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**“Whoever saves a life,  
it is as if they saved an entire universe.”**

Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5

Our tradition teaches us that life always comes first.

It is with that in mind that the Temple Beth Zion Board of Trustees has voted to hold our High Holy Day Services virtually. The decision was made based on recommendations from our Clergy, Ritual Committee and Re-Opening Task Force.

As we navigate the “new normal,” some things will remain. We will still hold services, provide a Book of Remembrance and launch a Kol Nidre Campaign. We will do everything we can to continue the *ruach*, the spirit, and meaning of the High Holy Days.

When the time comes and we contemplate moving from meeting remotely toward in-person gatherings, we will do so in a manner that is mindful of this teaching. At Temple Beth Zion, we will always put the lives and safety of our congregants, clergy, staff, and all those who enter our buildings before any other considerations.

While we look forward to gathering face to face, for worship, for learning, and for community, we will do so only when we can guarantee safety for all.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



**tbz**  
*Letter from the President*

Greetings to my Temple Beth Zion family. I would like to take this month's column to introduce myself and share some ideas and information with you. To start, I was born and raised here in Buffalo, as my father was studying for his doctorate at the University of Buffalo. He then got a job here and never left. I am the oldest of four sons of the late Dr. Shepard and Sheila Goldberg. I went through the Amherst School system, graduating from Amherst Central High School, along with a few other members of our congregation. You do not need to know how long ago! My wife Susan (Schrutt) is also a life-long resident of Buffalo, and a lifelong member of TBZ. Many of you know my wife, as she was a Religious School teacher for over 17 years (yes, the *other* Mrs. Goldberg). She taught kindergarten, second grade, and also served as the curriculum coordinator.

I am the proud father of three sons, two of whom live locally. And as you read this, my first grandchild will have just turned 1 year old. For those of you who are grandparents, I now fully grasp just how joyful it is!

As I begin my term as president of this storied congregation, I have many emotions. I have served as Brotherhood president, a Board of Trustees member for over 12 years, and just "retired" as co-chair of our annual Summer Celebration. I am proud to say this event has transitioned to a more community event with the inclusion of the Buffalo Jewish Federation and Congregation Shir Shalom as active participants.

As for my first term, our Synagogue, our community, and our world as a whole is in a totally different place than it was when we were celebrating New Years. We are faced with isolation, quarantine, and working from home. Zoom is now a regular word in our vocabulary. We all miss basic socialization, shaking hands, and especially hugs!

The challenges to our synagogue are many. We are facing the loss of fundraising activities. We are also facing so many other unknowns. Our clergy team has stepped up and adapted to "virtual" services. Our B'nei Mitzvah programming has been adapted to go virtual. And we are hard at work on High Holiday Services. We now have a very active Re-Opening Task Force that is working on plans to re-open safely. Our excellent office staff has maintained our operations from home and our Religious School is developing exciting ways to start the new school year.

I look forward to my term as President, and will share more details next month!

David Goldberg

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*General Information*

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All Shabbat services are available via Zoom.  
Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.  
Zoom links are provided in the weekly email  
and can also be found at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).  
Instructions for using Zoom can be found on page 10.

<b>Friday, July 31</b> Classical Shabbat Evening Service	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, August 1</b> Shabbat Morning Service	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday, August 7</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, August 8</b> Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Kopf</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday, August 14</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, August 15</b> Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bar Mitzvah of Max Goldhirsch</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday, August 21</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>Bat Mitzvah of Bailee Goldman</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, August 22</b> Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bat Mitzvah of Ava Edelman</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday, August 28</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, August 29</b> Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bat Mitzvah of Reagan Mullen</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>

### 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](mailto:julie@tbz.org).



*Letter from the Cantor*

## Kids Coping During the Pandemic: A TBZ-Jewish Family Services Partnership

As I write this clergy message in early July when the heat indexes are soaring and Buffalo is the picture of summer, I know that even this glorious weather cannot be enough of a balm to soothe the restless *neshamot* (souls) of our students who are anxious about the future and their hunger to socialize, play, and live the life that they had always known cannot be satiated during a pandemic.

As we have been experiencing, many of our plans have been put on hold or have taken on a new form. For over two years, our current Bar and Bat Mitzvah students have set their sights on a day where they will be recognized and celebrated as they take on their new roles as recognized adults within our Jewish community. Envisioning this once in a lifetime ritual, now constricted to being in their homes using Zoom, is a distant second compared to what they've been setting their hearts on which is being in our gorgeous sanctuary, on our bimah with friends and family.

Recognizing this reality coupled with my regular interactions with B'nei Mitzvah students and parents, I realized that as Cantor, there is more that I could offer our students to support their emotional and psychological well-being.

Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Zion will be providing free 1-hour weekly sessions throughout August, with a licensed social worker from Jewish Family Services via Zoom platform to facilitate healthy and safe conversations with our B'nei Mitzvah kids. The goal is to provide our students with tools and coping mechanisms they can use as we continue to move through a pandemic.

These sessions are targeted and tailored to the demographic of the students of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program and spots are limited to 10. However, if there is more interest, JFS has many different options to help support our Temple Beth Zion family. Advance registration is required. See more details on page 9.

May Hashem bless us and keep us safe.  
Anachnu byachad! (we are all together as one)

Bshir (with song)  
Cantor Penny S. Myers

## 2020 Annual Meeting Recap

The Temple Beth Zion 170<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting was held on June 30, 2020 via Zoom. Andrew Shaevel hosted the meeting and kept all on track and running smoothly - thank you Andy!

This Annual Meeting was held via Zoom in place of an in person meeting pursuant to New York Executive Order 202.18 as extended to July 7, 2020 by New York Executive Order 202.39, which amends section 603(b) of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Law to the extent necessary to permit annual meetings of members to be held remotely or by electronic means.

The amendment to the Temple Beth Zion by-laws, which was included in the meeting notice, was introduced and approved through a vote of those in attendance and those who voted by proxy. The amendment allows for telephone and video conference meetings.

Julie Weinberg delivered her President's remarks and thanked all those who are committed to the well-being of TBZ. She thanked the Past Presidents for their wise counsel in dealing with issues and events, local and global, which have occurred over the past two years. Additionally, Julie thanked Sisterhood, Brotherhood, clergy, Ritual Committee and staff for their commitment to our community. The Governance, Personnel, Financial Planning, Ritual, Engagement, Education Committees, Security, Facilities, Building, and Re-Opening Task Forces were recognized for their ongoing work.

Julie concluded by sharing her complete faith in our next Board President, David Goldberg and by thanking the members of Temple Beth Zion for allowing her the honor of being your Temple President.

Julie's remarks were followed by a presentation by Susan Bruckheimer, on behalf of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion, for the Sylvia and Alvin Small Youth Fund.

The Board of Trustees, based on on-going discussions with Cantor Penny Myers, recommended a one-year contract extension from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. Cantor's contract extension was approved.

The Treasure's report was presented by Cindy Algase Gradl, Treasurer. Cindy noted the great challenges we have all faced over the past six months. The 2019-2020 fiscal year was already slated to be a difficult one financially for TBZ, even without the Pandemic.

"Amidst the Pandemic and other extraordinary circumstances, TBZ leadership decided not to present our congregation with an increase in membership dues for the upcoming fiscal year. We have historically budgeted for an annual increase of 2 to 4 percent, but this year we did not feel we can ask our families who may be struggling to increase their dues payments. Instead of an across the board dues increase, we are asking those who can to make an

extra voluntary dues contribution to assist us in closing the budget gap.

We recognize that we need to take a close look at our income and expenses in the coming year in light of what becomes our new normal and may need to make adjustments and difficult choices, but for this year we have all endured much instability and change. We wanted to provide some semblance of normalcy in our mixed up world, so we are presenting a deficit budget for your approval, being mindful of maintaining the high level of programs and services you expect and currently need.

The budget presented was recommended by the Financial Planning Committee and Board of Trustees. The budget includes assumptions which we believe reasonably represent our financial condition in light of current circumstances. We believe it is a necessary budget, given the uncertainty of our current times."

After answering questions relating to the budget, the 2020-2021 budget of Temple Beth Zion as presented was adopted, ratified and confirmed.

Andrew shared our gratitude for the work of miriam treger honig and Aaron Weinmann, whose terms on the Board of Trustees have ended. He also thanked Julie Dressler Weinberg, who is handing over the reins to the next President of Temple Beth Zion.

The Governance Committee presented and the congregation ratified the following nominees to the Board of Trustees:

Elected for a One-Year Term: (June 2020 to June 2021): Julie Weinberg

Elected for a Three-Year Term: (June 2020 to June 2023): Stephanie Katzman, Stephen Yonaty

Re-elected for a Three-Year Term: (June 2020 to June 2023): David Goldberg, Cindy Gradl, Toby Laping.

Lewis Shaevel, who will represent TBaZY, was also welcomed to the Board of Trustees.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the new Board of Trustees held their first meeting with the express purpose of electing their officers for the upcoming year. The Governance Committee recommended and the Board ratified the following slate of Officers for 2020-21:

President - David Goldberg

Vice President - Adam Field

Vice President - Jody Goldstein

Vice President - Stephen Yonaty

Treasurer - Cindy Gradl

Secretary - Sharon Schwartz

Immediate Past President - Julie Dressler Weinberg

If you would like to request a copy of the complete remarks delivered by Julie Weinberg or Treasurer, Cindy Gradl, contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565 or julie@tbz.org.



## PALS-Kadimah Transition

This coming Fall, our PALS-Kadimah preschool program will be transitioning to The Park School of Buffalo.

The Kadimah Scholars Program at Park had a hugely successful inaugural year and will now be expanded to include pre-K. Kadimah and Park invited TBZ's PALS to join in the program, and we are excited to provide an opportunity for our students to continue their Jewish education in a new environment.

The opportunity came at an important time for the PALS program. We've struggled to compete with the NYS Universal Prekindergarten Program (UPK), and COVID-19 fears were lowering enrollment and increasing costs. We are fortunate to have developed a strong partnership with Kadimah, and are grateful that they and Park and the Buffalo Jewish Federation have welcomed our families with open arms.

If you are interested in signing up your 3 or 4-year-old child for the PALS-Kadimah program at Park, contact Marnie Cerrato, Director of Enrollment Management at Park, at 839-1243, Ext. 107, or [mcerrato@theparkschool.org](mailto:mcerrato@theparkschool.org).

If you wish to make a donation to support the new program, potentially including scholarships for PALS-Kadimah students, please visit [www.kadimah.org/donate](http://www.kadimah.org/donate), call (716) 836-6903, or mail a check to Kadimah Scholars Program at Park, c/o Jewish Federation of Buffalo, 2640 N. Forest Rd. Getzville, NY 14068.

PALS filled our hearts and created incredible memories and relationships for many years, and change is always hard. We hope you are able to see what a meaningful, timely, and necessary evolution the new iteration represents, and will share in our enthusiasm for this new beginning.

With Gratitude,  
Jeff Clark, Executive Director

### Resource for Families

We don't have to tell you it's a challenge to keep children busy, active, connected and well. Getting tired of the same old stuff and want some new material? We are happy to let you know about a resource to help with at least some of that.

Reform Judaism.org has a section for parenting that offers family activities and videos. For parents, the site has parenting podcasts, children's book reviews, and guidance for answering the tough questions your child is or will be asking. This resource for Jewish learning can be found at <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-life/family/parenting>.

## High Holy Day Services Will Be Virtual

Temple Beth Zion's Board of Trustees has accepted the recommendations of the Ritual Committee and Re-Opening Task Force to present High Holy Day services in an all-electronic format this coming September. Citing the principle of *pikuach nefesh* – saving a life takes precedence over all other obligations – Past President Julie Dressler Weinberg, commented, "Keeping our Congregation safe and healthy is our highest obligation." The decision was reached after study of the Reopening New York Guidelines for Religious and Funeral Services, detailed analysis of Temple Beth Zion's specific situation and preparation of the Temple's reopening plan.

"For thousands of years, Jews have come together to survive both natural and human-made crises and disasters." stated Ritual Committee Chair, Anna Marie Richmond. "Together our community will create ways to come together that keep us all safe in an era of COVID-19. As we have seen with the Traveling Torah for our b'nai mitzvah families, the beauty of our rituals and our traditions provides both an anchor and a lodestar. We are sustained by our deeply-rooted connections to our rituals, and guided by our traditions to create new ways to express our connections."



**Zoom links are provided in the TBZ weekly email and can be found at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).**  
**Lunch and Learn**

**Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19 and 26**

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

**Live via Zoom**

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

Everyone is 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](mailto:rabbi@tbz.org)) if you'd like to be included in a weekly e-mail about Jewish Learning.

Shalom!

TBaZY has kicked off its year early and we are already planning for the rest of the Summer and Fall. Planning includes virtual programs as well as ideas for safe socially distant programs.

In June we held the installations of our new board, twice. We held installations via Zoom, so all our members could be present, along with a general membership meeting to gather program ideas for the coming year. We also held installations in-person (outside, wearing masks and being socially distant) with our new board and a few outgoing board members. We're pleased to share photos below.

A Zoom trivia night was held on July 29 and lots of fun facts about our board members were shared as well. Look for more information regarding a socially distant ice cream gathering and more!

Tammy and I, along with our teen board, continue to be a part of the CJEL (Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning ) to bring all Jewish teens in our community together by collaborating.

Should you have any questions about TBaZY membership, programming, etc. for your 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader, please feel free to contact us at 867-8541 or email us at Bshapiro44@gmail.com.

Beth Shapiro and Tammy VanWey



**Natalie Kopf**  
**Saturday, August 8**  
Daughter of: Jennifer & Robert Kopf



**Max Goldhirsch**  
**Saturday, August 15**  
Son of: Kim Goldhirsch & Susan Frawley



**Bailee Goldman**  
**Friday, August 21**  
Daughter of: Cassandra & Harold Goldman



**Ava Edelman**  
**Saturday, August 22**  
Daughter of: Lisa & Jacob Edelman



**Reagan Mullen**  
**Saturday, August 29**  
Daughter of: Renee Mullen

*Please join these wonderful Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants as they lead Shabbat Services for their Temple community via Zoom. The links can be found at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).*

To Amy Goldstein, who retires at the end of this month from her position as Grand Jury Bureau Chief. Amy has served in the Erie County District Attorney's office for more than 34 years.



## From the Director

As I continue to plan for the next Religious School year, I am bombarded daily with information (and misinformation) about the COVID-19 pandemic. What we don't know about how it will continue to affect us is overwhelming. The world's most respected scientists and medical experts are telling us that this threat will not go away anytime soon, and they continue to stress the importance of remaining vigilant in our efforts to protect ourselves and each other. (Very Jewish, I suggest.)

Religious School must act in the safest, most *menschlichkeit* manner, as demanded by our tradition and values. We may wish it were otherwise, but this virus doesn't care about economics, mental health, or any other of our human concerns. Opening Religious School at Broder in September — even partially — has the potential to endanger the health and well-being of students, teachers, and families. These are not risks that I, or the leadership of TBZ, are willing to take.

What I have discovered, to my surprise and delight, is that this crisis has given me the opportunity to explore new and creative ways of learning and engaging in a manner that is safe for everyone. What if we could implement a plan for Religious School that emphasized collaborative learning? What if it promoted family conversations and encouraged siblings to participate together? What if it incorporated play, exploration, and inventiveness? And what if that plan was flexible enough so that if/when restrictions ease, small groups of students and families could gather together comfortably in their homes?

What if the curriculum content acknowledged the worries all of us have struggled with regarding our health, job and financial security, and feelings of isolation? What if that plan came with guidance for teachers who excel in the in-person classroom, but are less comfortable teaching remotely? And what if it all happened under an umbrella of Jewish principles and values?

Sounds pretty amazing... which is why I am so excited to tell you that we will be adopting a ground-breaking new curriculum for our Religious School this fall.

Called “*La'bri-ut*: To our health and wellness,” it is currently being developed by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, a nationally recognized agency at the cutting edge of Jewish educational practice. I look forward to sharing the details of *La'bri-ut* with you just as soon as possible. Watch for those emails!

L'shalom,  
Beth Steinberg



## Engagement Committee News

Every month, at the first Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* service, birthdays (and anniversaries) for our congregants are recognized. In the pre-Covid days, congregants were called up to the *bimah* for a blessing and a candy bar. It was always a happy moment of celebration within our temple family. For a few precious minutes we were a family....singing a song....sharing a sweet treat....being celebrated just for “being”. August is my birthday month, and so that is why I am thinking about this as I write this column.

According to Jewish tradition, your birthday commemorates the day on which G-d said to you: "You, as an individual, are unique and irreplaceable. No person alive, no person who has ever lived, and no person who shall ever live, can fulfill the specific role in My creation I have entrusted to you..." Celebrating a birthday is therefore also a demonstration of confidence. Confidence that you are and will continue to be worthy of G-d's trust. No matter the obstacles, you will persevere and live up to G-d's expectations of you. This involves responsibility and reflection. Our birthdays are about more than opening presents and eating cake. They are a time to reevaluate the ways in which we are living up to G-d's plan for us. Are we achieving our unique role?

On August 27 I will do exactly that. I will look inward and outward to evaluate my role as a parent, a daughter, a friend, an officer on the board of Temple Beth Zion. How can I do better? What have I achieved? Has my being born and being entrusted by G-d bettered the world in some small way? And then I will (hopefully) eat cake.

So, fellow August birthday people....let's celebrate and reflect together. And, those of you in our temple family with birthdays in the other eleven months, when it's your turn I hope you can do the same. Only by celebrating ourselves and each other, by recognizing what our unique role is, and by reflecting on how we have progressed in achieving that role can we as a society, and we as a Temple Beth Zion family progress. We are all connected and are all a part of G-d's plan. While we are not getting together in-person for monthly events until this pandemic is over, let's continue to form and strengthen our connections in new ways. Please contact me at any time. I want to connect with each and every one of you...and celebrate each of your unique roles on your birthday....and every day.

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

## Presidents' Message

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion, Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) provides a collective identity for the women in our congregation, and also provides an outlet for the creative energy, talent and leadership for each of its members. Further, through its affiliation with the Women of Reform Judaism, we are part of an international organization with over 600 affiliates and 100,000 members. What do we do? Your dues support Temple Beth Zion many projects and National WRJ. Also, by purchasing Uniongram cards in the Judaica Shop, you help to support the education of rabbis, teachers and cantors.

WRJ and your Sisterhood are involved in social action. We promote Reform Judaism in Israel and around the world.

You can join our Sisterhood. Fill out the form on this page and join today!

Your commitment can be as small or as big as you have time to give.

We have not planned our new calendar year yet but we will let you know our plans as soon as we can.

For more information about Sisterhood call us,

Susan Bruckheimer 982-2099

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757

### Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

SALE! 20 to 50% off most items in shop  
Passover, Chanukah, Rosh HaShana,  
Mezuzahs, Shabbat, Tzedakah Boxes,  
Wedding gifts, select Jewelry  
(some exceptions apply)

Look for pictures on the Temple Beth Zion Facebook page  
Tallitot and Talit clips

Did you know that TBZ members receive 20% off  
when they buy a Tallit for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child?

The shop will NOT be open for in-person sales  
but we can take pictures, send them to you and  
arrange for contactless delivery

Contact Susan at (716) 982-2099 or  
nana4susan@gmail.com  
or Dee (204) 446-1211

Stay safe Stay healthy Stay put

## 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.

### 2020-2021 Sisterhood Membership Levels

- Miriam** \$500 Life Membership. Receive a one-time 30% discount coupon for our Judaica Shop and one package of Uniongrams
- Sarah** \$72 Receive one package of Uniongrams
- Rebekah** \$54
- Rachel** \$40
- Add \$5 to Rebekah or Rachel membership level to support the YES (Youth, Education, and Special needs projects) Fund.** This WRJ project provides educational and cultural programs for high school and college age youth, scholarships and grants for future Rabbis, and resources for causes of social justice, human rights, early childhood education, and human services. With your donation, you will be entitled to receive a packet of five Uniongrams.
  - Renewal
  - New membership
  - Call me if you need extra help

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks out to TBZ Sisterhood and mail to: Margy Zeckhauser, 36 Wingate Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14216-2135.

## Sisterhood Zooms

The Board of Sisterhood of TBZ met via Zoom in June. New technology is not always straightforward, but members are embracing the opportunity to learn. Special thanks to Jeff Clark for his assistance.



### Join Today!

Ken Graber will continue to serve as Brotherhood President and be the guiding hand behind Achim, which will be held at Weinberg Campus when it is safe to do so.

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. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form below and return it with your dues. Remember that all funds raised through fundraisers or programs go back to the Temple to help fund Temple operations, programs, scholarships, etc.

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

Philip Chazen

### Brotherhood Membership 2020-2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## TBZ and JFS Collaboration Bar and Bat Mitzvah Kids Coping During Pandemic

Special sessions geared for Temple Beth Zion's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students will be available on Tuesdays in August from 7 - 8 pm. via Zoom. Participants must register with Cantor Myers at cantor@tbz.org or 836-6565, ext. 130. Registration is limited to 10 participants.

Licensed Social Workers Matthew Stewart and Lianna Zulich will facilitate conversations and provide tools surrounding the reality our adolescents face.

Sessions will include: Coping Strategies & Self Care, The New Normal, Managing Social Connections, and Tools for the Future.

Lianna Zulich is a Clinical Social Worker at JFS. She is a graduate of Fordham University where she earned her MSW and of SUNY Buffalo where she also earned a B.S. in Social Work. She is certified as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and her studies have specialized in trauma informed care and Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT).

Matthew Stewart is the Manager of the Jewish Community Care Program at JFS. He received his Master of Social Work degree from Daemen College, and is in the process of obtaining his LMSW certification.

## The Traveling Torah

As we described last month, the Temple Beth Zion B'nei Mitzvah Class of 2020 is charting a pathway through new territory – and reinvigorating an ancient Jewish custom. There is a long-held practice of bringing a *Sefer Torah* (Torah scroll) to a home to reside with a family before a *simcha* (celebration), such as a wedding, bris, or other celebration. The photos below share the moments when Cantor Myers brought a Torah Scroll to the home of Aaron Weiss prior to his Bar Mitzvah in June. Aaron's parents are Jeffrey Weiss and Sharon Nolan-Weiss. Mazel tov Aaron!



# BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE 2020/5781

Among the ways we honor our loved ones in memory is by producing our Book of Remembrance each year at the High Holy Days.

This year our TBZ Book of Remembrance will be available on our website, for pick up or mailed to you. Each book will list the names of those you wish to memorialize, followed by your name and the names of others wishing to remember the same loved one.

As in prior years, we ask that you enclose a donation of \$54.00 for three (3) or fewer names being memorialized and \$72.00 for four (4) or more names. **\*\*If you would like your book mailed to you please include \$2.00 for the cost of postage. The books will be available for pick up at the Broder building on September 24 and 25\*\***

We thank you in advance for your generosity. Please enclose a check or you can pay with a credit card by including that information below.

Please use the form below to designate the names to be listed in this year's edition. All information **MUST** be at the Temple office **by August 31, 2020** so that the editing and printing can be completed on time.

Sincerely,



David Goldberg  
Temple President

**Please return entire form with payment by August 31, 2020**

Please enter the following name(s) in the "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE" (**please print**)

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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*\*\*Please specify if you would like the book mailed to you or you will be picking it up at the Broder Building on September 24 or 25.       Mail or  Pick up on the 24<sup>th</sup> or  Pick up on the 25<sup>th</sup>*

**Please print** your name exactly as you want it to appear in the book.

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## 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](http://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](http://join.zoom.us) on any browser and entering the Meeting ID and password 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.
- Please refrain from private behavior – we can see you!



We're excited to have established a way to access your member account on the new Temple Beth Zion online membership management system powered by ShulCloud. Used by more than 900 congregations, ShulCloud will allow you to easily manage your own account information, register for events, submit donations, and connect with other members who opt-in to the online membership directory.

ShulCloud is designed to provide a secure and private way to view your transaction history and set up one-time or even recurring payments. There is so much you can do!

How to Get Started:

1) On July 6 you should have received an email from [kara@tbz.org](mailto:kara@tbz.org). Open it and click on the link that is provided (note, the link expires on August 6). You will automatically be brought to your Member Profile Page.

2) Create your new personal TBZ member password.

- Your username is your email address.

3) Review and update your personal information and privacy preferences. You can:

Click the [My Profile](#) tile to verify and edit your profile information.

Click the [My Family-Edit](#) tile to verify and edit your family information.

Click the [My Directory Listing](#) tile to verify and edit your display and sharing preferences. The listing includes only your name until and unless you choose otherwise. You will be able to allow other TBZ members the ability to look up your address, phone number, email address...whatever YOU choose.

4) Explore! Click on the "Members" link in the upper right corner to check out your personal dashboard. Upload a photo for your profile. Link a bank account. Submit a donation in honor of a loved one. Have fun!

**Shulcloud is an online Congregant directory visible only to other TBZ members. If, when the last TBZ directory was printed in 2012, you selected the option to keep ALL of your information private, your name will not be visible to other congregants. We encourage you to access your account as soon as possible to update your information. If you do not have computer access and would like to verify that your information is current, you can call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.**



## Contributions

### **JUDITH F. ALEXANDER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

In Memory of:

Ilja Weinrieb, MD, by Joan & David Alexander

### **ART FUND**

In Memory of:

Sara Stone, by Barbara & Paula Rosen, Kathleen Corff Rogers

### **CORINNE F. & MICHAEL F. ELLIS LANDSCAPING FUND**

In Memory of:

Ilja Weinrieb, MD, by Randy & Cindy Oppenheimer

### **Fund Focus**

#### **Corinne F. & Michael F. Ellis Landscaping Fund**

Provides resources for special landscaping projects at the Delaware Building and the Aaron and Bertha Broder Center for Jewish Education.

### **DR. SAMUEL & JOAN ELLIS SHATKIN MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL FUND**

In Honor of:

Zahava Fried for her spirit and dedication as teacher and director of PALS-Kadimah Preschool, by the staff of Temple Beth Zion

### **FIGHT HUNGER & POVERTY FUND**

In Memory of:

Robert Daniels, by Channell Daniels  
David Rein, by Helen Sloan

### **RABBI JONATHAN FREIRICH'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In Memory of:

David Rein, by June Hesch, Zella Glickman  
Eda Weiss, by June Hesch  
Mary Cohen, by Getelle Rein  
Louis Pozarny, by Howard & Shirley Wilinsky

In Honor of:

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's special birthday, by David & Joan Alexander  
Jude Freirich's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, by David & Joan Alexander  
The Bar Mitzvah of Jude Freirich, by David & Joan Alexander  
Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Weiss, by Jeffrey & Sharon Weiss

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service at the dedication & first Yahrzeit of Peggy Stone, by Herman Stone  
Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, by Kenneth & Adrienne Graber  
Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Rose R. Gellman, by her family

### **GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

A Donation by:

Channell Daniels

In Memory of:

Harold J. Levy, MD, by Arlyne Levy  
Suzanne K. Hoffman, by Patricia Hoffman Griffen  
Della B. Kempner, by Patricia Hoffman Griffen

### **KOL NIDRE FUND**

In Memory of:

Mina Neidrauer, by David & Bette Davidson  
Ilja Weinrieb, MD, by Louis & Janice Siegel

In Honor of:

Ethel & Dick Melzer's 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, by Virginia Ellis

### **LIBRARY FUND**

In Memory of:

Andrew Falk, by Pauline Rogers  
Ilja Weinrieb, MD, by Jennie Barlow

### **CANTOR PENNY S. MYERS' DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In Memory of:

Joel Marcus, by Sandy & Jerry Goldberg, Carol Oleshansky & Jim Myers

In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny S. Myers, by Kenneth & Adrienne Graber

In Honor of:

The Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Weiss, by Jeffrey & Sharon Weiss

### **MUSIC FUND**

In Memory of:

Rose R. Gellman, by Jeff & Ann Gellman

### **PRESCHOOL FUND**

In Memory of:

David Rein, by Gerry Lederman, David & Bette Davidson  
Eda Weiss, by David & Bette Davidson  
In Honor of:  
Ethel & Richard Melzer's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by Elaine & Jerry Schweitzer & family  
Zahava Fried for her dedication to and love for PALS-Kadimah, by Richard & Beth Steinberg

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

In Memory of:

Irving Braun, by Sara & Steven Schultz

In Honor of:

Joshua Garson's Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Shoshanna Ford Hertz's Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Jordan Levine's Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Emily Steinberg's Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Nathan Wallens' Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Rayna Wallens' Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Aaron Weinmann's Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Jacob Wisnock's Confirmation, by Bruce Levine & Corey Wolffe-Levine  
Kaitlyn Stapleton's High School Graduation, by Sheryl & Tim Stapleton

**RESTORATION FUND**

In Honor of:

**Julie Feldman** being named Sisterhood Woman of the Year, by Sara & Steven Schultz

**DOROTHY ROSENFELDER CARING COMMUNITY FUND**

In Memory of:

**Ilja Weinrieb, MD**, by Julie & Ed Feldman, Larry & Lucille Sherlick

**SISTERHOOD SERVICE FUND**

In Memory of:

**David Rein**, by Tobie Kamel, Pauline Rogers, Halli & Sol Glina, Gayle Nosenchuck, Claire Goldberg, Sharon Winer

**Eda Weiss**, by Halli & Sol Glina, Gayle Nosenchuck, Claire Goldberg, Sharon Winer

**Dolores Frankel**, by Pauline Rogers

In Honor of:

**Julie Feldman** being named Woman of the Year, by Sharon Winer, Pauline Rogers

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In Memory of:

**Sara Stone**, by Joel & Sheila Ross, Fran Kuttz

**Donations**

We've had a number of questions regarding donations. We hope the following information is helpful.

The staff of TBZ remains on the job. This includes, but is not limited to, collecting the mail and processing items that come in the mail and online. Donations and dues payments continue to be handled in a very timely manner. Please do not hesitate to send donations to honor an anniversary, birthday, recovery, kindness or other simcha or mitzvah. The honoree(s) will receive notification of your gift.

If you prefer to mail donations and dues payments, they can be mailed to: Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14226.

You can also make secure online donations through your ShulCloud account or by clicking on the "Giving" tab at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).

If you have questions and prefer to speak with someone, call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message and your call will be returned.



*Permanent Yearzeit Anniversaries*

**August 28 & 29**

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Morris Victor       | Georgiella S. Morris |
| Antflick            | Dorothy Marsey       |
| Jean Berger         | Morrison             |
| Joseph J.           | Arlene Spiller       |
| Blumenthal          | Morse                |
| Rose Barr Brock     | Berta F. Okun        |
| Jack Brownsten      | Bennett              |
| Anne H. Cohen       | Oppenheimer          |
| Richard D. Daniels  | Edward N.            |
| Benard Edelman      | Oppenheimer          |
| Norman              | Seymour Povitz       |
| Ellerstein, MD      | Harry A. Rachlin     |
| Carolyn Ruth Fass   | Emma R.              |
| Simon J. Feinsinger | Rodenberg            |
| Dr. Samuel          | Max M. Rosen         |
| Feinstein           | Ruth Sarles          |
| Rose A. Gerstman    | Sidney Schwartz      |
| Morris Goldberg     | Mona W. Skerker      |
| Gertrude Goll       | Siegbert Speier      |
| Marjory C.          | Gottlieb Steinfeld   |
| Greenfield          | Gerson Lyle          |
| Norman Gromer       | Steinhaus            |
| Justice Philip      | Bertha Stovroff      |
| Halpern             | Max Strauss          |
| Hattie Roblin       | Dorothy H. Teibel    |
| Harris              | Frances Ann Weill    |
| Raymond Hoffman     | Marvin S. Weinberg   |
| Sue Hyams           | Alice Weil           |
| Caroline Cohn       | Weinmann             |
| Kavinoky            | Ursula Nartelski     |
| Minnie Kriegler     | Weinrieb             |
| E. Alice Levitan    | Leah S. Weissman     |
| Ann Michelson       | Clarence S.          |
| Dr. Marvin H.       | Wertheimer           |
| Milch               | Samuel Zimmer        |
| Kenneth Miller      |                      |

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In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Please place my contribution in the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund.

**Your gift will be placed in the Kol Nidre Fund unless you designate otherwise.**

Please do not list in Bulletin.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



**Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries**

**July 31 & August 1**

Mabel Altman	Lester Markel
Iris Bilttekoff	Robert Marks
Morris Dozoretz	Gloria Anne (Levi) Mayer
Mildred Edelman	Penny Peckoff
Philip Eisenberg	Marguerite Reinauer
Nettie Fleishman Ellis	Joseph H. Rosenthal
Mildred Beck Gerstman	Dinah Hittleman
Phyllis Goodman	Rothenberg
Fanny Roblin Greenberg	Richard S. Ruslander
Clara G. Israel	Sheldon Schneiderman
Shirley Sapowitch Lans	Joseph Sparberg
Cecelia Lawrence	Samuel J. Weinstein
Rhoda Spector Leisner	Sheldon Weisberg
Edward I. Levy	Blanche S. Weiss
Evelyn Sperling Levy	Edward H. Wolkind
Jerome Livingston	Herbert Zepowitz
Florence L. Louis	Paul Zimm

**August 7 & 8**

Hatty Rosenberg	Lisbeth Ann Morrison
Barmon	Saul R. Myers
Hannah M. Beck	Israel (Sol) Newman
Esther Mages	Rose Panimo
Berman	Dr. Irving B. Perlstein
Samuel Bloom	Carolyn Frohman Pfeiffer
Michael Elliott Brown	Benjamin Rabinowitz
Jacob Carrel	Charles Haskell Raphael
Janet B. Clark	Blanche Barmon Reich
Esther Cohn	Anna C. Remson
Samuel Feldman	Molly Revzin
Bess Fierstein	Jennie Rosenthal
Myles Naylord Fox	Beatrice Rothschild
Mollie Freedman	Lillian Kadet Shapiro
Anna Fuhn	Stuart E. Silverschatz
Irving Gerstman	Arnold Snyder
Julius Goldstein	G. Robert Strauss Jr.
Richard Alan Gould	Luba Taylorson
Louise Jellinek Gross	Rose Tegler
John Gunzberger	Albert D. V. Weil
Melvin B. Hoffman	Daniel H. Weinberg
Alphonse Isaac	Sarah Weinberg
Jacob Kanel	
Cecelia H. Laping	
Nathan Lightman	
George Meister	
Robert J. Miller	
Susan Miller	

**August 14 & 15**

Samuel Caplen	Ethel Kurzman
David I. Cooper	Israel R. Lederman
Harold Doran	Hortense B. Lewin
Harold B. Ehrlich	Blanche R. Meister
Janet Sara Erenstoff	William Morris
Robert L. Fierstein	Marcus Reback
Philip Freedman	Annette Robins
Bella Goldberg	Albert Rosen
Dr. Allen L. Goldfarb	Beatrice C. Rosen
David J. Goldstein	Ruthe H. Sperling
Samuel Greenfield	Leah Yablin Sarles
Jeannette M. Handel	David Schwartz
Suzanne Kempner	Carrie Schweitzer
Hoffman	Max Siegel
Steven D. Horowitz	E. Thomas Smith
Amy Klopfer	Joseph Stein
Jacobson	Mary Joe Treger
Herman Juvelier	Eugene M. Warner
Della B. Kempner	Sophie Weinstein
Jacky Knopp, Jr.	Belle Goldstein
William Korn	White

**Yahrzeit Anniversaries for August 28 & 29 can be found on page 13.**

**August 21 & 22**

Anita K. Altman	Leon Charles Graber	Olga Miller
Beatrice P. Bergman	Mildred Gordon	Jesse N. Packard
Harold S. Besso	Haniford	Anna Peckoff
Ellen Bilttekoff	Anna Harris	Charles Posmantur
Shora M. Blumberg	Ann H. Jacobson	Dr. Abe I. Rock
Max Brock	Siegbert Jagusch	Hannah Rothman
Ruth Setel Brock	Ida Jeanette Kahn	Leonard Rovall
Lucile Manheim Brown	Dr. Robert Krantz	Howard T. Saperston, Sr.
Irwin M. Chertoff	Esther Fineberg Kaufman	James Schneiderman
Milton D. Cohn	Benjamin Kempner	Dr. Samuel I. Sherris
Dr. David Cornblum	Rose Lichtman	Julius Singer
Dr. Sidney David Friedman	Lederman	Benjamin Smith
Jane Freudenthal	Henry Lightman	Betty W. Stovroff
Jack Gelman	Stephanie Heusler	Lewis Sultanic
Anna B. Goldberg	Macks	Bertha Weil
Edith S. Goldstein	Dr. Theodore Mariam	Ruth Friedman
Gusta M. Goldstein	Levin Michaels	Zeligman



**Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials**  
**A Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial has been established for Robert P. Freedman by Maryann Saccomando Freedman**

*We offer our condolences to the families of:*

Rose R. Gellman  
 Anita Goldberg  
 Kathleen O. Traino  
 Adelaide "Adele" Klein





Our new self-service portal for dues, tuition, and donations officially launched in July. We are thrilled that so many of our congregants have accessed and updated their accounts. If you have not yet done so, we encourage you to use the link you received on July 6 from [kara@tbz.org](mailto:kara@tbz.org). The link expires on August 6, so please don't delay.

If you did not receive an email or would like us to send it again, please contact Kara at [kara@tbz.org](mailto:kara@tbz.org) or (716) 836-6565, ext. 112. ShulCloud is software designed to help synagogues, their staff and members connect with each other.

For additional information and instructions on ShulCloud, turn to page 11.

## Gradual Reopening

Our office staff has returned to the Broder Center. To maintain physical distancing, our schedule includes rotating work-from-home days so our in-person count remains low, while ensuring we continue to be available to our congregants. Please note, **our buildings are not yet open for visitors, and all services and programs continue to be held remotely.**

Office phone hours will be Monday through Thursday 9 am to 4 pm, and Friday 9 am until 2 pm. Our staff is happy to speak with you about ShulCloud, yahrzeits, services, or any other Temple matter.

A Reopening Task Force is diligently working on a safe path forward for reopening both of our facilities. Their work is challenging and the safety of our congregants, staff, tenants and guests is their first priority. Their efforts are greatly appreciated, and the moment they feel we can safely open our doors, we will do so. In the meantime, we thank you for your understanding.