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## **Security Workshop**

Tuesday, August 6, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

We are offering a Security Workshop for greeters, ushers and congregants. The workshop is made possible through the efforts of Michael Wisnock, TBZ's Security Task Force Chair; the Buffalo Jewish Service Corps; and Susan DeMari, Buffalo Jewish Federation's Community Security Coordinator.

The workshop is open to all. Please RSVP by emailing president@tbz.org or calling the office at 836-6565.



# Welcome Kabbalat Shabbat Service & BBQ

Friday, August 16 Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service with BBQ dinner to follow

Join us and welcome our new Executive Director, Jeff Clark, and new PALS-Kadimah Director, Zahava Fried. Come for services (outdoors if weather permits) and stay for dinner.

Your RSVP is required for dinner.

Dinner (provided by Jonny C's) is \$10 per adult, \$5 for children age 3 - 12.

Call Becky at 836-6565 or email becky@tbz.org to RSVP by Friday, August 9.

## **Register for the School Year**

### PALS-Kadimah 2019-20

Limited spots are available for the coming school year. For information, call Zahava Fried at (716) 836-6565.

### Religious School 2019-20

If you have not already done so, please send in your registration paperwork. Forms can be found on the Religious School page of our website at www.tbz.org/education. For additional information about Religious School, contact Kara Kane at 836-6565, or kara@tbz.org.

The first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 15.



## **Share Your Bounty**

Attention, gardeners! As your harvest is ready to be picked, please remember that the Town Square Food Pantry can accept donations of fresh vegetables and fruit. Got lots of zucchini to share? Extra tomatoes? Lettuce? We are happy to share your extras with those who have limited resources.

If you are not a gardener but would like to support the mission of the Food Pantry, we are always in need of non-perishable goods - especially pasta, jam, corn, rice. Donations can be dropped off at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Monday through Friday.



Letter from the President

It's hard to believe that August is upon us! We truly have much to celebrate. I hope that you are joining me and my family at Transit Valley Country Club for the Summer Celebration. This is the second year that we will be joined by our friends at Congregation Shir Shalom and Buffalo Jewish Federation. It takes an enormous amount of work by our professional staff and volunteers to bring this event to fruition. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talent for this important fund raiser and friend raiser

The following day we have scheduled a very different kind of gathering. On Tuesday, August 6, at 805 Delaware, we will be offering a Security Workshop for ushers and greeters.

I am so appreciative to TBZ's Security Task Force Chair, Michael Wisnock; Buffalo Federation's Jewish Service Corps; and Buffalo Federation's Community Security Coordinator, Susan DeMari, for organizing this. It is vitally important to the safety of our community that we are as informed as possible. I encourage everyone to attend. This will be the first in a number of security trainings that will be made available to our Congregation as we seek to build awareness and strengthen our community. All are welcome. Please RSVP to me at president@tbz.org or call the Temple Office at 836-6565.

This is a time of significant personnel change here at TBZ. We have welcomed a new Executive Director and a new Director of PALS-Kadimah. Our new Executive Director is Jeff Clark. Jeff is a lifelong member of TBZ. His father, Warren, is a Past President of TBZ, and his grandmother was a member of our Sisterhood. Jeff stated, "I've spent my entire adult life preparing for the Executive Director role...I want to be a part of TBZ not only retaining but increasing its footprint in the community." Jeff is married to Deborah, and they are the proud parents of a beautiful 18-month-old son, Ari.

Our new PALS-Kadimah Director is Zahava Fried. For the past two years, Zahava has been lead teacher for the 3-year olds and has been instrumental in helping to develop the Judaic curriculum. She is well loved by her fellow teachers and PALS-Kadimah parents and kiddos. Her husband, Yaakov, is currently a medical student at UB. They are the proud parents of a yummy one-year-old daughter, Lilah.

It is certainly bittersweet saying goodbye to the very talented Amy Schaefer and Melissa Milch. They have both worked diligently to ensure a smooth transition for their successors. We all owe them an enormous debt of gratitude for everything they have done for Temple Beth Zion. I know you join me in wishing them both all the best in their next adventures. I hope you will join me and my family at our Shabbat service on Friday, August 16, at 6 p.m. Dinner catered by Johnny C's following services. Please call the office to RSVP.

Julie Dressler Weinberg



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# Worship Opportunities

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

Friday, August 2 Kabbalat Shabbat Service Birthday/ Anniversary Blessings	6 p.m.
Service at Amberleigh	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 3 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
<b>Friday, August 9</b> Spirituality Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, August 10 Shabbat Morning Service Service at Canterbury Woods, main building Tisha B'Av	10:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 7 p.m.
Friday, August 16 Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Broder BBQ Dinner after services	6 p.m.
Saturday, August 17 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Angelica Levy Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	10:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
Friday, August 23	11 a.m.
Classical Reform Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, August 24 Shabbat Morning Service Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	10:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
<b>Friday, August 30</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, August 31 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Ruby Freiman	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.

<sup>\*</sup> The 5:30 p.m. Thursday Service at the Broder Center will resume September 19.



Letter from the Cantor

### Two Cantors Breaking the Sound Barrier

A little levity as we approach Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe).

Have you ever wondered why someone enters into the Clergy? Do you wonder if they have struggles with faith, G-d, Torah, Judaism? Now you have an opportunity to hear about the many situations, struggles and victories of being a Cantor in the 21st century.

Cantor Matt Axelrod of New Jersey and I have recorded and created a podcast titled "Two Cantors Walk Into a Bar".

We speak to the blessings, curses, bizarre situations and bloopers that occur in our pulpits as well as personal stories about serving G-d but even harder, serving our Congregations and being public figures who are always at the ready to dispense spiritual advice, a nurturing smile, enthusiasm, encouragement and sometimes, when appropriate,...scotch!

Feel free to enjoy these free episodes with behind-thescene topics such as :

- \* Interfaith Issues for Cantors
- \* Things We Fear
- \* Cantorial Pet Peeves
- \* Being Female Clergy
- \* Self-Care for Cantors

Recorded over several months, Cantor Matt and I desired to provide short, fun, accessible and free podcasts to whomever is interested to learn a bit more about the experiences off the bimah, and a few on the bimah that are sure to make you chuckle!

Suggested topics welcome, and remember the next time, the "drinks are on us." Go to: Twocantors.podbean.com.

Cantor Penny Myers

### Tisha B'Av

Saturday, August 10, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware

Come for a Q&A discussion on how we can turn the memory of a terrible past into a call for a better future.

Tisha B'Av is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar. We commemorate the destruction of both the first and second temples in Jerusalem (586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E., respectively), and many other tragedies have occurred on the same date.

# **Annual Meeting**Our Year in Review

Julie Dressler Weinberg began the **President's Remarks**. by sharing how endlessly gratified she has been by the willingness of so many of our congregants to step up and give of their time and talent for the betterment of Temple Beth Zion.

"My Presidency last year began with the rescheduled BBC Concert. The band was fantastic, and the Rabbi Fink Auditorium was full of happy people enjoying a wonderful evening. It was the work of TBZ Past President Warren Clark and his dedicated committee that created a magical evening for us and the greater community.

"In October, our notion of security was shattered by the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. This led to TBZ forming the Security Task Force, skillfully led by Michael Wisnock. Under Michael's inspired leadership, we have begun the challenging work to ensure that our congregants safety is top of mind. In addition, TBZ has joined with Buffalo Jewish Federation's Security Task Force to look at the security needs of the entire Jewish community.

"A different but equally important new committee that began this past fall is our Engagement Committee led by the amazing Jody Goldstein. Jody and her committee have worked to welcome new members and develop programing to help our current membership feel more connected to our shul and each other.

"Last fall also welcomed Anna Marie Richmond as our new Ritual Committee Chair. Her thoughtful leadership of this committee to ensure that our diverse desires for a meaningful ritual experience be achieved is ongoing.

"We have much to be positive about over the past year with exciting new programs and several new ideas.

"As we look forward to our shared future, we are excited about so many things. We continue to live and expand our mission and vision to support our Jewish Values and engage and connect with each other in ways that are meaningful to us."

David Goldberg provided the **Treasurer's Report:** The congregation approved the proposed operating budget of \$1,588,411, which includes a potential shortfall of \$48,000. The board and professional staff are committed to taking steps during this year to reduce the project shortfall through a combination of additional fundraising, diligent collection of contributions and dues, mindful spending, and if necessary, a board-approved withdrawal from the TBZ reserve funds.

We project \$1,540,012 in revenue. Membership dues and contributions are critical sources of revenue and account for just under 50% of revenue. The financial commitments each of us make are critical to the financial health of our

institution, as they enable the clergy and staff to meet the needs of our TBZ families.

The 2019-20 budget includes a 4% increase in membership assessments. It is important that each of us continue to honor the membership commitments that have been made.

Revenue, such as rental income from our tenants, continues to support our physical spaces.

We continue to look for new ways of raising money through additional fundraising events and opportunities with the expectation that dollars will be raised through various events that are social, fun and appealing to the wide community.

Expenses are projected to be \$1,588,016. Our personnel costs account for the majority of our expenses. It's these funds that go directly to support our TBZ mission, values and families giving us Clergy support during life-cycle events, worship, our individual interactions, festivals and holidays, teachers for Religious School and PALS, continued upkeep and care of our facilities and general organizational support for our families.

While we continue to diligently manage our expenses, they continue to rise due to increasing costs of security, minimum wage and costs of utilities and repairs. The Financial Planning Committee, Board of Trustees and professional staff will continue to look long-term to increase financial stability.

In addition to the budget, the Congregation voted to elect the following individuals to the Board of Trustees: Cindy Gradl (1-year term); Michael Komm (2-year term); Adam Field, Daniel Kotzin, Sharon Schwartz, Eric Snitzer, Amelida Weinmann, and Kaarsten Wisnock (3-year terms). Outgoing Trustees Susan Bring Tobe, Stephen Yonaty and Nathan Wallens were thanked for their efforts.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, we thanked the TBZ administration and maintenance staff. The value of the contribution of the entire TBZ office and maintenance staff is beyond words. Without the dedication and hard work of each person, we could not be here.

We especially thanked and congratulated staff members:

- Kara Kane for 5 years of service.
- RJ Dehima for 15 years of service.
- ♦ Ann Marie Randall on being promoted to Bookkeeper.
- Ed Feldman on his retirement.

We also welcomed new administrative staff, Darcie Beattie (Clergy Assistant) and Serge Arutunjan (Accounting), and maintenance staff, Hem Gotamay (Delaware), Dorje Dukpa (Broder) and Jon Doyle (Broder).

# New Appointments at TBZ Executive Director

Shalom! My name is Jeff Clark and I am thrilled to serve as the next Executive Director of Temple Beth Zion.

Among TBZ's core values are ensuring our communities and neighborhoods thrive, and fulfilling our role in Tikkun Olam. These virtuous aims mirror my



own, and I am eager to begin dedicating my efforts to learning and expanding the means by which our Congregation achieves them. Be on the lookout for exciting developments in the coming months and years!

I'm joining TBZ after a wonderful career at RR Donnelley, where I managed a team of financial problem solvers. During my tenure with RRD, I completed a number of courses in project management at Niagara University and studied credit laws and processes through the Credit Research Foundation. Prior to RRD, I earned a B.S. in Political Science at RIT, and I am currently working toward an MBA from the University of Wyoming.

Aside from brief stints living in Boston and Los Angeles, Amherst/Williamsville has always been my home. My wife, Deborah, and I live very close to TBZ's Aaron and Bertha Broder Center for Jewish Education, and are excited our son, Ari, will soon experience the impressive PALS-Kadimah preschool program.

For more information about Temple Beth Zion, please check out www.tbz.org, and for more information about me, please stop in after July 15 and say hello!

### **Director of PALS-Kadimah**

Zahava Fried is thrilled to join the TBZ family as the Director of the PALS-Kadimah preschool program starting

on July 1. Zahava began her education at Yeshiva University, where she studied Judaic Studies, and also has a bachelor's degree in Educational Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood Studies from SUNY Empire State College.



In her spare time, Zahava volunteers for the uffalo Jewish Federation as the Co-President

Buffalo Jewish Federation as the Co-President for the Nickel City Jews. Zahava is a classically trained vocalist, violinist, and violist, and she uses her musical talents as a teaching tool in the PALS-Kadimah classroom to imbue the joy of music.

Zahava and her husband, Yaakov, live in Amherst with their one-year-old daughter, Lilah, and a small zoo of pets.

If you are interested in learning more about the PALS-Kadimah Preschool Program, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to Zahava at pals@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, Ext. 139.

### **Engagement Committee News**

We are a family of Jews. We are a community of people looking for spiritual nourishment and connection. As it says in our *Siddur*, "May the door of this synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship. May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.... May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life."

Members of our Temple Beth Zion family, and our Western New York Jewish community, are continuing to get together and form relationships. And, every time an activity ends I am asked when the next one will be. Our community is looking for connection. And, connection will continue through monthly events.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Friday, August 16, Shabbat Service, followed by a BBQ dinner at Broder. See the cover of this issue for more information.

Sunday, August 25, (10 - 11 a.m.) Bagel Brunch. Bagel Jay's, 100 Plaza Drive (Hopkins and Klein). This no-host meal is organized by Jody Goldstein.





Tuesday, August 27, (7:05 p.m. game time) TBZ Night at the Bisons Game. This buy-your-own-ticket event is open to all ages and is organized by Jody Goldstein. Meet at the Swan-Michigan main gate by 6:50, and we will purchase general admission tickets

(BOGO with a NOCO receipt). Hope to see you there!

Our next Congregational Forum, scheduled for Sunday, September 15, at 9:30 a.m. at Broder, will focus on Engagement. I need to find out more about what all of you want and need from your TBZ membership, and what will make you feel more welcomed and connected.

Suggestions for programming and ideas to improve engagement are always appreciated. Please contact me at any time with questions, comments, or just to say, "hi." I want to connect with each and every one of you!

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson) JAGoldstein827@gmail.com





## **Summer Update**

We are excited about all the new initiatives at Religious School this year. We are continuing all the great programs we put in place last year, the Late Sunday classes, Camp Chuggim, Poetry, and are planning some new specialty programs run by our amazing Madrichim. We are also implementing a Madrichim Leadership Program this fall.

TBZ Religious School may be out for the summer, but we use this time for cleaning, reflecting, planning and preparing for the next school year.

Our amazing school features a multitude of attributes such as technology, smart boards in our classrooms, Chuggim, special elective classes for students in grades 3-7, learning through the arts, Sunday Tots, and we are planning to bring back learning opportunities for the adults in our Congregation who want to spend time with us on Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions regarding Temple Beth Zion's Religious School or would like registration information, please contact Kara Kane at (716) 836-6565 or by email at kara@tbz.org

Kara Kane, Religious School Director

# First Day of School Is Sunday, September 15

### **Madrichim Invitation**

We invite teens in grades 8 - 12 to join the TBZ Madrichim program in September. Stay connected, learn new skills and at the same time show our young students that you are committed to lifelong Jewish learning!

During the 2018-19 school year, 40 teens made the decision to get up early and continue their Jewish education by joining our Madrichim program. *Madrich* in Hebrew is a guide, and our madrichim truly are wonderful guides and role models for our younger students.

In addition to assisting in the classrooms, *madrichim* will participate in a leadership program led by our Curriculum Specialist as well as our Youth Group Advisors. These meetings will provide our teens with a framework and a focus for the work that they do in the classrooms and with students, as well as teach them skills that they will use throughout their lives!

Want to be a part of the TBZ Madrichim program? Contact Kara Kane at (716) 836-6565 or kara@tbz.org.



Email Rabbi Jonathan (rabbifreirich@tbz.org) if you'd like to be included in a weekly email about Jewish Learning.

### Talmud Talk

Wednesday, August 14

Noon – 1 p.m.

### Sheridan Family Restaurant, 3901 Sheridan Drive

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

Friday, August 23

Noon - 1 p.m.

### Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue, in the library

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. Lunch and drinks provided. Please RSVP to rabbifreirich@tbz.org

### **Torah Study**

Saturdays

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

### Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue

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.



### **Elul Study Series**

During our Elul Study Series we will look at "G-d Wrestling." G-d in Judaism, G-d in Prayer and G-d in our Interfaith Community. The series will take place during 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue, on Fridays, September 6, 13 and 20. Watch your September Bulletin for more details.



### Join and Serve

Ken Graber will again serve as Brotherhood President and will continue to be the guiding hand behind Achim, which is held at Weinberg Campus. Each month we invite a speaker (all the speakers are volunteers) from the community to join the residents for a breakfast discussion on a topic of either the residents' interest or the speaker's choice, whether that be current events, religious related or general interest. For Chanukah, the TBZ junior choir's program has annually been a residents' favorite. We are always looking for speakers for Achim to share their knowledge with the Weinberg residents and all members of the Jewish community who wish to attend and participate in Achim, which is held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Meadows Lounge.

Our annual membership begins with your opportunity to use the form below to sign up now. We invite all men of the Temple to join and contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs. This is a great time to join. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form below and return it with your dues. Please join and support Brotherhood. Remember that all funds raised through fundraisers or programs go back to the Temple to help fund Temple operations, programs, scholarships, etc.

The High Holy Days begin September 29. It is not too soon to plan your ushering schedule; we are again requesting your assistance in ushering at this year's services. Please contact Sandy Beckman, usher captain again this year, at SSbeck332@verizon.net, text to (716) 864-9174 or if you prefer the old way, call him at (716) 633-1142.

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

> Sincerely, Philip Chazen

## **Brotherhood Membership** 2019-2020

Name.	
Phone:	
City:	State: Zip:
Email:	

□ \$25 □ \$36 □ \$50 (Dues are \$25, but we invite you to consider a higher contribution level.

Mail to: Norman Weingarten, 41 Carriage Hill West, Williamsville, NY 14221-2140





### **Angelica Levy** Saturday, August 17

Daughter of: Donna & Irv Levy Mitzvah Project: Re-usable shopping bags



### Ruby Amelia Freiman Saturday, August 31

Daughter of: Brandi & Dave Freiman Mitzvah Project: Adopt-A-Beach Great Lakes

### Mitzvah Project

Angelica Levy's Mitzvah Project involves collecting donations of clean used or new t-shirts to be made into reusable shopping bags. These are used in place of plastic grocery bags. A fun example is shown here.



### **Mazel Tov**

To Allison Pieri and Alexander Mazurek, who were married on June 2. Allison is the daughter of Debbie Pieri, and Alexander's parents are Susan and Harry Mazurek. The wedding took place at Statler City, and the couple is honeymooning in Ireland.

To Cantor Penny Myers, who will be inducted into Williamsville North's Alumni Wall of Honor. The honor recognizes distinguished alumni who serve as role models for today's students, demostrating the importance of school and power of learning. The ceremony will take place on November 8.

Ruach Buffalo
(Spirit of Buffalo)

A new Jewish community choir is happening, led by Cantor Penny Myers

Come be part of this wonderful, new, and fun experience through Jewish music.

All musical abilities welcome.

If you are interested, contact Cantor Myers at (716) 836-6565, Ext. 130, or email cantor@tbz.org.



## Presidents' Message

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) has been busy planning for **2019-20.** We have many exciting programs and trips planned. Sisterhood's goals are to help our Temple, the Buffalo community and to connect to other women worldwide through WRJ. **We hope you will join us.** 

Save the date and watch for information in the September Bulletin for Opening Luncheon on Sunday, October 6. To get more information about our programs, watch for our mailings and the Bulletin's Sisterhood page. Also make sure you are getting the Sisterhood weekly emails from Carole and check out the temple calendar on the TBZ web site. There's always something going on that will hopefully pique your interest. We are always looking for familiar and new faces, so become a member.

The Sisterhood Membership form for the upcoming year is on this page. We hope you will send in your membership now so we can save on postage, paper and printing costs for the mailing to be sent later this month. Sisterhood supports many aspects of our temple; we hope you'll become a member!

Any questions? Please contact Co-Presidents Susan Bruckheimer (835-0421) or Marilyn Schillroth (832-4757).

### Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

#### 50% off most items in shop

Passover, Chanukah, Rosh Hashanah, Mezuzahs, Shabbat, Tzedakah Boxes, wedding gifts and select jewelry. Some exceptions apply.

TBZ members receive 20% off when they buy a Tallit for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child.

The shop will be open during August by appointment. Contact Susan at susan\_b@roadrunner.com or (716) 835-0421 or Dee at (204) 446-1211.

If office staff is available they can assist you Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

We will have regular hours when Religious School starts Sunday, September 15.

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

### **Opening Luncheon**

Sunday, October 6, at noon Airport Hilton Garden Inn, Genesee Street



Our guest speaker will be Susan Case DeMari, a native Buffalonian, who was recently appointed as our community's first security coordinator. Watch your September Bulletin for details and a reservation form.

## Why Do You Need Sisterhood?

Sisterhood provides a collective identity for the women of the Congregation. We are a caring family of women, bonding together. We are at the forefront of many important issues. We advocate for the homeless, the hungry, religious education, women's issues and, most importantly, our Congregation. We offer this to all generations of women from the youngest to the oldest. Sisterhood needs you, and you need us.

We extend our hands and our hearts to you! We hope you will join us.

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### 2019-2020 Sisterhood Membership Levels



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i□ Rebekah	\$54		
¦□ Rachel	\$40		
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if you would like to receive 5 Uniongrams)			
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### **2019 Confirmation Class**

Confirmation took place at Temple Beth Zion on June 8. The Confirmands were escorted by members of the Temple Beth Zion Board of Trustees. Bottom row (from left): Emma Isenberg, Ariella Yonaty, Gabrielle Kennelly, Sophie Altman, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich. Top row (from left): Cantor Penny Myers, Saul Myers, Noah Block, Daniel Weiss, Zachary Wexler.





The American Guild of Organists held their Northeast Region Convention in Buffalo the first week of July. Temple Beth Zion was among the locations in Western New York to host a concert. The 48-rank, 4,000-pipe Casavante Freres organ in our Sanctuary came alive under the artistic execution of Stephen Price (pictured here with Cantor Penny Myers). Hundreds of guests enjoyed wonderful music in our beautiful Sanctuary. TBZ organist David Bond served as Competition Chair for the Convention.

# How We Worship at TBZ Covering our Heads to Pray

This is the first in a multi-part series prepared by the Ritual Committee.

Historically Jewish men and boys covered their heads as a sign of respect during worship services, Jewish study and at other times when one of the names of God might be mentioned. The custom still prevails in many branches of Judaism, ranging from those who wear a head covering at all times, to those who wear them only during services.

The traditional head-covering, called yarmulke (pronounced YAH-muh-kuh) in Yiddish or Kippa (pronounced key-PA) in Hebrew, is a small round cap that sits atop the dome of the skull. For those with little or no hair, the yarmulke shapes itself to the dome of the skull; those with more hair often need to secure it with bobby pins or clips.

When Classical Reform Judaism developed in the United States, many "old-world" Jewish practices were discarded, including the custom of covering the head during worship services. In the latter part of the 20th century, yarmulkes reentered Reform synagogues – partly on the heads of men who had been raised in other branches of Judaism, and partly as a conscious re-adoption of more traditional customs (including the use of more Hebrew during the service.) At the same time, as Jewish feminism made strides toward full participation of women in all aspects of worship and practice, many liberal Jewish women adopted the custom of wearing kippot (plural of kippa) at services.

At Temple Beth Zion, as elsewhere, the tradition shifted. By the late 1980s, a significant percentage of the men and a few women in the Congregation routinely wore yarmulkes to services, and the Ritual Committee voted to make kippot available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Chapel to accommodate those who wished to cover their heads but who had not brought a yarmulke with them. That practice remains in effect today. The covering of one's head during services is optional, and depends upon the wearer's preference. Non-Jewish guests and Jews, alike, may or may not don kippot depending upon their own preference.

### **Shofar Corps Is Calling You**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to blow the shofar? Did you receive one as a gift, and it is on your shelf gathering dust? Have you wanted to be part of our Shofar Corps who play during our Rosh Hashanah services and at the end of Neilah on Yom Kippur? If you can say "yes" to any of this, contact Cantor Myers at cantor@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, Ext. 130.

Fulfilling the mitzvah of blowing shofar with our TBZ Shofar Corps can be an amazing experience. Join us - classes/rehearsals will begin in early September.

### **High Holy Days 5779-5780**

### Service Schedule

#### Rosh Hashanah:

Sunday, September 29, 8 p.m. Evening Service Monday, September 30, 9 a.m. Tot Service & Program Monday, September 30, 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service Monday, September 30, Becker Farms Service (Advance registration required)

Monday, September 30, 5 p.m. Tashlich at Canalside **Yom Kippur:** 

Tuesday, October 8, 8 p.m. Evening Service Wednesday, October 9, 9 a.m. Family Service Wednesday, October 9, 9 a.m. Tot Service & Program Wednesday, October 9, 11:30 a.m. Traditional Morning Service

Wednesday, October 9, 3:15 p.m. Traditional Afternoon, Yizkor and N'eilah Service

#### Service at Becker Farms

This annual event and alternative service always sells out—and with good reason. Upon arrival at Becker Farms and check-in, you can enjoy a good schmooze while noshing on great donuts and fresh apples with cozy warm drinks (all made and grown right at the farm).

Then it's on to a creative and family-oriented prayer service, led this year by Judy Henn and accompanied by Sara Schultz.

After services, we all take a stroll past a big barn and through a pasture on our way to a creek for *tashlich*, and then it's on to an open-air lunch. So much to fill your day — such a fantastic way to usher in the New Year!

We hope you'll join us, but act quickly. Becker Farms can only hold so many of us, and spots fill up quickly. The deadline for reservations is September 10 or when full – whichever comes first. Please use the reservation form on the next page.

### Yom Kippur Food Drive

Once again, our youth group, TBaZY, is collecting food for our Town Square Food Pantry. Our food pantry has begun to feed many families and households in need, and since its opening has seen that need rise. On Yom Kippur, the most important fast day of the Jewish Year, we make a powerful statement to help those who have no choice about hunger and need assistance.

### Tashlich - Casting Away Our Transgressions Monday, September 30, at 5 p.m. Canalside

Meet us on the Whipple Truss bridge over the commercial slip near Liberty Hound. We will sound the shofar and toss bread crumbs and bird seed into the water, as we symbolically rid ourselves of the transgressions of the last year. Everyone welcome - celebrate the New Year with this very brief and beautiful ritual.

### Special Blessing for Spouses, Parents Who Happen Not to Be Jewish

We will recognize the extraordinary efforts non-Jews at Temple Beth Zion make in order to create Jewish families and raise Jewish children by offering a special blessing during the main Yom Kippur morning service when the Torah is chanted. If you are one of these wonderful people, we hope that you will plan to attend so that we can call you up to the *bimah* to honor and bless you before the Congregation. The main Yom Kippur morning service will begin at 11:30 on Wednesday, October 9, in the Sanctuary.

#### **Ticket Information**

High Holy Day tickets will be mailed at the end of August. If you have not received your tickets by September 9, call the Temple office at 836-6565.

If you still owe a balance on your dues, please call the Temple office at 836-6565. If you are unable to pay your support in full before the High Holy Days, or if you have any other questions about ticket policies, call Jeff Clark, Executive Director of the Temple, at 836-6565.

If you require reciprocal tickets to attend High Holy Day Services at another synagogue, please contact Becky at 836-6565 no later than September 9.

#### Tishrei Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 6, at noon at Forest Lawn (section Z). Rabbi Jonathan Freirich will lead a brief service in memory of beloved members of our families. This service offers comfort to the living while strengthening ties to our departed loved ones during the High Holy Day season.

### **Greeters and Ushers**

Greeters and Ushers for the High Holy Days are needed. If you are interested, please contact usher captain Sandy Beckman at ssbeck332@verizon.net, phone (716) 633-1142 or cell (716) 864-9174. Our thanks to those who have already volunteered.

### 2019 RESERVATION FORM ALTERNATIVE ROSH HASHANAH CELEBRATION

AT BECKER FARMS IN GASPORT Monday, September 30, 10 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

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Guest Information Because of limited space, we can only accommodate Guests ages 13 and over are \$45 per person. Guests ages 12 and under are attend with their guests.  Guest Name Relationship Address				e Beth Zion members	
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In Memory of:

**Virginia Gross,** by June Iris Hesch, Donald & Betsy Lesses

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**In Appreciation of:** 

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for his comfort, support and organizing at a difficult time, by Clareanne Silver Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Virginia Gross, by her family Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for officiating the marriage of Leah Weinberg & Jamie Bloom, by June Adler

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**In Appreciation of:** 

Being welcomed in our synagogue and museum, by Lawrence & Gail Blackman

In Honor of:

**Amy Schaefer's** service as Temple Administrator, by Marcia & Marvin Frankel

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In Honor of:

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### In Honor of:

**Evan, Luke & Grace Applebaum** on their B'nei Mitzvah, by Wendy & Michael Dozoretz

### In Appreciation of:

**Cantor Penny S. Myers** for her support at a difficult time, by Clareanne Silver

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**Cantor Penny S. Myers** for her support during a difficult time, by Herman Stone

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**Cantor Penny S. Myers'** service for Joan Cohen Friedman, by her family

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### In Memory of:

Peggy Stone, by Lynn & Dick Hirsch, Susan & Steven Schwartz, Phyllis & Larry Itzkowitz, Kathleen & Kenneth Rogers, Natalie Shatkin, Sandy Saada, Suzanne Grossman, Mary Anne Clarke, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Lewin, Carole & Norm Weingarten, Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion, Linda & Carl Snitzer, Cindy & Jeff Fridenberg, Betsy & Bruce Goldstein, Shellie Rutstein, Judy & Cliff Swadron, Patricia Vershay, Jo Schweitzer, Suzanne Kahn, Eugene & Kathleen Aiello, The Ellis & Donner Families, Ruth Lansing, Sheila Trossman

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In Honor of:

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# Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

### August 30 & 31

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# Bereavement Group

The Temple Beth Zion Bereavement Group will be on hiatus this summer.

In the fall, members of the community will again have the opportunity to come and share the mutual fellowship and support of the group.

In the meantime, if you are struggling and need help, I encourage you to reach out to Rabbi Jonathan Freirich or Cantor Penny Myers at the Temple office, or me at 873-2836.

Carol Caserta

### August 2 & 3

#### Mabel Altman Edward I. Levv Nathan Lichtman Hatty Rosenberg Barmon Florence L. Louis Iris Biltekoff Rose Panimo Morris Dozoretz Penny Peckoff Philip Eisenberg Marguerite Nettie Fleishman Reinauer Ellis Anna C. Remson Mollie Freedman Pauline Rodgers Anna Fuhn Dinah Hittleman Irving Gerstman Rothenberg Mildred Beck Lillian Kadet Gerstman Shapiro Julius Goldstein Joseph Sparberg Richard Alan Gould Luba Taylorson Melvin B. Hoffman Sheldon Weisberg Blanche S. Weiss David Hurwitz Florence Winer Shirley Sapowitch Lans Edward H.

Yahrzeit Anniversaries for August 30 & 31 can be found on page 13.

Wolkind

Paul Zinn

### August 9 & 10

Augus
Hannah M. Beck
Esther Mages
Berman
Samuel Bloom
Mildred Edelman
Michael Elliott
Brown
Jacob Carrel
Janet B. Clark
Esther Cohn
David I. Cooper
Samuel Feldman
Robert L. Fierstein
Myles Naylord Fox
David J. Goldstein
Louise Jellinek
Gross
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**August 16 & 17** 

Ida Jeanette Kahn Della B. Kempner Jacky Knopp Jr. Ethel Kurzman Israel R. Lederman Hortense B. Lewin Henry Lightman Levin Michaels Saul R. Myers Marcus Reback Albert Rosen Beatrice C. Rosen Leonard Rovall Ruthe H. Sperling Carrie Schweitzer Max Siegel Julius Singer E. Thomas Smith Joseph Stein Betty W. Stovroff Mary Joe Treger Eugene M. Warner Bertha Weil Samuel J. Weinstein Belle Goldstein White

### August 23 & 24

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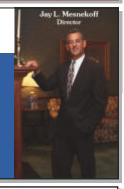
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### **Engagement in August**

Members of our Temple Beth Zion family, and our Western New York Jewish community, are continuing to get together for wonderful events. Our connection will continue through these events - we hope you will join us!

### **Kabbalat Shabbat Service & BBQ**

Friday, August 16, 6 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

### **Bagel Brunch**

Sunday, August 25, 10 a.m. Bagel Jay's, 100 Plaza Drive

### **TBZ Night at the Bisons Game**

Tuesday, August 27, 7:05 p.m. game time

See details on all these events on page 5.

Each month we include the Temple Beth Zion
Mission Statement and Our Shared Future in the Bulletin.
Quite often it gets assigned to some random available
spot after we include all the "current events." We have
included it here because it is who we strive to be, and
that should always be our most current event.

## **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\*\*

### Our Shared Future

Our spiritual and cultural ties to Judaism will strengthen us as individuals, as a community and as a people. We will be as welcoming in our congregation as we are in our homes and will honor our sacred covenant with God in caring for both our members and the greater community.