

Temple Beth-El

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Not only is there a synagogue in Northeast Michigan, but it's also one of the older synagogues in the state and the only synagogue on the Lake Huron coast north of Bay City. Although a Jewish community has lived in Alpena since the late 1860's, Temple Beth-El as it currently stands began in 1891 when the community purchased the building and moved it to its present location. Congregations have met and worshipped there continuously since then.

For the past several years, through the generosity of the Ravitz Foundation Initiative for Michigan Small Jewish Communities, the promotional partnership of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, and TBE members and friends, Temple Beth-El has welcomed Guest Rabbis and Cantors from Israel, Canada, Florida, and various parts of Michigan to lead Shabbat services and community outreach programs.

On Saturday, August 22, Temple Beth-El will welcome a Rabbi who brings a unique blend of professional leadership, pastoral care, and Jewish learning to his rabbinate. Rabbi Michael Asher of Florida had a distinguished 35-year career in the newspaper industry where he served in roles ranging from journalist and editor to technology and operations executive. In 2025, Rabbi Asher pursued his lifelong passion for Judaism by attending the Jewish Spiritual Leadership Institute where he received his rabbinic ordination.

For an authentic Jewish experience with this wise, learned Rabbi, join the members and friends of Temple Beth-El at Sabbath Services on Saturday, August 22, and at a highly informative teaching and discussion session on Jewish Ethics & Values on Sunday, August 23. Seating is limited, so please call 989-595-3544 for reservations and more information