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We're Here For You

Although our buildings are closed due to NYS requirements, our clergy and staff are available to you. You can call the Temple office number at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message and your call will be returned. You can also reach members of the staff by leaving messages on their extension numbers or by sending email.

The list of staff email addresses and voicemail extensions can be found on page 2.

On page 10 we've included a Staff Spotlight section. We hope you enjoy learning a little more about the TBZ staff who are doing their best to meet the needs of our congregation during these challenging times.

Opportunities to Connect

Rabbi Freirich and Cantor Myers offer many opportunities to connect and learn. See page 5 for a list of dates and times.



Getting used to Zoom? Haven't tried it yet? See page 5 for some basic information on this online tool that has become so useful in continuing and strengthening our connections.

The BBC Band Returns to TBZ

Featuring the best of the Beatles & '60s Music.



We hope to bring this concert to you on June 19.

Watch your emails and June bulletin for updates and details on this great event!

Julie Feldman Named Sisterhood Woman of the Year



Although we would like to celebrate with Sisterhood as they present the Nancy J. Borins Woman of the Year Award to Julie Feldman, that will not be possible in May.

See page 12 for a special message to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



Letter from the President

Dear Friends:

It is stunning how quickly life can change. As my Bubbe used to say, “Mann tracht, un Gott lacht...Man plans, and G-d laughs. Once we understood how significantly the world as we knew it had changed, TBZ shifted gears to figure how to best meet our congregants’ needs in this strange new world. It was essential that we find a way to take care of our congregants while maintaining appropriate physical distancing.

Julie Feldman and Becky Schiefer immediately began to find volunteers to reach out to our 750 family units. Julie and Becky have more than 40 volunteers to call each one of our households. Most of our congregants are doing well. But those phone calls also revealed some congregants in need. We have done our best to help meet those needs. We will continue to reach out to congregants throughout this public health crisis.

Our clergy team has worked together to provide beautiful Shabbat services, Torah Study and Talmud lunches. Rabbi Freirich continues to meet with the confirmation kids. Cantor Myers continues to work with the B’Nai Mitzvah students and has started a weekly “Convo with the Cantor”. Judy Henn continues her outreach with our congregants in care facilities. But these classes and visits are all virtual – by “Zoom” or FaceTime or a phone call.

Our TBZ staff continues to “meet” regularly using Zoom. The Religious School and PALS/Kadimah teachers are offering online opportunities for learning.

It is not ideal, but we are all making every effort to maintain a sense of belonging—a sense of community—in these challenging times.

My life also looks different than it did one month ago. My daughter, who is a graduate student at the University of Maryland, is now doing her classes and even her Graduate Assistant job from home! Our son is doing his job at M&T from home, as well. My nest that was once empty is full again! I’m thrilled to have them both at home and our 14 year old dog, Max is beside himself. I never thought I’d have my kids home again for any extended period of time. A bright spot in a challenging time.

I truly think of this time of maintaining physical, (but NOT social) distance from people as a sacred endeavor. A kind of sabbatical from every day life. Our lives are focused

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Worship Opportunities

Shabbat services are available via Zoom.

Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.

Zoom links can be found at www.tbz.org.

Friday, May 1	
Shabbat Halimud Evening Service	7 p.m.
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Saturday, May 2	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 8	
Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 15	
Tot Shabbat	5:45 p.m.
Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 16	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 22	
Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 23	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Jude Freirich	
Thursday, May 28	
Erev Shavuot and Confirmation	7 p.m.
Friday, May 29	
Shavuot Yizkor Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 29	
Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 30	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.

Stay Connected, Stay Informed
 Each week, Temple Beth Zion sends an email that provides information and highlights opportunities. Additionally, when requested by the immediate family, we share news of the passing of a congregant or family member of a congregant. If you wish to receive email notifications from TBZ, please contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org.



Letter from the Cantor

Special Prayer for Covid:

Yhi Ratzon Milfanecha

May it be the will of our heavenly Gd to show mercy toward us,
 and may Gd ward off desolation and pestilence from all of us and from all our brothers and sisters in our land and in the world.
 And let us say: Amen.
 May it be Your will today, Gd To show Your mercy to Your people
 As we turn our hearts to You.
 May it be Your will today, our Mother, our Father To show Your mercy throughout the world
 As it turns its heart to You.
 Keep us far from desolation.
 Keep us free from the dread of disease.
 Keep us safe together apart.
 Give us strength.
 May we find love in our heart.
 Sisters and brothers
 In our land and throughout the world.
 And we say, and we say Amen.
 Anachnu BYachahd (we are one together)

**Conversation with
Cantor Penny & Friends**

**Every Friday
Noon - 1 PM**

Join Cantor Myers as she hosts a one-hour get together with you and your TBZ friends. Join via computer, smart phone, tablet, or a landline telephone!

- * Connect with each other
- * Chat & Engage with one another
- * See each other in REAL TIME!

Zoom Meeting ID: 513 358 606
 Password: 063091

To join by telephone, dial 1 (929) 436 2866
 Meeting ID: 513 358 606

See you on Friday!

Letter from the President

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on taking care of ourselves and our loved ones. We are advised to just slow down. When this started, we were told to sing the Happy Birthday song while washing our hands to make sure we had washed them for long enough. That felt a bit silly to me...So I started to say the prayer my observant friends say when they wash their hands before a meal.

So now I close my eyes and say

*Baruch atah adonai elohenu melekh ha-olam asher kidishanu
b'mitzvotav v'tzivoanu al netilat yadayim*

I now think of washing my hands as part of my sacred mission to keep myself, my family and my community healthy.

Trish Arlin has written a beautiful new translation for that prayer.

Blessing for Washing Hands During a Pandemic

As we wash our hands

We pray,

Blessed is the Soul of the Universe.

Breathing us in and breathing us out.

May our breaths continue

And our health and the health of all

Be preserved

In this time of sickness and fear of sickness.

Holy Wholeness,

We take as much responsibility for this as we can

By observing the obligation to wash our hands

Thoroughly:

For as long as it takes to say this prayer.

Amen.

I pray that next month will be better for all of us

Julie Dressler Weinberg



Achim Postponed

Achim events scheduled at Weinberg Campus are postponed until further notice. We look forward to resuming this wonderful program at a later date.

We hope you are safe and well and that we get to see everybody again soon.

Phil Chazen

Engagement Committee News



As I write this monthly column, it is nearly eleven o'clock on a Tuesday morning and I am sipping my morning coffee, still in my pajamas. The sun is shining, yet I am afraid to go outside to enjoy the lovely day for fear of breathing in a virus particle. My almost daily trips to the grocery store to pick up what I feel like eating that day have turned into weekly (or less often) gathering missions for the most needed supplies. My adult children warn me, "Don't go out! It's more dangerous than you know!"

I am searching for a bright (and engaging) way to look at this. I read recently an article written by a religious leader titled "Thank God for the Coronavirus." The article said, "Thank God for this reminder that we are not in control and must always be dependent on God. Thank God for this reminder that we should be grateful for all things – for groceries, toilet paper, good health. Thank God for reminding us life is fragile, and we had best appreciate the miracle and blessing that God has given us in creating us as souls."

I am not sure that I am there yet, but I certainly am using this time to look into the role of our Jewish community.... a community that has shifted in its methods of engagement out of necessity. I look at the great number of people attending online Shabbat services. I see the proliferation of ZOOM Jewish meetings and discussion groups and mini-classes led by members of our Jewish community for children, teens, and adults. I call members of our Temple Beth Zion family to check in and see how they are doing, and the calls turn into a back-and-forth of love and support. I see both the strength and the necessity of our Jewish community.

These are difficult times, for sure. But they can also be a time to hold hands (metaphorically) as a Temple Beth Zion community. Our community is looking for connection, and although in-person monthly events will not be planned until this pandemic is over, let's continue to form and strengthen our connections in new ways. A virtual bagel brunch...or happy hour...or Havdallah service? A virtual book club? A discussion about a movie watched on TV? Please contact me at any time with your questions, comments, suggestions or just to say, "hi." I want to connect with and support each and every one of you. We will get through this... together.

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)

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Zoom links are provided in the TBZ weekly email and can be found at www.tbz.org/education/adult-education.

Spiritual Tools for Today

Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m.

Live Via Zoom

Kabbalah, Middot, Spiritual Practices – each of these help us manage and create more meaning and better living.

In each session we will explore current readings of practical Jewish mystical teachings and look at practices to help us better cope, find balance, and thrive, even when facing challenges.

Talmud Talk and More

Weekly and at a new time

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Live via Zoom

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

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

All topics open for discussion – Talmud is only the beginning!

Torah Study

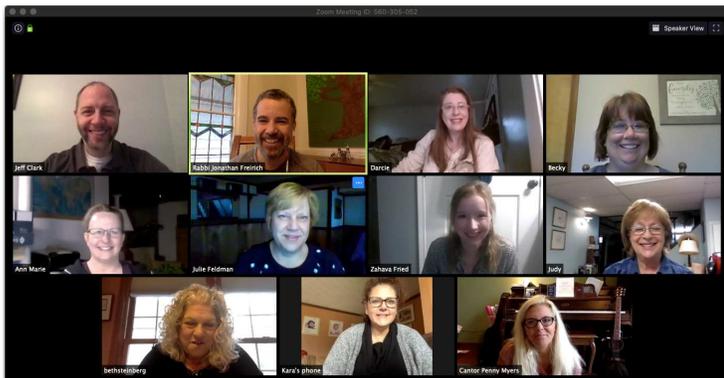
Saturday mornings

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Live Via Zoom

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 continue to bring meaning to our Twenty-First Century lives.

E-mail Rabbi Freirich (rabbi@tbz.org) if you'd like to be included in a weekly e-mail about Jewish Learning



The TBZ Clergy and staff meet twice per week via Zoom. It's a wonderful opportunity to check in and check on each other.

Zoom Instructions for Participants

Many of us had never heard of Zoom until a couple of months ago. Zoom has become a highly valued internet tool, enabling us to continue to provide Shabbat Services and other opportunities for learning and interacting. Zoom links to services, Torah Study, and other opportunities are provided in the weekly TBZ email and on the Temple website: www.tbz.org. We hope you find the following instructions and standards for Zoom to be useful.

Before an event:

You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones.

To join a Zoom event:

At the start time of the service or event, click on the link provided on the TBZ website or your weekly email. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.

You may also join a service or event by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided.

To join by phone:

If you prefer to attend via your phone: Dial the teleconferencing number provided for the service or event. Enter the Meeting ID number when prompted using your phone keypad.

Zoom Etiquette

- Please mute your audio unless you are the speaker.
- Unless your appearance or background is distracting, turn on your video. A simple background - plain wall, potted plant, or a bookshelf works perfectly. Position yourself so that light is coming from in front of you (behind the monitor) rather than behind you.
- Look at the camera. This takes a bit of getting used to since you want to look at the other participants faces, but try to look at the camera.
- Adjust your camera if it is too low or high. Your camera should be at eye level.
- If you can, connect to the internet via an ethernet cable. Zoom works well on wireless, but the quality is best on a solid wired internet connection.
- If you can, hold off on eating during the videoconference.
- Even though it's tempting, try not to multitask.
- Try to arrive at the start of the service or event.
- Refrain from private behavior – we can see you!

From the Director

I'm writing this on the morning of the first night of Passover, 5780. Usually I can anticipate what will be happening in Religious School when the Bulletin arrives in your mailbox. Today I can't. Our world has been turned inside out and upside down over the past several weeks. I, like many of you, have been confined to and working from my home for many weeks already. Our last session of Religious School was on March 8 and at this point, I have no idea if we will be able to reopen our building at all this school year.

For the first few weeks of this closure I didn't want to make life any more stressful for our students, their parents, our Madrichim, or our teachers. Everyone with school-age children was just beginning to cope with major changes in their homes and lives. Adding Religious School to the mix just felt too burdensome.

But I also didn't want Religious School to be absent from our students' lives. Over the past month I have provided information to our families from various Jewish resources online to help them with preparing for Passover, coping with the stresses of being homebound, and more. I invited families to participate in an assortment of online activities such as the Worldwide Synagogue Sing on Sunday mornings at 11, and I strongly urged our students to use the Hebrew in Harmony "Mah Nishtanah" module to learn the tunes and text for reciting The Four Questions. (I would love to hear from any of you who did so and how it went for you!) I hope our students and parents appreciated my suggestions for incorporating Jewish learning into their lives.

Now that we are becoming accustomed to this current way of life, I feel that it is time to "Go Live" with brief online sessions of Religious School classes. I am currently meeting with teachers (remotely!) and helping them to plan creative, valuable learning experiences for their classes. We will use Zoom and other internet tools to gather our teachers together with their students, impart Judaic and Hebrew knowledge, and reestablish our TBZ connections. I hope that by the time you see this Bulletin, we will have already hosted our first session of virtual Religious School!

In the meantime, I hope that however you and your family decided to celebrate Passover, it brought meaning and joy to your lives.

L'shalom,
Beth Steinberg
Beth@tbz.org



Jude Freirich
Saturday, May 23

Son of: Rabbi Jonathan & Ginny Freirich

Mitzvah Project: Helping with refugee resettlement

Donating to: Jewish Family Services

Please join Jude as he leads the Morning Shabbat Service for his Temple community via Zoom. The link can be found at www.tbz.org.



Tot Shabbat

Friday, May 15, at 5:45 p.m.

Go to www.tbz.org for the Zoom link

Join Zahava Fried for a live online Shavuot Tot Shabbat.

All are welcome!

Confirmation and Shavuot Shabbat

Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m.

As we get closer to the date, location or link information will be available at www.tbz.org

A special service, live or virtual, featuring the members of our Confirmation Class leading us in a unique celebration of their declaring their full participation in Jewish communal life, and celebrating Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. Join us!

Annual Flower Sale Cancelled

It is with great regret that the Annual May Flower Sale is cancelled. The safety of our congregants, staff and volunteers is our highest priority.

Thank you to those who had already sent in orders. We truly hope you will plan to participate next year.



PAL-ing Around During COVID-19

On March 16, I made the heartbreaking but necessary announcement to our PALS-Kadimah families that the preschool would be shutting our physical doors until April 20, if not longer. But even before I made this announcement, my lead teachers and I had already discussed how necessary it would be to remain connected and for the learning to continue despite our closure. So, to help close this physical gap, I made a private Facebook page for our current families. It was obvious within a few hours of making this page that it was going to be a success.

The Facebook group quickly became interactive, with parents and teachers alike posting craft ideas, songs, favorite stories, and science experiments. After viewing posts, we began to support one another by posting pictures of our children and students doing the activities. An incredibly popular activity was one introduced by a parent called “Magic Colors” where a color explosion would “magically” be revealed after mixing vinegar with baking soda. Others posted pictures of their children’s art projects, or asked for craft suggestions based on the materials they had on hand. Some parents told me that they used the song videos in their child’s morning routine, and as their child was eating breakfast, they would sing along with the familiar morning blessings that we would sing at circle time each day. The feedback was so uplifting, just as uplifting as creating the videos themselves. The best thing though was knowing that even though we are all at home, our PALS children can, and will, continue to play and learn.

Zahavah Fried, PALS-Kadimah Director



COVID-19 Heroes

Dr. Gale Burstein

Erie County Commissioner of Health and Temple Beth Zion member, Gale R. Burstein, MD, MPH FAAP, has been on the front lines of the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic since before many people recognized it was a pandemic. Dr. Burstein not only is the designer and manager of the County's medical and public health response to the crisis, she has also been the County's expert face and voice on the issue, providing sophisticated medical analysis and straightforward practical advice to County residents via regular press conferences with County Executive Mark Poloncarz. In that capacity, she has gained the confidence of the County's residents, and the gratitude of all of us whose health and safety are, in a very real sense, in her hands.

Dr. Burstein is the most visible TBZ member who is working on behalf of all of us on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, there are many other TBZ members who are providing services that are helping to keep all of us alive and safe, and our infrastructure intact.

Andrew Isenberg

As District Executive for the Eighth Judicial District of New York State, Andrew Isenberg works directly with District Administrative Judge Paula L. Feroletto to manage the day-to-day operations of the New York State Courts in the eight westernmost counties of the State (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming). The District operates in 24 court facilities and over 170 Town and Village Justice Courts. It employs over 870 non-judicial personnel.

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to directives from the Governor and the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Judge Feroletto postponed all non-essential functions of the Eighth Judicial District until further notice, and announced that the District's Court operations would be consolidated into a single central location in each of the eight counties. Effective April 2, 2020, the Courts had completely restructured their operations, conducting virtually all proceedings via video-conferencing or telephone, maintaining minimal court operations staff on-site at each courthouse to intake papers, operate the video conferencing equipment, keep the court record, answer telephones, and conduct other essential functions. Andrew was instrumental in developing the protocols necessary to implement the restructuring, and he continues to oversee the operations of the Courts. Additionally, he has briefed the Bar on a regular basis concerning the changes in court

functioning as they develop. He continues to report to work each day, ensuring that the Eighth Judicial District's courts provide access to justice in this time of crisis.

When asked to comment on his efforts on behalf of the Courts, litigants, and the Bar, Andrew replied: "As a public servant and a Jew, I believe it's important to always do what we can to try to heal the world and to follow the commandment to be engaged in the pursuit of justice for all."

Katherine Ellis

Kathy Ellis is a Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at Erie County Community College, and Coordinator of ECC's Teacher Prep Program. In normal years, Kathy's duties include teaching five to seven courses per semester, some on-line and some in-person; meeting with students; setting up a panel discussion of local educators every semester; scheduling and advising Teacher Prep students for all three ECC campuses; scheduling the students' in-class observations, and setting up other programs for students.

This semester, Kathy is teaching three on-line courses, and three remote classes. Since mid-March her three in-person classes have transitioned to on-line learning. One of these three classes is taught live, via Zoom, and then WebEx; the other two can be accessed remotely. The increased number of on-line classes has resulted in an increased load of creating and grading assignments. Kathy spent Spring Break grading papers and learning how to use WebEx software to teach her live-time class.

The transition has been difficult for some of Kathy's students. Many ECC students are from lower socio-economic backgrounds, and do not have computers at home. Although the College is attempting to provide computers to its students, not all of the students who need computers have obtained them as of early April. Those students who are parents, especially parents of young children, face even greater challenges as they attempt to balance their own educational needs with caring for, and teaching their children.

Kathy has high praise for ECC's Distance Learning Department, describing it as "amazing!" She has encouraged her students to remain in their courses, and is assisting them by extending deadlines and helping them to obtain computers. Despite her best efforts, she worries. "I feel that I'm working as hard as I possibly can to reach all of my students, but I am concerned that some of them are not being reached," she said.

Matthew Schwartz

Matthew is a Social Worker and Counselor on the Outpatient Mental Health Team at Horizon Health Services, where he provides behavioral health treatment, including initial assessments, treatment planning, individual counseling, group therapy, family/collateral sessions, and crisis interventions. He also works very closely with Horizon's Substance Use, Care Coordination, and Medical Teams to provide an integrative, team based approach for our patients. Many of Horizon's patients are from marginalized communities, with acute healthcare needs.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and the Governor's Executive Orders, Horizon transitioned approximately 700 clinicians, and 7,000 patients, from outpatient programs at physical sites, to a completely virtual operation. Matt reports that the transition was accomplished in 72 hours, "requiring a great amount of flexibility, leadership, and training on the part of Horizon, and also a great amount of flexibility on the part of our patients." "Additionally," he said, "we have had to work very hard, as colleagues, in order to maintain our corporate culture (which we take great pride in) while working remotely. In doing so, we have been able to, largely, keep our patients out of the public health (i.e. hospital) system, reducing the number of patients who might flood the emergency rooms."

Asked for comments on the situation, Matt replied, "It's okay to not be okay, and it's okay to ask for help. We are currently undergoing a global traumatic experience together. Horizon is still accepting new patients, both over the phone and through our video HorizonTele app. Just call our admissions department at (716) 831-1800."

There are so many essential employees and volunteers who are heroes on the front lines to keep us safe, healthy and fed. Additionally, those who are following the recommendations and staying home are also heroes. Thank you to all of you!

Please continue to look out for one another and, if you need help, reach out. We've included some resources on page 11 and remember, you can always reach out to your Temple. (716) 836-6565.



Honorable Menschen

To Leslie Garfinkel, Dan and Jackie Korchowsky, Sharon Winer, Margery Nobel, who served at Friends of Night People in March. TBZ volunteers are not serving at Friends of Night People for the time being, but they look forward to serving the community once it becomes safe to do so again.

Congregant Outreach

In an effort to make sure that everyone in our Temple Beth Zion community is ok during this period of physical distancing, we began a TBZ Congregant Outreach. What started out with a few volunteers quickly became a mission for more than 40 volunteers and staff.

Our mission was to reach every single TBZ household and we have done our very best to leave no congregant behind. Did we miss you? Perhaps you didn't answer your phone because you didn't recognize the number. Maybe your phone number has changed and we don't have your current one. If we missed you, we promise it was not through lack of effort!

We will continue to reach out and, if you need assistance or just to have a chat, please reach out to either the Temple office (836-6565 - leave a message) or email julie@tbz.org.

Thank you to our amazing and kind volunteers: Pattie Abeles, Darcie Beattie, Dee Block, Jessica Bommer, Carol Caserta, Ginny Ellis, Kathy Ellis, Julie Feldman, Liz Freedman, Adam Field, Adina Garfinkel, Leslie Garfinkel, Kitty Goldman, Jody Goldstein, Cindy Gradl, Judy Henn, miriam treger honig, Lynn Horne-Moyer, Kara Kane, Jill & Michael Komm, Toby Laping, Blake Lobel, Susan Nadler, Jamie Ostrov, Anna Marie Richmond, Larry Rubin, Becky Schiefer, Marilyn Schillroth, Clareanne Silver, Joan Skerker, Nancy Spector, Beth Steinberg, Judy Swadron, Marcia Valente, Julie Weinberg, Amelida Weinmann, Sharon Winer, Kaarsten Wisnock, Corey Wolffe-Levine and Marcia Wright.



Mazel Tov!

To Women's Bar Association of the State of New York - WNY Chapter member Anna Marie Richmond, recipient of WBASNY's 2020 Hanna S. Cohn Pro Bono Award! The statewide award is given to a member of WBASNY in recognition of outstanding contributions to the provision of pro bono legal services in the community where she practices. Over the last five years alone, Richmond has donated more than 800 hours of her time to clients in need, with approximately 130 of those hours donated through the Volunteer Lawyers Project. She has demonstrated her commitment to pro bono legal service through direct representation of clients and assisting countless individuals through the Pro Se Assistance Program in federal court. Richmond's tireless efforts to ensure fair and equal access to justice, and her service to our community, are an inspiration to us all.



Staff Spotlight

We'd like to take this opportunity to share some personal insights into the people who continue to work, albeit from home, to advance the mission and care of the Temple Beth Zion community. Each member of the staff was invited to answer 5 of a selection of questions. We have also included job titles and the number of years each has worked at TBZ.

Darcie Beattie

Clergy Assistant, 1½ years

- * Favorite part of being on the TBZ team?: Lots of laughter
- * One thing people don't know about me: I like to write
- * Favorite Food: Steak
- * Dream Vacation: Italy
- * My Favorite Pastime is: Sitting on my porch.



Jeff Clark

Executive Director, 1 year

- * Favorite part of being on the TBZ team: Watching and participating in the fulfillment of our mission to enrich the lives of people in our community.
- * What's the one thing you cannot live without?: Toddler Splash at the JCC is my favorite part of every week. If we're sticking to tangibles, I'd have to say my iPhone.
- First Job: On the books, it was as a busboy at Kostas back when it was out on Transit, across from Pautler's. Off the books, it was picking pins out of the carpet in the changing rooms at my father's uniform business.
- * What is something you learned in the last week?: The solutions to our problems may come from the least expected sources.
- * Thing most grateful for today: My family, our health, and the countless blessings that enable us to enjoy our lives.



Julie Feldman

Executive Assistant, 23 years

- * Dream Vacation: Nova Scotia
- * What's the one thing you cannot live without?: Coffee
- * What is something you learned in the last week?: Zoom
- * "I'd rather be..." In the office. I really miss coming to work and being with my coworkers.
- * Thing most grateful for today: (and every day) My family.



Jonathan Freirich

Rabbi, 4 years

- * One thing people don't know about me: I like to write with a fountain pen.
- * Favorite Food: Sushi
- * What Makes me Laugh: Mel Brooks
- * "I'd Rather Be..." Swimming with Ginny, Jude, and Sadie
- * Thing most grateful for today: Health of my loved ones



Zahava Fried

PALS-Kadimah Director, 3 years

- * Favorite part of being on the TBZ team: Staff meeting shenanigans
- * Favorite Food: My husband's homemade potato gnocchi with basil pesto
- * What Makes me Laugh: My mother's puns
- * What is something you learned in the last week?: Walking outside in nature is a sanity saver
- * Most grateful for today: Sunny skies and a clean kitchen



Judy Henn

Clergy Associate, 2 years

- * Favorite part of being on the TBZ team: The people!! The congregants, the staff, those I already knew and all of the new friends I've made. They're the best!
- * Favorite food: Asian food (although ice cream is a close second!)
- * What makes me laugh: Puns, as in "Pun walks into a room and shoots ten people. 😂 Pun in, ten dead."
- * My favorite pastime is watching live theatre.
- * Thing most grateful for today: Technology (who'd have ever thought I'd say that!) which allows us to connect with people near and far during this challenging time.



Kara Kane

Assistant Religious School Director, 7 years

- * Favorite part of being on the TBZ team: The camaraderie amongst those of us who work in the office.
- * Dream Vacation: To take my husband and children to visit all the countries that make up their ethnic heritage, England, Scotland, Ireland, Austria, Sicily, Poland, and Russia.
- * What's the one thing you cannot live without?: My family.
- * First Job: Right out of college I worked for the parent company of Macy's in NYC. I enjoyed being part of the fashion scene and my wardrobe never looked better!
- * Thing most grateful for today: Clothes to wear, running water, electricity, food, and my family is healthy and home.



Penny Myers

Cantor, 14 years

* Favorite part of being on the TBZ team:

Witnessing profound passion with every team member; it's inspiring to see the devotion in all staff at every level

* One thing people don't know about me: I used to install/wire car audio component systems for competition in college

* What Makes me Laugh: "Tiger King" episodes on Netflix

* What's the one thing you cannot live without?: The music of Rush

* What is something you learned in the last week?: Being honest & authentic in emotions isn't a sign of weakness.



Ann Marie Randall

Bookkeeper, 14 years

* Three words which best describe me are:

Optimistic, dedicated & loyal

* One thing people don't know about me: I am the youngest of nine children

* Dream Vacation: Anywhere in the outdoors!

* What is something you learned in the last week?: Light always shines through the darkness.

* Thing most grateful for: My amazing husband of 27 years who makes me feel important and appreciated, and my two amazing children who are "My Pride" and "My Joy."



Becky Schiefer

Administrative Assistant, 8 years

* Three words which best describe me are: Caring, thoughtful and approachable

* One thing people don't know about me: I have a twin sister

* Dream Vacation: Hawaii

* What Makes me Laugh: The Big Bang Theory

* What is something you learned in the last week?: That hand washing is essential



Beth Steinberg

Religious School Director, 1 year

* Favorite part of being on the TBZ team: The people I work with!

* One thing people don't know about me: I used to hand-sew Amish quilts.

* Dream Vacation: A luxury resort on the water in the Maldives.

* What Makes me Laugh: My husband Rick, thankfully.

* What is something you learned in the last week?: How to change the vacuum cleaner bag.



COVID-19 Resources

Below is a list of just some of the many resources available. If you have a need that does not fit one of the organizations or descriptions below, please call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message or contact a member of the staff directly using the email addresses provided on page 2.

* **Crisis Services:** 24-hour Hotline 834-3131

Addiction Hotline 716-831-7007

Kid's Helpline 716-834-1144

* **JDC for Kosher Meals-on-Wheels:** 639-7600 or

* **Erie County Department of Health:** 858-7690

* **Erie County Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline:** 1 (888) 364-3065

* **Jewish Federation:** www.buffalojewishfederation.org

* **Hillel at Home:** <https://welcome.hillel.org/hillelathome/>

* **Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association:** is offering interest-free, confidential loans to those with a need, especially recognizing the financial hardship brought about by COVID-19. Email info@wnyhbla.org or call (716) 204-0542 for more information.

Jewish Family Service

We face this unprecedented emergency together. JFS is here to help.

PHONE 716.883.1914

EMAIL info@jfsbuffalo.org

LOCATION 70 Barker St., Buffalo, NY 14209



Counseling Services

TeleMental Health Therapy

JFS Clinical Services are open and accepting new clients! Both online and phone based services are available. Call our intake department today to be connected with our compassionate licensed clinical staff.



Career Services

Job Placement, Tele-Career Counselings

JFS is accepting new clients and can support you as you transition to a new job. We are working actively with employers for job placement services and our Career Services staff are here to support you. Call JFS and ask for Career Services to be directed to the appropriate provider. **FOR PLACEMENT:** jmlazzo@jfsbuffalo.org



Navigating Benefits

JFS can help you work through questions about SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Unemployment, and Blue Card

JFS can help you navigate and connect to available resources and benefits during this difficult time. Call JFS and ask for Benefits Support to be directed to the appropriate provider. **EMAIL:** mstewart@jfsbuffalo.org



Volunteer Opportunities

Community engagement, Remote Volunteering

During a time when many feel helpless, we offer safe opportunities for remote volunteers. Help is needed! This includes (and more):

- Phone calls to isolated homebound seniors
- Purchasing emergency supplies for vulnerable families
- **EMAIL:** sjohnston@jfsbuffalo.org



Learn more at jfsbuffalo.org

Sisterhood Update

Our walking group will NOT meet until further notice. However, we encourage everyone to take a walk outside as weather permits and make every attempt to stay physically active as much as you can. We cannot wait till we can once again walk together!

Event Cancellations and/or Postponements:

The Theater Trip to Toronto scheduled for May 3 has been cancelled. Marilyn Schillroth was successful in rescheduling the trip to see Gypsy in Niagara-on-the-Lake for September 15. Marilyn will contact those who purchased tickets for the trips.

Sisterhood Shabbat, scheduled for May 8, will be rescheduled.

The Accessory Exchanged scheduled for April 30 is postponed. Keep an eye out for the announcement of a new date for this fun program.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop is closed for now.

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

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757 (Co-Presidents)

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

We hope you had a very Happy Passover.
Also that you were able to communicate/celebrate with
family and dear friends.

Unfortunately we were closed for half of March and
all of April. We are hoping to open soon G-d willing.
But until we do reopen, we wanted you to know we care
about you and hope you are well. If there is anything we
can do to help you Dee and I are only a phone call/ email
away. Even if you just want to chat.

Susan (716) 982-2099, nana4susan@gmail.com

Dee (240) 446-1211, omegapress@aol.com

Stay safe Stay healthy Stay put
Warmly,

Dee and Susan, TBZ Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Message to TBZ Sisterhood

It is my hope that the Annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service, originally scheduled for May 8, will take place at a later date. In the meantime, I would like to share with you the words I prepared to say that evening:

First of all, let me set any speculation or rumors aside by telling you that I am nowhere close to retirement. I only mention this because I have been asked.

I was hired in May of 1997 to fill the temple's Education Secretary position. I was the only administrative person at the Sweet Home building so I didn't get to interface with awesome coworkers like I do now.

It was a bit lonely at first and I had much to learn about my responsibilities, how the school was run and about the community.

Fortunately for me there was, and there continues to be, no shortage of women in this community who are willing to welcome the stranger. In the first months here, I met Ruth Fernandez, Kathy Silkes, and Dorothy Rosenfelder, all of blessed memory. Each of them kind, generous and loving women; all dedicated to their families and communities and each a Woman of Valor.

I also met Carole Weingarten who was the Youth Group Director at the time, and so wonderful in helping me get settled and comfortable. Ydawn Wolfsohn, Director of the Preschool, whose warmth and smile brightened every day. Bette Davidson was my counterpart at Temple Beth Am and she was always just a phone call away with information or help. Leslie Shatkin, co-chair of the preschool parent committee, was appreciative and always willing to roll up her sleeves and pitch in.

Marie Meyers (who always said she worked at the temple for 100 years) stepped in on short notice and covered for me when I went on maternity leave. She continued to be my coworker for years and I always considered her a walking "Who's Who" of the local Jewish community.

At the time I started my employment here, Ed and I had not yet decided on a spiritual home for our family. We, that is me and my man of EVERY year, agreed we were looking for a community where we felt welcome and where our daughter would have a solid foundation on which to build her spiritual journey.

What we hadn't looked for, but found anyway, is a community with strong, smart and wonderful women who live their Jewish values every day. These women that I mentioned, and all of you, have at various times, inspired, taught, comforted, amused and strengthened me. You have been role models for me and for my daughter.

I thank all of you, not just for this honor, but for the part all of you have played in making me someone you can honor.

Julie Feldman

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In Appreciation of:

TBZ for Opening our doors for Explore Buffalo Tours, by Suzanne Ernst

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In Appreciation of:

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Selma Morris' special birthday, by Ethel & Dick Melzer

Julie Feldman being named Sisterhood Woman of the Year, by Carol Caserta

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Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

May 1 & 2

Minnie Benderson	Celia Norman
Pauline Bernstein	Malin
Hattie C. Brock	Katherine L.
Alfred H. Cohen	Meyers
Estella G. Cohen	Phyllis Boasberg
Rebecca G. Cohn	Michaels
Julius Davis	Marvin Morris
Sidney Ehrenreich	Raymond L.
Rae Starsky Fink	Morrison
Edward	Harvey N.
Geranstein	Olenberg
Judith S. Goldberg	Florence R. Rosen
Dr. Lewis J.	Lillian Rosen
Greenky	Louise F.
Harvey E. Gumins	Ruslander
Emanuel Hirsch	Ida Goll Schiff
Henry Holland	Harriett Shire
Maynard Jaffey	Ida Spitzer
Arthur A. Kaliska	Dorothy
Hyman Karnofsky	Tanenbaum
Miriam Goldman	Elias Wagner
Kline	Charles Wallach
Louis Lazar, M.D.	Bessie Weinberg
Laurence Allen	Louis M. Weiss
Levite	Barbara Zimmer

May 8 & 9

Lester Block	Vera Silverstein
Alfred A. Bomberg	Lichtman
Anna Bookbinder	Bertha P. Munsell
Nancy J. Borins	David Myers, MD
Sophie Burg	Dr. Mathew
Harry S. Cohen	Podolin
Doris Goldman	Sadie Rabin
Cohn	Freida D. Risman
Gertrude R.	Rebecca Thompson
Cristall	Ritchie
Theodore	Bella Maisel Rock
Ellerstein	Benjamin Seeman
Gertrude Fingold	Franklin Pollak
Sidney Fleishman	Shaw
Dorothy C. Frankel	Rebecca Skerker
Jacob Goldwater	Harry T. Sklarsky
Anna Goldberg	Dr. Benjamin
Harris	Smallen
Grant Edward Israel	Ethel K. Solender
Louis Joseph	Bonny Grace Levy
Lisa Ostfeld Johns	Vitali
Sarah Kadish	Dr. Leonard Wolin
Belle Kahn	Shirley Zemsky
Jay Levy	

May 15 & 16

Dr. Israel Aaron	A3C David
Lydia M. Block	Newman
Celia Chick	George M. Raiken
Dr. Reuben Cohen	Rose Rodman
Lucille Sherris Cole	Sue B. Rosen
Abe Cornblum	Jacob Rosenblatt
Jane M. Desmon	David Rovall
Lillian Ehrlich	Joseph T.
Shirley F.	Rubenstein
Feuerstein	Jeanette S.
Benjamin Fingeret	Sapowitch
Chester Geranstein	Saul Scheiner
Dr. Harry H.	Fannie Goodman
Goldberg	Steinhardt
Anna Goodman	Herman Louis
Bertha Grodzinsky	Super
Aline Gunzberg	Samuel Treger
Lillian Hyams	Victor Wagner
Irwin H. Jellinek	Esther Morris
Doris Kardaman	Walters
Anne Goldberg	Molly Bleichfeld
Kornhaber	Weissfeld
Jacob Lindenbaum	Ben Weller
Arthur E. Lyon	Gertrude Silverberg
Robert Blaine Mollot	Wertheimer

May 22 & 23

Lawrence Arnold	Elizabeth Lutwack
Allen	Sidney Main
Peggy Wile	Ida Rubenstein
Gunzburger	Maisel
Altman	Estelle Meyer
Theodore Bergman	Lillian C. Miller
Reeva Roblin Block	Louis Newman
Lillian Carrel	Marian M.
Joseph Cohen	Newman
David J. Ehrenreich	Frank D. Pieri
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Anna Fineberg	Geraldine W.
Esther R. Fingold	Rosenberg
Lillian B. Fisher	Harry J.
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Samuel Goldstein	Robert
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Sanford Kadish	Melba Morrison
Sol David Leisner	Weisberg
Philip S. Lieberman	Ronald Winer
Henry Lovitz	

**Yahrzeit Anniversaries
for May 29 & 30 can be
found on page 13.**



Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials

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

Gordon Robert Gross
by his family

**We offer our condolences
to the families of:**

Joshua A. Biltekoff
 Dr. Alan G. Burstein
 Carmela D'Angelo
 Janet A. Dimet
 Richard Fleishman
 Harvey J. Gross
 Allen Hope
 Phyllis Kramer
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INFINITE

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Shabbat Halimud

Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Find Zoom link in your weekly email
 or at www.tbz.org

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There may never be a time in history when teachers have been appreciated more than they are right now. The challenges parents are facing with homeschooling offer new insight into the expertise and patience that teachers possess.

We hope that you and your children will plan to “attend” our annual Shabbat Halimud service. We will honor and celebrate our Religious School teachers, Madrichim, Religious School volunteers, PALS-Kadimah teachers and all teachers who have taught us and our children.