

About

Congregation Ahavat Shalom

Congregation Ahavat Shalom was founded in 1997 to meet the needs of Jewish and intercultural families seeking a synagogue with full time, local rabbinic leadership, an active presence in the community and a focus on Judaism as a welcoming spiritual path.

Today, the Congregation has grown to over 65 families, a Sunday School, Bar/Bat Mitzvah program and adult study programs, in addition to social gatherings.

While we are not affiliated with a single Jewish movement, we draw on the best of the Reconstructionist, Reform and Jewish Renewal traditions.

Please call us for a home-hospitality Shabbat dinner, child care needs or if we can assist you in any way.

Rabbi Chava Bahle

Life Cycle Celebrations &

If you are planning a Jewish or intercultural wedding or other ceremony in northern Michigan, contact Congregation Ahavat Shalom or the synagogue of your choice.

Other Jewish Resources at the click of a button ...

If you cannot find what you need locally, Spitzer's Hebrew Bookstore of Southfield can find and ship practically anything Jewish very rapidly. They can be reached at (248)356-6080.


A
comprehensive
Jewish Guide
to
Traverse City, Michigan



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Welcome to Traverse City!



Welcome to northern Michigan! The Traverse City community boasts a long history of Jewish presence dating over 120 years and is unique to the Northern Michigan area. In addition to the beauty of the natural setting, Traverse City offers a rich Jewish life through its Jewish institutions, teachers and activities. Our community is home to the oldest synagogue building in use the state of Michigan and also one of the newest synagogue in the state. This guide was created to help you find the resources you need when you are visiting our area or considering relocating here. Shalom and welcome!

Congregation Ahavat Shalom is an independent Jewish synagogue open to all people of any cultural origin.

Jewish Books & Music

Border's Books and Music, 2612 Crossing Circle, 933-0412, large Judaica section and several CDs available regularly
Horizon Books, 243 E Front St, downtown, 946-7290, Judaica section and holiday cards
Higher Self, Bookstore 328 E Front, downtown, 941-5805, carries a variety of tapes and books
Congregation Ahavat Shalom lending library, 413 N Division St 929-4330 specializes in books on contemporary Jewish spirituality and prayer
Major chain stores like Meijers and Target carry Jewish holiday cards.

Candles

Folgarelli's, 424 W Front St., 941-7651 carries Sabbath & yartzeit candles & some kosher food
Meijer's, 3955 US 31 South, 933-1801 carries Sabbath candles and kosher items.
Dennos Museum Store, 922-1055 carry seasonal Hanukkah candles & other items
Candle Factory, 301 W Grandview Pky., 946-2280 regularly carries Hanukkah candles, menorahs and cards.
Ahavat Shalom offers free yartzeit candles.

Pastoral Care

Should you need emergency pastoral care or counseling, call Rabbi Chava Bahle at 929-4330 or the synagogue of your choice. Please let us know if you are hospitalized, need visitors or a minyan.

Food Items

Folgarelli's Market, 424 W Front St., 941-7651 carries dry soups and mixes
Meijer's, 3955 US 31 South, 933-1801, kosher wine & packaged kosher items
Kap N'Keg Party Store, 539 W 14th, 947-4455, kosher wine and slivovitz
Bay Bread Company, 601 Randolph, 922-8022, makes a nice challah and other baked items upon request
Burritts Market 946-3300 carries some kosher frozen foods.

Synagogues

Congregation Ahavat Shalom, 929-4330, Rabbi Chava Bahle. Affiliation: Independent.
Congregation Beth El, 311 Park St, 946-1913. Rabbi. Al Lewis Affiliation: Reform.
Temple B'nai Israel, 420 Waukazoo, Petoskey. 347-8740. Visiting student rabbi
Affiliation: Reform
(All area codes are 231)

Hebrew Study

Northwestern Michigan College offers Hebrew classes. Call 922-1700 for information.
Congregations Ahavat Shalom and Beth El also offer Hebrew instruction. Call for information.