

# tbz Bulletin

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## Temple Beth Zion Community Forum

Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m.  
805 Delaware Avenue

Join TBZ President Julie Weinberg at 6 p.m. for a Temple Beth Zion Community Forum about our facilities. Members of the Building Task Force as well as the Facilities Committee will be on hand.

Stay for the energetic 7 p.m. Shabbat Alive Service featuring our Junior Choir and the TBZ House Band.

During the Service, we will recognize and welcome the newest members of our community.

See you there!



## TBZ Shabbat Chanukah Service

Friday, December 27  
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road  
6 p.m. Happy Hour

Featuring mini latkes (a Catering by Karen specialty), jelly donuts, and hot chocolate. Yum!

7 p.m. Shabbat Chanukah Service

Bring your menorah so we can light candles together.

RSVP for Happy Hour by emailing [becky@tbz.org](mailto:becky@tbz.org) or calling the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.



## Annual Chanukah Bazaar

Gifts for family and friends of all ages are available at the Chanukah Bazaar. Home décor, giftwrap, cards and much more. Take advantage of this opportunity for one-stop Chanukah shopping!

### Broder Center Hours:

Sundays, December 8 & 15, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Monday - Wednesday, December 9 - 16, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Thursdays, December 12 & 19, 4:30 - 6 p.m.  
Fridays, December 13, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

### Open Before Friday Services:

805 Delaware, December 6, 13 & 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Broder Center, December 27, 6 p.m.

The community is welcome!

## December Mitzvah Opportunities

Volunteers for Friends of Night People are needed for serving dinner on December 10. In addition, we plan to serve on December 25 so volunteers who celebrate Christmas can be with their families.

See page 4 for details.

The Caring Community Committee will make Chanukah baskets and deliver them to our members who find it difficult or impossible to get around in the winter months.

See page 10 for details on this heartwarming Mitzvah.



Welcoming the stranger is a central part of who we are as Jewish community. In "A Lesson in Hospitality", Rabbi Kerry M. Olitsky noted that "perhaps more than anyone else, Abraham and Sarah represent role models par excellence for what we are trying to achieve in creating a welcoming Jewish community." You will recall that when the strangers approached Abraham's tent, he not only greeted them, he RAN to greet them. We at TBZ are striving to be more welcoming to our new and not so new members of our beautiful synagogue.

I hope that many of you will join me on December 6 at 805 Delaware for a "New Member Shabbat." It is certain to be a wonderful evening with the beautiful music of our Junior Choir. Our new members are truly a blessing to our community. Let's be like Abraham and Sarah and welcome our new members with warmth and joy.

I am so pleased to share with you that I will be joining Rabbi Freirich, Executive Director Jeff Clark and Religious School Director Beth Steinberg at the URJ Biennial December 11-15 in Chicago. To quote from the URJ website, "The Biennial is a place for Jews from around the world to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing while helping to shape the future of the Reform Movement....more than 5,000 participants study ancient texts with leading Jewish minds, share ideas about strengthening congregational life..." In addition to all sorts of learning and worship opportunities, I will have the opportunity to enjoy a breakfast with others who attended, as did I, the Scheidt Seminar (a yearly gathering of Presidents-elect of Reform congregations). I am looking forward to meeting with my peers to discuss their experiences of life as a temple President. I will happily share with you what I learn.

I think the event about which I am most excited is a program honoring our very own Cantor Barbara Ostfeld. She will receive the Debbie Friedman Award for Contributions to Jewish Music. I truly cannot imagine a more worthy recipient than the first woman ever to be ordained as a Cantor. I am thrilled to be in attendance to celebrate her remarkable achievements.

Finally, I am delighted to share with you that PASS (Parents at Sunday School) made a triumphant return last month. On Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Broder Center, Rabbi Freirich will be speaking about, "Zohar, Jewish Mysticism, and other Mysteries Explained". This wonderful program is open to our entire community - not just our Sunday school parents. I hope to see you there!

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.

<b>Friday, December 6</b>	
Shabbat Alive & New Member Welcome	7 p.m.
<b>Birthday &amp; Anniversary Blessings</b>	
Service at Amberleigh	6:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
<b>Friday, December 13</b>	
Spirituality Shabbat Service	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 14</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
<b>Friday, December 20</b>	
Kulanu Winter Service	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 21</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
<b>Friday, December 27</b>	
Chanukah Shabbat Service	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 28</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.

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Letter from the Rabbi

**Do, Think, Feel, and Inspire**

Four words – doing, feeling, thinking, and inspiring – these are the models by which we seek and establish good for ourselves and the world.

Temple Beth Zion offers us many opportunities to do all of these in the coming months.

Our Social Justice Team, as well as members of the Congregation Chavurah Social Action Committee, met in the beginning of November with Russ Agdern, the Senior Organizer for RAC-NY (the Religious Action Center for the State of New York) to evaluate how we might make New York more compassionate and just by exerting some influence on the next legislative session. We looked at improving our schools, seeking justice for immigrants, setting limits on solitary confinement, working on reforming parole, and opportunities to improve health care for New Yorkers.

We will reconvene with Jewish activists in our region, including Rochester, Syracuse, and Binghamton, in mid-December to help decide on which of these issues we will work on for 2020 – stay tuned. Our big event will be Monday, March 16, when we travel to Albany and lobby our legislature – everyone is invited. Please let me know if there are other issues that you feel our Jewish values should be motivating us to act on.

The Racial Equity Roundtable will hold its Annual Day of Racial Healing on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m., at Elim Christian Fellowship. Richard Rothstein, the author of a most important book, *The Color of Law*, concerning the legal aspects of racial segregation will be speaking and giving us much in the way of intellectual and emotional fuel for actions to come.

Inspiration comes from many sources, and I hope that you will join me as we gather for the first of our spirituality events of 2020, on Tuesday, January 7, in the library at 805 Delaware Avenue. Our topic will be “The Future and the Zohar.” (See details on page 4).

Good actions, emotions, thoughts, and spiritualities are developed interdependently to provide greater individual and communal wholeness. Let’s embark on these journeys together.

Wishing everyone a December of blessings,

Jonathan

## Spiritual Recharge at Temple Beth Zion for 5780

Each of the following evenings will include coffee and desserts, a spiritual practice, and a chance to learn and share.

Resources will be available ahead of time - please email Rabbi Jonathan Freirich at [rabbi@tbz.org](mailto:rabbi@tbz.org) with questions and to RSVP.

### "The Future and the Zohar"

Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m., 805 Delaware Avenue

Following the Tenth of Tevet we will "raise our eyes" and heed the signs, seeking new perspectives that inspire and energize our minds, hearts, and spirits.

We will have desserts and coffee for our bodies, and texts, practices, and conversations for our souls.

The Jewish project can be described as attending to these four areas:

- ★ Doing – acting together to make our community and state better.
- ★ Feeling and Thinking – learning in a way that helps us reflect on the actions that may move the world to greater wholeness and justice.
- ★ Inspiring – finding the deeper connections to the mysteries of the universe that provide us the inner strength and frameworks to engage the world with creativity and compassion.

### "Think Big"

Sunday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Esther's Fast reminds us that not even the sky is the limit. Let us expand our sense of what is possible, both within ourselves and in the world.

### "Break Through"

Thursday, July 9, 7 p.m.

The Walls of Jerusalem fell and on this Seventeenth of Tamuz we will evaluate all the barriers around us – those that protect and those that limit.

## December Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will close at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed Wednesday, December 25. In addition, the office will close at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 and will be closed Wednesday, January 1. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.

## Talmud Talk

Wednesday, December 4, noon - 1 p.m.

Sheridan Family Restaurant, 3901 Sheridan Dr.

All our Judaism, especially Reform Judaism, starts in the Talmud. Everyone is welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning. Materials provided. No host lunch.

## I and Thou and Lunch

Friday, December 20, noon - 1 p.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave., 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 are provided. Please RSVP to [rabbifreirich@tbz.org](mailto:rabbifreirich@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.

Email Rabbi Freirich at [rabbi@tbz.org](mailto:rabbi@tbz.org) if you'd like to be included in a weekly email about Jewish Learning.



**Friends of  
Night People**

## Helping Friends of Night People

Volunteers for Friends of Night People are needed for serving dinner on December 10. In addition, this month we plan to serve on December 25 so volunteers who celebrate Christmas can be with their families.

Join us as we serve a warm meal to those who would otherwise go hungry. Please contact Leslie Garfinkel at 839-0079, to put your name on the list of volunteers for December 10 or December 25. Come once or more often - whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

*Please note: Due to Friends of Night People restrictions, no one under 16 years of age is allowed to participate here.*

## Engagement Committee News

When I joined Temple Beth Zion seventeen years ago it was pretty much a non-event. Sure, I signed membership forms and agreed to pay dues. I signed my son up for Religious School and I agreed to pay tuition. We attended services for Shabbat and holidays...and my tiny family sat together, but alone. We were, of course welcome to be there, but we were never formally welcomed. Temple Beth Zion was our spiritual home...but it never quite felt like a home. We were not a legacy family, and we were not big donors... so we were never really made to feel important. When I was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees, I agreed to do so only if I could make it my mission to never allow another individual or family feel like we often felt. I have formed and chaired our Engagement Committee with the goal of helping our members to feel welcome and included.

As Jews, being welcoming is and always has been an integral part of who we are. Welcoming the stranger is one of Judaism's most time honored virtues. Our tradition supports, in fact commands us, to be welcoming, warm, open, and inclusive people. Our literature is filled with references to these values and the people who displayed them. The commandment to be hospitable appears in the Torah 36 times, more than any other commandment. And, welcoming guests is one of the few *mitzvot* described in the Talmud for which we receive blessing both in this world and in the world to come.

Monthly engagement events are planned to connect members of our Temple Beth Zion family, new and not-so-new, through meals and other events. We have had bagel brunches, Shabbat dinners, Havdallah services, an Erev Yom Kippur pasta dinner, and lunch in the Sukkah. While these events are fun to attend, I hope that their greater purpose of connecting people and enabling us all to feel welcome and wanted comes through as their true mission. I hope many of you will join me on Friday, December 6th at our Delaware building for our New Member Shabbat Service to welcome our newest members. And, while you are there say "hello" to those who you may have seen for years, but never had a conversation with. Sit with someone who may be sitting alone. See if someone needs a ride to an event, perhaps to our upcoming Hanukkah Havdallah. Our community is looking for connection. And, connection will continue through monthly events. But let's not wait for these events to form connections. Let's focus on making connections with members new and not-so-new our priority.

Please contact me at any time with questions, comments, or just to say, "hi." I want to connect with, and I am thankful for, each and every one of you!

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



## Light a Candle for TBZ

As we approach Chanukah, we are reminded that Chanukah commemorates not only the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers, but also the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. A one-day supply of oil burned for eight days, creating the Miracle of Chanukah.

As we remember the Miracle of Chanukah, we turn to you to ask for your assistance to inspire another miracle – to help Temple Beth Zion to stretch its financial resources just as the Miracle of Chanukah stretched the oil.

Because we do not have the luxury of relying solely on God's miracles to keep our candles lit, we ask you, as you light your Chanukah candles this year, to add your flame – your financial contribution – to the flames of fellow congregants and to make a year-end gift to TBZ.

If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Kol Nidre campaign, please take action now. If you have already made your gift, thank you for helping our flame to grow brighter.

Please contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565 or mail in your contribution today.

2019 - 2020 Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs,  
Edward and Sharon Schwartz

## Upcoming Engagement Committee Events

**New Member Welcome &  
Shabbat Alive Service**  
Friday, December 6  
7 p.m. Service at 805 Delaware

**Hanukkah Havdallah**  
Saturday, December 28  
Service followed by a pot-luck dinner. 6 - 8 p.m.  
171 Beard Avenue, Buffalo.  
Please bring a dish to pass and RSVP to  
Jody Goldstein (JAGoldstein827@gmail.com)  
by December 23.

## From the Director

Chanukah is still a few weeks away, so there is time to plan for some special activities and celebrations (besides the ones that you will be attending at Temple Beth Zion!). Not all of it has to involve shopping and wrapping presents.

When my children were little, we would designate different nights of Chanukah in different ways. Two nights were “sponsored” by their two different sets of grandparents. One night would be a Book Night -- a great time to give the kids books I’d bought earlier at a book fair and had hidden on a closet shelf too high for them to see. Another night would be Pajama Night – making gifts out of items I would have had to buy for them anyway. And one night would be Tzedakah Night – a night for us to make donations to charities that were important to them.

I love the ideas suggested by our friends at PJ Library for how to celebrate eight nights of Chanukah – and NONE of them are presents. I’ve adapted them a bit. I hope you find some ideas that will enhance your family’s Chanukah celebration!

**First Night, Decoration Night:** Beautify your home, inside and out, with store-bought or home-made decorations in blue, white, and silver. Make ‘em glittery and sparkly!

**Second Night, Memory Book Night:** Start a Family Chanukah Scrapbook. Take photos, draw pictures, add quotes from every member of the family to commemorate Chanukah 2019. Bring it out again next year to reminisce and add to it!

**Third Night, Family Tree Night:** Tell family stories. Encourage your kids to ask questions about their relatives. Draw the tree and the branches and list everyone’s names and where they came from.

**Fourth Night, Look at Lights Night:** Get out of the house! If the night is clear, look up at the stars. If not, take a drive in the car. Notice all the lights on houses, businesses, streetlights, and signs.

**Fifth Night, Song and Dance Night:** Who in your family plays an instrument? Can they play Chanukah music? Everybody sing along. Or hunt up some Chanukah music online. There is SO much you can find...children’s music, Yiddish music, Israeli music, Chanukah parodies, and more.

**Sixth Night, Latke Night:** It’s what you’ve all been waiting for... LATKES! Go traditional or go with some new varieties: sweet potato latkes, green latkes, cheese latkes, waffle iron latkes, mini latkes, butternut squash latkes, pasta latkes, Mexican chocolate latkes, cinnamon apple latkes... I even found a recipe online for s’mores latkes!

**Seventh Night, Gratitude Night:** What are you grateful for? Your family, your friends, your favorite foods, your favorite books... the list could go on forever. Use colorful markers and index cards to write and draw what you are most thankful for – put them up and make a Gratitude Wall.

And maybe, dedicate this seventh night to doing things for others. Donate canned or boxed foods to Food Gnomes or the Town Square Food Pantry. Read a Chanukah story to a younger sibling or a pet. Make a pot of soup or a casserole and deliver it to a friend or neighbor who may not be feeling well. Make thank you cards for the police officers or firefighters who help to protect your neighborhood.

**Eighth Night, Cookie Night:** Break out those Jewish Star cookie cutters and get everyone in the house together for a cookie baking and decorating party.

I hope something on this list has piqued your interest. Think about adding something different to your family traditions, and maybe create some meaningful new traditions! *Chag Uri Sameach/Happy Festival of Lights!*

*L’Shalom, may all your journeys be towards peace,*  
Beth Steinberg

## Sunday Snapshots



To Rabbi Jonathan Freirich on being selected to receive a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award. The “Concerned Citizens for a Dream” committee has selected Rabbi Freirich to receive the “MLK Interfaith Award.”

The Award will be presented during the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration program on Sunday, January 19 at 6 p.m., in Kleinhans Music Hall.

The community is welcome and invited to attend the program. This year’s theme is “A Journey Traveled by Many, A Dream Living In All.”

To Samantha Kane for being honored for outstanding performance in soccer with First Team All Catholic designation from the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association. In addition, Sam passed her road test the same week.

## Cantor Barbara Ostfeld To Receive URJ Highest Award

Cantor Barbara Ostfeld will be among a select few to receive Reform Judaism’s highest honors at the 75<sup>th</sup> URJ Biennial in Chicago.



Cantor Ostfeld will receive special recognition and will be among the featured speakers at the URJ’s Biennial General Assembly in December.

Cantor Ostfeld will receive the Debbie Friedman Award for Contributions to Jewish Music. What was it like for her to become, at age 22, the first woman ordained as a cantor? Now that Cantor Ostfeld is 66, the Reform cantorate is 336 women strong! Cantor Ostfeld served for 27 years as a cantor in congregations in Clifton, New Jersey, Great Neck, Rochester, and Buffalo, and then for 10 years as the placement director of the American Conference of Cantors. She is the author of *Catbird: The Ballad of Barbi Prim*.

## Welcome New Members

Arin Dandes & Adam Yellen  
Gregory & Alyssa McNulty  
Dee Block

To long-time TBZ member Harold Halpern, who has become a regular contributor to the Sarasota Herald Tribune.

As an avid and educated Israel advocate and member of the American Jewish Committee, Harold has contributed thoughts from his trips to Israel, comments on current Israeli politics, and expert opinions on relationships between American Jews and our Israeli communities.

You can read one of his latest pieces at:

<https://www.heraldtribune.com/opinion/20191030/sarasota-attorney-whither-now-for-israel>

We appreciate and celebrate Harold’s wisdom and broad appeal.

To Cantor Penny Myers, on her induction to the Williamsville Honored Alumni Wall of Fame. The award was presented by Jeffrey Katz.



Following the breakfast and presentation, Cantor Myers returned to her alma mater, Williamsville North, to address students during a special school assembly.

## Honoring Haven House



One of the many things the Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood is known for is their efforts on behalf of Haven House. Members of Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood were invited by Child and Family Services to join them for a dinner at Samuels Grand Manor in honor of Haven House. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Haven House.

## Presidents' Message

Happy Chanukah to our temple family! December is always a busy month. We will again have our annual Chanukah Bazaar at the Broder Center so the Religious School children will have a place to buy presents for their families, and so that the community will also have an opportunity to purchase Judaica for their homes or for gift giving. See below for days and times the Bazaar will be open.

The Sisterhood is once again participating in our annual gift wrap at Barnes & Noble on December 24. We hope for volunteers to sign up to help with the Bazaar or gift wrapping. Give us a call or email and let us know if you can help. Have a Happy New Year.

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757 (Co-Presidents)

## Annual Chanukah Bazaar

### Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst



Gifts for children, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends of all ages.



Menorahs, home décor, gift wrap, candles, gelt.

We have everything for your wonderful celebrations!  
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For information or more hours  
or if you are able to volunteer,  
contact Susan at (716) 982-2099 or  
nana4susan@gmail.com

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

## Sisterhood Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

Tuesday, December 24

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Volunteer for this wonderful and fun fundraiser. Jo Schweitzer is our chair for this program. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers for each 1.5 hour shift beginning at 9 a.m.

Please contact Jo at joschweitzer1580@gmail.com or (716) 838-3794. Please provide your name, phone number, email address and availability and Jo will contact you about your scheduled time to volunteer.

## Fun and Games

Our annual "Games Galore & More" afternoon was a wonderful success. The luncheon, provided by our own Sisterhood ladies, was delicious.

Special thanks to Co-chairs Judy Swadron and Sharon Winer. Helen Weintraub, Susan Nadler and Donna Dickman did more than their share of clean-up.

Ann Fey won the Turkey Dinner Raffle and generously donated it back for a family in need. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to support the raffle.

Thank you to all of you - too many to be named!

Kaaren Norman

## Save Around Buffalo Book

Sisterhood is again selling "Save Around Buffalo" Coupon Books for \$25. We know you will love it. It will be available at all Sisterhood functions and in the Judaica Shop. Please help support Sisterhood and enjoy dining out or purchase one to give as an ideal Chanukah gift.

## TBZ Chanukah Bazaar

The Temple Beth Zion Chanukah Bazaar was started more than 50 years ago. The women of TBZ Sisterhood decided to provide the children of Temple Beth Zion the opportunity to purchase Chanukah-themed presents to give to their parents and family.

Please support this wonderful tradition. Menorahs, decorations, gifts for children and adults - we have everything you need! See our ad on this page for locations and times for the Bazaar.



*On a chilly, snowy Veterans Day, members of the TBaZY Youth Group met at Forest Lawn Cemetery to place American flags at the graves of those who served our country.*

## Achim Hosts Choirs

The Chanukah Achim program will be held on December 8 at 10 a.m. at Weinberg Campus in the Meadows 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Lounge area. The Meadows entrance is across from the JCC. This program will feature the Junior Choir performing Chanukah songs under the direction of Cantor Penny Myers. This year's program will also include the Ruach Buffalo Choir, a new community choir. This annual program is one of the residents' favorites and is highly anticipated and well attended. A very generous breakfast buffet is provided by Weinberg Campus and shared by the Weinberg resident and guests. All who attend the program are invited to partake. Please show your support of Cantor Myers, the Junior Choir, Ruach Buffalo and Brotherhood by attending this very popular and fun program.

It's not too late to become a member of Brotherhood. We look forward to exceeding last year's membership total. 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. What does your membership do? It helps underwrite scholarships for the religious school and to the pre-school program, Brotherhood's annual support of youth programs, capital contributions to the Temple, and other requests for assistance from the Temple. Funds from membership dues and all fundraising programs all go back to the Temple.

On behalf of Brotherhood, I would like to wish all our members, temple members and the Jewish community a very Happy Chanukah and healthy and Happy New Year.

Please feel free to contact the Brotherhood at [TBZBrotherhood@aol.com](mailto:TBZBrotherhood@aol.com) with any suggestions you may have in regards 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 year.

Philip Chazen

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 In the event of inclement weather, please  
 watch WGRZ-Channel 2, WIVB-Channel 4 or WKBW-  
 Channel 7 for Temple Beth Zion  
 closing information.  
 PALS-Kadimah and Religious School closing  
 information will also be available on our phone system  
 at (716) 836-6565. School closing decisions are made  
 independent of local school districts.  
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## Save the Date



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joint Fundraiser Congregation Shir Shalom & Temple Beth Zion

Sunday, March 15, at 7 p.m.

Plan to come for a night of food, fun and friends.

Tickets are limited and will go on sale soon.  
Watch your bulletins and TBZ emails for details.

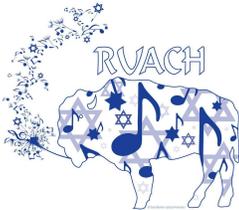
TBZ Co-Chairs Adam & Jen Field

Do you play a musical instrument?  
Can you read a lead sheet or easy  
melody/harmony line?

Our TBZ house band wants to jam with you!  
Please contact Cantor Myers for more  
information.

[cantor@tbz.org](mailto:cantor@tbz.org)  
\*\*All skill levels welcome\*\*

## Ruach Buffalo (Spirit of Buffalo)



A new Jewish community choir is happening  
but we are missing one thing: Y O U !

Come be part of this wonderful, new, and fun  
experience through Jewish music.  
All musical abilities welcome.

If you have questions or would like to join,  
email Kathy Ellis at [kkeedd2156@yahoo.com](mailto:kkeedd2156@yahoo.com)

## Chanukah Mitzvah

The Caring Community Committee will make Chanukah baskets and deliver them to our members who find it difficult or impossible to get around in the winter months.

**We really need your help baking and delivering baskets.**

Please call Leslie Garfinkel 839-0079, if you are able to participate. Bags will be packed with goodies on Friday, December 13. On Sunday, December 15, the bags will be delivered after the Chanukah Bazaar & Chanukah party.

Please consider helping with this wonderful project. Individuals and families are welcome to enjoy the warm appreciation of the recipients.



## Chanukah Blessings

Candles are added to the hanukkiyah (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first and then the Shabbat candles.

Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights.

As you do, say or sing:

*Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, asher kid'shanu  
b'mitsvotav v'tsivanu l'hadik ner shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are you Adonai, our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

*Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, she-asa nisim  
lavoteinu bayamim haheim bazman hazeh.*

Blessed are you Adonai, our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

**For first night only:**

*Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, she-he-chiyanu  
v'kiyimanu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are you Adonai, our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

**Hanerot Halalu**

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold the, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.



As winter quickly approaches, the PALS-Kadimah children are very much looking forward to celebrating Chanukah- the festival of lights! Our Tzedakah project for this month will be the Eight Nights of Tzedakah. For each candle that the children light at home, we ask that our students and families donate one unperishable food item into a paper bag that the children will decorate beforehand and then bring home. After all eight candles are lit, we will gather together all of the donated items and deliver them to the Town Square Food Pantry to help other members in our greater Buffalo community.

An exciting event that the children and staff are very much looking forward to is a visit from Ariella Zeitlin, a professional and highly accomplished violinist, who will be travelling to Buffalo as the Arts Ambassador for Amiel BaKehila. Amiel BaKehila is unique educational and cultural program offered through Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, created to share Israeli talent and strengthen Jewish identity, and the Buffalo Jewish Community is one of the communities that is chosen to receive delegations a few times a year through this amazing organization. Ariella will perform a children's concert only for the PALS-Kadimah children in early December. During this brief concert, she will perform Chanukah music, expose them to Israeli music and culture, and teach them about the violin.

Wishing you and yours a *Chanukah sameach* full of light and love!

Zahava Fried, PALS-Kadimah Director

## Learning with Legos



**Hey Parents -  
you deserve a Night Out!**

**Check out the details on the  
outside cover of this issue for an  
evening of fun, friends and relaxation.**

**At the end of the evening you will  
have a personalized creation for your  
home or a special gift for someone.**



Come learn & play with us at  
**PALS-Kadimah!**

- Children learn, discover, explore, and grow through play, music, sensory experiences, movement, and art
- Individualized attention with small class sizes
- A Love of Jewish Traditions conveyed through weekly Shabbat programs, Holiday festivities, and by learning about Torah and Israel
- Nurturing & Experienced Staff making learning fun!
- Follows NAEYC Standards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

For more information,  
please contact  
Zahava Fried at  
716-836-6565 x 139 or  
pals@tbz.org



**Open House on  
January 23 & 24 from  
10:00am-12:00pm**

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In Honor of:

The marriage of Parisa Mayaheri MD to Daniel Oppenheimer MD, by Cindy & Randy Oppenheimer  
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Dr. Harold Levy, by Donald Landwirth

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Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for his support following the passing of Harold Levy, by his family

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, by Ronna & Jay Gershberg, Sheldon Shapiro

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for making our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary such a wonderful & spiritual day, by Sue & Phil Chazen

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for his support as Ruby prepared for her Bat Mitzvah, by Brandi, Dave & Ruby Freiman

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Dear parents Mary & Sam Fox, by Lorelei Fox Benatovich

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My cousins/surrogate parents, Emanuel & Shirley Duke by Renee Gumins Knight

Cherished husband David Knight, by Renee Gumins Knight

In Memory of:

Dear brother Myles N. Fox, by Lorelei Fox Benatovich

Irving Gareleck, by Helen Ablove, Annette Davis, Selma Morris

Milton Joffe, by Constance Grise, Phillip & Judy Brothman

Dr. Harold Levy, by Marcia & Marvin Frankel, Selma Morris

In Honor of:

The Biltkoff Family, by Kenneth Smoller

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In Appreciation of:

Being called to the Torah for an Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah, by Howard Rosenhoch and David Rosenhoch

**HAROLD & ARLYNE LEVY  
FUND FOR RELIGIOUS  
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In Memory of:

Dr. Harold Levy, by Roberta Handel, JoAnne Goldfarb, Louise Kreiner

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**In Appreciation of:**

**Cantor Penny S. Myers** for the beautiful Holiday Services at TBZ, by Conrad Steinhart

**Cantor Penny S. Myers** for her support & encouragement as Ruby prepared for her Bat Mitzvah, by Brandi, Dave & Ruby Freiman

**In Honor of:**

**Kaitlyn Stapleton's & Jonah Weber's** beautiful High Holiday Torah Chanting and in appreciation of Cantor Penny Myers for sharing her love of Torah, by Sheryl Stapleton  
**Cantor Penny Myers** being inducted into Williamsville North High School Wall of Fame, by Beth & Bob Marcus

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**Betty Klein**, by Faye Levy  
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**Shellie Rutstein's** speedy recovery, by Harvey & Myra Horowitz

**TOWN SQUARE FOOD PANTRY FUND**

**In Memory of:**

**Irving Isenberg**, by Janice & Louis Siegel

**Establishing a Permanent Yahrzeit**

Establishing a Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial with Temple Beth Zion is a wonderful way to honor your loved one's memory and continue their legacy within our TBZ family.

Through a permanent Yahrzeit Memorial at Temple Beth Zion their name will be:

- \* Listed on the memorial scroll displayed at the entrance of the main sanctuary.
- \* Listed in the temple Bulletin each year during the month of Yahrzeit.
- \* Read by the Rabbi or Cantor on the Shabbat during the week of Yahrzeit.

Each of these will continue to preserve and celebrate their memory as part of the Temple Beth Zion community. In addition, family members will receive notification ten days prior to the Yahrzeit anniversary.

Permanent Yahrzeits can be established with a donation of \$700. Please call Becky at (716) 836-6565 for more information on how to establish this special honor.



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**Bereavement Support**

Support and companionship are available to you. TBZ Bereavement Support is lay-led by members in an informal and warm setting. Meet with others who have experienced a recent loss and are experiencing the similar challenges of living with grief.

To indicate your interest, please contact our Clergy Assistant, Darcie, (716) 836-6565, Ext. 132.



*Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries*

**December 6 & 7**

**December 13 & 14**

**December 20 & 21**

Irma C. Brown  
 David Clark  
 Harold A. Clark  
 Herman Cohen  
 Lillian Meyers  
 Davis  
 Pearl Deull  
 Lillian Dosberg  
 Jerome Dreyfuss  
 Joseph Erenstoff  
 Charles Fass  
 Thelma J.  
 Feinglass  
 Marcus Flinter  
 Arline Fogel  
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 Louis Glaser  
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 Dr. Norman Haber  
 Meyer A. Kahn  
 Denia Warner  
 Kempner  
 Clarice Klyn  
 Anna Lessner  
 Isabel Levitan  
 Max Liebeskind  
 Jackson Barrett  
 Mahon

Lorraine E. Malbin  
 Gertrude Marcus  
 Phyllis Goldman  
 Markel  
 Bessie Ruth Miller  
 Sidney Murstein  
 Victor Nover  
 Lulu C. Richbart  
 Steven Alan Rifkin  
 Rose Rizzuto  
 Ruth Setters  
 Etta Locks Shaw  
 Fanny Robinson  
 Sillman  
 Albert Stein  
 Nathan D.  
 Steinhart  
 Max Stovroff  
 Mannie Swadron  
 Rose Daniels  
 Tanenbaum  
 Judge Ruth D.  
 Vogel  
 Nellie B. Warner  
 Walter Weil  
 Mildred Slosberg  
 Weinberg  
 David Wile  
 Lenore Wile  
 Leo Winer  
 Harriet B. Yenoff  
 Fannie B. Zenner

Leo Biltekoff  
 Blanche K. Brett  
 Max Burg  
 Lena Chapin  
 Louis Cohn  
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 Fleishman  
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 Ernest S.  
 Freudenheim  
 Margot R.  
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 Edith Garfinkle  
 David Glickstein  
 Lucille Goldman  
 Arlene Carrel  
 Goldstein  
 George Goldstein  
 Dr. Abraham  
 Greenky  
 Mary K. Halpern  
 Emma G. Harrison  
 Siegbert Hollander  
 Helen Hirsch  
 Isenberg  
 Saul Isenberg  
 Johanna Kahn  
 Dr. Milton E. Kahn  
 Irwin E. Kriegler

Isadore Latz  
 Carol Rita  
 Lebowitz  
 Dr. Samuel  
 Lichtman  
 Thomas Markel  
 Seymour F. Morris  
 Mary Peckoff  
 Daniel Arthur  
 Roblin Jr.  
 Herman  
 Rothschild  
 Isador Setel  
 Esther Sherlick  
 Harry Sherlick  
 Myrtyle Miller  
 Sillman  
 Rose Sterin  
 Libbie Sternberg  
 Sol Stone  
 Caroline Weil  
 Pauline Satuloff  
 Weinberg  
 Reuben H.  
 Weinberg  
 Bernard Welt  
 Edward E. White  
 Celia M. Winer  
 Herman Witkin  
 Robert Yablin  
 Amy M.  
 Zeckhauser

Melvin Alexander  
 Harry Bisgeier  
 Esther Reiman  
 Bleichfeld  
 Hyman A. Bloom  
 Dr. Bruce F. Bradin  
 Ethel Geismar  
 Bruckheimer  
 Barnet J. Burwick  
 Charlotte Buxbaum  
 Sadie M. Clark  
 Figa Cohen  
 Dr. Meyer Corff  
 Jeanette Cornblum  
 Rachel Warner  
 Desbecker  
 Paul P. Dosberg  
 Ruth Neuman  
 Freedman  
 Hattie Geranstein  
 Rabbi Dr. Martin L.  
 Goldberg  
 Byron R. Goldman  
 Shinah Aaron  
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 Lilian Friedman  
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 Gerrie Etkin Speier  
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 Anne Weintraub

**Yahrzeit Anniversaries  
 for December 27 & 28  
 can be found on page 13.**



*Permanent  
 Yahrzeit Memorials*  
**A Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial  
 has been established for**

**Arthur J. Rumizen**  
 by Marlyn, Amy, Lori and Scott

*We offer our condolences  
 to the families of:*

Irving Isenberg  
 Naomi Rosenhoch  
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## **Kulanu Winter Service – Love and Inclusion**

Friday, December 20, at 7 p.m.  
805 Delaware Avenue

More than ever, we must extend warmth and welcome, inclusion and understanding to each other.

We gather to celebrate each of our unique and miraculous natures and to honor the sacred links of communication among us all.

The service will be followed by a special Oneg, which will give us all a chance to shmooze after sharing worship together.

All are welcome.