

Welcome to Temple Beth-El Alpena,

a historic synagogue with a warm and welcoming congregation that cares about every person – Jewish and non-Jewish – in our community in northeastern Michigan. We are a blend of people with varied backgrounds of Judaism that beautifully creates an inclusive center for spiritual fulfillment, lessons from the Torah, and community building, forming an oasis of Judaism along Lake Huron.

The following may answer some of your questions about Temple Beth-El Alpena (TBE).

History: TBE has been a part of Alpena and surrounding communities since 1875. Student Rabbi Robert Leyman researched and recorded TBE's rich history when he wrote "An American Shtetl, A History of the Jewish Community of Alpena, Michigan."

In 1986, The Jewish Historical Society of Michigan published "Michigan Jewish History" that included some of the information that Robert Leyman had recorded about the founding of TBE. The Jewish Historical Society of Michigan also produced a video about TBE which is on our website.

Membership Outreach: Periodically we have social events for our members and to welcome newcomers to our synagogue. As part of the L'Dor V'Dor Consortium, TBE members join Jews from other small remote communities in retreats and other activities. We also participate in community outreach programs which foster a strong relationship with various churches in the area.

Services Schedule: Temple Beth-El Alpena holds Sabbath services throughout the year led by our Service Team and Guest Rabbis. All High Holidays are observed as well. Please contact us for the schedule which varies from season to season. With each service we also have a potluck/Oneg/Kiddush which gives us a wonderful opportunity to socialize and enjoy great food!!

Visitors to our Services: Our congregation welcomes Jewish and non-Jewish guests, whether new in town, visiting, seeking a learning experience, or looking for a synagogue to call "home". Our siddur (prayer book) is written in Hebrew, transliterated Hebrew, and English and the Service Leaders announce the page numbers, so the service is very easy to follow.

With its long history of serving the Jewish community in Alpena and the surrounding area, TBE's goal is to continue that legacy and to be a vibrant part of our society. We sincerely welcome your participation.

Donations: Donations to Temple Beth-El are always welcome and may be made in the following manner. There is a "Tzedakah" (donation) box near the entrance to the sanctuary as well as one in the downstairs Community Room. If you prefer, you may write a check payable to Temple Beth-El and mail it to our P.O. Box 55, Presque Isle, MI 49777.

Questions: If you have any questions or would like to become part of our Temple Beth-El Alpena congregation, please contact us at:

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