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## Coronavirus

This issue of the Bulletin went to print on March 13. At that time, there was not yet one confirmed case of Coronavirus in WNY. We are almost certain that will not be the case when this issue arrives in your mailbox.

In this time of great concern over the COVID-19 virus, please know that the health and safety of our community is our absolute highest priority. Should we be asked to close our facility for any length of time by state or county authorities, we will not hesitate to do so, and we will make every effort to alert you of that via local media.

If you plan to attend any of the events listed and are unsure whether it has been cancelled, please contact a member of our staff via email or phone. Email addresses and phone information for the entire staff can be found on page 2.

Finally, if you do not receive our congregational email messages and would like to, please email your request to be added to [julie@tbz.org](mailto:julie@tbz.org).

## TBaZY Youth to Lead Service

Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

This is a great opportunity for TBaZY and TBaZY Jr. prospects, alumni, and current members to enjoy a fun service, learn some new melodies, and see friends! The whole community is welcome to come experience the TBaZY atmosphere. We invite you to join us!



Saturday, April 4

7 p.m. Pre-concert reception, 7:30 p.m. Concert

805 Delaware Avenue



Jeremy Appelbaum entertains the crowd with his custom Mississippi Drum Machine underfoot.

Big J plays the blues the way they were meant to be played....from the gut!

\$10 per person

Call (716) 836-6565 to RSVP.

Tickets also available at the door.



## Congregational Passover Luncheon

Sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood

Saturday, April 11

Following the 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

805 Delaware Avenue

Please come and enjoy a light-fare luncheon after services.

Reservations are required by April 4 -

see page 8 for details.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



*Letter from the President*

The good people at Wegmans are always the first to alert me that Passover is coming soon. Every year, I slowly circle the large display of matzoh, gefilte fish, brownie mix, and festive paper products. I like to see what new Passover delicacies Manischewitz has come up with for us to try. There are always a few people perusing the impressive display with me. I love schmoozing with them and asking what their plans are for the holiday.

Members of our TBZ family will celebrate the first night of Passover together at the Marriott Hotel. I hope you got your reservation in and that I'll see you there! Our clergy team, the Ritual Committee, our Community Seder Chair, Kaarsten Wisnock and our wonderful staff have worked very hard to put together a beautiful Seder for us.

TBZ will participate in "2 For Seder" again this year. Marnie Fineberg started "2 for Seder" in memory of her mother-in-law who was killed celebrating Shabbat at the Tree of Life Synagogue last October in Pittsburgh. The shooter was outraged that synagogues all over America were honoring the important work of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and chose to demonstrate that outrage by murdering innocent Jewish souls.

The overarching goal of "2 For Seder" is to combat hate, misunderstanding and bias by inviting members of other faiths to a Seder, helping to make the unfamiliar into something known. My husband and I happily hosted two people at last year's Community Seder and are planning to do so again this year.

In "Our Obligation to Remember the Stranger and the Immigrant on Passover," Barry Shrage reminds us that, "Passover, more than any other holiday on the Jewish calendar, requires us to empathize with the stranger in our midst....We can never again forget what is like to be a stranger in a strange land. We join together at the Seder to remember slavery in Egypt (Mitzrayim) and are asked to recall what it was like to be a people traveling alone, with no one to come to our aid..."

In "Liberating Ourselves from Narrowness", Lesli Koppelman Ross reminds us that, "each of us live in our own Mitzrayim, the external or physical narrow straits of financial or health constraints or, perhaps, personal tragedy: universally, the psychological burdens to which we subject ourselves"...Passover with its message of hope, tells us that we can escape from that narrow space.

Wishing you and your family a Passover full of hope and meaning.

Julie Dressler Weinberg



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## Worship Opportunities

Shabbat services, except as noted,  
are held at 805 Delaware Avenue.

All services are open to the community.

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

### Friday, April 3

TBaZY Shabbat Service **7 p.m.**  
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

### Saturday, April 4

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**  
**Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Kopf**

### Wednesday, April 8

First Night Seder at **Buffalo Marriott Niagara** **6 p.m.**

### Friday, April 10

Spirituality Shabbat Evening Service **7 p.m.**

### Saturday, April 11

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**  
Passover luncheon after services (reservation required)  
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building **11 a.m.**

### Wednesday, April 15

Passover Joint Yizkor Service at **Congregation Shir Shalom**  
**10:30 a.m.**

### Friday, April 17

Shabbat Evening Service **7 p.m.**

### Saturday, April 18

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**  
**Bat Mitzvah of Ava Edelman**  
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building **11 a.m.**

### Friday, April 24

Classical Reform Shabbat Evening Service **7 p.m.**

### Saturday, April 25

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**  
**Bat Mitzvah of Anna Kupferman**  
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building **11 a.m.**

## Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10 and Wednesday, April 15. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



## Letter from the Rabbi

### The Season of Welcome

When we arrive at Passover, the celebration of our liberation from Egypt, we make sure to welcome people into our Seder.

This year, TBZ will again participate in “2 for Seder” – making sure that we invite at least two people from other backgrounds to our Seders. This is a national effort to “Push Back on Anti-Semitism with Love and Matzah”. We are sponsoring 4 additional guests at our TBZ First Night Seder and hope that many of you will continue this new custom. Sign up here: [www.2forseder.org](http://www.2forseder.org).

Another program that our Jewish community is now working on is called “Student to Student.” The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning, Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo and the Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council, were jointly awarded a grant by the St. Louis JCRC to pilot this national peer-to-peer program. The program uses student-to-student dialogue to teach teens about identity, diversity, and inquiry, and to build confidence and acceptance of others. Jewish teens travel to area high schools to engage with their non-Jewish peers. Jewish teens are trained to both share personal stories and authentically and respectfully respond to questions about Jewish identity, culture, values, and religious practices. The presentation resonates highly with other students as it is peer-led, making the content relevant while allowing for informal discussion.

There was an introductory meeting about our community’s participation in this pilot program in early March, and it is a very exciting initiative. Our local staff from the Holocaust Resource Center and the Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning have already engaged a number of students for training and then visits to area high schools that have few Jewish students. If any teens or families are interested in participating, please connect directly with me ([rabbi@tbz.org](mailto:rabbi@tbz.org)), and I will connect you to the right people.

The lesson of our history is retold and emphasized at this time of year – we look to our past experiences of oppression as a lesson to alleviate oppression and difficulty for everyone. We do this when we share our homes on holidays and explain and celebrate our rich traditions and

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## Stained Glass Cultural Arts Series

### Spring 2020:INFINITE

An exhibit by Kathleen Corff Rogers  
Photographic Artist  
(kcr716photography.com)



Art Corridor, 805 Delaware Avenue  
Reception: Wednesday, May 13, from 5 - 7 PM



*Bagel Breakfast Bunch! Bagel Jay's was the setting for this popular Engagement get-together in February.*

## Engagement Committee News



It's April, and our thoughts immediately turn to Passover. Passover is the most observed of all Jewish holidays in North America, primarily through the ritual meal of the Seder. The power of the Seder has multiple sources. It is at once a family event at home, an opportunity to absorb a central Jewish narrative, a link across generations, and a celebration of Jewish life and commitment. This year many of our congregants will be attending Temple Beth Zion's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Passover Seder....and many will be holding Seders in their homes.

During the Passover season we hear a lot about the biblical verses commanding us to love the stranger because we were strangers in the land of Egypt (Leviticus 19:33-34 and Deuteronomy 10:18-19). These verses have been used for generations to underline our Jewish obligation to care for the oppressed and marginalized, but they can also serve to remind us to be loving toward, and inclusive of, those in our very own Temple Beth Zion community.

Just as every year the haggadah tells us we must see ourselves as if we personally left Egypt and were personally redeemed from oppression, so every year we must push ourselves out of our comfort zones and try to embrace new and "strange" habits of mind and thoughts. These new habits can be as simple as sitting next to someone new at services.... or offering a ride to someone who needs one in order to attend our TBZ Seder.... or inviting someone new (from our TBZ family, or not) to a Seder you are hosting.

We were strangers in the land of Egypt. Let us not be strangers within our Temple Beth Zion community. Our community is looking for connection, and this will continue through monthly events. But let's not wait for these events to form and strengthen our connections.

### Upcoming Engagement Committee Events:

Saturday, April 18 (7 - 9 p.m.) **Post-Passover Hametz-Havdallah** in the home of Howard Rosenhoch and Jody Goldstein. Let's enjoy a brief and beautiful Havdallah service followed by a pot-luck feast of all of the foods we could not eat during Passover. Please bring cookies and cakes, breads and pies, pasta and pizza to share. Wine is welcome too. Contact me at [JAGoldstein827@gmail.com](mailto:JAGoldstein827@gmail.com) to RSVP, and to let me know what you'd like to bring.

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

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)  
[JAGoldstein827@gmail.com](mailto:JAGoldstein827@gmail.com)

*Annual Religious School Flower Sale 2020*  
**Pre-Order & Payment Form**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to & mail by Monday, April 27 to:

**TEMPLE BETH ZION**

Attn: Kara Kane (Flower Sale)

700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14226

Purchases will be available for pickup here on Sunday, May 3

\*Plants provided by: Bengert Greenhouses

**ANNUALS**  
 4 1/2" Square Pots  
**\$5.00**

**ARGYRANTHEMUM**  
 (Daisy)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow

**GERBERA DAISY**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**GERANIUMS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White

**NEW GUINEA**  
**IMPATIENS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Orange  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White

**NON-STOP BEGONIAS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Assorted

**10" PATIO POT**  
**\$18.00**

**GERANIUMS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Assorted



#1 Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

**10" HANGING BASKET**  
**\$20.00**

**DOUBLE ROSEBUD**  
**IMPATIENS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red

**FLORABUNDA**  
**GERANIUMS – upright**  
**Geranium**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lavender

**IVY GERANIUMS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple

**LANTANA**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Orange/Yellow

**LOBELIA**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Blue/White

**MILLION BELLS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mix

**NEW GUINEA**  
**IMPATIENS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Orange  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White

**PETUNIAS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple

**SCAEVOLA**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mini Blue Flower

**TORINEA**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Flower

#2 Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUALS**  
**FULL FLATS**  
 48 Plants \$ 20.00

**ALYSSUM**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White

**BEGONIA**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed

**COLEUS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Assorted

**DUSTY MILLER**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPATIENS (Limited**  
**supply)**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lavender  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Orange  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed

**BLUE LOBELIA**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**MARIGOLDS SHORT**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Orange  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed

**PANSIES**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Assorted  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Blue  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow

**PETUNIAS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White

**RED SALVIA**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUALS**  
**FULL FLATS (Cont'd)**  
 48 Plants \$20.00

**SNAPDRAGON**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Short  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Tall

**TORINEAS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Blue  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed

#4 Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTALS:**

#1:  
 Total \_\_\_\_ x \$ 5 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_ x \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_

#2 Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

#3 Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

#4 Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

**Total Dollar Amount:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Director

Shortly after I was hired at TBZ I came across a quote that really made an impact on me...enough so that I posted it in my office: Am I doing the right thing at the right time, in the right way and for the right reasons? I'd like to apply that question to Religious School.

As we assess our current program and evaluate possible changes, we should be aware of what others are doing and how successfully. Not too long ago, the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) conducted a study of over 200 congregational Religious Schools across North America. The result was six key findings about Reform Jewish education. The first three findings are discussed below:

1. Structure and Curricular Models. Not every Religious School follows the conventional Sunday morning model. Some offer after-school, small-group or home based, distance/online, or Shabbat-centered learning. Shabbat School is an appealing idea. Including student attendance and participation in the congregation's Shabbat Morning worship services would make learning Hebrew and English liturgy more authentic. Parent participation might increase. I am neither for nor against the idea, but I believe we should have the conversation. Religious School families – we will be in touch with you very soon so we can learn more about how to best serve the needs of your family!

2. Incremental vs. Radical Change: If we decide to make significant changes to our structural and/or curricular models, how quickly should we go about it?

3. Vision and Goals of Jewish Learning: Why do we have a Religious School? What do our parents want for their children? Is it a sense of belonging to the Jewish community? Making Jewish friends? Learning Jewish history? Celebrating holidays? Developing an understanding of Torah, traditions, and mitzvot? Connecting with Israel? Is it Hebrew prayer literacy? These are huge questions and I am convinced there is no one answer for every child and every family.

In the meantime, our Religious School students are engaged and happy to be here on Sunday mornings! There is ruach (spirit) and music throughout the building, students are learning history, customs, and holidays, participating in mitzvah projects, creating artwork of all types to display their understanding, discussing critical issues, becoming more proficient in Hebrew, connecting with their Jewish friends and more.

L'Shalom, may all your journeys be towards peace,  
Beth

## Sunday Snapshots



## Warm Partnership

In early March, Religious School partnered with Sisterhood to make 20 no-sew fleece blankets. Materials, cost, and preparation time were shared by Religious School and Sisterhood, and the blankets were donated to Friends of Night People. Thank you to the TBZ Sisterhood for helping us with this mitzvah!

## Spiritual Tools for Today

Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave., in the library  
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.

Coffee and desserts for our bodies, reflections, learning, and inspiration for our hearts, minds, and spirits. Please RSVP to Rabbi Freirich, rabbi@tbz.org

## Talmud Talk

Wednesday, April 1

Noon – 1 p.m.

Broder Center Conference Room, 700 Sweet Home Road

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

Everyone is welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning. Materials provided. Bring your own lunch.

## I and Thou and Lunch

Friday, April 17

Noon – 1 p.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave., in the library

The fundamentals of relational Judaism start with the thinking of Martin Buber in his beautiful *I and Thou*. Learn this profound text in conversation – no preparation required.

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

The newly reconstituted Temple Beth Zion Library Committee is working to enhance the library's usefulness to the congregation. We are updating technology, updating the collection, and updating the Library's mission statement. We ask that congregants return any overdue library books (no fines are assessed) so that we can accurately inventory our collection. **Please do not donate any books to the Library at this time, as we no longer have room on our shelves.** If you have suggestions regarding the library's focus, collection or mission, or if you would like to join the Committee, contact Anna Marie Richmond at annamrichmond@msn.com, or (716) 854-1100.



**Natalie Kopf**  
Saturday, April 4

Daughter of: Rob & Jenn Kopf  
Mitzvah Project and donating to:  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of WNY



**Ava Edelman**  
Saturday, April 18

Daughter of: Lisa & Jacob Edelman  
Mitzvah Project: Oshei NIC Unit  
Donating to: March of Dimes



**Anna Rachel Kupferman**  
Saturday, April 25

Daughter of: Allison Kupferman  
& Alon Kupferman



Members of TBaZY attended the NFTY-NEL Spring Boards in Cleveland. Teens wrestled with hot topics and challenged their assumptions during interactive teen-led programs. They also learned valuable skills that can help build their resumes and take on a leadership roles in their schools, congregations, and communities.

To Laurence Rubin who will be recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by the UB Law Alumni Association. Rubin is receiving the Community Service recognition for his commitment to community outreach. In addition, he has provided pro bono legal services for a number of local community groups and has served in leadership roles, including as President of Temple Beth Zion from July 2008 to June 2010.

## Presidents' Message

Our Sisterhood is delighted to announce that the 2020 Woman of the Year is Julie Feldman. Many of you know Julie as one of our valued office workers. As a long time member and supporter of Sisterhood, Julie is "behind the scenes" in so much of what Sisterhood does. She gives us reminders, useful suggestions, and always her time! Her career at Temple Beth Zion began in May of 1997 as the Education Secretary. Later she was the Clergy Secretary, and for the last 18 years she has been the Executive Assistant. She is the longest tenured Temple Beth Zion employee! She is also a legacy because her great-grandfather was a maintenance/custodian at the original Temple Beth Zion. Her husband Ed worked 25 years in the TBZ office, and her daughter Amy attended both PALS and Religious School at our temple.

The Award will be presented at the Sisterhood Shabbat on Friday, May 8. Please join us!

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757 (Co-Presidents)

### TBZ Sisterhood is hosting a **Ladies' Night Out Accessory Exchange**

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Thursday, April 30

7 - 8 pm: socialize with wine, cheese & fruit

8 - 9 pm: shop & accessorize!

Cover charge is \$10

**TO PARTICIPATE:** Please bring your new, or nearly new items to the Broder Center on Sunday, April 26, 9 - noon or Monday, April 27, 4 - 6 pm. During drop off, you will be given one ticket per item.

**25 ITEM LIMIT.**

Items remaining after the event will be donated

#### Accepting items like:

Jewelry, shoes, jackets, scarves, gloves,  
belts, purses & small totes

**NEW FOR 2020:** Purchase a raffle ticket (\$2/1 ticket or \$3/5 tickets) at the door for a one-hour massage at Elements Spa on Transit Rd.

**Join us** for this fabulous and fun event. Questions? Contact Jamie at (716) 908-0056 or Dee at (240) 446-1211.

## Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

**April Specials: 20% off Passover items**

### Come see what's new for Passover

Seder plates, matzah plates, charoset and salt water dishes, matzah covers, afikoman bags, "plagues in a can" for the seder table, finger puppets and books

We just received a new selection of Tallitot. Remember that TBZ members receive 20% off the purchase of a Tallit for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child

For information or more hours or if you are able to volunteer, contact Susan at (716) 982-2099 or nana4susan@gmail.com

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

## Passover Luncheon

Sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood



Saturday, April 11

Following the 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

805 Delaware Avenue

Please come and enjoy a light-fare luncheon after services.

**Reservations are required by April 4**

Cost: \$10 per person

### Passover Luncheon Reservation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this reservation form and your check (\$10 per person), payable to "TBZ Sisterhood" to: Dee Block, 1403 Netherton Court, East Amherst, NY 14051. If you have questions, contact Dee at (240) 446-1211



## “Stop the Bleed” Training

In February, Dr. Iris Danzinger and Dr. Philip Glick facilitated a “Stop the Bleed” training course for members of the Temple Beth Zion Board and staff. Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.



## Donation Helps JFS

Shabbat Shira in February included a “Penny Drive” to benefit Jewish Family Service. Congregants donated “Pennies for Penny” along with paper money and gift cards. Above, Matt Stewart accepts the donations on behalf of Jewish Family Services.

## Passover and Learning



My favorite holiday in the Jewish calendar is, without question, Passover. I love the songs, I love the story, I even love the opportunity to do a much needed deep cleaning of my home. As an educator, however, one aspect of Passover and of the Seder that I greatly appreciate are the countless opportunities to learn and to ask questions. But as an early childhood educator, the part of the seder that piques my interest are the characters of the four children or sons.

The four children, the one who is wise, the one who is evil, the one who is simple, and the one who does not know how to ask are unlike any other children I have ever met. For example, have you ever met a three-year-old who doesn’t ask *why* at any given opportunity? But all joking aside, these four children present in *maggid* teach us the importance of not only passing down the Passover story through the generations, but also to teach and retell the story and lessons of Passover in unique and diverse way so that every person, adult or child, can understand and appreciate the story from various perspectives.

At PALS-Kadimah, we believe that learning can be achieved through exploration and play, and every child craves various experiences in order to help them grow and learn.

Zahavah Fried, PALS-Kadimah Director



PALS-Kadimah children, under the direction of music specialist Susan Schwartz, sang a hearty Happy Birthday to Selma Morris, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Purim fun included costumes, songs and thoughtful gifts delivered to the whole office staff.



## Achim Postponed

April's Achim program featuring Mr. Rob Goldberg, Chief Executive Officer of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, has been postponed. We look forward to hearing from Rob at a later date.

Thank you to the men of the Temple who have demonstrated their support by becoming members of Brotherhood. It is very easy to join us and participate in any of the programs and activities we sponsor and participate in. Join us, volunteer and give up a little of your free time, that's all you have to do. If you would like to become a member of Brotherhood or reach out to us on any issue, please email [TBZBrotherhood@aol.com](mailto:TBZBrotherhood@aol.com).

We wish everybody a Happy Passover, with all its traditions of family and community.

Phil Chazen



*Gail Bauser delighted residents, their families and visitors during the Achim program in February.*

## The BBC Band Returns to TBZ

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



Friday, June 19, doors open at 7 p.m., music at 8 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

Tickets on sale soon.

All ages will enjoy an unforgettable night!

## Holy Rollers Back in Gear

Torah scrolls are written by hand with organic ink on parchment made from the skins of animals. Because all of the materials used in the scrolls are natural and organic, they degrade over time, and require special care to maintain their kosher status. The simplest maintenance requirement is regular "airing" of the scrolls. The scrolls are completely unrolled, and allowed to "breathe" for an hour or more, then carefully re-rolled and returned to the Arks for storage. A second important maintenance activity is cleaning years of grime off the surfaces of the scrolls by the simple method of erasing the surfaces of the scrolls with special erasers.



Additionally, the scrolls must be inspected regularly to ensure that the calligraphy remains in good condition; and tears or separations of the panels of parchment must be patched or repaired. No special knowledge of Hebrew is required to inspect the scrolls – what is needed is a sharp eye, able to distinguish where the ink on the individual letters is "broken",

i.e. the ink has stopped adhering to the parchment, leaving only fragments of individual letters. Additionally, Board Member Dr. Philip Glick has undertaken training to repair the stitching that has separated between some panels of our scrolls, and will be working on that task.

TBZ's Holy Rollers are a dedicated group of volunteers committed to engaging in this holy activity. The Holy Rollers meet to clean and inspect the parchment panels, under the guidance of TBZ Clergy, who evaluate the volunteers' "flagging" of possibly "broken" letters. All interested members of the Congregation are invited to join in this mitzvah. Currently, airing, inspecting and erasing are scheduled at 9 a.m. on the following Shabbat mornings: April 11, May 9, May 16, and May 30, in the Delaware Building. (Erasers were not used in the construction of the Temple.) More meetings will be scheduled on different days, including sessions at the Broder Center, in the coming months. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rabbi Freirich at 836-6565 or [rabbi@tbz.org](mailto:rabbi@tbz.org).

Finally, if you are planning to make a donation to the Temple in someone's honor or memory, please consider designating your donation to the Torah Restoration Fund. These funds are used to pay professional Sofrim (scribes) to travel to Buffalo and work on restoring the Hebrew calligraphy of the scrolls, and to perform repairs that are beyond the skill level of our lay volunteers.

## WNY Community Events



### Jewish Community LGBTQ+ Inclusion Meeting

Sunday, April 5, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

JCC, 2640 North Forest Road

Open to the Jewish community.

For further information and to RSVP, contact Janet Gunner at [janetgunner@gmail.com](mailto:janetgunner@gmail.com).



### Made in Buffalo Presents: Cheryl Stern

April 26, at 7 p.m.

Shea's 710 Theatre

Shoes and Baggage is a 75-minute solo odyssey, featuring an original score with lyrics by Cheryl and music by Drama Desk nominated and Emmy Award winning composer Tom Kochan.



Made In Buffalo is an ongoing series powered by the Buffalo Jewish Federation to spotlight famous Buffalonians who cut their teeth right here in our backyard.

Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

### Yom Hazikaron Israeli Memorial Day

Tuesday, April 28, 7 - 8 p.m.

Temple Beth Tzedek, 1641 North Forest Road

Temple Beth Tzedek is hosting a community commemoration for Israel's fallen soldiers. For more information or if you need accommodations to fully participate, contact Mile Steklof at (585) 200-2161 (call/text) or [mike@buffalojewishfederation.org](mailto:mike@buffalojewishfederation.org).

### Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel's 72<sup>nd</sup> Funday Bash

Sunday, May 3, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

JCC Benderson Building, 2640 North Forest Road

Featuring a bounce house, climbing wall, games, face painting and crafts.

Communal Hatikvah and ceremony at 12:45 p.m. Israeli food will be available for purchase.

Exhibit opening, artist talk and "Community Wimple" workshop with Rachel Kanter.

RSVP or for more information, call (716) 204-2241. Free and everyone welcome!

## Purim Python!

The Purim celebration at TBZ was a fun, entertaining and delicious evening. A fish and chips dinner was followed by the annual costume parade. The Spiel according to Monty Python was creative, funny and entertaining! Below are some of the cast of characters. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Purim festivities.



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In Honor of:

Marlene Freedman's special birthday,  
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In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny S. Myers, by Sheryl  
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Cantor Penny S. Myers for the  
service for Selbert Krassin, by his  
family, Carl & Linda Snitzer

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In Memory of:

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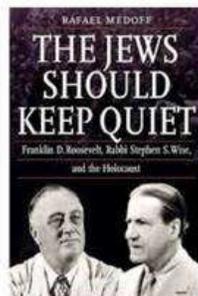


May 15-17, 2020

**The Rabbi Isaac Klein Scholar in  
Residence Weekend**

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## **The Season of Welcome**

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cultures with new people. We do this when we reach out and humanize Jews to teens throughout our region. And we will do this when we take community-motivated actions like we will on Yom Tzedek ("Day of Righteousness"), the new name for Mitzvah Day, which will take place at TBZ and throughout Western New York on Sunday, May 31.

Thank you all for being a caring and compassionate community. We pursue justice and righteousness together.

Wishing everyone a Happy  
Passover, and a healthy Spring,  
Rabbi Freirich



*Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries*  
**April 24 & 25**

Ceil Balber	Harold Z. Levy
Wolf Bergman	Muriel Brumberg
Aaron Billowitz	Levy
Jennie Stone	Arthur E. Lewin
Bladen	Harry F. Markson
Lillian K. Block	Robert Alan
Norman D. Block	Matthews
Sigmond Bock	George A. Mattis
Miriam Brownstein	Sarah N. Meyers
Reva Estry	Florence Beck
Leonard	Milch
Finkelstein	Aaron Nathan
Sylvia W.	Dr. Lawrence Pack
Finkelstein	Carrie Michael
Isadore M.	Risman
Goldwater	Gloria L. Roblin
Evelyn Irma	Louis Rosenblatt
Goodman	Harvey Rosokoff
Beatrice J. Gorbaty	Jeanette Sarles
Louis Greenstein	Dr. Eugene Schultz
Thelma Haiman	Lena Shaevel
Richard L.	Samuel Shatkin
Jacobson	D.D.S. M.D.
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#### **Future Technology Fund**

Designated to support Visual Tefillah, Streaming Services and other technology-based initiatives at Temple Beth Zion.



*Permanent Yearzeit Anniversaries*

**April 4 & 5**

**April 10 & 11**

**April 17 & 18**

Judith F. Alexander	Henrietta Hyams	Harry Altman	Dr. Melbourne H. Lent	Gloria Bernstein Berger	Sharon Fisher Meer
Hertha Ball	Jacob G. Joseph	Johanna Ball	Isadore J. Liebeskind	Rosalind R. Bleich	Augustus H. Meyers
Isador Beck	Sadie Karnofsky	Virginia Bargman	Liz Lurie	Alfred Brown	Dr. Maurice Miller
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Henrietta B. Block	Abraham Kutner	Dr. Milton M. Bron	Walter H. Moser	Simon Cohen	Melvin Reich
Juius Boasberg	Richard Maier	Miriam C. Bron	Dr. Mitchell Oestreich	Louis A. Cohn	Anna Belle Resnick
Albert A. Bowman	Dr. Jerome J. Mallon	Joseph Bussell	Sharon Joy Reingold	Edward A. Cole	Elfriede Rosenfelder
Dr. Benjamin Brock	Betty Setron	Joseph Bernard Cohn	Mollie Marcia Rosenblat	Bernice Maimin Corff	Leonard M. Rothenberg
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Samuel I Cohen	Richard Fleishhman	Selma Z. Feller	Sam Sherman	Miriam W. Feinsinger	Joan Susan Sapowitch
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		Betty R. Lent		Lois White Lesses	
				Joan Mae Lipsitz	
				Harry Mandel	

*We offer our condolences to the families of:*

- Selbert S. "Bert" Krassin
- Leonard J. Freed
- Berta S. Cole
- Roger Rashman
- Marc David Wasserman
- Dr. David Hoffman





## **Annual Flower Sale Just in time for Mother's Day!**

Gerbera daisies, geraniums, begonias, and more.  
Hanging baskets and full flats of annuals.  
Beautiful offerings from Bengert Greenhouses.

Preorder and some cash-and-carry.  
Please use the order form on page 5.  
Flowers will be available for pickup on  
Sunday, May 3, at the Broder Center.

Proceeds benefit the Temple Beth Zion  
Religious School and PALS-Kadimah.

## **TBZ Sisterhood is hosting a Ladies' Night Out Accessory Exchange**

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road  
Thursday, April 30

7 - 8 pm: socialize with wine, cheese & fruit

8 - 9 pm: shop & accessorize!

Cover charge is \$10

**TO PARTICIPATE:** Please bring your new,  
or nearly new items to the Broder Center on  
Sunday, April 26, 9 - noon or Monday, April 27, 4 - 6 pm.  
During drop off, you will be given one ticket per item.

**25 ITEM LIMIT.**

Items remaining after the event will be donated

### **Accepting items like:**

Jewelry, shoes, jackets, scarves, gloves,  
belts, purses & small totes

**NEW FOR 2020:** Purchase a raffle ticket  
(\$2/1 ticket or \$3/5 tickets) at the door for a  
one-hour massage at Elements Spa on Transit Rd.

**Join us** for this fabulous and fun event. Questions?  
Contact Jamie at (716) 908-0056 or Dee at (240) 446-1211.