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Chairs Announced For 2020-2021 Campaign

Temple President David Goldberg announced that Sharon and Edward Schwartz will serve as Chairs of the 2020-2021 Kol Nidre Campaign.

The campaign raises critical funds for our TBZ family and allows our Congregation to be open to all who wish to be members.

Turn to page 6 for a message from Sharon and Edward.

Opening Day for Religious School is Sunday, September 13!

TBZ Religious School is all new this year!

- ★ Short Sessions
- ★ Small Groups
- ★ Creative & Playful Hands-On Activities
- ★ We Provide The Materials
- ★ Exciting Projects
- ★ Collaborating with Friends
- ★ Learning Prayers with the Rock Stars of Jewish Music
- ★ Super Easy & Stress-Free for Parents!



Online Registration:

<https://templebethzionbuffalo.shulcloud.com/form/2020-2021-religious-school.html>



FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, September 13, 11:30 - 3:30 p.m.

700 Sweet Home Road AND 805 Delaware

Our TBaZY Youth Group asks our TBZ family to donate a bag (or two) of non-perishable food on Yom Kippur to be donated to a food bank. Although High Holy Day services will be held remotely this year, the food drive will still happen, just a bit earlier.

Turn to page 8 for details.

WNED Offers Yom Kippur Musical Interlude

WNED CLASSICAL

Buffalo • Toronto Public Media

Members of Temple Beth Zion's Ritual Committee have been instrumental in working with Buffalo Toronto Public Media to provide Jewish-themed music on WNED Classical (FM 94.5) from 2 to 3 p.m. on the afternoon of Yom Kippur, September 28.

This exciting program is made possible through the generosity of the folks at WNED Classical.

See details on page 5.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



tbz Letter from the President

As we enter the High Holy Days season, we reflect on how different this year has been. The world has gone through upheaval. Our country has gone through upheaval. And our Temple community has gone through upheaval.

It is time to move forward as we celebrate the New Year. Amazing efforts have been made by Cantor Myers, Rabbi Freirich, Judy Henn, our Ritual Committee, Anna Marie Richmond, Rob Rothkopf and our support staff, to make sure we have a meaningful and spiritual Holy Days.

In these unimaginable times, I ask that the events and circumstances of the last year not interfere with your High Holy Day experience and that we move forward as a united synagogue and a united community. Although we will not be praying together in our magnificent sanctuary, please know that we are all praying together and celebrating together in our virtual world. Just as Jews have for thousands of years, we overcome the obstacles placed in front of us, to pray as Jews, and to honor the Holy Days and traditions.

And, at this time, we think of those who are isolated, and in need. The Holy Days is the best time to make that call, or check in with those that can use a hand, or even just a conversation to let them know that they are not alone, and that their community is thinking of them.

Temple Beth Zion is an amazing institution and yet I hope we are a family. And I wish this family, our Temple family, a happy and a healthy New Year.

David Goldberg

Temple Beth Zion Office

Our office staff is on hand at 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. Our staff is happy to speak with you about ShulCloud, yahrzeits, services, or any other Temple matter.

Office phone hours are Monday through Thursday 9 am to 4 pm, and Friday 9 am until 2 pm.

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7 and Monday, September 28.

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All Shabbat services are available via Zoom.
 Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.
 Instructions for using Zoom can be found on page 10.
 Full details for High Holy Day Services
 can be found on pages 4 and 5.

Friday, September 4
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Elul **6 p.m.**
 Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, September 5
 Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**
 Bat Mitzvah of Georgia Mango

Friday, September 11
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Elul **6 p.m.**

Saturday, September 12
 Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**
 Bat Mitzvah of Arielle Parrish

Friday, September 18
 Erev Rosh Hashanah **8 p.m.**

Saturday, September 19
 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**
 Tashlich Service **5 p.m.**

Available online at your convenience

Rosh Hashanah Tot Service
 Rosh Hashanah Alternative Service

Friday, September 25
 Kabbalat Evening Service & Elul **6 p.m.**

Saturday, September 26
 Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**

Sunday, September 27
 Tishrei Memorial Service **Noon**
 Erev Yom Kippur **8 p.m.**

Monday, September 28
 Yom Kippur Main Service **10:30 a.m.**
 Learning via Zoom **2 p.m.**
 Yom Kippur Afternoon Service **3:15 p.m.**
 Yom Kippur Yizkor Service **4:30 p.m.**

Available online at your convenience

Yom Kippur Tot Service



Home for the Holy Days

Here come the strangest High Holy Days most of us have ever experienced.

How will it feel to sit at home or in another safe location, isolated from our Temple Beth Zion family, and participate in High Holy Day services remotely? I really can't tell you.

We might learn from the virtual events we have been doing over this last half year. Here are some suggestions to experiment with:

- Make ourselves feel special. If we would normally dress up for going to synagogue, try dressing up for participating in services from home. If it would be more special to participate in comfortable wear, we can do that. I believe this should feel like more than just sitting down in front of a screen. How we set ourselves up for the day will set it apart.
- Make the space special. Decorate our homes for the holy days. Make our homes smell good on Rosh Hashanah with the aromas of festive food cooking and baking, special flowers, or an autumn-scented potpourri. On Yom Kippur, craft a comfortable and sacred space to reflect. Make a meditation space. Sacred means "out of the ordinary" so we can create something special in our own homes.
- Make the days special. Carve out some extra time to be with the people we love, to visit an outdoor space, perhaps even to watch and listen to the services from a special location. We have no script to follow for how we do this, so use this opportunity to assert ourselves to create new and meaningful traditions.

We have mostly been a mobile people. We have spent more time on the move than we have settled and at peace in Israel with a single place of worship. The Five Books of Moses, our holiest scriptures, are about the importance of the journey. Deuteronomy ends before we arrive at the destination.

One of our names for the Divine is "ha-Makom" - "the Place". As a people on the move, we know that we can create a sense of holiness in any location, transforming it from "a place" to "the Place". We do this with the focus of our attention and energy over time.

This is why we dedicate our homes with a *mezuzah* - after declaring a place special it is on its way to becoming special. Specialness, holiness, sacredness, meaning - these are within our power to create.

May we all find a way to sanctify our homes for these coming High Holy Days,

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

High Holy Days 5781

Worship in a Time of COVID

TBZ's Clergy and staff, the Temple Board, the Ritual Committee, the Engagement Committee, and the COVID Task Force, are working together to reconfigure Temple Beth Zion's 180-year High Holy Day tradition to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic while keeping our members safe. Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate information about how the Temple reacted to the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic. Fortunately, we have far greater technological and medical resources to apply to the problem than were available in 1918. As this Bulletin goes to press in August, we are finalizing logistics. Please watch your mail and email for updated information, or call the Temple Office at 836-6565 with questions.

Service Formats To Vary

The Tot Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Alternative Rosh Hashanah Service, and a Tashlich service will be pre-recorded and available for downloading at your convenience from the Temple's web-site, www.tbz.org. (Details are also included in the High Holy Day mailing that was sent to all Temple members in late August and should be arriving in your mailbox at about the same time as this Bulletin.) You can participate in the pre-recorded services at whatever time works best for you and your family.

All of the services which normally were held in the Sanctuary will be live-streamed from the Sanctuary on the High Holy Days themselves, as scheduled. The Clergy Team, Organist David Bond, and a small team of audio-visual technicians (along with the immediate family members of those people) will be present in the Sanctuary on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah Day, Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei) and Yom Kippur Day, according to the schedule on page 5. You can participate in these services by accessing the link on the Temple website at www.tbz.org.

High Holy Day Service Schedule Adjusted

Please see page 5 for the schedule of High Holy Day services. As we reported in the August Bulletin, all High Holy Day Services will be offered remotely. You can participate in the services via your computer, tablet or smart-phone.

Please note the following changes to our High Holy Day service schedule:

Tot Services: Instead of offering services for youngest members and their families at 9 a.m. on Rosh Hashanah Day and Yom Kippur Day, pre-recorded services will be available on the TBZ website for viewing at the convenience of families.

Rosh Hashanah Alternative Service on Demand: The Rosh Hashanah Alternative Service (formerly the "Becker Farms Service") has been pre-recorded and will be available for viewing from the TBZ website at the convenience of our members. Be sure your children watch for a special guest who took part in the sermon! Photos from the recording session can be seen on page 11.

Single Yom Kippur morning service: We will offer a single Yom Kippur morning service this year, rather than the family service at 9 a.m., followed by the "traditional" service at 11:30. **The single Yom Kippur morning service will be live-streamed from the Sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Monday September 28.**

Engagement and Screen-time Breaks

TBZ's traditional High Holy Day morning services run approximately two to two-and-one-half hours long. Morning services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will include an "engagement break" with suggested activities and meditations tied in with the sermons. These breaks will offer members an opportunity to move away from their screens and stretch their legs, but more importantly, will also include an opportunity to reflect upon and respond to themes and prompts presented by the Rabbi.

Roman Mekinulov to Perform Bruch Kol Nidrei

For the second year in a row, Temple Beth Zion member and Buffalo Philharmonic Principal Cellist, Roman Mekinulov, accompanied by Organist, Dr. David Bond, will open TBZ's Kol Nidrei service on Sunday, September 27 at 8 p.m. with a powerful rendition of the Max Bruch *Kol Nidrei*. Bruch's piece builds on the haunting opening melody of the Kol Nidrei prayer and develops into a lyrical *tour de force* that captivates the Congregation year in and year out. Listen live by accessing the service at the Temple website: www.tbz.org.

Live Tishrei Memorial Service Together Sunday, September 27, Noon

Rabbi Freirich will conduct a brief service in memory of beloved members of our families, under a tent in Section Z at Forest Lawn Cemetery. This service is designed to offer comfort to the living while strengthening ties to our departed loved ones during the High Holy Day season.

Attendees are asked to wear masks and adhere to social distancing protocol. Service also available via Zoom – go to www.tbz.org for the link.

Borrow a Machzor for the High Holy Days

The Mishkan HaNefesh High Holy Day prayerbooks have provided the text of our worship for the past several years, thanks to the generosity of Grant Golden and Deborah Goldman. The prayerbooks are notable for their full transliterations of Hebrew prayers, their contemporary poetry and alternative readings, and their new translations of many of the prayers. In order to enable our Congregants to fully experience the High Holy Days, TBZ is offering to lend sets of the prayerbooks to congregants for use at services and throughout the High Holy Day period.

Congregants are invited to pick up copies of the prayerbooks from the Temple Broder Center parking lot on Sunday, September 13, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and will be asked to return them after Yom Kippur. To reserve your copy, please email Becky at becky@tbz.org, or telephone the Temple Office at 836-6565.

Alternatively, the following resources are available for purchase on-line: *Mishkah ha-Nefesh for Youth*, is available for downloading from the iTunes store for \$19.99: <https://books.apple.com/ca/book/mishkan-hanefesh-for-youth/id1435073630>. A two-volume hard-bound set is available from CCAR Press for \$44 https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50382.

Tikkun Olam for the New Year

Do you have recyclable bottles and cans piling up in your house? Clean up for the new year and do a mitzvah! TBZ will be collecting recyclable bottles and cans at the TBZ Broder Center parking lot on Sunday, September 13, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Bring your empty bottles and cans, Food Bank donations (see TBAZY article on page 8) and borrow copies of the High Holy Day Machzor to use during the services.

Yom Kippur Musical Interlude

A cherished tradition at Temple Beth Zion is the annual musical interlude on Yom Kippur day between the morning and afternoon services. Traditionally, a string quartet performs an hour of classical music for the enjoyment and contemplation of our members. In lieu of that live performance, this year Buffalo Toronto Public Media  will broadcast an hour of Jewish-themed music on WNED Classical from 2 to 3 p.m. on the afternoon of Yom Kippur, September 28.

This exciting program is made possible through the generosity of the folks at WNED Classical, who have agreed to air this program for the enjoyment of all. Please tune your FM dial to 94.5, and enjoy an hour of beautiful music, courtesy of our public radio station.

Temple Beth Zion High Holy Day Schedule 2020

**All services (unless "on demand") will be held live.
All links to services can be found at www.tbz.org.**

Friday, September 18

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 8 PM

Saturday, September 19

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10:30 AM

Tashlich and Shofar Together, 5 PM

Japanese Garden, behind the Buffalo History Museum. Attendees are asked to wear masks and adhere to social distancing protocol. Bring bird seed to symbolically cast away our transgressions from the past year and a shofar to awaken our souls. Service also available via Zoom – go to www.tbz.org for the link.

Sunday, September 27

Memorial Service, Noon

Forest Lawn Cemetery, Section Z

Attendees are asked to wear masks and adhere to social distancing protocol. Service also available via Zoom – go to www.tbz.org for the link.

Kol Nidrei – Erev Yom Kippur Service, 8 PM

Monday, September 28

Yom Kippur Morning Service, 10:30 AM

Yom Kippur Afternoon Learning, 2:00 PM

Via Zoom – go to www.tbz.org for the link.

Yom Kippur Musical Interlude, 2 - 3 PM (FM 94.5)

Yom Kippur Mincha Service, 3:15 PM

Yom Kippur Yizkor-Ne'ilah Service, 4:30 PM

On Demand Services – go to www.tbz.org:

Rosh Hashanah Alternative Morning Service

Rosh Hashanah Tot Service

Yom Kippur Tot Service



Elul Study Series - *me and white supremacy*

During Friday Evening Shabbat Services beginning at 6 p.m. on August 28, September 4, September 11, and September 25 - Shabbat Tshuvah.

As we approach the High Holy Days, the month of Elul asks us to prepare ourselves by looking back at the last year and reflecting about how we can make the next year better.

This year we will undertake the four-week study outlined in Layla F. Saad's book, *me and white supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*. Each week we will reflect on the week's work from the book.

August 28 - Week 1: The Basics

September 4 - Week 2: Anti-Blackness, Racial Stereotypes, and Cultural Appropriation

September 11 - Week 3: Allyship

September 25 - Week 4: Power, Relationships, and Commitments

If you'd like to read the book to follow along, you can purchase either the physical or electronic versions here:

https://smile.amazon.com/dp/1728209803/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_G9UnFbEVT6W2A



Bringing in the High Holy Day Season from East to West
Saturday, September 12, beginning at 8:30 PM Eastern

Over 60 rabbis and cantors will present, including Temple Beth Zion's Cantor Penny Myers. Cantor Myers' presentation, "Must We Forgive?" will take place at 9:30 PM Eastern time.

This program is free and open to all. Individual registration opens September 1. Full schedules and zoom links provided to all who register. Go to <http://cjselihot.org/> for program details and registration.

This event is sponsored by the Conservative Movement High Holiday Task Force, a partnership between the Cantors Assembly, Jewish Educators Assembly, North American Association of Synagogue Executives, Rabbinical Assembly, and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.



Dear Friends,

All members of the Temple Beth Zion family received a letter regarding the Kol Nidre Campaign in the High Holy Day mailing. Every year, the Annual Giving Campaign is critical to the mission and membership of TBZ. This year, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we rely heavily on the Campaign to provide assistance to our members in need. Please know that if you have suffered financial hardship as a result of this public health crisis, we understand, and we are not asking you to contribute this year.

Thank you to those who have already sent in their Kol Nidre donations. Donations of all sizes are encouraged and appreciated.

Thank you for your support and dedication to TBZ. Shanah Tovah Umetukah - Have a Good and Sweet Year.

Sharon and Edward Schwartz
2020-2021 Campaign Chairs



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

Lunch and Learn

Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Learning schedule for the coming month:

September 2 – The God of Maimonides, Micah Goodman

September 9 – Talmud – Controlling Our Anger, Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

September 16 – “Without a Vision, a People Will Perish”, Rabbi Stanley Davids on a liberal Zionism

September 23 – Yishmael, My Son, Bless Me, Professor Ruth Calderon

September 30 - All Politics is Religious - Rabbi Dennis Ross

Torah Study

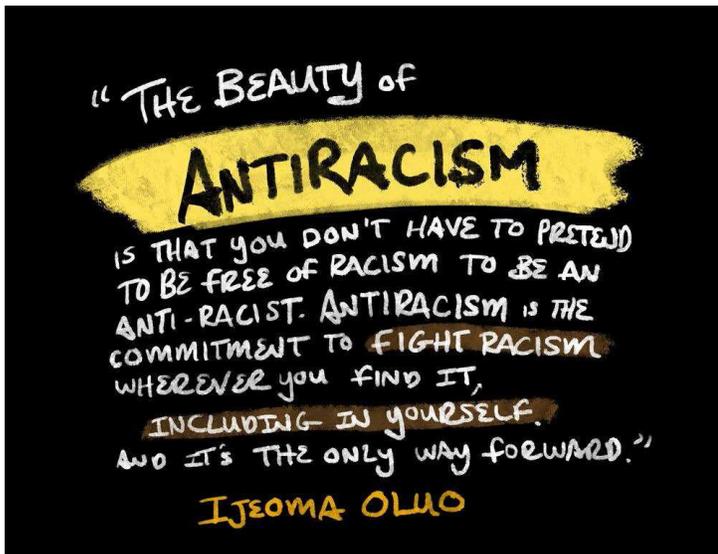
Saturday mornings

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.



A Minister and a Rabbi Get Real About AntiRacism

Thursdays, September 10 and 24, Noon - 1:15 PM

Zoom meeting ID: 834 2616 5063

Passcode: 245557

To attend by phone: (646) 558 8656

Rev. Denise O. Walden, organizer for VOICE Buffalo, and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, meet every other week to have honest and open discussions about how to work against racism together.

Please RSVP to rabbijonathan@yahoo.com and send any questions you have ahead of time. Thank you!

Multi-Faith Welcoming – Beloved Community in the Making Sukkot Havdalah



Saturday, October 3, 7 p.m.
At Canalside and on Zoom

Join a multi-faith community for welcoming one another into a Sukkah and celebrating Havdalah, the intertwining of Shabbat and the normal week, and the intertwining of our multiple cultures, as we dedicate ourselves to becoming better neighbors.

Havdalah and Sukkot blessings, inspirational words, and conversations.

Please wear a mask and respect physical distances.

Zoom Meeting ID: 824 4358 5007

By phone: 1 646 558 8656

Passcode: 542964

Engagement Committee News

September is always a time for new beginnings for me; I spent my career as an educator, so this month has always meant back-to-school. A new routine as summer ends... new classes... new students... new notebooks and perfectly sharpened pencils.



This year, even the new will be new! As I write this, I know that our TBZ Religious School will be held “virtually” with an entirely new curriculum. I do not know what will be happening in the public schools. The news changes daily. I think my son will be going back to Cornell, but even that can change. So many unknowns!

Another “new” will be our High Holy Day services. On September 18th we will begin with our “virtual” Erev Rosh Hashanah service. All of our High Holy Day services will be “virtual” this year... but for me (and hopefully for you too) that will make the time no less sacred than it is every year. “Virtual” means that we will not be together in the sanctuary... but that does not mean that we will not be together as a Temple Beth Zion family. It does not mean that our services are any less real, or that any less effort went into making them spiritually meaningful. They are just taking on a new format.

I need to be honest with you... I do not like change. I do not like the unknown. I find it all very stressful. Dealing with it, adapting to it, and enjoying it is something I need to work on. *According to Rabbi Yitzchak Hutner, “The truth of the matter is that the power of change is the greatest innovation, after the wonder of the creation of Heaven and Earth.” Rabbi Tzadok Hakohen once stated, “Change occurs in many ways. Sometimes it is fast, sometimes it can be slow. Sometimes it is our present that holds us back. Sometimes it is our future. If we are ever to apprehend the changes we want, the first thing we may need to change is our collective conceptions of change itself.”*

Religious School is changing. The High Holy Days are changing. Our very lives and routines continue changing. One thing that is not changing, though, is Temple Beth Zion’s commitment to our congregants. We may not be getting together in-person for events until this pandemic is over, but we continue to be here for you. Let’s try to embrace these changes, and 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, “virtually” now.... and in-person later.

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)

JAGoldstein827@gmail.com

Shalom!

TBaZY (our youth group for 6th -12th graders) has been busy all summer! We had a successful and fun trivia night via Zoom and got to get to know each other better. In August, we got to meet up in person (being socially distant and wearing masks) for ice cream. It was so nice to see everyone in person!

Our Yom Kippur Food Drive is still happening!

As we move into Fall, we normally ask our TBZ family to donate a bag (or two) of non-perishable food on Yom Kippur to be donated to a food bank. High Holy Day services will be held remotely this year but the food drive will still happen, just a bit earlier.

The food drive will be at the Broder Center AND the Delaware Building on September 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to drop off bags of non-perishable food. We aim to fill a truck every year, and this year is no different. Please consider donating as much as you can and the TBaZY board will be at both locations to assist, safely of course.

As always, should you have any questions about youth group, please feel free to reach out to Tammy or Beth at (716) 867-8541 or Bshapiro44@gmail.com.

We wish you a Sweet and Happy New Year,
Tammy VanWey and Beth Shapiro



Thank you to everyone who logged into our new Account Management Software Shulcloud! If you have not already done so, the initial link has expired so please contact Kara Kane at (716) 836-6565 or Kara@tbz.org for help.

The online membership management system, powered by ShulCloud, is used by more than 900 congregations. It allows 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!

We are thrilled that so many of our congregants have already accessed and updated their accounts.



Georgia Mango
Saturday, September 5
Daughter of: Sara Mango and
Aaron Mango



Arielle Parrish
Saturday, September 12
Daughter of: Nikki Keller and
Greg Parrish

Please join these wonderful Bat Mitzvah celebrants as they lead Shabbat Services for their Temple community via Zoom. The links can be found at www.tbz.org.

Mitzvah Project Supports SPCA

Georgia Mango's Mitzvah Project is supporting the SPCA Serving Erie County by making tied fleece blankets and homemade treats to include in pet care packages for newly adopted dogs. In addition, Georgia will be collecting items included on the SPCA's wish list (which includes Friskies wet cat food, gently used or new cat collars, long-handled pooper-scoopers, washcloths, hand towels, pillowcases, plastic pet carriers (medium size), stuffed animals (6" or larger and no beads, hard eyes, buttons, batteries or noises), baby receiving blankets, Feliway Spray, and dog collars of any size. Anyone interested in donating any extra fleece, cloth or items included on the wish list can reach out to Georgia's Dad at aaronmango@gmail.com.

To our Executive Director, Jeff Clark, on the completion of his MBA program.

To Rachel Zimmer and Adam Friedman on their marriage. Rachel's parents are Robyn and Jeffrey Zimmer and grandparents Arnold Zimmer and Peggy Kulick.

To Cindy and Randy Oppenheimer, who are the proud grandparents of three new grandchildren. Piper Rose is the daughter of Ben Oppenheimer and Alison Diana. Rand Kenneth is the son of Jacob and Florence Oppenheimer. Layla Belle is the daughter of Danny Oppenheimer and Parisa Mazaheri.



From the Director

You've probably heard the old Yiddish proverb, "Man plans and God laughs."

My plan was for TBZ Religious School Registration to "go live" on ShulCloud mid-summer. Let's just say... that didn't go AT ALL the way I'd planned. (I hope God enjoyed the laugh.)

TBZ has never attempted Religious School Registration online before. Of course electronic registration will help us to reduce paper usage, but it will also make it much easier for you to share your family's information with us. Whatever you share with us will remain safely in the system for the future, unless at some point you wish to make changes. Tuition payments will be processed more efficiently and we will be able to better target our communications and publicity to you.

So, a huge TODAH RABAH/THANK YOU to all of the parents who have already activated their ShulCloud accounts and completed Religious School Registration for their family!

Our Opening Day is Sunday, September 13, and we have dynamic news plans in place for 2020-2021!

We are adopting a brand-new curriculum called לבריאות "La'bri-ut: To our health and wellness" for students in K-6th Grade. This one-year project was developed specifically to address the needs of our children and families during this pandemic. Anchored in Jewish texts and tales, the curriculum focuses on Jewish values that build resiliency and guide personal and communal health and wellness.

Each of your children will be assigned to a multi-age cohort of about 10 students which will gather online for about 30 minutes on Sunday mornings with their teacher and madrichim. During these mifgashim/sessions, the cohort will be introduced to the content of the week and given guidance for further exploration. Then, on their own, with their siblings or others in their cohort, students will have the opportunity to dig deeper into the concepts of the week.

Lower elementary students (K-3rd Grade) will further their learning through playful, creative hands-on activities, using kits of materials that we will supply. (Parents: watch your emails for details on contact-free Driveway Delivery!)

Upper elementary students (4th-6th Grades) will receive Challenge Cards for each of their weekly projects, and will be given links to explanatory videos and other resources. Everyone will receive "Family Schmooze" discussion questions designed to encourage family conversation.

For Hebrew this year all of the materials we will be using have been redesigned for online classrooms and our teachers are receiving updated training to successfully engage their students. Instruction for students in K-3rd Grade will include a lot of moving around. Our 4th-6th Graders will be Hebrew in Harmony, a lively music-based prayer curriculum which features several of the most recognized and creative Jewish musicians composing and playing today.

I am so excited for us to gather together again even if we are doing so remotely. I can't wait for your children to see the faces of their Religious School friends once again, for our teachers to begin working with their students in new and exciting ways, and for our madrichim to help guide their progress. I strongly believe that we can create a valuable, meaningful Religious School experience this year for all of our children that enhances their connection to Temple Beth Zion and their love of all things Jewish!

L'shalom,
Beth Steinberg

Committee Corner

For those of you who don't know me, I am Susan Goldberg, the chairperson for the Education Committee. We are a small group of educators, clergy, TBZ staff and parents created to support the Religious School. When Beth Steinberg was hired to lead our school, we were formed as an outlet for conversation regarding what our school should look like and what we needed to do to get there. Last year, we supported the introductory meeting for parents to meet Beth at Bagels with Beth and members of the committee could often be found at Religious School, meeting and greeting parents and children as they entered the building.



As we transitioned to virtual school (and continue to do so) we serve as an advisory board, getting updates from Beth and helping the school in any way possible. We meet once a month; our meetings are a combination of what's new at school and feedback from the team regarding how we can assist.

Our goals in the coming year are to ensure that our families have a school that is vibrant, engaging and providing our young people with a strong foundation to carry on the traditions that are an integral part of Judaism. In addition, we are looking to find innovative ways for virtual learning as we prepare our young people for the B'nai Mitzvah as well as other life cycle events.

If you are interested in joining our committee, you can contact me directly at 716-867-6012 or via email at schruttberg1@gmail.com.

Presidents' Message

Happy New Year to all! Let's hope for a healthy one as well! By now, everyone should have received our Membership letters in the mail. Please remember to send in your dues! Sisterhood does much for our temple and we need your support now. We hope to be able to resume our programming in the near future.

We would love for everyone to join us for our "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" that will take place Saturday morning, October 17. If you wish to donate, you can go online to the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer Buffalo" site and then find our team "Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood." If you wish to join our team, we hope to walk in the Broder Center neighborhood, at a safe distance apart, that morning. Please let Marilyn Schillroth know if you wish to join.

We are looking forward to the day when we can all be together safely! Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or comments.

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757
Susan Bruckheimer 982-2099



* 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 calling her at 689-4682 or sending her an email at: shoshana37@yahoo.com so she can send a note on behalf of Sisterhood. We'd like to let our members know that we are thinking of them, so please help us do that by letting Susan know.

* We hope you are able to watch Shabbat services as they are live streamed or on Zoom. Facetime with family and friends, call one another. Deliver a treat to a friend, or shop for someone you know who cannot or should not be out.

* Don't forget to wear your mask when out in public. We are getting closer to the day when we can greet one another in person again. We hope to see you soon!

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

Did you know that money earned from sales in the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop is used to help support Temple AND Sisterhood programs.

SALE! 20 to 50% off most items in shop Rosh HaShana, Shabbat, Mezuzahs, Tzedakah Boxes, Wedding gifts, select Jewelry, Chanukah, Passover
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Look for Pictures on Temple Beth Zion FACEBOOK page
Tallitot, Talit clips, Yads, Kippahs

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

The shop is NOT open for in person sales but we can take pictures and send to you and we will make arrangements for contactless delivery.

Contact Susan 716-982-2099 or Dee 204-446-1211
e-mail nana4susan@gmail.com



Sisterhood Walks

Sisterhood will again gather a team for the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk.

We hope many of you will join our team. This year's walk is the morning of October 17. All are welcome (men too!). This year we plan to walk the Broder Center neighborhood.

If you wish to donate, you can go online to the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer Buffalo" site and then find our team "Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood." If you wish to join our team, call Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757

The Making of a Service

In the photo below, Rob Rothkopf works the lighting, sound and recording of the Rosh Hashanah Alternative Service as Madelaine Weinmann beautifully chants Torah.

We hope you take advantage of the link at www.tbz.org to watch this unique service. Kids (and even adults) will love the appearance of a special guest during the sermon.

Thank you to Clergy Associate Judy Henn, Rob and Maia Rothkopf, and all those who participated in the service. Special thanks to Sara and Steve Schultz for opening their park-like backyard to make the outdoor alternative service possible.



BBQ Fundraiser

On August 20, a Chiavetta's Chicken dinner fundraiser was held at the Broder Center. Kara Kane led a crew of hardworking volunteers including: Maria Blackburn, Dee Block, Sue Bruckheimer, Jeff Clark, Frans De Waal, Aidan Donahue & Friend, Julie Feldman, David Goldberg, Ken Graber, Andrew Grant, Oliver Grant, Avery Grant, Ethan Kane, Julia Maxick & Friend, Sofia Maxick, Eric Snitzer, Nathan Weiss, Sharon Winer, Margy Zeckhauser.

A huge thank-you to all the volunteers and all those who purchased dinners to support this fundraiser (and take a night off from cooking dinner!)





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Our daughter, Sherri Abelson & granddaughter, Aubrey Abelson, by Gary & Marjorie Abelson

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In Honor of:

Rabbi Frierich, for welcoming us into his fold and keeping Denise Cooper on the mi shebeirach list, by Denise & Bob Cooper

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for his guidance & assistance at the unveiling for Robert P. Freedman, by Maryann Saccomando Freedman

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for welcoming us and for his prayers, by Denise & Robert Cooper

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In Honor of:

Richard & Ethel Melzer's 70th wedding anniversary, by John & Toby Laping

In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny S. Myers for working with us to read Torah in honor of our 30-60-90, by Cindy Gradl, Dana Gradl McGovern, Roz Algase

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Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

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Henry Clay Ballow	Blanch Bergman
Leonard E. Bergman	Levy
Rachel Billowitz	Blossom E. Akst
Benjamin Borg	Levy
Mollie Cohen	Pauline M. Lewis
Rebecca Sarah Cohen	Dr. Allen S. Morris
Fannie A. Desmon	Fay Moschel
Janet Greenky	Stanley Milton
Engel	Neuman
Julia Nusbaum Fass	Charlotte A. Norman
Jerome R Feinglass	Elsie Rabinowitz
Esther K. Fernandez	Dr. Max Rivo
Abraham Feuerstein	Leonard Sarles
Dena Fierstein	Hattie R. Sarles
Sally Wolkind	Benjamin N. Schaffer
Fingold	Leo Shire
Bayla Freedman	Meyer Lewis
Eleanor S. Geismar	Fanny Snitzer
Rose Gilbert	Mabelle Block
Jules Isador	Spero
Glanzberg	Leon Spiller
Joseph Gross	Minna Swados
Jack Haniford	Beatrice R. Warner
Dr. Joseph Jacobson	Morris Weiss
Harry Jaffey	Harry Wels
Marvin W. Kempner	Judge Cecil B. Wiener
Minnie K. Levi	May Lowenthal
	Wile

September 11 & 12

Jane Davis Allen	Marian Weil Israel
Dr. Carl E. Arbesman	Saul Kantor
Caroline Bergman	Mollie Katz
Joseph Bernhardt	Ray W. Kempner Sr.
Raymond S. Bernhardt, Sr.	Lawrence Kreeger
William Bregger	Ethel Krovetz
Mac Brett	Lena Lapides
Dr. Max Cheplove	Doris Levitz
Jetta K. Cheskin	Stewart M. Levy
Yetta Churgel	Bernard Marks
Lenora Cohen	Morton Meyers Sr.
Eleanor Eisinger	Laura Morris
Dr. Julius Elkes	S. Robert
Bertha Elster	Narins M.D.
Bertha Kaminester	Ida Posmantur
Fleischman	Nettie Rosenthal
Joseph Fuhr	Mary S. Rутtenstein
Edward Geran	Sada W. Sabath
Jeanette Gerstman	Adele Snitzer
Dr. Leon Goldberg	Serrins
Nancy P. Golden	Leo Werthimer
Dr. Marvin E. Israel	Bertha Yenoff

September 18 & 19

Brian F. Berger	Jane R. Grant
Esther Bloom	Minnie G. Harris
Pasquale (Pat) J. Caserta	Milton R. Hoffman
Morris Chapin	Michael C Ingrando
Isadore B. Cohen	Arnold Jacobowitz
Geraldine Bladen	Sharon S. Jacobowitz
Croner	Sylvia Joseph
Bertha Douglas	Jessie Kaitz
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Arline S. Gellman	Irving Sapowitch
Sigmund Gellman	Harry Siegel
Nellie Goldberg	Bernard Skerker
Jacob B. Goldberg	Hyman B. Stolar
Sarah L. Goldman	Sylvia Wolkind
Birdie Robins	Claire K. Yablin
Goodman	Sarah Yasinow

September 25 & 26

David Abrams	Edna Gladner
Robert L. Algase	Harold Jacobs
Ernestine Ament	Mildred Barmon
Mildred Weil	Lazarus
Ballow	Harold Lerman
Hyman Benatovich	Pauline Lewis
Eugene S Berman	Dr. John Josiah Maisel
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We offer our condolences to the families of:

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 Dolores Frankel
 Claire Levy Levi
 Beth C. Pollara
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 Norman Schrutt



Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials

A Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial has been established for

Leonard J. Freed
By Ellen C. Freed

Together But Apart High Holy Days 5781



"Whoever saves a life, it is as if they saved an entire universe."

Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5

As you read in our August issue, in order to guarantee safety for all, Temple Beth Zion will hold our High Holy Day Services virtually.

We have and will continue to do everything we can to share the *ruach*, the spirit, and meaning of the High Holy Days.

The service schedule and information regarding prayerbooks, opportunities for learning, the food drive, and much more can be found on pages 4 and 5.

Social Justice Initiative

Are you spending a lot of time at home? Are you wondering what you can do to make our country a more just one? Do you feel the need to do something but are unsure what can be done? Wouldn't it be easy to do something that only requires some of your time, a pen and two colored pencils or pens?

TBZ is starting a new Social Justice program which can be done in the safety of your home and on your own schedule. The program is called "Reclaim Our Vote". It is a nonpartisan postcard writing campaign to people of color who have been purged from their voter rolls. The targeted states are North Carolina, Texas, Arizona, Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia. The postcards will encourage them to re-register so they can vote in November's election and will tell them how to do that. Our Reform Religious Action Center (RAC) is one of the partners of this effort.

Please contact Judith Fales for more information or, better yet, to volunteer.

Judith1fales@gmail.com or (716) 957-4253