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Confirmation

7 PM, Saturday, June 4

Sanctuary, 805 Delaware Avenue

A celebratory Oneg will follow the service.

All are welcome!

Please join in celebrating

EREV SHAVUOT

and honoring the

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022

We will also:

Bless our 2020 Confirmands
(who celebrated Confirmation via Zoom)

Bless our graduating High School Seniors

Welcome our incoming 10th grade students
to next year's Confirmation Class

Farewell and Thank You

On Friday, June 10 we will say farewell and thank you to Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel.

The Shabbat Service will begin at 6 p.m. in the Sisterhood Chapel and via livestream.



We are grateful to Rabbi Sobel for leading us for the last 18 months. Her unique vision and meaningful insights have enriched us and our community.

Rabbi Sobel has been generous with her time and resources and an important part of her legacy will be TBZ's participation in JFS' Afghan Refugee Resettlement program.

Rabbi Sobel will be with TBZ through the end of June, but we hope you will join us on June 10 as we offer her our thanks and best wishes.

Temple Beth Zion 172nd Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 23, at 7 p.m.

Sisterhood Chapel, 805 Delaware

Information on the TBZ Annual Meeting will arrive in your mailbox soon. Please review the information and return your proxy by mail.

If you do not receive the information by June 8, contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, Ext 134.



2022 SUMMER CELEBRATION! AUGUST 1, 2022

Join us for a wine & spirits tour, a round of golf, and/or dinner
Call Julie @ 716.836.6565 for Sponsor Opportunities



TEMPLE BETH ZION



Letter from the President

Summer appears to be finally upon us.

Forgive the pun, but things are also heating up here at Temple Beth Zion.

The construction project at 805 Delaware is well under way. Planning for our annual Summer Celebration is well under way. Mailings with all the details about our Annual Meeting will be coming later this month. Welcoming plans for Rabbi Gutmann are also well under way. His first service will be Friday July 1 at 7 p.m. Please come join us to welcome him!

Please join us on Friday, June 10 for Rabbi Sharon Sobel's last service as we thank her for all her hard work and her time spent here.

Collections have now started for our Afghan Resettlement project. As promised, I share a more detailed list of items that we will be looking to collect.

To set up the kitchen: Tableware, dishes, drinking glasses, pots and pans (no Teflon or old scratched up ones please), mixing/serving bowls, can openers (non electric), cutting board(s), dish soap, dish drying rack and sponges.

Household items: Clothes hangers, shower curtain/liner, bath mat, light bulbs, batteries and smoke detector batteries, cleaning supplies including mops and brooms, all purpose cleaners and Windex, paper towels, toilet paper, waste baskets, Kleenex, and trash bags.

Personal hygiene products: Hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bar soap, diapers (if we have small children), hand and bath towels.

Food staples: Rice, cooking oil, salt, pepper, sugar, spices, dry beans, crackers. NO canned food of any kind or pork products.

Other strongly suggested items: Box fans, laundry basket/bag, plastic bins for food storage, pot holders, clothes drying rack, plastic & foil wrap, strainer/colander, end tables, lamps, coffee table, blankets and quilts.

Furniture: We have had many inquiries about this. We are looking for almost new or very gently used. These items may be donated on a call first basis so we can arrange for pick up, depending on what we may actually need.

It is important that most of these items are preferably new, or very gently used and clean. We want our families to feel welcome and comfortable. Nice things in nice shape make that transition all the more easier.

Please contact us if you would like to be part of this in a small or large way. Remember, it takes a village!

David Goldberg
president@tbz.org



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Erev Shabbat Services are held at
805 Delaware Avenue and via livestream.
Saturday Torah study begins at 9:15 a.m. on Zoom.
Masks are required for all in-person services.

Friday, June 3

Shabbat Evening Service in the Chapel 7 p.m.
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom 10:30 a.m.
Erev Shavuot and Confirmation in the Sanctuary 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 5

Shavuot Yizkor Service
at Congregation Shir Shalom 10:30 a.m.

Friday, June 10

Erev Shabbat Evening Service in the Chapel 6 p.m.
Farewell to Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel
Oneg to follow, sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood

Saturday, June 11

Shabbat Morning Service Via Zoom 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, June 17

Juneteenth Classical Service in the Sanctuary 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, June 24

Pride Shabbat Evening Service in the Chapel 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Please note that Friday night services will start at 6 p.m. beginning on June 10. (With the exception of July 1).

Check your Friday TBZ email for locations and links.
Information can also be found at www.tbz.org
or by calling the Temple office at 836-6565.



A Blessing for Temple Beth Zion

It has been my honor to serve this sacred community for the past the 18 months. It has also been my joy to lead together with many volunteers and staff who make Temple Beth Zion the unique liberal Jewish community serving this part of Western New York.

I write this during the days between Pesach and Shavuot. We learn in the Torah at Pesach that every generation is responsible for teaching the story of our redemption from Egypt to the next generation. It is our obligation to see ourselves as if each of us has personally been liberated from bondage in Egypt. What does this mean? It means that we have a communal responsibility to ensure that each of us knows and understands our history and that our history is meaningless unless it points us toward an envisioned future. The spiritual life of our community depends on each of us carrying out our responsibilities to the best of our ability. God didn't just bring us out of slavery in Egypt to relieve us of our bondage – God redeemed us so that we could act as God's hands and help others as well. Our text teaches that God will be present in the community's midst only if everyone carries their weight of the burden.

We also learn from our celebration of receiving Torah at Shavuot that our envisioned future includes a life of Torah. This isn't Torah in a vacuum. Rather, in this context, Torah means a life of connection to God, a life of connection to community and a life of connection to mitzvot – sacred deeds.

In my time here at Temple Beth Zion serving as your Interim Senior Rabbi, there are many people who truly understand this message and live lives of *Torah* and *Mitzvot*. Many of you have aimed to carry out our share of our responsibility for our Jewish life here at TBZ with great love, devotion, wisdom, grace and dignity. Not to say that the path has always been clear and easy – but our working together toward a common goal has always been at the forefront. None of us could have done what we need to do without people joining together, carrying their share of the burden, adding their unique contribution to our congregation's life.

I will have an opportunity to thank everyone on Friday, June 10th at my official farewell Shabbat service. I hope to see as many of you as possible. If you would like to stay in touch with me after I leave, you can reach me at: rabbisharonsobel@gmail.com.

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Thank You Julie

In May, our beloved Julie Feldman reached her 25th year of dedicated, thoughtful service to our congregation!

TBZ wouldn't be TBZ without Julie. She's a beacon of dependability. She knows everyone! She influences everything!

Enjoy your weekly emails? Julie puts them together and drives their distribution. Monthly Bulletin? Assembled, edited, and distribution managed by Julie. Did you give for Kol Nidre? Julie facilitates the program from behind the scenes. Attending the Summer Celebration? Thank Julie, she makes the bulk of the arrangements. Clicked an interesting link on our website? Julie uploaded the content and ensured it functioned correctly. If you've attended a special event, chances are Julie took your ticket, and it doesn't matter if it was an evening or a weekend.

Clearly Julie plays a critical role in our organization, but we haven't even gotten to her single most invaluable contribution, her relationships with our family of congregants. Which family used to own a particular small business? Who catered most of the B'nai Mitvah in 2006? Which families are snowbirds? Who had a rough year or could use a pick-me-up? You name it, Julie will know, or know who to ask, and she works fast!

In addition to always knowing what needs to be done and the best way to do it, Julie takes action. When Covid began she took it upon herself to launch a campaign to call as many congregants as she could to check in. In the process she learned that there were a few people having trouble getting out and went so far as to personally handle their grocery shopping. That tells you just the kind of person she is.

We are endlessly grateful for Julie and her amazing contributions. Thank you for an incredible 25-year journey!



Come Park With Us!

The annual Allentown Art Festival will take place on June 11 and 12. If you plan to attend the festival, plan to park at TBZ. Parking is just \$10, and we're in a great spot convenient to the festival. Please keep in mind that the fee to park is a contribution to support the Temple.

We are in need of volunteers for this fun fundraiser! Volunteers staff the parking lot and direct traffic. You don't have to come all day – just sign up for a two-hour shift. If you would like more information or to sign up to help this year, please email Warren Clark at wec@wareclark.com or call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.



Rabbinic Transition

The Rabbinic Transition Team is actively planning a special weekend to welcome Rabbi Gutmann to TBZ. Please see the dates below for great opportunities to meet the Rabbi and his family. Watch the weekly email blasts and next month's Bulletin for more detailed information.

If you are interested in volunteering that weekend or for any future events, please reach out to either of us. Additionally, if you are interested in hosting a "meet-and-greet" at your home please let us know.

Kathy Ellis ellis-donner@ecc.edu

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Rabbinic Transition Committee Co-Chairs

Welcome Weekend

Save the dates for these wonderful opportunities to meet Rabbi Brent Gutmann and his family and welcome them to Temple Beth Zion

Friday, July 1
805 Delaware Avenue
6:30 pm Happy Half Hour
7 pm Service in Sanctuary and via livestream
Oneg reception in the Sisterhood Chapel to follow

Saturday, July 2
805 Delaware Avenue
9:15 am Torah Study in-person and remote
10:30 am Saturday Morning Service, Sisterhood Chapel and via livestream
Light Kiddush to follow

Monday, July 4
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home
Outdoor Snack and Schmooze
Activities for the kids
11:30 am - 1:30 pm



From the Directors

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To all of the parents who entrusted their kids and their kids' Jewish education to us this year, we deeply appreciate your confidence in us and your commitment to the Community Religious School.

The first year of any new venture is naturally the hardest. We took two existing religious schools, three congregations, an assortment of in-person and online faculty, a mix of staff, various committees of lay leaders, three Rabbis, two Cantors, and over 140 students and molded it all together into a program that was unquestionably a success! And we did so as a highly contagious and potentially deadly virus continued to threaten us all.

Whether your child was in Kindergarten, 7th grade, or anywhere in between, their Sunday mornings were spent discovering the joy and excitement of Jewish learning, building connections with their peers, evolving their Jewish identity, and increasing their knowledge base of holidays, Torah, *mitzvot*, Jewish practice, and Hebrew prayer literacy.

These goals were accomplished as our students painted leaves to decorate our CRS Mitzvah Tree, acted out biblical stories, sang and danced with Shira Zack, recited the *brachot* for lulav and etrog, practiced being Torah scribes, twisted their bodies into the shapes of the AlefBet, donated food for the Turkey Basket Project, decorated Tzedakah boxes and other ritual objects, developed relationships with elderly residents at Amberleigh, engaged with their 1-on-1 Hebrew tutors on Zoom, designed and built huge and colorful chanukkiyot, learned about the land and people of Israel, held a Torah in their arms, joyfully played games of chance at our Purim Carnival, tried on tallit and practiced wrapping tefillin, sang "Hatikvah" all together for the community Yom HaShoah video, made their own matzo for Passover, listened to a first-hand account of one Holocaust survivor's story, created a banner of Israeli flags and competed in a mini-Maccabi outdoors at the JCC to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut. (These are just some of the highlights of the year.)

We know there is much more to accomplish and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to grow this community of learners, teachers, rabbis, and families, to strengthen the bonds between our three synagogues, to bring parents into the building and into our learning experiences, and to explore Judaism in many more exciting and rewarding ways. We hope we continue to have your trust and your support. We have only just begun!

L'shalom,

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Attention TBZ Community Religious School Families

The Rabbinic Transition Team is actively planning events to welcome Rabbi Gutmann to TBZ. (See some of the fun events on page 4).

We are looking for several Religious School families who would be interested in hosting a meet and greet event. If you are interested in learning more, please contact either one of us.

Co Chair - Kathy Ellis ellis-donner@ecc.edu
Co chair - Cindy Stover thestovers@gmail.com

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
TEMPLE BETH ZION'S
EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE
AS WE CELEBRATE RECEIVING TORAH
ON MT. SINAI AND CELEBRATE THE
CONFIRMATION OF OUR

2022 TEMPLE BETH ZION STUDENTS:

Noah Halfon, son of Marc Halfon & Eunice Wang

Eliot Isenberg, son of Andrew Isenberg & Jennifer Isenberg

Ethan Kane, son of Sean Kane & Kara Kane

Leah Polk, daughter of Ken Polk & Cara Polk

Ariel Raab, son of Michael Raab & Joanne Raab

Maxwell Steinberg, son of Stephen Steinberg & Sharon Steinberg



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Mazel Tov!



Mazel tov to Emily Steinberg, who passed her EMT practical on the first try! She will be receiving her certification as an Emergency Medical Technician from Erie 1 BOCES/ECC in June, and working as an EMT locally. Emily is currently an interior fire fighter with the Ellicott Creek Fire Department.

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Mazel Tov!

We offer a hearty and heartfelt mazel tov to the graduates of 2022. We congratulate you on your hard work and your continued success. Below we share information on TBZ graduates and where their plans take them next. May their unique awesomeness and positive energy inspire confidence in others.

Shoshanna Katriel Ford Hertz

City Honors School at Fosdick Masten Park
SUNY Geneso Honors College

Hadley Katzman

Williamsville North High School
University of Michigan

Taylor Levine

Central Amherst High School
University of Vermont

Taylor Grace Newman

Williamsville North High School
SUNY ESF in Syracuse, majoring in Wildlife Science

Katherine Rose Saperston

The Nichols School
University of Michigan

Lewis Shaevel

Williamsville East High School
University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, studying
Business and Finance at the Herbert School of Business

Emily R. Steinberg

Sweet Home High School
NYS State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, followed by
Bachelor of Science in Fire Science

Josh Stover

Williamsville North High School.
Niagara County Community College, majoring in
Hospitality Management

Eli VanWey-Shapiro

The Park School
Attending School in Rochester

Aaron Weinmann

City Honors
College of William & Mary, majoring in International Affairs

Nathan Weiss

Williamsville East High School
University of Rochester

TBaZY Travels to Canada

Kallah Weekend with NFTY-NEL at Camp George was a fantastic weekend of great weather, fun and friendship.

For those who may not already know, NFTY has been the brand of teen engagement for the Reform movement for decades. NFTY is a movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired communities through teen-powered engagement. Together, they pursue tikkun olam (repairing the world), personal growth, youth empowerment, and deep connections, all rooted in Reform Judaism.

A Kallah is an overnight experience with other teens that includes engaging programs, activities, and opportunities to meet other Reform Jewish teens. These activities also include Shabbat services, character and relationship building programs, and an opportunity for social action or social justice programming.

After a 2-year Covid hiatus, it was fantastic to see our youth from the North East Lake Region be able to gather together in person. For five of our seniors, it was their last event.

The weekend was not without adventure as our bus broke down and we ventured the last leg of our return trip home by Uber and safely crossed the Rainbow Bridge on foot at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday night. The memories will last a lifetime!

Beth Shapiro
Tammy VanWey
TBaZY Advisors



Passing the Torch for TBaZY

Beth Shapiro and Tammy VanWey have been serving the youth of TBZ for a decade. For the last few years their work has focused on co-leading our youth group, TBaZY. Beth and Tammy have led with passion and dedication. Their time with the program has been full of memorable gatherings and interesting activities, weekend trips for NFTY conferences, clever adaptations through Covid, and endless laughs and memories. They've built strong partnerships with other youth groups throughout the Northeast, giving the teens an opportunity to grow friendships with young adults across the region.

Their philosophy was to present the kids with the chance to have a voice, and to practice taking responsibility and demonstrating leadership, all while having a great time. They were very successful in creating meaningful experiences that will last lifetimes.

Parents have expressed their appreciation for Beth and Tammy's help getting kids to Kutz Camp and encouraging the group to try something new and be a part of something wonderful. The Youth Groupers and their parents are grateful for the relationships, both with Beth and Tammy, and also the relationships Beth and Tammy have facilitated and helped build over the years through TBaZY.

THANK YOU Beth and Tammy for all of your years of commitment to TBZ and our teens!

Effective July 1, our beloved Zack Steinberg will be taking over the lead role for TBaZY.

We've enjoyed Zack's music at Shabbat services, and he's lent his energy and talents to our Community Religious School with tremendous acclaim. Now Zack will step into a new role with the experience of having been a TBaZY guy himself, guidance from Beth and Tammy, and great relationships throughout TBZ and the community.

We're excited to welcome Zack back to TBaZY and excited to see how he makes his unique mark on the leadership role!



Co-Presidents Message

In early May, Sisterhood celebrated Shabbat together at our annual Sisterhood service. It was the first time in three years that we were able to worship together in-person. We had a wonderful group of Sisterhood bakers who made the oneg following the service spectacular.

We also sponsored a well-attended social event that gave the community an opportunity to eat and schmooze at Bagel Jay's.

Our new book club, Book Nook, met in May and had a spirited discussion about "The Floating Feldmans" by Elyssa Friedland. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, July 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Broder Center to review our next book "Friday The Rabbi Slept Late" by Harry Kemelman. New members are always welcome!

You should have received our annual membership mailing. This includes information about your dues along with an invitation to our opening luncheon at Banchetti's Outdoor Grove on July 12th. If you haven't already, please send in your dues and RSVP for our luncheon. This is an event you won't want to miss! It will feature incoming Rabbi Gutmann as our guest speaker, a lovely lunch, and an opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

Mazel Tov to our 2022 high school and college graduates. We hope everyone has a chance to get outside and enjoy some great Buffalo summer weather.

Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757
Susan Bruckheimer (716) 982-2099
Cindy Stover (716) 803-2884

Bagel Brunch

We had a lovely visit at Bagel Jay's in early May. We look forward to holding more of these fun Brunches in the future, so keep on eye on your Sisterhood and Temple emails and Bulletins for dates and information.

Reminder

If you know of a Sisterhood member who is ill, has had surgery, or an accident or a death in her family, please take a moment to notify our Corresponding Secretary Susan Ward Nadler by calling her at 689-4682 or sending her an email at: shoshana37@yahoo.com so she can send a note on behalf of Sisterhood.

Ruth Fernandez
Sisterhood Judaica Shop
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

June Specials

Wedding Sale - 20% off

Just let us know if your purchase is for a bridal shower or wedding gift

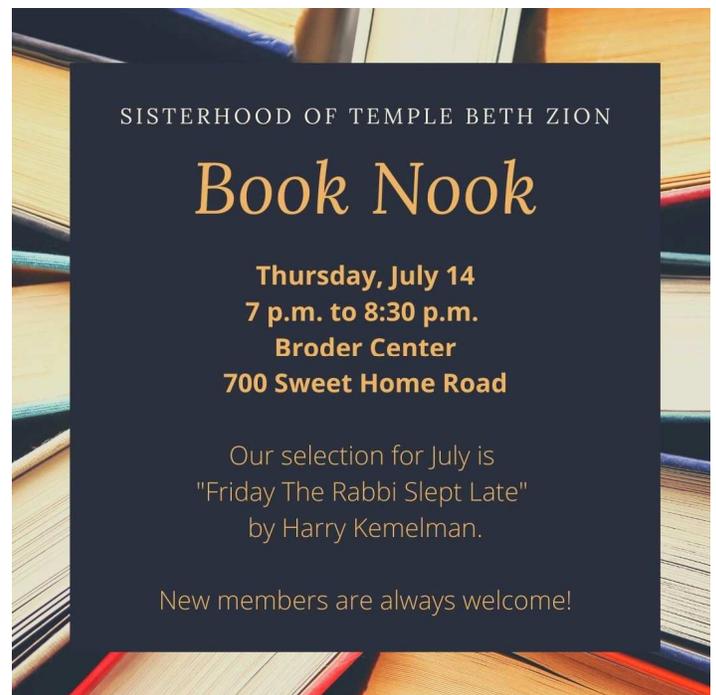
Tzedakah Box Sale - 20% Off

Tzedakah Boxes are the perfect gift for many occasions!
New Baby ~ Wedding ~ New Home ~ Graduation
We have a great selection for everyone!

We are open by appointment for in-store shopping or curbside pick up.

For information or appointment, text, call or email
Susan (716) 982-2099 nana4susan@gmail.com
or call Dee (240) 446-1211

Funds from sales in the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop help support Sisterhood and Temple programs



Sisterhood Opening Luncheon

Tuesday, July 12
11:30 AM

The Grove at Banchetti
550 North French Road, Amherst
(Grove and parking in rear)

Special Guests



Jill and Rabbi Brent Gutmann

This will be a paid up party. If you pay your dues for the 2022-23 season the lunch is free!

Reservations for this outdoor event
are required no later than July 1.

Guests are welcome at \$30 per person

To place your reservation, check the box on your dues payment form or contact Sandra Wolchok at sandrawolchok@gmail.com or (716) 628-4959.



If you wish to donate, we will be collecting gift cards for Haven House (Suggestions: \$25 denominations for Target, McDonalds, Wendy's, Wegmans, Tops).



Dedicating a Temple

Sometimes a gem can be hidden in the most non-descript packaging, and yet once opened deliver a surprise gift of memory and aspiration. The recording of the first of several dedication ceremonies of Temple Beth Zion was discovered during the reorganization of the Cofeld unprocessed backlog materials. It was still in its original brown packaging, never opened and with the date of April 19, 1967 hastily written on the overwrap. There were six (!) ceremonies in total for the dedication week as well as a separate thank you ceremony for all who made the construction possible. Part of this was to pay tribute to all the elements of the new temple: the relationships with other local clergy, the American Jewish Reform movement, Ben Shahn windows, the organ and so much more. It was also a way to include broad participation in a momentous event for the temple. So this tantalizing “find” was filled with anticipation and possibility as, to date, it is the only full length recording of a dedication ceremony we have. After more than 50 years in the original film canister would it still work? With the support of Larry Rubin and Debra Chernoff (with Larry also delivering and collecting the precious film in person), it was taken to a specialized restorer and the two-inch black and white Quad tape is now in digital form.

It's a time capsule that allows us to hear the voice of Rabbi Dr. Martin L. Goldberg once more, as well as that of Assistant Rabbi, Arnold I. Sher. The dedicatory sermon is delivered by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath,



in his then role as President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, (the forerunner to the Union of Reform Judaism). It is a look *into* as well as a look *back* at April 1967 at a pivotal moment in the temple's history and the philosophy of American Reform Judaism. Among other comments, Maurice Eisendrath highlights the artistry of the new temple and Beth Zion's history in the movement as well as a prescription for its future. Temple Beth Zion had “dared to sing a new song in stone, steel, mortar and brick,” symbolic of the new beginning after six years without a spiritual home.

The film begins a little after the service itself has begun, but captures most of the dedication in a 70-minute run with

several views focused on the bimah, the choir, the organ (and its rescued Lafayette Theater trumpets) and the congregation. Seven candle lighters come up to the bimah to dedicate the temple representing different ages and roles within the temple community. Each kindles a candle in the menorah for a specific attribute for the new House of God: Truth (Sisterhood: Arlene Arbesman), Love (Men's Club: Alvin Small), Justice (TBZ Forum: John Laping), Courage (Young People: Clifford Day), Peace (Religious School: Bonnie Posmantur), Holiness (Adult Education: Dr. Murray Bloustein) and Faith (Memorials Committee: Paul Dosberg). After several decades of quietly waiting for rediscovery, the tape is now restored and will be one of the digital items available in the new museum. Watch this space for more updates next month!

Chana R. Kotzin, Ph.D. Curator.

A Blessing for Temple Beth Zion (continued from page 3)

I know you are in good hands with your incoming settled Rabbi Brent Gutmann. He is wise, kind, patient and embodies all those qualities that are important for a Senior Rabbi.

Here is my blessing for Temple Beth Zion and Rabbi Gutmann on your new journey going forward:

May God bless this new path you are about to undertake, enabling you to learn, grow and be strengthened together. May God be with you, and bless you with health and strength. May God watch over you and shield you from harm. May God bless both Rabbi Gutmann, TBZ's lay leaders and staff, and the congregation at large with unity and peace. Under Rabbi Gutmann's guidance, may a new era of learning and growth unfold. May your community always go from strength to strength. May you be inspired to live up to your highest potential. May God bless you with courage and the power to be bold and yet patient at the same time. May you learn to listen and work in partnership with others for the unity and longevity of this sacred community. May God bless the choices you make. May God bless your efforts with success. May God shine on you and through you so that you illuminate all those you touch. May the days before you be filled with rejoicing and celebration. May you be a blessing to this world. And may blessings surround you now and always.

Amen.

*B'y'didut u'v'Shalom – In friendship and peace,
Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel
rabbisharonsobel@tbz.org*

Spring Kallah

The top photo below is from the first NFTY-NEL Kallah attended by (left to right) Lewis Shaevel, Eli VanWey-Shapiro, Nathan Weiss, and Aaron Weinmann at Camp Seguin. The photo below that is their last Kallah together at Camp George.



Sisterhood May Events

May was busy for the women of Sisterhood. Among the events were the Book Nook at the Broder Center and the annual Sisterhood Sabbath in the Sisterhood Chapel. See page 8 for details on upcoming events.



May Flowers

Thank you to all who purchased beautiful flowers through the Annual May Flower Sale and to Kristen Keil for coordinating the sale.



Ritual Committee

June was a busy month for the Ritual Committee. There were many plans to be made for several special services, including the service honoring Rabbi Sobel, the Confirmation service for 10th and 11th graders and also in honor of our graduating High School Seniors. We also worked on planning for the Pride and Juneteenth services.

We are looking forward to working with Rabbi Gutmann on his first service with us and to start planning for High Holy days, which we hope can take place in our own sanctuary this year.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in learning more, please email Sue Goldberg at schruttberg1@aol.com.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, June 20. If you have a lifecycle emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



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**IN THE IMAGE OF GOD:
THE DIGNITY OF EVERY JEWISH SOUL**

Community-Wide Tikkun Leyl Shavuot study

Saturday, June 4th-Sunday, June 5th (Erev Shavuot)
Program begins Saturday with Mincha at 8:00 PM
Sunrise Yom Tov services & breakfast follow final lecture

Study Torah with some of Buffalo's finest teachers.

Sessions will be held in person at Temple Beth Tzedek, 1641 N. Forest Rd. Williamsville, NY, and also streamed at btzbuffalo.org

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8:30 PM: *KEYNOTE LECTURE* Cantor Mark Horowitz
Vice President, Program & Talent, JCCs of North America
"Revelation: I Was There Too"

10:30 PM: Rabbi Sara Rich
Director, Hillel of Buffalo
"Jewish Concepts of Dignity"

11:30 PM: Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein
Congregation Shir Shalom
"A Year of Talmud on One Foot: Exciting, Hilarious, Confusing Selections from Daf Yomi (Daily Study)"

12:30 AM: Rabbi Ori Bergman
Kehillat Ohr Tzion
"In the Image of God: A Blessing or a Curse?"

2:00 AM: Yonina Foster, Ph.D.
Educator, LiNK Jewish Buffalo
"Breathing the Unpronounceable Name"

3:00 AM: Mike Stedkof, Ed.D.
Director of Jewish Experience, LiNK Jewish Buffalo
"Searching for Belonging in the Talmud"

4:00 AM: Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum
Temple Beth Tzedek
"A Beautiful Noise"





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SUMMER PROGRAMS: JUNE 2022

SWEETS FOR SHAVUOT
THURSDAY, JUNE 2 @ 5:30 PM
GLEN PARK, WILLIAMSVILLE
RSVP: [BIT.LY/BUFMGUM](http://bit.ly/bufmgum)

SHABBAT SHAFAMILY
FRIDAY, JUNE 17 @ 5:30 PM
KEHILLAT OHR TZION
RSVP: [BIT.LY/BUFFAMILYSABBAT](http://bit.ly/buffamilysabbat)

POP UP PLAYDATE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 @ 3 PM
HAMLIN PARK, EAST AURORA
RSVP: [BIT.LY/PLAYDATEPARK](http://bit.ly/playdatepark)

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END OF SUMMER FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

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In Memory of:

Clarice "Ceasy" Speier, by June Iris Hesch

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Marna & Irwin Burstein for being Menschen, by Amelida & Peter Weinmann & Family

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Judy Henn for the excellent job she did at the Canterbury Woods Seder, by Gerry Lederman

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The birth of Judy Henn's first grandchild, by Sima Lewis

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Beverly Levin's birthday, by Elaine & Henry Zeve

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In Honor of:

Julie Feldman's 25th Anniversary on staff at TBZ, by Carole & Norm Weingarten

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In Honor of:

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Passover, by Amelida & Peter Weinmann & Family
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Afghan Resettlement, by Betty F. Korn

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Sharon Sobel & in memory of my mother, Margot Halpern, by Susan Chazen

Rabbi Sharon Sobel's service for Fanesta Perlstein, by Jeff & Janice Perlstein

**Fund Focus
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Service Fund**

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion uses this fund for the books given to each student on completion of their B'Nai Mitzvah and for the support of youth service programs.

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JUNETEENTH

Freedom Day Service

Friday, June 17, at 6 PM
805 Delaware Avenue
Sanctuary and via livestream

Join Clergy Associate Judy Henn
and Musical Soloist Aaron Pieri
for this special Classical
service in honor of Juneteenth.

Guests for the evening will include
Sister Leslie Bennet and
Sister Darcel Blue, Minister of Music, of
The New Covenant United Church of Christ.



Pride Shabbat

All are invited to
Temple Beth Zion's
annual **Pride Shabbat**.

Plan to join Clergy
Associate Judy Henn
and Musical Soloist
Zack Steinberg for a
service celebrating
our LGBTQ+ members,
and celebrating
TBZ's long-standing
commitment to
advocacy on behalf
of our LGBTQ+
family and friends.



Friday, June 24
6 PM
In-person and
via livestream
805 Delaware
Avenue