy and presence that she brought to each of the events she led was palpable.

Our Youth Choir has been busy recently - with a performance at Love, Lights & Latkes and a fantastic Disney-themed Purim Spiel. Thank you to members Lilly Berg, Anna Burkett, Starla Fruitman, Olivia Herrin, Ilana Kalmowitz, and Brielle Silverstein for their enthusiasm and hard work. We are starting to think about next fall already, so please let me know if you have a 3rd-8th grader who loves to sing!

The Billy Joel-themed Purim Spiel at our Adult Purim Party was spectacular. Thanks especially to pianist Jim Gabriel and our talented cast, which included the clergy plus David Lurie, Sam Smetanin, Evan Ross, and Steve Tarnowsky. Our "Italian Restaurant," conceived and implemented by Rachel Ellis, supported by Nicole Jahr, Melanie Weber, and our entire staff, was filled to the brim with happy patrons, humming Billy Joel and eating pasta, while choosing between a "bottle of red...and a bottle of white."

Please note that I will be performing as part of the annual Michigan Board of Cantors concert at the Berman Theatre on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30pm.

And finally, we will soon be welcoming Cantor Laurie Akers as a featured guest, sponsored by Sandy and Michael Hermanoff. Thursday, June 1st, she and I will perform a concert of beloved musical theater duets in our beautiful tent, and Friday, June 2nd, she will join our TBE Clergy in a rousing Summer Kickoff Shabbat service, preceded by the playground dedication ceremony, a BBQ, and lawn games.

I also want to let you know that as of March 15th, I am now in my 20th year at Temple Beth El. Thank you for all of your support and love throughout the years.

Musical Highlights at TBE

from Chava Mirel to Billy Joel & Beyond
cantor rachel GOTTLIEB KALMOWITZ

This has been a busy time at TBE, and I want to take a moment to mention a few of the music-focused events we have shared in the last few months, so that we can hold onto the pleasure that they brought to our temple family.
The women of the Passover story are especially compelling characters and our seder included a section on “The Badass Biblical Women of Passover”. They included:

- Shifra and Puah – the Egyptian midwives
- Yocheved – the mother of Moses
- Pharaoh’s Daughter
- Tzipporah – the wife of Moses
- Miriam – The prophetess, a leader of women

Our story would not be complete without these characters, and they have inspired new modern symbols and rituals that can be important components of a women’s seder, or any seder. Our seder included:

- Miriam’s Cup – filled with water representing the women who have sustained the Jewish people.
- Orange – A way of acknowledging the role of people who have felt marginalized in the Jewish community
- Olive – A symbol of peace
- Artichoke – A symbol of welcome to interfaith families
- Ruth’s Cup – A symbol of welcome to Jews by Choice.

At our seder we sang, recited blessings, drank wine, and ate amazing food. We also shared with each other in discussion groups, and packaged tote bags of menstrual hygiene necessities for girls and women experiencing period poverty for “Dignity Grows.” The room was filled with ruach (spirit) and warmth as everyone enjoyed being with friends, old and new.

Many thanks to our dedicated committee, Rabbi Megan Brudney, Lori Cohn, Nancy Fortier, Laura Gottlieb, Lucy Henney, Joanne Lax, Karen Lowen, Judy Roberts, and Cathy Segel, who planned this seder which inspired us and helped us spiritually prepare for the Passover holiday. We hope your Passover was filled with family, friends, celebration of our freedoms and understanding for those still in need of liberation.

debbie MOROSOHK
Director of Education

On Wednesday, March 22nd
50 women attended TBE’s 2nd Annual Women’s Seder. The ritual of the Passover seder is full of rich symbols, and is ripe for all kinds of interpretations and imagery.
Scan or go to tbeonline.org to purchase tickets or become a sponsor today!

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Looking for goods, services, or experiences to include in our silent auction that will take place online at the Food Truck Festival in June.

Please reach out to Melanie Weber at mweber@tbeonline.org if you have any items to DONATE or if you like to become a Food Truck Festival SPONSOR at mweber@tbeonline.org.

**TICKETS**: REGULAR: $95 per person  
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(max of 4)

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7:00 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 1

CANTOR RACHEL KALMOWITZ and CANTOR LAURIE AKERS IN CONCERT

Spend a lovely summer evening with us under the magnificent temple tent, where our own Cantor Rachel Gottlieb Kalmowitz and featured guest Cantor Laurie Akers bring their voices together in a concert of beloved and less well-known duets from the musical theatre canon.

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FRIDAY JUNE 2 5:00 PM

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FRIDAY, JUNE 2
5:30 PM & BBQ & MORE

7:00 PM SHABBAT SERVICE
with Featured Guest: LAURIE AKERS

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I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO:
Alissa VanderKooi, our Kid-ish Club Chair; Hannah Kessler, our Purim Blowout Chair; and the rest of the Kid-ish Club Committee (Elana Ackerman, Adam Berk, Sara Craig, Elizabeth Dizik, Jenna Klar, Taryn Leib, and Jeremy Posner) for all of their help planning, setting up, and implementing this wonderful program.

There’s a reason I love to call Purim our spring high holiday—excitement is in the air, Facebook posts of costume and hamantaschen preparations abound, and most of all I get to see many of our congregants multiple times in just a small number of fun-filled days!

This year our first major Purim event was our annual Kid-ish Club Purim Blowout—which I’m proud to report was back to full mayhem and bounce-house-fueled strength after a few years of alternative visions due to the pandemic. Despite the rather intense snowstorm (yes, it was that Friday night), we welcomed around fifty families with young children to Temple that night.

We started off in the Maas Chapel with singing and a mini retelling of the Megillah with plenty of BOOs for Haman! Next we enjoyed dinner from Leo’s and might I add that I personally think getting the curly fries was the absolute key to the night’s success. After that we piled into Handelman Hall to enjoy three large bounce houses, two small ones, a sparkle tattoo artist, a balloon animal maker, and an under two play area. We played the night away in our awesome costumes and thank goodness everyone drove home safely!

Just two days later was an event that looms large in the minds of all current and former Sunday Schoolers from temples near and far: the Purim Carnival! This year we began with our annual Purim assembly featuring singalong songs, a Disney-themed youth choir Purim Spiel, and my own world-famous (if I may say so myself) theatrical rendition of chapter five of the Megillah. Our grade school age kids were then set free to bounce, play games, win tickets, eat pizza and hamantaschen, and even participate in a quick service project opportunity! For our younger siblings and other five and under friends, we had a dedicated kiddie carnival to give them just a taste of what’s to come.

We were also proud to have over twenty-five teens volunteering that day, many of whom helped set up the day before as organized by carnival chief and Youth Advisor Sam Smetatin. Thank you to Sam and your whole team for all the hard work that you put into immortalizing this day for generations to come!
In 2015, we renovated our playground in memory of Fred Greenspan, thanks to the generous contribution of his family. The playground renovation included a magical treehouse, a stage, and coolgrass mounds for the children to play on. The Greenspan family’s thoughtful gift created a wonderful play space that brought joy to countless children over the years.

Now, we’re thrilled to announce the opening of our new, state-of-the-art playground. This has been updated to offer children the best possible experience and includes a variety of different areas for them to explore and play. We’ve kept some of the favorite features from the previous playground, such as the sandbox, figure 8 driving track, garden, tree house, stage, and outdoor kitchens. And we’ve added some exciting new features, including a teeter-totter, big yellow school bus, a climber with multiple slides and a rope climbing dome. For our youngest children, we’ve created a special area with bucket swings and a train for climbing.

We want to thank our committee chairs, Taryn Leib, Marissa Ruby, Alli Smith, and Brittany Yaffa, for their dedication and tireless efforts in selecting the best equipment and creatively raising funds.

We also want to acknowledge Neighbor Nick, who renovated our stage and treehouse and installed new fencing.

As children, we all remember the magic of the playground - the excitement of running around, climbing, and exploring. We want our children to experience the same sense of wonder and adventure that we felt when we were young. That’s why we invite everyone to join us for the official dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, June 2nd, with games, dinner, and an outdoor musical shabbat. Let’s celebrate this exciting new space together and create new memories that our children will cherish for years to come.

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For Children’s Outdoor Exploration & Play

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Meet our ADMIN TEAM

RACHEL ELLIS
Rachel is the Executive Director overseeing the general operations at TBE. Her role includes oversight of the cemetery, maintenance, security, communications, finances and fundraising, human resources and supporting all the staff. Rachel is always ready to welcome everyone with a smile and open-door for any members and the community at-large to visit.

EVANGELA WHITEHORN-DOVE
Evangela plays a dual role at TBE. She is the executive assistant to the executive director handling tributes, yahrzeits, and administrative duties. She is also the event coordinator working with all temple event rentals. Have a simcha or life moment and need a place to host it? Call Evangela!

NICOLE JAHN
Nicole is the Director of Community Engagement. Her responsibilities include membership recruitment and engagement, and liaison to affiliate groups such as the Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Beth Elders. She manages the temple calendar and provides the program logistics support for all our temple programs ensuring they run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer at TBE, have questions or ideas you want to share, please reach out to Nicole.

MELANIE WEBER
Melanie is the Director of Communications at TBE. She manages our communication efforts across various channels, including, web, print, and social media, to ensure that our messaging and brand is consistent, professional, engaging, and reflective of our community’s values. If you have an idea to share or story to tell, she is always available to listen, don’t hesitate to reach out to Melanie on your thoughts and ideas!

MARIE CURTIS
Marie is an invaluable asset to our team, as an exceptionally talented senior graphic designer who possesses a sharp eye for design and a deep passion for visual communication. With her expertise, Marie is able to create visually stunning and highly effective designs across various mediums, including print, digital, and web. She has a knack for seamlessly integrating key brand messages into her work, making sure that every design she produces is not only visually appealing but also consistent with the brand’s identity.

WORKING FOR YOU

TEMPEL Beth El has 173 years of history, nearly 1,000 member families, and a calendar packed with opportunities to connect, learn, celebrate, and volunteer. But just as important, our Temple is here to provide resources, guidance, rituals, and spiritual counseling for a range of special moments throughout your lifetime.

BRIS/BABY NAMING: Special ceremonies at Temple. Your home, or elsewhere to bless a new child, give them a Hebrew name, and welcome them into the Covenant of the Jewish People.

AUFRUF: Celebrate your upcoming wedding at Temple by receiving a blessing from the havdalah during services, or coming up to the Torah for an afiyot.

ANNIVERSARIES: We will honor those celebrating “quinquennial” every 5 years anniversaries with a special blessing on the bimah during a Friday night service. For those married 50 years or more, please let us know so we can prepare a special gift - you are an inspiration to us all!

BLESSING YOUR HOME: A mezuzah can make a house feel like a Jewish home, and our clergy are available to help you affix a mezuzah with ceremony to bless your home.

SPIRITUAL COUNSELING: Life is filled with beauty, but it also contains difficulties. Judaism has a lot to offer, and our clergy are here to talk with you confidentially about any emotional, spiritual, or religious concerns you would like to discuss.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Whether you or a loved one are in the hospital for surgery, illness or another reason, we are here to offer comfort, spiritual guidance, and practical support. Our clergy visit hospitals throughout the metro area regularly, and are ready with a prayer, song, or gentle conversation.

UNVEILING: Near the end of the first year after the death of a loved one, we return to the cemetery for an “unveiling” ceremony to install and bless a permanent marker at the gravesite.

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Mazel Tov B’NAI MITZVAH

BAT MITZVAH OF ZOEY IZABELLE PANTER
MAY 6, 2023
Zoe is a 7th grader at Hillel Day School, where she is a recognized & honored student and athlete. Zoe is an avid travel softball player with the Birmingham Jags. For her Bat Mitzvah project she will be raising funds and finding gently used sports equipment for underprivileged youth. Zoe is the daughter of Brett and Jodi Panter, older sister of Justin, granddaughter of Glenn & Sharon Sider of blessed memory, Lori & Sanford Eisenberg, and Irwin Panter of blessed memory.

BAT MITZVAH OF ROSE GERLANTS-MAVASHEV
MAY 13, 2023
Rose is an eighth grader at Cranbrook Kingswood girls middle school. Throughout the year, she balances school, playing tennis with her school team, volleyball with her club, and creating nail art for herself, friends, and family. Rose loves studying different art styles in her free time, and teaches art classes to children in the summertime. Rose is the daughter of Anna Gerlants and Dr. Edward Mavashev, the sister of Bella and Liam Gerlants-Mavashev, the cousin of Laya Gerlants-Rosenberg and niece of Laura Gerlants, granddaughter of Svetlana and Alexander Gerlants, and Daniel and Janet Mavashev.

BAT MITZVAH OF RYAN SCHWARTZ
MAY 13, 2023
Ryan is in 7th grade and enjoys dance, softball, music, friends, writing music, and Camp Tanuga. She is the loving daughter of Lisa Schwartz and the late Steven L. Schwartz, and sister of Asher Schwartz. Proud grandparents include Dr. Sanford and Roberta Kaner, Sheila Schwartz and the late Allen Schwartz.

BAT MITZVAH OF SOPHIE DROUILLARD
MAY 20, 2023
Sophie is in the 7th grade at Derby Middle School. She loves spending her summers at Camp Tamarack, hanging out with her many friends, skiing, traveling, and playing volleyball. For Sophie’s mitzvah project, she has become a dedicated volunteer at The Friendship Circle. Sophie has loved spending her Sundays forming relationships with children with special needs, and plans to continue as a volunteer in the years to come. Sophie is the daughter of Nicole and Jacob Drouillard, sister of Vivien and Henry, and the granddaughter of Sherry and Abe Singer, and Jeanne and Greg Drouillard.

BAT MITZVAH OF VERONICA CAROLINE WOLFE
MAY 27, 2023
Veronica Caroline Wolfe, daughter of Tracey and Eric Wolfe, will lead the congregation as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El. She will be joined in celebration by her older brother Lowell. Veronica is a 7th grader at Derby Middle School in Birmingham. She enjoys listening to music, doing art projects, and being a good friend. Veronica is the granddaughter of Caroline and Leo Wells of blessed memory, and Avis and Harold Wolfe of blessed memory. Her most meaningful mitzvah project is donating funds to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, and working with students living and learning with traumatic brain injuries.

B’NAI MITZVAH OF AVERY HELENE FUGER
AND MICHAEL WILLIAM FUGER
JUNE 3, 2023
Avery and Michael are 7th graders at The Roeper School. Avery enjoys playing tennis, painting, nature and going to musicals. Michael participates in Robotics and loves learning about space and airplanes. For their mitzvah project, they were inspired by their love of reading and organized a book drive for RX for Reading Detroit. Avery and Michael are the daughter and son of Debbie and Pierre Fuger. Their loving grandparents are James and the late Bonnie Michelson and Sally and Peter Fuger.

BAT MITZVAH OF MORGAN DOROTHY CHANDLER
JUNE 3, 2023
Morgan is a 7th grader at Derby Middle School where she plays cello and is a member of the girls’ basketball team. Morgan is an artist and enjoys creating artwork by hand as well as electronically. She also plays baseball with Birmingham Little League and is an avid reader. For her bat mitzvah, Morgan is raising money for The Chick Mission, an organization that assists women with cancer in preserving their fertility (www.morganchandler13.com/). Morgan is the daughter of Jeff and Alicia Chandler, the sister of Brady Chandler, and the granddaughter of Mark and Elaine Blumenfeld and Patricia and Alan Chandler.

BAR MITZVAH OF AIDEN MICHAEL KAPLAN
JUNE 10, 2023
Aiden Michael Kaplan is a 7th grader at Clifford Smart Middle School where he loves his tech classes, hanging out with his friends, and helping out with the AV at the Walled Lake Central Volleyball Games. He has developed a passion for robotics, builds his own desktop computers, and has a unique gift for computer software understanding. Aiden is the son of Scott and Liz Kaplan, the brother of Jordan and Gavin Kaplan, and the grandson of James Herrick of NC and Paula Kaplan of Southfield, MI. He is also the grandson of the late Jeffery Kaplan of Oak Park and late Marsha Herrick. Aiden is the adored nephew of Ali Herrick, Brandon Kaplan, and Justin and Kristin Ryan.
UPCOMING SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**April**
- **10:00 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner's Kaddish (V)
- **10:30 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- **5:00 PM** PASSOVER Building Closes at 1:00 pm
- **10:30 AM** Shabbat Services (IP/V)
- **9:30 AM** Let My People Go Tot Shabbat (IP)
- **10:30 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner's Kaddish (V)
- **11:00 AM** Bar Mitzvah of William Hofa (IP/V)
- **5:00 PM** Haeddah Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Schwartz (IP/V)
- **10:30 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- **7:00 PM** Music Shabbat with Noah and Knowledge
- **5:00 PM** BETY Bubble Soccer (IP)
- **10:30 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)

**May**
- **9:30 AM** BETY 36 Lock in (IP)
- **10:30 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- **6:00 PM** Women’s Retreat (IP)
- **7:00 PM** Coffee House Shabbat (IP/V)
- **10:00 AM** Women’s Retreat (IP)
- **10:00 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner’s Kaddish (V)
- **11:00 AM** Bat Mitzvah of Sue Drossdall (IP/V)
- **10:30 AM** BETY Picnic Brunch (IP)
- **10:30 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- **10:30 AM** Shabbat Services (IP/V)
- **10:00 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner’s Kaddish (V)
- **11:00 AM** Bar Mitzvah of Zaya Panter (IP/V)
- **11:00 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- **7:30 PM** Michigan Board of Cantors Concert at the Germen Theater
- **6:45 PM** Passover Support Group (IP)
- **7:00 PM** BETY Shabbaton (IP)
- **10:00 AM** Torah Study/Mourner’s Kaddish (V)
- **11:00 AM** Bar Mitzvah of Ramy Schwartz (IP/V)
- **7:00 PM** BETY 36 Lock in (IP)
- **10:30 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)

**June**
- **6:45 PM** Bereavement Support Group (IP)
- **7:00 PM** Cantors Duets Concert (IP/V)
- **5:30 PM** ECC Playgroup Dedication (IP/V)
- **5:30 PM** Yom Ha’atzmaut (IP)
- **10:00 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner’s Kaddish (V)
- **11:00 AM** Bar Mitzvah of Aviey and Michael Fugur (IP/V)
- **6:45 PM** BETY Lock In (IP)
- **10:00 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner’s Kaddish (V)
- **11:00 AM** Bar Mitzvah of Morgan Chandler (IP/V)
- **10:30 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- **7:00 PM** Shabbat Services (IP/V)
- **6:00 PM** Mary Einstein Shapiro Lecture (IP)
- **4:00 PM** Knitting Crafts and Laughs (IP)
- **7:00 PM** BETY Spring Luncheon (IP)
- **10:00 AM** Sunday Morning Minyan (V)
- **8:00 PM** Women’s Retreat (IP)
- **6:00 PM** BETY Shabbaton (IP)
- **10:00 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner’s Kaddish (V)
- **11:00 AM** Bar Mitzvah of Aiden Kaplan (IP/V)
- **10:30 AM** TBE Torah Study/Mourner’s Kaddish (V)
- **7:00 PM** ECC Playgroup Dedication (IP/V)
- **5:30 PM** Yom Ha’atzmaut (IP)
- **10:30 AM** Shabbat Services (IP/V)

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