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In mid-September, we sent all members of the Temple Beth Zion community information on the 2018 Kol Nidre Campaign.

We ask that you please send in your pledge today.

Thank you for your support for our one Temple Beth Zion community.

2018 - 2019 Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs, Peter and Amèlida Weinmann

### Joint Simchat Torah And Yizkor Service

Monday, October 1, at 10:30 a.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

Please join the clergy and members from Congregation Shir Shalom, Temples Beth El, Havurah and Beth Zion for a moving musical service.

Lunch will follow the service.

### Potluck Dinner and Shabbat Service

Friday, October 5 6 p.m. Potluck Dinner 7 p.m. Shabbat Service

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

You requested it, and we're bringing it back – grade-level family Shabbat services. Bring your whole family for an evening of connection, community and prayer.

Our first-graders will help with lighting the candles during the Shabbat Service.

We invite the whole TBZ community to attend the service and dinner. If you can join us for dinner, RSVP by October 3 to Kara Kane at (716) 836-6565, kara@tbz.org, or at the Broder Center front desk during Religious School.

Bring a dairy dish to pass for at least 15 people.

See page 6 for the November potluck Shabbat.

### **Games Galore!**

Tuesday, November 6, at noon Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road



Bring your game and your group for a fun afternoon.

Mahjong, Scrabble and cards are some of the games enjoyed during this annual Election Day event.

In addition to games, there will be a delicious lunch, including dessert, raffle prizes and more!

Proceeds from the event will support Temple projects.

Details and the RSVP form can be found on page 9.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



Letter from the President

As I compose this letter during the first week of September, with the High Holy Days fast approaching, please indulge me while I reflect for a moment on three very different community events in which Temple Beth Zion played a pivotal role this past August. They were Temple Beth Zion's Summer Celebration, The Great Buffalo Jewbilee and our hosting of Rabbi Greenberg (from the Jewish Discovery Center) for his conversation with Rabbi Freirich.

I was lucky enough to attend all three events. All were examples of our synagogue taking the lead in bringing Jewish Buffalo together. They were all fun and inspiring gatherings showcasing TBZ's warmth, hospitality and collaboration with the Buffalo Jewish Federation, Congregation Shir Shalom and the Jewish Discovery Center.

Special kudos to Amy Schaefer and Julie Feldman for the masterful job they did coordinating these events. The events were also entirely in keeping with our mission statement, which reads in part, "our congregation celebrates the rich diversity of our Jewish community, preserves sacred traditions, while encouraging innovation, and affirms our Judaism through words and deeds."

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, and will mark the beginning of our youngest learners' Jewish education with Consecration and Simchat Torah. I hope that, whether you were with us at Delaware or Becker Farms, watched our services live, or celebrated elsewhere, the holidays were uplifting and meaningful for you and your family.

Looking ahead, October really is a joyous month here at Temple Beth Zion! There are B'Nai Mitzvot every Shabbat morning. I'm also pleased that we are gathering for dinner as a Temple family on Friday, October 5, at Broder. Sharing a meal together with our Temple family can only help us to become more connected to one another. Please call the Temple office to RSVP.

Please also mark your calendars for Friday, October 26, as TBZ will honor Michael Burke, our organist and choir director of many years, for his dedication to our temple.

These opportunities to gather as a temple family are very meaningful to me. Sharing Shabbat meals, celebrating as our children become B'Nai Mitzvah, and honoring our beloved organist and choir director are beautiful ways to reaffirm our sense being a part of a community. I look forward to sharing some of these special moments with you!

Julie Dressler Weinberg



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All Shabbat services, except as noted, are held at 805 Delaware Avenue. Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

### Monday, October 1

Joint Simchat Torah/ Yizkor Service at Delaware 10:30 a.m.

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Shabbat Evening Service at Broder	7 p.m.
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	
Service at Amberleigh	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 6	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Anya Sydney Zions	

### Friday, October 12

Meditative Service	7 p.m.
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### Saturday, October 13

Service at Canterbury Woods

Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Jane Klein	

### Friday, October 19

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Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 20

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Shabbat Morning Servi	e 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Eliot Ryan Isenberg

### Friday, October 26

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Classical Service	7 p.m.
Honoring Michael Bu	rke

### Saturday, October 27

Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Syndi Pearl Wasserman	

Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

### Memorial Service Nov. 1 For Dr. Barnett Slepian

Thursday, November 1, at 7 p.m. Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive

Twenty years ago, the community was forever changed by the loss of Dr. Slepian. The community will gather on November 1 to remember him. All are welcome.



Letter from the Cantor

"Do not look at the vessel and judge but rather what is in it" Pirkei Avot

During my sabbatical time in Israel, I was fortunate to officiate at a Bat Mitzvah at the Kotel (Western Wall) for a TBZ student. If you have never been to Israel or know very little of Jerusalem, the Kotel has been a topic of heated debate for decades. There was some acquiescence by the rabbis who regulate the space to allow B'nei Mitzvah services near the Robinson's Arch. Because it is exceedingly hot there in July, such services are conducted at a very early time of day - 7:30 a.m.

As Bennett, Corrinne and I approached our space at the Kotel to set the Torah scroll for reading, we learned that an hour before we arrived a portion of the wall fell onto the man-made platforms that serve as the foundation for our footing to lead worship. Many security guards and Hareidi (ultra orthodox) men stood in that egalitarian section of the Kotel which is unusual to see.

I began my usual ritual of donning my tallit and laying tefillin, and the Haredi men stood inches behind me. Here was your Cantor, in a kippah, a tallit and wearing tefillin....and now beginning to sing. Any one of these is a prohibition by ultra Orthodox standards, and for a few moments I was frightened that they would pull the kippah off my head, rip my tallit off my shoulders, pull the phylacteries (tefillin) off of my forehead or even worse tear the sacred Torah scroll from my arms.

Vidui (my confession): Based on where I was and who was present I made a rash judgment of these men. I was ready to stand up for myself and fight not if, but "when" they made a fuss of what I was doing and wearing. This was a low point for me - how could I have become so fearful? How judgmental? I had this narrative planned out with an expectation that was solely based on their appearance.

My irrational "fears" were proved groundless because these Hareidi men were nothing but respectful as they assessed the damage to this holy site. They stood quietly, directly behind me, allowed me to daven, sing and hold our Torah and do what Hashem (Gd) put me on this earth to do.

I learned a very valuable lesson that day and since then have done my very best to not judge a book by its cover. May we all continue to approach one another with open minds and hearts.

> B'shir (with song) Cantor Penny S. Myers

11 a.m.



### Talmud Talk

Wednesdays, October 10, November 14, December 12 Noon – 1 p.m.

Milos, 5877 Main St., Williamsville

All our Judaism, especially Reform Judaism, starts in the Talmud

Everyone welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning.

Materials provided.

No host lunch.

### I and Thou and Lunch

Fridays, October 19, November 16, December 21 Noon – 1 p.m.

Temple Beth Zion library, 805 Delaware Avenue

The fundamentals of relational Judaism start with the thinking of Martin Buber in his beautiful *I and Thou*.

Learn this profound text in conversation – no preparation required.

Pizza and drinks provided. Please RSVP by contacting Jennelle at (716) 836-6565, Ext. 132, or Jennelle@tbz.org.

### **Torah Study**

Saturday mornings

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave.

TBZ's clergy delve into the week's reading from Torah, the Five Books of Moses. Learned and open-ended, join this group and discuss how our ancient texts still bring meaning to our Twenty-First Century lives.

Coffee and cookies provided.

Looking for something that's not here? Let us know by emailing Rabbi Jonathan (<u>rabbifreirich@tbz.org</u>).

### **Women of the Book**

Our first meeting of the new year will take place on Thursday, October 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Avenue, Amherst.

Women of all ages and backgrounds are invited to attend.

# Board of Trustees

### **Meeting Notes**

The August Board meeting was on the  $14^{\text{th}}$ . In addition to

Trustees, Ken Rogers, the new chair of the Building Task Force; Melissa Milch, Kara Kane and Sue Goldberg were in attendance to provide updates on their respective areas. Ken shared an update on the Building Task Force and discussed the scope of work the group will undertake. Melissa, Kara and Sue shared updates on student enrollment, curriculum and activities planned for the upcoming school year.

Treasurer Dave Goldberg and Amy Schaefer provided a budget report on the final revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30. At the close of the fiscal year, revenues were up slightly (1.5%) and expenses were down 5%, resulting in an operating surplus for the year. The Financial Planning Committee met in late August to review options for the surplus with recommendations being presented to the board in October. In addition, the Board was notified of a bequest from the estate of Theo Kahn, which the Temple will receive this fall. The board began discussing options for paying existing loans, repairs and investments. Revenues and expenses will continue to be managed closely, as there is no surplus expected in the current budget for the year that began July 1.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood each provided reports on upcoming events and programs. Rabbi Freirich outlined a number of plans for Elul Studies leading up to the Holy Days: Social Justice and Voter Engagement, and focusing on a variety of opportunities to connect with TBZ members and the community. Amy Schaefer provided the Administrator Report, sharing information on financial and administrative plans, including updates to policies and procedures, needed facility repairs and the URJ survey results.

Trustees also continued the discussion around Board priorities for the coming year. Please join us for the Congregation Community Forum on September 26 from noon to 1 p.m. at 805 Delaware Avenue. Board meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, and Tuesday, November 13, at the Broder Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

### **Temple Beth Zion**

**Our Mission Statement** 

Temple Beth Zion is a Reform congregation that enriches Jewish lives, promotes Jewish values, strengthens Jewish bonds and fosters lifelong learning. Our congregation celebrates the rich diversity of our Jewish community, preserves sacred traditions while encouraging innovation, and affirms our Judaism through words and deeds.

Adopted by the congregation on June 8, 2012

# An Evening to Celebrate Michael Burke

Friday, October 26, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue



Michael Burke has been a distinguished member of our Temple Beth Zion family for 40 years. Whether he is tickling the ivories on the grand piano or mastering our Casavant Freres organ in our

Sanctuary, Michael Burke has been a fixture here at TBZ.

Please join us on this very special evening when he will provide an organ concert during our service, which will include tributes to Michael for his dedication to our TBZ community. Please plan to stay for a special oneg and champagne toast in Michael's honor.

RSVP appreciated. Please call (716) 836-6565.

# A Rabbi and a TBZ Member Sit Down for Lunch...

...no joke! Rabbi Jonathan wants to meet TBZ members every week. If you haven't yet sat down for coffee, lunch or any other type of meeting that you prefer, even in the Rabbi's office, please call Jennelle (716-836-6565) and get on Rabbi Jonathan's calendar.

Rabbi Jonathan looks forward to continuing to learn about as many TBZ families as he can.

### **Kristallnacht Commemoration**

Saturday, November 10, at 6 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

The Community Commemoration will be hosted by the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo. See your November Bulletin for more details on the event.

The Holocaust Resource Center seeks to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, to remember the survivors and victims, and to promote social justice, civic responsibility and human rights.

### **Bereavement Support Group**

The TBZ Bereavement Support Group is lay-led by members of the group in an informal and warm setting. The group offers companionship and understanding from others who have experienced a similar loss and are experiencing the similar challenges of living with grief. Meetings usually take place at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst.

If you have questions or would like to get information on the meeting dates and locations, contact Carol at (716)873-2836. All members of the community are welcome.

### **Images of Jewish Buffalo**

JCC Holland Building, 787 Delaware Avenue



Photo Caravan - Images of Jewish Buffalo will be on display at the Holland Building until October 31.

The exhibit is a showcase of photographs taken by members of the community who participated in a daylong photography workshop with Israeli artist-in-residence Asaf Elkalai, hosted by the Jewish Community of Greater Buffalo and the Buffalo Jewish Federation.

The group exhibit includes photographs of various Jewish locations in Buffalo. TBZ members Larry Cohen, Ellen Goldstein and Gretchen Gross are among the eight photographers featured.

Gallery admission is free, and the gallery is open during JCC business hours, seven days a week.

### Cantor's Chai 5K



Sunday, August 19, was a great day! As part of the first Buffalo Jewbilee, the inaugural Cantor's Chai 5K took place. Participants strolled, walked or ran the course that led straight down Delaware Avenue.

The first to cross the finish

line was Rob Taylor, pushing his very young son, Levi, in a stroller. That raises a question: Did Levi, the first to cross the line, win? Or did Rob, the first to cross the line under his own muscle? It really doesn't matter in the end - all participants were winners.

Thank you to our awesome race volunteers: Donna Dickman, Dennis Dickman, Kristie Kantor, Sue Goldberg, Dave Goldberg, Michael Bruckheimer, Ken Graber, Lucille Sherlick, Margie Zeckhauser, Hunter Myers, Corrinne Myers, Beth Marcus, Bob Marcus, Carole Weingarten, Anna Marie Richmond, Beth Kaplan, Nathan Kaplan, Halli Glina and Holly Baum.



Watch for the next Chai 5K coming in summer 2019.





# **Erev Simchat Torah** and Consecration

Sunday, September 30 805 Delaware

### 5 p.m. dinner followed by 6 p.m. service

Come and participate in unrolling the Torah. Celebrate with our students and their families as they begin their formal Jewish studies. Dinner will be provided - reservations are required. Dinner attendees are asked to bring a dessert to share for approximately 15 people. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup.

Call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 no later than September 26 to place your dinner reservation.

### First-Grade Potluck Dinner And Shabbat Service

Friday, October 5
6 p.m. Potluck Dinner
7 p.m. Shabbat Service
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

You requested it, and we're bringing it back – grade-level family Shabbat services. Bring your first-grader and the whole family for an evening of connection, community and prayer. Our first-graders will help with lighting the candles during the Shabbat Service.

If you can join us for a potluck dinner, RSVP by October 3 to Kara Kane at (716) 836-6565, kara@tbz.org, or at the Broder Center front desk during Religious School.

Bring a dairy dish to pass for at least 15 people.

# Second-Grade Potluck Dinner and Shabbat Alive! Service

Friday, November 2 6 p.m. Potluck Dinner 7 p.m. Shabbat Service Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Keep calm and shir (sing) on at this energetic and lively Shabbat Service. Our second-graders will help with lighting the candles during the service.

If you can join us for a potluck dinner, RSVP by October 31 to Kara Kane at (716) 836-6565, kara@tbz.org or at the Broder Center front desk during Religious School.

Bring a dairy dish to pass for at least 15 people.

## SPCA Supplies Drive



### My name is Eliot & for my Bar Mitzvah Project I'm holding a supplies drive for the SPCA serving Erie County.

### **Donation Wish-list:**

- Lysol Wipes
- Clorox Wipes
- Towels
- Blankets
- Soft cat food
- Cat treats
- Cat toys
- Litter boxes
- Paper Towels

If you have questions, please email me at erisenb1@verizon.net or call at 716-632-8034



### **Tzedakah of the Month**

During October, our Religious School Tzedakah of the Month project is to collect and coordinate putting together Ziploc bags full of items to help someone in need. This is a tangible way to help in a situation where you find someone who is in need, and you really feel like you want to do something but are unsure of exactly what to do.

Handing out a Blessing Bag to someone gives you a way to meet their immediate needs by providing them with some basic supplies such as toiletries, water, food and warmth. These bags will be donated to the Pride Alliance of

D'Youville College through Eric Nowak, D'Youville Pride Alliance President, who is planning their outdoor clothesline again this winter.



This is a schoolwide event, and each grade participates in doing mitzvot. Blessing Bags are great to keep on hand in your car, so if you are in a situation where you find someone in need, you have the bag right there to hand to them right away. This is a way to demonstrate to your kids the act of giving in the face of a need instead of just driving by or walking away without responding.



### **Happy Fall!**

As we begin the new year, TBaZy and our Junior Youth Group are preparing for a busy and fun-filled calendar! We started the fall season with our opening program at the climbing wall at Camp Centerland on September 30 for our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and are looking forward to many more gatherings.

Our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are headed to Camp George in Canada for a leadership weekend with NFTY-NEL on October 19 - 21. Should your teen be interested in joining us, please feel free to get in touch with us, and we can guide you through the process.

Did you know TBZ has three different opportunities for youth to be engaged? We have groups this year for 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders, 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders and TBaZY for our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We are available to provide information about all of our youth groups and are happy to chat with you at any time about our youth engagement opportunities. Feel free to contact us at (716) 867-8541, <a href="mailto:tamaravanwey@gmail.com">tamaravanwey@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Bshapiro44@gmail.com">Bshapiro44@gmail.com</a>, or find us at Religious School as we are there most Sundays.

B'Shalom, Beth and Tammy

# Join the Fun - TBZ Choir Rehearsals begin on Sunday, October 14 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Open to students grade 3 and up. Snacks will be provided. Call Jennelle at 836-6565, Ext. 132 to sign up.

### **Office Schedule**

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Mondays, October 1 and 8. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.





### Anya Sydney Zions Saturday, October 6

Daughter of: Naomi and Neil Zions Mitzvah Project and donating to: Bayit Lepletot Girlstown Jerusalem and Big Cat Rescue



### Hannah Jane Klein Saturday, October 13

Daughter of: Melissa Milch and Warren Klein Mitzvah Project and donating to: Helmet Drive for Equistar Equine Therapeutic Riding Program



### Eliot Ryan Isenberg Saturday, October 20

Son of: Jennifer and Andrew Isenberg Mitzvah Project: SPCA Supplies Drive Donating to: SPCA Serving Erie County



### Sydni Pearl Wasserman Saturday, October 27

Daughter of: Rachel and David Wasserman



### **New Members**

Steven & Kimberly Chambers Fred & Deanna Talmud Michael & Gwen Appelbaum Norman & Barbara Cantor David Mintzer & Kate Grandits



As we go to print on this issue of the Bulletin, we are in the midst of the High Holy Days. There are many volunteers to whom we owe our thanks for all they do during the Holy Days. We look forward to sharing their names with you in November issue.



### From the Presidents

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion Women of Reform Judaism has many exciting programs and trips planned. To get more information about our programs watch for our mailings, the Bulletin and the weekly Sisterhood email.

Sisterhood's goals are to help our Temple, the Buffalo community and to connect to other women worldwide through WRJ. You can support Sisterhood's goals by becoming a member of Sisterhood. You do not need to be a member to attend our programs.

In addition to other events described on this page, mark your calendar for:

**Saturday, October 13,** for the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" walk at Canalside. If you are interested in walking or making a donation, call Marilyn at (716) 832-4757.

Thursday - Sunday, October 25-28, the WRJ Northeast District Convention in Massachusetts. We will meet for leadership development, motivation, networking, prayer and the blessing of joining as a Sisterhood Community of dedicated Jewish Women. Let us know if you are interested in attending. What better way to be introduced to the "workings" of Sisterhood.

**Tuesday, November 6,** find Games Galore information and the RSVP form on the next page. Before and during the event, tickets are available for the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Raffle. Tickets are \$3 each, three for \$5 or a book of ten for \$15. The delicious dinner for ten is provided by Jonny C's. Jonny C's generously donates an additional dinner for a family in need. Tickets are available in the Judaica Shop and at Games Galore. The winning ticket will be picked on during the Games event.

For more information about Sisterhood call your Co-Presidents Susan Bruckheimer (716) 982-2099 or Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757.

### **Many Thanks**

Suzanne Grossman, Halli Glina, Judy Swadron, Judy Zeckhauser, Sharon Winer, Carole Weingarten, Janet Frankel, Nadine Ryback, Frans de Waal and Kaaren Norman for helping stuff the Sisterhood Membership mailing.

### **Save Around Buffalo Books**

Sisterhood is selling the Save Around Buffalo coupon book for \$25. We know you will love it! It will be available in the Judaica Shop and at Games Galore on November 6. Come into the shop to see all the special restaurants, events, dry cleaners and other items available. Please help support Sisterhood and enjoy dining out.

### Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

### For your Shabbat Celebrations

We have a great selection of hostess gifts: Challah covers, plates, knives, candlesticks, candles, Kiddush cups and Havdalah sets

20% off silk and wool Tallit and Tallit bags for women, men and Bar or Bat Mitzvah students.

### **Shop Hours:**

Sundays 9 a.m. - noon Thursdays 4:30 - 6 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers, and we will train you. For more information, contact Susan at (716) 835-0421 or email susan\_b@roadrunner.com.

By supporting the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop, you support the TBZ Youth Scholarship Fund.

# Meet the Author Of `The Larkin Company´

Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion is pleased to invite you to meet their guest speaker, Shane E. Stephenson, author of "The Larkin Company." Mr. Stephenson will speak about his newest book, which is filled with 175 images of the Larkin Company, from the Hydraulic neighborhood to the buildings, including the Larkin Administration Building.



The Larkin Company was one of the premier mail order houses in the country, behind only Sears, Roebuck and Company in profits and product diversity. Stephenson will discuss what brought about the growth of the company and also its decline.

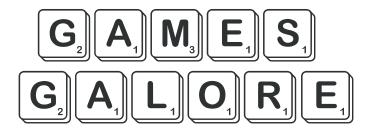
Shane Stephenson is the Director of Museum Collections at the Buffalo & Erie County Naval and Military Park.

Come and learn more about the historic Larkin Company and meet the author. This event is free and open to everyone. Dessert reception to follow. RSVPs appreciated to halli.glina@gmail.com.



### WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion invites you to





### Tuesday, November 6, at noon TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Bring your game and your group for a fun afternoon.

Mahjong, Scrabble and cards are some of the games enjoyed during this annual Election Day event.



In addition to games, there will be a delicious lunch, dessert, raffle prizes and more!

Proceeds from the event will support Temple projects.



### **Games Galore Reservation**

(due by November 1)

Name:				
Phone:	Email:			
(Optional) I would be happy	y to bring to share	e with the group:	□ a salad	□ a dessert
Player names:				
\$15 per person x p	people = \$	total enclosed		
Please make checks page 228 Culpepper Road, Wwith any questions.				



### B'tzelem Elohim

What are those yellow banners hanging in the Delaware building, and why are they there?

In 2014, more than 40 TBZ members marched in the annual Buffalo Pride Parade. Galvanized by that success, in the spring of 2015 the Kulanu group decided to enter a float in the parade. The theme for the float, inspired by the TBZ Religious School's use of the same theme a few years earlier, and taken directly from the Book of Genesis (Chapter 1, Verse 27), was B'tzelem Elohim – in the image of God. The float features many different mirrors mounted on a brightly colored background, topped by banners proclaiming, "We are all made b'tzelem Elohim - in the image of God."

From 2015 to the present, our TBZ family and members of the larger Jewish community have rallied behind those banners to celebrate the diversity of our TBZ community and honor each and every human, all images of God.

Between those rallying moments, the banners grace our Delaware building – a constant reminder that no matter how we diverge along lines of race, gender, sexuality, religion, politics, physical and mental ability, education, socio-economic status, age and every other "difference" humans can identify or invent – all of us reflect the divine image.

In these divisive times, it is critically important to remind ourselves continuously that our shared humanity binds us together, and the spark of the divine that is within each of us makes each of us able and obligated to do our share to repair the world.



Volunteers for Friends of Night People are needed for the second Tuesday of the month from 4 to 7:15 p.m. Join us as we serve a warm meal to those who would Night People otherwise go hungry. Please contact Ann Marie Randall, (716) 836-6565, Ext. 111, or

Annmarie@tbz.org, to put your name on the list of volunteers for October 9. Come once or more often whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Leslie Garfinkel, Sharon Winer, Marcia Valente, Sharon Chapman, Adina Garfinkel, Jackie and Dan Korchowsky for their help in September.



Brotherhood's annual membership drive is underway. We are looking forward to one of our most successful drives in many years. Annual membership is still only \$25, but we have two additional levels of membership at \$36 and \$50 for those who wish to contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs. If you are a Brotherhood member, please continue your membership and if you are not, what are you waiting for? This is a great time to join. Please take a few minutes to fill out the membership mailing and return it with your dues.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and assisted the Congregation by ushering during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Your assistance and cooperation helps provide a warm welcoming atmosphere to our members and their guests and to those new to our community. We would also like to thank Sandy Beckman for again serving as this year's ushering captain and recruiting this year's volunteers.

This month's Achim program will be held at the Meadows second-floor meeting area on Sunday, October 14, at 10 a.m. Our guest speaker is Dr. Robert Kaprove, a local physician who will discuss organ transplants from his own perspective as a transplant patient.

Please contact us at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fund raising, further information on Brotherhood or any other Brotherhood issue.

Thank you for your previous support of Brotherhood, and we look forward to your continued support in this coming year.

> Sincerely, Philip Chazen

### **Genealogy Connections**

Churgel, Wunder, Rickler, Pressman, Weil, Zeitlin, Resnick Does anyone recognize these names? For 35 years I have served as a family genealogist working on many allied lines. There are some super stories, but also mysteries and connections to be made. The story begins in 1885 Kiev with the birth of Jennie Weil and carries through to TBZ member Edward Churgel who passed in 1991.

And now to the heart of it. I am interested in connecting with any of this family's living relatives, who may also be genealogy-oriented. I am happy to share further info and would like to learn if there are old, scanable photos that can be shared with me. Thank you for your interest! Contact me at cts3240@yahoo.com.

> Carolyn Tusing Surine Syracuse, NY

### **Rosh Hashanah at Becker Farms**





Volunteers check in some of the almost 300 attendees at the Alternate Service. Ari Klein sounds the Shofar.

### **Tashlich at Canalside**



Rabbi Jonathan Freirich and Jude Freirich sound the shofar for Tashlich at Canalside on Rosh Hashanah.

### At the Western Wall





Cantor Penny Myers officiates the Bat Mitzvah of Jillian Donohue in Israel. Read more about the day in Cantor Myers' column on page 3.

### **City Hall Tour**



A delicious lunch and tour of our beautiful Buffalo City Hall was offered by Sisterhood on August 27.

### Afternoon at the Albright-Knox







On September 7, Sisterhood offered a docent tour and lunch at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. The works of artist Robert Indiana were highlighted.

### The Start of PALS-Kadimah 2018-19



Getting ready to welcome the PALS-Kadimah students is serious business! Our teachers (left to right) Miss Maria, Miss Lauren, Miss Shira, Miss Deb, Miss Ashirah, Miss Zahava and Miss Melissa are ready to greet the new year with their ever-present dedication, creativity, fun and love.













Letting go is tough, but being back in school is great. The first week of school is always the hardest (for the parents). By the time you are reading this, we are in the full swing of our routine. Cubbies ready? Check! Fire drills practiced? Check! Friendships formed? Check! On to the play and learning that is the core of our days.



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If you are not registered to vote, it's not too late. October 12 is the deadline to register in order to vote on November 6. Registration materials are available at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road.

If you are a TBZ member who is registered to vote but do not have transportation to your polling place, contact Judy Fales at (716) 957-4253.



### **Tot Shabbat Is Back**

Friday, September 28, 5:45 - 7 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Celebrate Sukkot with all of your friends at the first PJ Library Tot Shabbat Hop of the new year.

Friday, October 19, 5:45 - 7 p.m.

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Come for fall fun!

The service is designed for children ages 2 - 8 and their families. We celebrate Shabbat through song, prayer, PJ Library story time and craft activities.

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