

The History of Jewish Life on the Minnesota Iron Range

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2019 SUMMER MUSIC PERFOMANCES AT B'NAI ABRAHAM MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

We are looking forward to another wonderful musical series this summer. So, mark your calendars and join in the fun. All concerts are free.

> Sunday, May 19th, 3:00 PM A Touch of Class Greg Barnes, Director



A group of male and female voices from across the Iron Range. They sing choral jazz music, as well as other popular music from the last few decades. They have been performing for almost two years. We are pleased to welcome them to B'nai Abraham.



Saturday, June 8th, 7:00 PM Steven Solkela

Steven Solkela is a 22 year old musician from the Range community of Palo, Minnesota! He is a recent graduate with a major in music from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. He was a regular in The Rowan Opera Company, and several choirs and bands. He has traveled all over the Midwest, Finland, and New Jersey with his band called "Overpopulated" which dabbles in genres spanning Opera, Polka, Heavy Metal, and Folk. He will be performing solo and will often accompany himself on an accordion.

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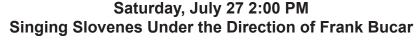
Saturday, June 13th, 7:00 PM Northern Lights Festival Musicians Under the Direction of Veda Zuponcic

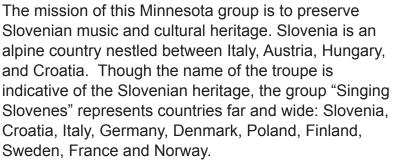


The Northern Lights Music Festival is a three-week classical music performance program and music school, which is held each summer on the Minnesota Iron Range.

Founded fourteen years ago by concert pianist and Aurora native Veda Zuponcic, Northern Lights brings together award winning students and internationally known performers and teachers in a unique program that includes daily lessons, chamber music coaching, master classes and numerous performance opportunities.

Northern Lights is fortunate to have access to an array of historic performance venues such as B'nai Abraham for its concerts and operas. By performing in these unique venues, Northern Lights is not only able to bring the highest level of classical music to Iron Range communities but to celebrate and showcase the architectural gems found in Northeastern Minnesota.





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Sharing the joy of their musical heritage helps promote good fellowship and love of their neighbors. These performances are educational as well as entertaining. There are also geographical and language lessons that transpire while entertaining at centers, nursing homes, as well as, area churches with their musical ministries. "The Singing Slovenes" promote fellowship through music and cultural education, sharing across generations.



Saturday, September 28th, 3:00 PM Harbormasters with Steve Lapatka

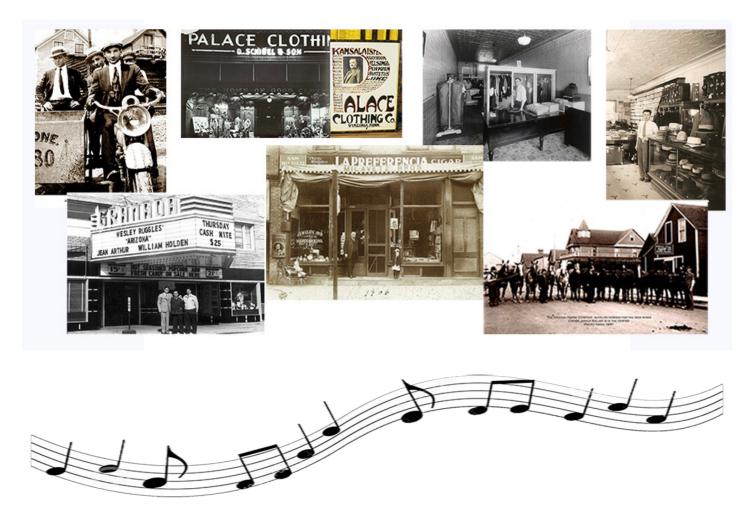


The Duluth-Superior Harbormasters Barbershop Chorus will present "Home on the Range", an afternoon of barbershop harmony on Saturday, September 28th, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. The chorus and quartets will be singing four part harmony in the barbershop style. The chapter has been performing for a wide variety of events in the northeastern Minnesota area since 1953. There will be no admission charge, and a portion of the donations will be given to a worthy cause in

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Upcoming Exhibition - Opens Mid May

The exhibit this summer is a photo exhibit focusing on the Jewish businesses that once existed in Virginia and surrounding communities. The exhibit also includes a selection of places of worship in Virginia and nearby communities. Here is a preview of some of the photos and posters in the exhibit.



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IN VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA







The Church was first organized in 1997 and the original Church hulding community in 1905, in 1965, the congragation moved ratio the new hulding, and used the social hull and educational ratio for services until the functionary was built in 1968.

Architects: Hills, Gilbertson & Fisher





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AIR CONDITIONING FOR B'NAI ABRAHAM

The Friends of B'nai Abraham are investigating installing air-conditioning. The summers have become hotter, perhaps from global warming, and the fans we have are not able to make the building comfortable. We love our stained glass windows but, they cannot be opened for ventilation. The good news is that in the process of restoring the building, we made certain that the HV/AC unit that was installed could accommodate an air-conditioning unit in the future.

We would appreciate any contributions toward the instillation of an AC unit that would make the building comfortable for both the performers and those in the audience.

Our Goal Is To Have Endowment Fund

It is very important to grow an endowment for the future of B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center. Many who come for tours, exhibits and programs enjoy it. The Friends of B'nai Abraham has under taken this project to ensure that the building remains a community resource and ensuring that the contribution of the Jews of the Iron Range will not be forgotten.

To quote our Board member, PhD. Marilyn Chait: "B'nai Abraham represents our nations great religious, cultural and ethnic diversity. When historic buildings such as B'nai Abraham are lost, our nations magnificent mosaic loses some of its brilliant color."

This building in particular, the only extant synagogue left on the Range, and the only synagogue building in Minnesota to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provides people with a window to understanding the history of the Range and the Jewish people who contributed so much to its unique character.

WISH LIST - YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED

Tuck-pointing to close leaks and secure bricks, which will protect the beautifully restored building from harsh winters. The balcony floor needs to be sanded and refinished. Crown molding is needed in the sanctuary. *We welcome much needed contributions to the Endowment fund.*

We are still short of our goal.	All donations are fully tax deductible.
Please send your donation to: Friends of B'nai Abraham c/o Charles Ostrov, treasurer 2084 Sherwood Lane Minnetonka, MN 55305 □ Endowment □ Restoration	Name:
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