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Sisterhood in Spring

Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday, May 7, at 7 p.m.
Via Zoom

Sisterhood invites you to attend our Annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service.

During the service we will honor Julie Feldman with the Nancy J. Borins Woman of the Year Award. Join us for a wonderful celebration.

Sisterhood Panera Fundraiser

Thursday, May 13, 4 - 6 p.m.
8200 Transit Road, Amherst
See details on page 8.

Please join us for...

Shabbat HaLimud

An Erev Shabbat Service honoring the teachers and madrichim of Temple Beth Zion Religious School.



7 PM, Friday May 14, 2021
VIA ZOOM

Community Tikkun "Leyl" Shavuot "Renewing Our Connections"

Wednesday, May 12, Thursday, May 13
and Sunday, May 16
Virtual Study Via Zoom

Study Torah with some of the finest Torah teachers in Buffalo from Temple Beth Zion, Temple Beth Tzedek, Congregation Shir Shalom, Kehillat Ohr Tzion, Hillel of Buffalo, Buffalo Jewish Federation and the Buffalo Board of Rabbis and Cantors.

Advance registration is required.

See the full schedule and details on page 10.

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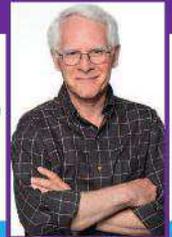
Buffalo Jewish Federation & Temple Beth Zion

Invite you to join this Zoom event

Rabbi & Comedian: Bob Alper

"THE SPIRITUALITY OF LAUGHTER"

**THURSDAY, MAY 20TH
7:30 P.M. on Zoom**



Rabbi Alper, former Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion, is a stand-up comedian and lecturer! He is heard regularly on Sirius/XM and has been featured on the Today Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News, CNN, Comedy Central, and in hundreds of articles. He will inspire and make you laugh with his uniquely kind, intelligent and completely "clean" humor.

Suggested Donation: \$18.00

Register at: http://bit.ly/TELLFUND_ALPER

Prior to the event, you will receive your Zoom link to join.

To co-sponsor this event, or for more information, please contact
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TEMPLE BETH ZION



Letter from the President

Change Relationships

Two words. Basically simple meanings. Yet very complicated in reality.

Change is inevitable. Change can be difficult. Change takes patience and understanding.

Relationships are inevitable. Relationships can be difficult. Relationships take patience and understanding.

Together, they dictate the challenges we face.

As our Temple, our community, and our world are changing right in front of us, it pushes us to lean on our current relationships and forces us to make new relationships. We now see our family and friends through a computer screen. We pray together through a computer screen. A changed relationship. Rabbi Sobel has been with us since the first of the year. Only a handful of us have actually met her face to face. Yet, she invites us into her home every Shabbat. A new relationship. I have committed to sending weekly Shabbat messages. We, as an organization, are committed to more communications and transparency. A renewed relationship.

As with any change and with any relationship, the patience and understanding become even more important, especially in a new age of instant communications like email and social media. As Temple Beth Zion continues to go through continuous change, I know from experience that not all these changes and events can please everyone. It is totally acceptable if there is disagreement, or even disapproval.

However, in the spirit of improving our relationships with each other, I would like to ask that you do not jump to conclusions. Pause. Then contact us directly. Call the office. Send an email. In some cases, it is an oversight. In some cases, there is a legitimate reason. We are happy to have a conversation and provide explanations.

Temple Beth Zion is changing, as well as the world is changing too. A strong synagogue community can overcome a lot. An atmosphere of cooperation and open communications solidifies relationships. Member to member. Member to staff. Member to clergy. Board to members. Clergy to members. Sounds so very basic, right? In reality, we know this takes work, and effort, and some trial and error.

I am working hard toward and looking forward to creating a strong TBZ, built on open and strong relationships.

David Goldberg



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Worship Opportunities

Zoom links are included in the TBZ Friday email and can also be found at www.tbz.org.

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

Friday, April 30

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, May 1

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 7

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 14

Shabbat Halimud Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 16

Erev Shavuot 7 p.m.

Monday, May 17

Shavuot Morning and Yizkor Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 21

Classical Reform Shabbat Evening Service 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 22

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Lila Yonaty

Friday, May 28

Erev Shabbat Evening Service 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 29

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah of Myles and Talia Cerrato

Service Changes

Please note that beginning on Friday, May 21, our Friday Erev Shabbat services will begin at 6 p.m.

Zoom links for Services and Torah study have been updated. The new links can be found in your TBZ email and at www.tbz.org. If you do not receive the weekly email and would like to be added to the list, email julie@tbz.org.



Letter from the Rabbi

Lesson #1 of 6: The Blessing of Strengthening Relationships

As we prepare to celebrate Shavuot beginning Sunday evening, May 16, I've been thinking about relationships. Shavuot represents that epoch moment in our people's history where we bound ourselves in relationship to God and each other in that eternal covenant represented by Torah. Some say it was like a wedding between the Jewish people and God. Like all relationships, we need to work at them each and every day. Our relationship is called: *k'hillah k'doshah* – a holy community.

Relationships are strengthened by dialogue, by celebrating our differences, highlighting our similarities, talking about the ordinary and the mundane, standing together in times of difficulty, learning what gives each other pain, all in a loving, respectful, thoughtful manner.

We have relationships with multiple and diverse communities in our synagogue: congregants, professional staff, support staff, those who sit quietly on the side-lines, those in the greater community. Our synagogue community would not be possible without all the people who make TBZ buzz, come alive and keep us strong and vital. We are more than individuals making up the roster in ShulCloud or the leaders who guide us, or the professionals who lead the way or the staff who keep the office running or the volunteers who run programs that we offer: we are the sum of the people who make us whole and the people who love us and whom we love back. And when we join together in love, connection and community – for God's divine purpose, we form our *kehillah k'dosha*, a holy community.

We learn many things about the nature of community in the Torah. The Hebrew word for community, "*kehillah*," widely used in the Bible, comes from a verb that designates the act of convoking an assembly.

But first, we learn from Genesis 2:18 "it is not good for man to be alone" – human beings are not meant to live in isolation; without the ability to give to others and to care for others, our potential for goodness cannot be fulfilled.

Over the next six months, I'm going to explore six different lessons of how to strengthen our relationships with the biblical concept of "*kehillah*" from the Torah as our guide:

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Cofeld's Corner

I have always been struck by how many museums "in one" the Cofeld contains. It's an architectural and design museum related to our sanctuary and synagogue complex, and as you'd hope and expect, it has a comprehensive Temple Beth Zion artifact, archival and photographic emphasis. Beyond the immediate temple focus, the museum has a significant local history collection with many families, Buffalo Jewish organizations, and commercial connections that will become the focus of future articles. There are several other special emphases, most notably in numismatics and philately, as well as art works, that will also become the focus of future columns. But in this month's article I want to focus on a more general quality that connects the Judaica and everyday objects that hail from Diaspora communities around the world including India, Morocco, North Africa and Iran, and from within communities across Europe and Israel. Many of the items could be regarded as art pieces – some in precious metal, and others in textile and leather, reflect the workmanship and skill of their creators – whose work raises the object into another realm, even as their intent to function as useable objects remains. Beautiful and practical at the same time, created to beautify and enhance prayer, the holiday and Shabbat services, they fulfil the Exodus 15:2 text often cited of *hiddur mitzvah*: "This is my God and I will beautify him (exhault him)."

Sitting in a case surrounded by other beautiful objects however, can make it easy to overlook some of the items, and the individual stories that each holds. Into the future, I look forward to a time when we can connect the object, its function, its artisan's story and how it came to the museum, and in this way build a deeper connection with our collection. Through a combination of work by volunteers and interns, each object will be photographed and researched, perhaps by you! Some of this photography has already been done in the wonderful images created by local photographer Paul Pasquarello, who many years ago created the plates for the Cofeld Judaic Museum Catalogue published in 1985 (and edited by Harley J. Spiller, son of museum custodians, Mort and Harriet Spiller). Since the mid 1980s, however, many more objects have joined the collections and going forward, new photography will allow us to explore these items in the Bulletin, online and in displays.

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Cantorial Search

Dear Friends:

As we partake in our search to find our next cantor, the Cantorial Search Committee would like to once again restate our commitment to finding the best possible cantor for Temple Beth Zion in a transparent and informed manner. It is to this end that we have assembled a diverse committee, made up of who we believe to be a cross section of our congregation, to evaluate the needs of our temple and devise a thoughtful path forward. The committee includes: Matt Eichorn, Ariella Yonaty, miriam treger, Sara Schultz, Steve Steinberg, Maryann Freedman, Kathy Ellis, Jennifer Field, Joni Shatkin, Marilyn Schillroth, Dr. Lori Ullman, Cantor Mark Horowitz, and Ann Cohen. The committee is cognizant that the High Holy Days are rapidly approaching and we are working hard to ensure that we will have a cantor who can co-officiate with Rabbi Sobel.

We have provided all congregants the opportunity to share their thoughts by providing an electronic or paper survey. The deadline for returning surveys was April 30, however, if you did not see the email or receive it in the mail, please contact Julie Feldman for the link or a paper survey. The survey was created based on the criteria that we will have to submit for the American Conference of Cantors application.

As we mentioned in the weekly email, we have made communication with our temple community a priority of this committee and it will continue to be so. We look forward to updating you regularly as our search process begins, and as always, we welcome any feedback you may have.

Michael Komm & Julie Dressler Weinberg
Co-Chairs, Cantorial Search Committee
cantorsearch@tbz.org

Stay Connected, Stay Informed

Each Friday, Temple Beth Zion sends an email that provides information and links to services and events.

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.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 17 and Monday, May 31.

If you have an emergency and you need to reach a member of our staff, call 836-6565 and press 4 once the recording begins.

We Are Family

Temple Beth Zion has such a rich history, going all the way back to its founding in 1851. With this column, we want to hear the stories of TBZ congregants (whether that story dates back for generations, or if it is new) because each member of TBZ has a history that is worth telling.

Here's the family story of **Susan Fernandez Bruckheimer**: "My husband, Michael Bruckheimer (Crystal/Ruslander), and I (Fernandez/Goldwater) are lifelong members of Temple Beth Zion, as were both of our families. I am active in Sisterhood and Religious School. Our children, Seth and Sara, were B'nai Mitzvah and had their Confirmations at TBZ. My grandchildren recently started their Religious School education which makes them 7th generation Beth Zion-er's!

My parents, Arnold and Ruth (Goldwater) Fernandez were always involved and very proud of TBZ. I remember my father would proudly and (and for those of you that remember him) loudly tell people he was a 4th generation member. They were married by Rabbi Fink in 1951. My father went to Religious School at TBZ. He was recently mentioned in the Sisterhood Trivia Email section as playing Mr. Chanukah at an assembly with a puppet. He was known as the "religious school disciplinarian" during the 1950-60s for ensuring the students, who attended services right after Religious School on Saturday mornings, were quiet and that they didn't leave and go to "Your Host" restaurant across the street.

My mother was also a very active member of temple. She served as the Rabbi's and Religious School secretary, and also worked in the office doing mailings. She also ran the Sisterhood Judaica Shop for around 20 years and created the Chanukah Bazaar with many other co-chairs.

My parents were both multi-term presidents of Brotherhood and Sisterhood. They were both honored by their groups as Man and Woman of the Year. Michael's great-grandmother Mrs. A.D. (Matilda Laguna) Bruckheimer was on the board of directors for the Sisterhood in the early 1900s.

My grandfather Harry and my father Arnold helped cook the food for the TBZ picnic at the Ball Farm in the 1950s. My Grandfather, Harry Fernandez who owned the restaurant "Dinty Moore" was also a lifelong member. My Great Grandfather Isaac and my Great Uncle David Fernandez (Fenton) were two of the original members of TBZ. There are several of his brothers buried at TBZ cemeteries.

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Engagement Committee News

As the calendar turns to May I begin thinking about Mothers' Day. My daughter Emily (my first child) was born in early May, so I became a mother only days before celebrating my first time as a mom. That Mothers' Day was marked with my daughter and my mother (of blessed memory) sharing a Chinese food dinner during which I clumsily dropped much too much fried rice on my daughter's head as I tried to eat while I fed her. It is still something my daughter and I laugh about (although her memory of that dinner is only through the story I have repeatedly shared).



From a Jewish perspective there has always been great emphasis on honoring and respecting one's mother, and on cultivating and expressing sincere appreciation, love, and affection. This begins with extolling Eve, the first mother who precipitated bringing all human life into the world. It continues to the holy matriarchs: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah whose moral greatness and purity we are taught to emulate. Later, G-d mandated us to "Honor your mother (and father)" as the fifth of the Ten Commandments. In Judaism this is not limited to a specific day, but rather it is to be fulfilled to the utmost every day for one's entire life.

I remember driving to the Bronx when my daughter was three months old so she could meet my great-grandmother, who was by then too old to travel. We treasure this five-generation photo, especially since my daughter and I are the last generations remaining.



What does this have to do with "Engagement"? There are many in our Temple Beth Zion family without mothers or grandmothers...and those who due to distance (and now Covid) who cannot frequently see their families. Maybe we can reach out and form relationships with those we would not ordinarily think of. A phone call, a Zoom call, a walk, a bunch of flowers, a card, or a shared meal can be something that may enrich the lives of all participating. Please contact me at any time with your questions, comments, suggestions or just to say, "hi." I want to connect with every one of you.... on Mothers' Day and every day.

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)

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All items to be dropped off at the
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.
from May 1 - June 11
Questions call Kara Kane at 836-6565



Home Sweet Pride

June 1 - 6



Buffalo Pride Week encourages the community to deck out their homes, businesses and even sidewalks in colorful and jubilant Pride decorations to remind our beautiful community that Pride week is here.

In this "reverse parade" (instead of floats going by houses, decorate the houses as we would floats!), show support for the LGBTQ+ community during Buffalo Pride Week. Share pictures with the hashtag [#buffaloprideweek](https://www.instagram.com/buffaloprideweek) and tag @buffaloprideweek. "Home Sweet Pride" is in place of the annual Pride Parade.

For Pride events and information, check out their calendar at: <https://buffaloprideweek.com/events/>.

The Summer Celebration is Back!

August 2, 2021

Co-chairs Kenneth Polk
and Tom Lansing

Mark your calendar to
join us on the links!

If you are interested in being a
sponsor or participating,
call Julie at (716) 836-6565, ext. 134.

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Mazel Tov!



Lila Yonaty
Saturday, May 22
Daughter of
Stephen & Kim Yonaty



Myles and Talia Cerrato
Saturday, May 29
Son and daughter of
Louis & Marnie Cerrato

Please join Lila, Myles and Talia as they lead Shabbat Services for their Temple community via Zoom. The links can be found in your weekly email and also at www.tbz.org.

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Honorable Menschen

Congratulations to Anna Marie Richmond on being selected by the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and the Western New York Chapter as the 2020 winner of the Hanna S. Cohn Pro Bono Award. Anna Marie received the honor in recognition for her outstanding contributions to the provision of pro bono legal services, above and beyond her employment responsibilities.



Simchas

We relish the opportunity to offer Mazel Tov! for the simchas and achievements in the lives of our community members. We often include notes of congratulations on graduations, births, special birthdays, weddings, awards and various other noteworthy events.

We are counting on you to share your good news with us so we can share with the community. Please contact Julie at julie@tbz.org or 836-6565 ext. 134.



From the Director

I've written several times about "La-Bri'ut: To Our Health and Wellness," the online curriculum that our K-6th grade Religious School students participated in this year.

During March and April, our multi-age cohort groups focused on learning about *K'hillah* (Community). They first needed to understand that a *k'hillah* is not a coincidental group that just happens to find itself together by circumstance. No, a *k'hillah* is a very specific kind of group because it fosters a sense of belonging, emphasizes social connections between its members, shares a set of responsibilities, and possesses a common purpose. Different people in a *k'hillah* are drawn to take on specific roles: Planner, Leader, Do-er, Supporter, and Encourager. Each of these is important to the health and strength of the entire community, and without individuals in these roles, the *k'hillah* struggles to function effectively.

To quote from the Teacher's Guide, "In a *k'hillah*, social connections are important — good *k'hillah* participants do not isolate themselves. Indeed... this value is about making social connections between people so as to lessen a sense of isolation when life feels hard." (Think for a moment about the *k'hillot* (communities) you belong to... What is your shared purpose? How is your sense of belonging nurtured? What is your role? What are your responsibilities? How do you help make the *k'hillah* work? Or how could you help to make the *k'hillah* work better?)

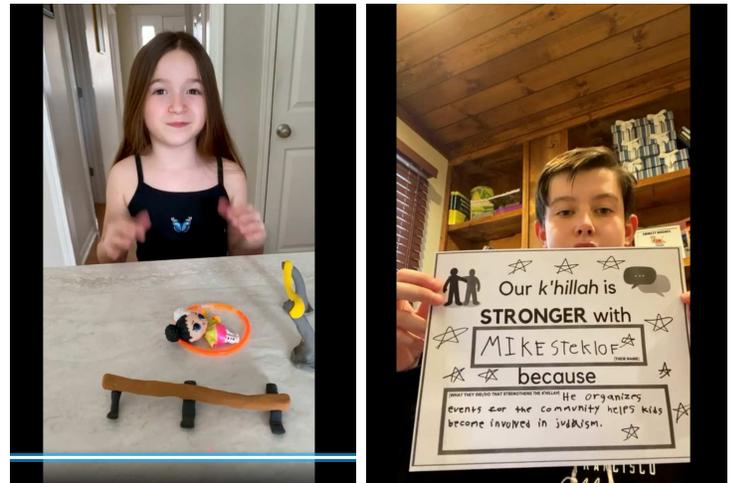
Our learners looked at a variety of *k'hillot* and examined how their members all contributed to, and benefited from, the *k'hillah*. Some of our older students interviewed leaders in our Buffalo Jewish community. I hope that through these experiences, our students now recognize the value of their connections to their Religious School classmates and teachers, to Temple Beth Zion, to our Buffalo Jewish community, and to the larger community of Jews all over the world. I also hope they now also recognize the responsibility they have to these groups.

During May our students will engage with *Hesed* (Loving Kindness), the fifth and final module of La-Bri'ut. Through listening to stories from Torah and playing a variety of games (some of which they will create themselves), they will discover that the Jewish value of *hesed* has two elements: the action and the intention. The performance of an act of kindness without love and intention is not true *hesed*.

They will learn about famous Jews and non-Jews whose acts of *hesed* can be described as "praying with their feet." Our older learners will be encouraged to imagine a *hesed* landscape. Using the metaphor of a garden, they will envision a place where the seeds of *hesed* can be nurtured so they grow into trees that answer the needs of a community — again, a *k'hillah* — and they will be encouraged to produce videos that explain how they and their viewers could partner together to "grow a world of *hesed*."

This final module is anchored by one of the key principles of caregiving for people who have faced trauma — not unlike any of us after more than a year of dealing with COVID — that there is hope for better days ahead. By spending time during this pandemic discovering their *Sukkat Shalom* (Shelter of Peace), their *Ometz Lev* (Strength of the Heart), their *G'vurah* (Courage), and their *K'hillah* (Community), our learners are now ready to find hope for the future and to share it with others through *Hesed* (Loving Kindness)!

L'shalom,
Beth Steinberg



One of our students is shown sharing a model she made using clay, a doll, and a glowstick to represent joining a new *k'hillah* (community) -- in her case, a new gymnastics class. The circle made by the glowstick is the class. There are little clay balls already inside the circle made by the glowstick. The doll has just entered the circle made by the glowstick. She is wondering how to make friends with these other students and become part of the group. You can also see the balance beam and other equipment she made!

One of our older students is shown sharing a banner he made after he interviewed Mike Steklof, Director of Jewish Experience at CJEL (the Center for Jewish Engagement and Leadership at the Buffalo Jewish Foundation). He was curious about how and why the Jewish community is important to Mr. Steklof, and about his work with the community.

Presidents' Message

Dear Friends:

Spring is such a beautiful time of year. We hope that you are able to get out more and enjoy the nicer weather. One way you can enjoy the outdoors and some companionship is to walk with other Sisterhood members. The usual meeting time is 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday or Sunday depending on weather. Interested walkers can contact Carole Weingarten at weincsw@verizon.net.

We hope you will join us virtually at 7 p.m. on **Friday, May 7** for Sisterhood Shabbat. The Zoom link for the service is included in the temple's weekly email and on the website at www.tbz.org. We will honor our Sisterhood Woman of the Year, Julie Feldman. Please join us!

On **Thursday, May 13**, head to Panera on Transit for a delicious fundraiser. Full details are on this page.

Save **Tuesday, August 17** for the Sisterhood Opening Luncheon. The luncheon is free to all ladies who have paid their dues for 2021-2022. A delicious hot lunch will be served at Banchetti Outdoor Grove on North French Road in Amherst. Appropriate social distancing protocols will be followed. Watch your Bulletins and emails for all the details.

Any questions? Call us!

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757
Susan Bruckheimer 982-2099
Co-Presidents

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Board Notes

The Board of Trustees met via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Attendees included Board Members Susan Bruckheimer, Adam Field, Philip Glick, David Goldberg, Jody Goldstein, Kenneth Graber, Michael Komm, Daniel Kotzin, Toby Laping, Robin Ostrov, Kenneth Polk, Sharon Schwartz, Lewis Shaevel, Julie Dressler Weinberg, Amélica Oritz Weinmann, Kaarsten Wisnock and Stephen Yonaty. Also present were Jeff Clark, Julie Feldman, Judy Henn, Larry Rubin, Rabbi Sharon Sobel, and Beth Steinberg.

The meeting was called to order and the Prayer Before a Meeting was led by Judy Henn.

Robin Ostrov was welcomed to the Board.

Sharon Schwartz reported that the Kol Nidre Campaign currently stands at \$69,777, 98% of which has been collected. Overall participation was 38%.

The Drive-thru Fish Fry was held on a cold day in February, but there were many friendly faces and good feedback.

With regard to the lease with Jewish Family Service, Larry Rubin reported that the by-laws require notice to the congregation but a formal vote is not required. A Board vote is required.

The Board agreed that a congregational information session should take place, followed later by a congregational meeting for their vote on the lease. The meeting notice should include a proxy that allows congregants to vote yes or no.

A Resolution was presented for Board consideration. In reviewing the purpose and limitations of Temple Beth Zion Endowment Funds, it has been ascertained that the interest income of our Funds can be better utilized.

The purpose of the Resolution is to allow Temple Treasurer Ken Graber and Executive Director Jeff Clark to work with Irv Levy and Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies for better understanding and potential restatement of the Funds. Future recommendations regarding the Funds will be subject to Board approval. The Financial Planning Committee has approved the Resolution. The motion was approved.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved.

The meeting continued in Executive Session.

Lease Vote Update

In early March, detailed information was mailed to each member of Temple Beth Zion that outlined a proposed new 15-year lease agreement with Jewish Family Service of Western New York. Included with the information was a proxy so that TBZ members who wished to could vote either yes or no on the proposal.

On March 17, an information and Q&A session, facilitated by Past President Kenneth Rogers, was held via Zoom.

On March 23, the Congregational meeting was held via Zoom. The only agenda item for the meeting was the request of congregational authorization of the new 15-year lease agreement.

The vote resulted in 187 members in favor of the proposal, and no votes against it.

Kudos to Ken Rogers, Larry Rubin, Toby Laping, John Laping, Chana Kotzin, Bob Marcus and Steve Steinberg for their work on behalf of TBZ and also to Executive Director Jeff Clark and maintenance supervisor RJ Dehima for their assistance.

We look forward to many more years of a wonderful relationship with our community partners at Jewish Family Service of Western New York.

JFS Older Adult Virtual Support Series

A program of Jewish Family Services of Western New York

These sessions are designed for older adults to connect and share experiences, support each other and learn effective coping strategies. These sessions are offered at no-cost and are open to the public.

Sessions will be held Wednesdays on Zoom from 2:30-3:30 PM.

 <p>MAY 5TH Exploring and sharing community resources Learn about and share with each other valuable resources that may be beneficial at this time</p>	
 <p>MAY 12TH Tips and Tools Learn how to cope with stress, worry and fear during the pandemic</p>	
 <p>MAY 19TH Ambiguous Loss Recognize this type of loss and how to cope more effectively</p>	
 <p>MAY 26TH Healthy Habits & Mind/Body Connection Understanding the interplay between our physical and mental health and how to deal with stress</p>	

To RSVP or learn more about the sessions, please contact JFS at 716.883.1914 or email Groups@JFSBuffalo.org.

You may register for all sessions or pick and choose which topics suits your needs best! Learn more at jfsbuffalo.org.



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Wednesday May 12

- 1 PM:** Prof. Sergey Dolgopolski
Univ. at Buffalo Dept. of Jewish Thought
“Where is the Palestinian Talmud going?”
- 2 PM:** Rabbi Sara Rich, Director Hillel of Buffalo
*“Coming Back: Biblical & rabbinic teachings about
returning & its meaning as we emerge from isolation.”*
- 3 PM:** Dr. Yonina Foster
Activity Director & Educator, Jewish Federation Apartments
“A Meditation of Receiving”

Thursday May 13

- 1 PM:** Keynote Lecture, Rabbi Moshe Silberschein
Faculty, Jerusalem Univ. College
2019-20 Interim Rabbi, Temple Beth Tzedek
*“Returning, Reconnecting, with Ourselves, Our Community
and the Holy One: Teshuvah in midrash and liturgy”*
- 2 PM:** Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, Congregation Shir Shalom
*“Coming Down from Sinai: Why the journey back
can be just as hard as the journey there.”*
- 3 PM:** Rabbi Ori Bergman, Kehillat Ohr Tzion
“Going Beyond Labels”

Sunday May 16

- 4 PM:** Rabbi Sharon Sobel, Temple Beth Zion
“Ruth: Renewing our connection to Sinai through the ‘Other’.”
- 5 PM:** Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum, Temple Beth Tzedek
“The Morning After”



Cofeld's Corner

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As one example of artisan work that raises itself still higher is this 1921 siddur made in Germany. On closer inspection, it reveals beautifully tooled leather, angled edges, smooth stretched binding and carefully stitched elements with an inset brass plate. The inscription, reads "HaNerot Halelu Kadosh Hem" said on Hanukkah and the motif depicts Bezalel kindling the menorah in the Holy Temple. His namesake, was the inspiration behind the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design established in Jerusalem in 1906 for artisans and artists. It was named for Bezalel, son of Uri who was appointed by Moses to oversee the design and construction of the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:30). "I have endowed him with a divine skill, ability and knowledge in every kind of craft." In the Cofeld, we have a collection that not only express *hiddur mitzvah*, demonstrates every kind of craft, but also connect us across time and continents.



Until next month...

Chana Revell Kotzin, Ph.D.
museum@tbz.org

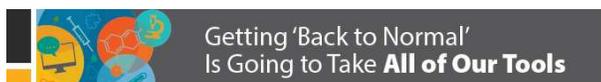
Lesson #1 of 6: The Blessing of Strengthening Relationships

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Blessing Number 1: The Blessing of Great Strength in Community: There is great power, strength and love in community coming together for a common purpose. This community is OUR special gift. In a community this size, not all activities will ever be appealing to all people. However, by re-visioning what it means to engage community, by reaching out in new and innovative ways and by continuing to open our hearts, homes and minds to all who are in our midst we will continue to affirm that value of community. Over the course of this year, we will strive to strengthen our community, while working towards actively engaging others at the same time.

One of the most important aspects of our communal life is to build and strengthen meaningful and deep relationships. As modern Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas said: "when we engage in meaningful relationships with others, we gaze deeply into their eyes. That mere gaze demands a response from us." If we are standing, or are on the run, we cannot develop those deep and meaningful relationships that are so necessary and vital to creating sacred community. When we each bring our own gifts to our community and offer them with love and gratitude, it is the reflection of God in our hearts. How can we, as a congregational community enhance these connections? There can be nothing more beautiful, more sacred than that.

Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel



If we use all the tools we have, we stand the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools, and workplaces "back to normal" sooner:

Get vaccinated.



Wear a mask.



Stay 6 feet from others, and avoid crowds.



Wash hands often.



www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines

We Are Family

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Arnold and Ruth always encouraged us to be active in TBZ and our Jewish community as a whole. My kids and I still strive to follow in their footsteps, and I will continue to encourage my grandchildren to be proud and involved for the generations to come."



Thanks Susan for this interesting family story! We look forward to learning more about our congregants and their (long or short) history with Temple Beth Zion. Please send your stories to jagoldstein827@gmail.com. **We are family!**

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Screening Virtually through May 14

This year the Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival celebrates its 36th Season. The Festival is streaming films virtually until May 14. After successfully transitioning to a virtual format last year the BJIFF is thrilled to continue presenting the Film Festival in a safe and easily accessible way for the Buffalo community and beyond.

The Festival includes exceptional films from Germany, Italy, Norway, the U.S., and Israel. Films are available for streaming for 72-hour “window” periods. Additionally there are Talkback Tuesday events with guest speakers in conjunction with selected films. To view the complete Festival schedule, films, and trailers visit bjiff.com.

Films scheduled for May include:

Tuesday, May 4 - Friday, May 7

The Last Supper
Aulcie

Saturday, May 8 - Tuesday, May 11

An Irrepressible Woman (Je ne rêve que de vous)
Mish-Mish

Tuesday, May 11 - Talkback Tuesday:

An Irrepressible Woman (Je ne rêve que de vous)

Tuesday, May 11 - Friday, May 14

The Crossing
Incitement



May 28 & 29

Ruth Abramow	Ethel C. Ingrando
Mildred C. Bergman	Benjamin L. Kulick
Victor Besso	Harry Kurzman
Reeva Roblin Block	Harry A. Laufer
Louis R. Bluestein	Rebecca I. Levy
Lillian Carrel	Manfred Lewinnek
Bernie Clement	Selma Michaels
George H. Cohn	Lewinnek
David Cole	Philip S. Lieberman
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Jeanette Farber	Rovall
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Samuel Goldman	Isadore Soronson
Henry Goldstein	Dora B. Steinhart
Irene Goldstein	Morris Steinhart
Lillian R. Greene	Sophie K. Treger
Jeannette Wile	Dr. Paul L. Weinmann
Gunzberg	George Weintraub
Henry Gunzburger	Julia Setel
Saul Gutman	Helene Horwitz
Helene Horwitz	Wolfsohn

Yahrzeit Notifications

For those who receive Yahrzeit notifications, the notices will be sent both by mail and email beginning May 1.

If you wish to receive your notice by email only or by mail only, please contact Becky at becky@tbz.org (be sure to include your full name) or (716) 836-6565, Ext. 110.

April 30 & May 1

Minnie Benderson Katherine L.
Lillian K. Block Meyers
Alfred H. Cohen Sarah N. Meyers
Julius Davis Phyllis Boasberg
Sidney Ehrenreich Michaels
Rae Starsky Fink Marvin Morris
Dr. Lewis J. Raymond L.
Greenky Morrison
Harvey E. Gumins Harvey N.
Henry Holland Olenberg
Richard L. Gloria L. Roblin
Jacobson Florence R. Rosen
Maynard Jaffey Lillian P. Rosen
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Kline Harriett Shire
Louis Lazar, M.D. Rebecca Sparberg
Laurence Allen Ida Spitzer
Levite Dorothy
Vera Silverstein Tanenbaum
Lichtman Elias Wagner
Robert Alan Bessie Weinberg
Mathews Louis M. Weiss
Barbara Zimmer

May 21 & 22

Lawrence Arnold David Geismar
Allen Benjamin Gerson
Peggy Wile Saul Glaser
Gunzburger Stuart J. Goldberg
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Theodore Bergman Sol David Leisner
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Joseph Cohen Elizabeth Lutwack
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Dr. Julius Estry Ida Rubenstein
Anna Fineberg Maisel
Esther R. Fingold Estelle Meyer
Lillian B. Fisher Lillian C. Miller
Julius Fleishman Elsie G. Myers
Charles M. Fogel Louis Newman
Bertha Collins Marian M.
Freed Newman
Norman M. Margaret Ostfeld
Freedman Frank D. Pieri

May 7 & 8

Elaine Bergman Jay Levy
Pauline Bernstein Celia Norman
Lester Block Malin
Alfred A. Bomberg David Myers, MD
Anna Bookbinder Dr. Mathew
Nancy J. Borins Podolin
Hattie C. Brock Sadie Rabin
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Theodore Franklin Pollak
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Sidney Fleishman Ethel K. Solender
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Edward Vitali
Geranstein Charles Wallach
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Emanuel Hirsch Ben Weller
Rozanne Green Dr. Leonard Wolin
Isenberg Shirley Zemsky
Belle Kahn

May 14 & 15

Dr. Israel Aaron Arthur E. Lyon
Lydia M. Block Robert Blaine
Maxwell Brown Mollot
Sophie Burg Bertha P. Munsell
Celia Chick A3C David
Lucille Sherris Newman
Cole Sarah Pack
Abe Cornblum Irving Richmond
Jane M. Desmon Bella Maisel Rock
Lillian Ehrlich Sue B. Rosen
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Feuerstein David Rovall
Benjamin Fingeret Joseph T.
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Dr. Harry H. Goldberg Saul Scheiner
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Grodzinsky Smallen
Aline Gunzberg Fannie Goodman
Anna Goldberg Steinhardt
Harris Samuel Treger
Lillian Hyams Victor Wagner
Grant Edward Esther Morris
Israel Walters
Irwin H. Jellinek Molly Bleichfeld
Sanford Kadish Weissfeld
Doris Kardaman Gertrude
Anne Goldberg Silverberg
Kornhaber Wertheimer
Jacob Lindenbaum

**Yahrzeit Anniversaries
for May 28 and 29
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