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## Special Erev Shabbat Service Of Commemoration and Honor

Friday, November 12, at 7 p.m.  
Sisterhood Chapel, 805 Delaware Avenue  
And via live stream

During this special Service, we will commemorate "Kristallnacht" - The Night of Broken Glass (Germany, 1938) and also honor our Veterans who served or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces. Join us as we commemorate and honor with music, poetry, prayer and meditation.

If you are a survivor, child or grandchild of a survivor, a US Veteran or currently serve in the US Armed Forces, please email Kristen: [kristen@tbz.org](mailto:kristen@tbz.org).

## Consecration of our 2020 & 2021 New Religious School Students

Friday, December 3, at 7 p.m.  
805 Delaware and via live stream

Join us as we celebrate with all of our new students and their families as they dedicate themselves to learning and living Jewishly! What better night to celebrate than our holiday of "dedication" - Chanukah?!



Join us to salute our newest students and "light up the night" with all of your beautiful *Chanukiyot*.

See more details on page 4.

## Stop the H☆te

### Antisemitism - The Oldest Hatred: A Four-Part Class

With Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel

Wednesdays, November 17, December 1, 8 & 15  
Noon - 1 p.m.  
Via Zoom

Join Rabbi Sobel for online discussions where we examine the issue in depth. Topics will include: The history and origins of antisemitism; The changing face of antisemitism; The Islamic and Arab world; Anti-Zionism vs Antisemitism; The New Left; and How to Fight Antisemitism.

Advance registration will be required.  
See page 7 for more details.



The Kol Nidre Campaign is off to a great start! The success of the Campaign depends on each of you and we thank those who have already pledged their support.

If you have not yet done so, please take a minute to make your pledge. Use your Kol Nidre envelope or call the Temple at (716) 836-6565.

Thank you for your support for our Temple Beth Zion community.  
Robin and Jamie Ostrov  
2021-2022 Campaign Chairs



*Letter from the President*

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Temple Beth Zion members who attended our "Moving Forward in 5782" listening sessions with me and members of the board. Conversations were positive and enlightening. We received a lot of ideas, and these small group sessions allowed for those in attendance to speak freely, and openly. We took notes, and much of what was shared we wish to try and implement right away. It was encouraging to know that our members are thinking most of the same things that we on the board are. I would be happy to schedule more of these and look for at least one or two to be held virtually through Zoom later this month.

Our application has been submitted to the Rabbinic placement office, and we are now actively engaged in the process of finding our new spiritual leader. The input we received from all of you to our surveys was invaluable. Many thanks to members of the Cantor search committee who processed the idea of a survey. Their efforts were tremendous and laid the ground work for the existing search. At the moment, we have suspended the Cantor search on the advice of the placement offices, as finding a new permanent Rabbi is our immediate priority. Please see page 10 for messages from Cantorial Search Chair, Julie Dressler Weinberg and from the Rabbinic Search Committee.

To follow up on previous notifications, our new Community Religious School is really off to a phenomenal start. We have over 144 students registered, including a handful of students who come from unaffiliated families. We have rectified the pick up situation, to eliminate traffic backups.

We are now looking forward to try and celebrate more with our community partners. We are exploring the idea of joint committees to help with the school, and possibly some other programming. I invite you to participate. Although I repeat myself, I look forward to hearing from you with your ideas, or your wishes to be part of our future.

David Goldberg  
president@tbz.org



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Friday Evening Services will be held at 805 Delaware and available via livestream.

Torah Study and the Morning Service are held via Zoom except where noted.

Torah Study begins at 9:15 a.m.

Links for livestream and Zoom are available in the Friday Temple email and on the website ([www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org)).

Masks are required for all in-person services.

<b>Friday, November 5</b>	
Shabbat Evening Service, Sisterhood Chapel	7 p.m.
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Service at Amberleigh	6:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, November 6</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom	10:30 a.m.
<b>Friday, November 12</b>	
Shabbat Evening Service, Sisterhood Chapel	7 p.m.
<b>Commemoration of Kristallnacht</b>	
<b>Honoring Veterans</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 13</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods	11 a.m.
<b>Friday, November 19</b>	
Classical Shabbat Evening Service, Sanctuary	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, November 20</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service, Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
<b>Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Gaynor-Coene</b>	
Service at Canterbury Woods	11 a.m.
<b>Friday, November 26</b>	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Sisterhood Chapel	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, November 27</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods	11 a.m.

## Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26.

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



Letter from the Rabbi

## Commemoration and Celebration

November 2021 gives us so many wonderful events to celebrate: Thanksgiving in person with family and friends (cautiously, to be safe); Chanukah, with candles burning brightly, latkes sizzling and dreidles spinning; and this year, Consecration of TBZ's new Religious School students from 2020 and 2021.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessing of being able to gather and celebrate.

At the same time, November gives us pause for reflection: November 9-11 we commemorate *Kristallnacht* – The Night of Broken Glass. This was the series of pogroms that took place in 1938 in Germany, destroying hundreds of synagogues, Jewish shops, schools and homes, many people murdered and beaten. This was the prelude to the Holocaust.

On November 11, we also honor our US Armed Service Veterans, thank them for their service and reflect on the meaning of war and peace.

All of these seemingly unconnected events: American Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Consecration, *Kristallnacht* and Veterans' Day share something in common: hope for the future, hope for a brighter tomorrow, a celebration of freedom of religion. We root ourselves in the stories of our past and teach them to our children because the values are timeless. They are also all connected to the central theme of "Chanukah."

The word "*chanukah*" means "dedication." Historically, Chanukah is a celebration of religious freedom – freedom of the Jewish people's right to practice our own religion in our own country in safety and security. We celebrate the rededication of our Temple in Jerusalem which had been desecrated by the Greek army in 165 BCE. The actual ritual celebration evolved to become a "Festival of Lights." The Pilgrims came to the America seeking religious freedom, when we observe *Kristallnacht*, we remember those who suffered because of their religion. And when we "consecrate" or "dedicate" our new students beginning their religious school studies for the first time, we celebrate that they are able to learn and celebrate their Jewish heritage openly and freely. We honor our Veterans who fought for the rights of our country and others to live as a free people.

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# Happy Chanukah!

Erev Shabbat Service and 6<sup>th</sup> Night of Chanukah  
Consecration of new Religious School Students  
December Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  
Friday, December 3, at 7 p.m.  
805 Delaware and via livestream

As we light the first candles of Chanukah, may the lights shine brightly in the darkness, reminding us that all it takes is one flame to dispel the darkness of despair, the darkness of hatred, the darkness of injustice, evil, violence - any type of injustice.



Each of us has the ability to be that 'flame' to dispel the darkness in our world, kindling the flames of those around us so this world will be a brighter place for all.

Temple Beth Zion wishes all of you a "Chag Urim Sameach" - A light-filled and Happy Chanukah!

Please join us on Friday, December 3 in the Sisterhood Chapel, 805 Delaware Avenue, to celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> night of Chanukah as a community at our Erev Shabbat service:

- Bring your own *chanukiyah* (Chanukah menorah) and 7 candles so we can have a light-filled and festive celebration
- We will provide special Chanukah treats following the service!
- We will also celebrate the Consecration of our 2020 & 2021 new Religious School Students. Let's all, their TBZ family, "light up the night" to welcome these wonderful students.
- As it's the first Shabbat of the month, anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in December will receive a special blessing.

Don't miss this special evening!



**PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY**

# HANUKAH HAPPENING IN THE PARKING LOT

**Sunday, December 5 | 4 - 6 PM**  
TBZ Broder Parking Lot | 700 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst  
Register for FREE: [bit.ly/HANUKAHHAPPENING](https://bit.ly/HANUKAHHAPPENING)

**DJ  
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Questions? Contact [mike@buffalojewishfederation.org](mailto:mike@buffalojewishfederation.org)



## Chanukah Blessings

Candles are added to the *hanukkiyah* (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

Light the *shamash* (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו,  
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו  
ואמותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

**For first night only:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו  
והגייענו לימן הזה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

**Hanerot Halalu**

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

## Chanukah Celebratory Concert with Guy Mintus

Sunday, November 28, from 1- 2:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary, 805 Delaware Avenue  
Tickets available at [www.jccbuffalo.org](http://www.jccbuffalo.org).



In partnership with Temple Beth Zion, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo is excited to kick off the eight days of Chanukah with a celebratory concert starring Israeli pianist, composer, vocalist, and educator Guy Mintus.

Coming from a mixed heritage of Iraqi, Moroccan & Polish Jews, Guy's music is a meeting point between different rivers of inspiration flowing freely into each other. A trained concert pianist with the energy of a rock star and a jazz musician's sense of adventure who's unafraid to throw into the mix his native middle-eastern scales and rhythms. The New York Times said, "Mintus, a 27-year-old pianist who hails from Israel, pours together a mixed brew of influences — Arabic maqam, Jewish folk song, Eastern European dance rhythms and, especially, classic hard bop — with such ebullient grace that you'd think they all originated in the very same place."

Guy's awards include the "Leonard Bernstein Award" by ASCAP and the Bernstein Family Foundation, and the Prix du Public at the Montreux Jazz Festival's solo piano competition. His debut record, "A Home in Between," has been selected as DownBeat Magazine's Editor's Pick. His sophomore release, "Connecting the Dots," has been celebrated in concerts throughout the US, Canada, France, Switzerland, Germany, Israel, Turkey, and Kazakhstan.

We look forward to welcoming Guy to Buffalo and gathering together safely to celebrate the Holiday through music and community. The concert will take place on November 28, the first day of Chanukah, from 1- 2:30 p.m. Check-in will begin at 12:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on the JCC website at [www.jccbuffalo.org](http://www.jccbuffalo.org).

Per the JCC's Covid protocol for large indoor events, proof of vaccination or a negative covid-19 test will be required, and all participants must wear masks.

A special thank you to miriam treger honig and Howard Hanna Real Estate Services for their support as a Community Sponsor.

**tbz**  
Mazel Tov!



**Bar Mitzvah**  
**Maxwell Avery Gaynor-Coene**  
**Saturday, November 20**  
Son of: Jennifer L. Gaynor  
and Joshua Coene

**tbz**  
Welcome!

### New Members

Eta Rottenberg  
Mark Hayman  
Jessica Kent  
Michael Borins  
Theresa & Harvey Beldner



### Women of Reform Judaism - Northeast District Virtual Shabbat

Saturday, November 6  
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Join the WRJ for a rejuvenating and peaceful Shabbat. Raise your spirits! Reconnect!

Presenters will include:

- ★ Psychologist Dr. Robert Brooks
- ★ Rabbi Julie Bressler
- ★ Cantor Melanie Cooperman
- ★ WRJ President Sara Charney
- ★ WRJ Northeast District President Sharon Sobel
- ★ WRJ Northeast District Board Member Suzy Gelman

This event will be presented online from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a siesta break. Come for all or part of the day.

Advance registration is required. Registrants are required to provide an \$18 minimum donation to the YES Fund\* (\*WRJ's philanthropic fund for Youth, Education, and Special Projects).

To register, go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/212706869440056>.

Questions can be emailed to: [wrjnortheast@gmail.com](mailto:wrjnortheast@gmail.com)



## Letter from the Executive Director

### TBZ's Hot Topics

Below are some important TBZ matters and their status:

#### Kleinhans

- The venue and services were beautiful and congregants overwhelmingly reported a deeply meaningful High Holy Days experience.
- Recordings of the services are available on our YouTube channel.
- Regarding why we were at Kleinhans in the first place, discussions began in May and the decision had to be made in July. At that time:
  - ◇ We expected our Delaware building to be under construction during Rosh Hashanah, which meant the temporary loss of the women's restroom closest to the Sanctuary.
  - ◇ We'd been informed by the town that Delaware Avenue would be under construction, causing traffic and parking challenges.
  - ◇ After a series of technical glitches, we had concerns about the reliability of our AV system for the most important holy days of the year.
  - ◇ Most importantly, Kleinhans offered double the capacity of our Sanctuary, meaning it would be easier to facilitate physical distancing and help prevent the spread of Covid.

#### Covid Protocols

- Masks continue to be required for in-person events.
- Masks are not required - but are strongly recommended - for outdoor events.
- We are not requiring proof of vaccination to attend events or services. There was a rumor that proof of vaccination was required for Kleinhans, but that was their policy for BPO events; they allowed us to follow our own protocols for our services.

#### Worship Opportunities

- Friday night Erev Shabbat services are being held in-person at 805 Delaware Ave. They are now at 7 p.m. and are typically take place in the Sisterhood Chapel, except for Classical services (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month) and other special events held in the Sanctuary.
- We continue to offer Saturday morning Torah Study via Zoom.
- Saturday morning Shabbat Services are on Zoom unless there is a B'nai Mitzvah.

#### The Remodel at Delaware

- Work has begun on the roof over JFS. It took longer to get going than we'd hoped, due in part to the global shortage of building materials, but we are very excited to be moving forward.
- Our Cofeld museum is moving to the hallway area between the Sanctuary and the Chapel that we currently refer to as our library. The space will be completely overhauled in the months ahead. Special thanks to Chana Kotzin for putting in an extraordinary amount of hours to make this transition happen, and Adam Rubin for his significant efforts as well.
- The men's cloak room will become a brand new women's restroom.
- When we've completed the work associated with our lease with JFS, we will turn our attention to other projects such as putting a new roof on the Fink Auditorium, looking at lighting in the Chapel, and replacing the carpet in the hallway.

#### Our Plans for Broder

- We are exploring our options as they relate to investing in the Broder Center as our long-term suburban presence, or prospectively selling the building and relocating our offices.
- Absolutely no decisions have been made and we are only in the initial brainstorming stages.

#### Partnering with Congregation Shir Shalom

- TBZ's partnership in the Community Religious School with Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Tzedek has been extraordinarily successful. More than 140 children are enrolled and so far it has been all smiles.
- We are always looking at opportunities to celebrate holidays and special events together.

#### Clergy Searches

- Customarily, Executive Directors are not direct participants in the search for rabbis or cantors. Please see updates from our President and/or the respective committee Chairs elsewhere in the Bulletin.

#### Committees

- We're planning to get several new committees going, such as Member Engagement, Clergy Liaison, and Marketing & Communications.
- Please reach out to David Goldberg via [president@tbz.org](mailto:president@tbz.org) if you're interested in joining any of these committees, or have your own ideas for others.
- Don't miss these opportunities to get involved and help shape TBZ's future!

If you have questions about these updates or other temple affairs, I'd love to hear from you. Email me at [jeff@tbz.org](mailto:jeff@tbz.org), or call the office at 836-6565, ext. 135.

Enjoy the Fall and Go Bills!

Jeff Clark

# Stop the Hate

## Antisemitism - The Oldest Hatred: A Four-Part Class

With Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel

Wednesdays, November 17, December 1, 8 & 15

Noon - 1 p.m.

Via Zoom

Almost 80 anti-Semitic incidents happen every month around the country, many of them involving children, teenagers and young adults (according to the most recent audit of the Anti-Defamation League).

It takes place in our schools, sports fields, our government buildings, our congregations, our cemeteries. Antisemitism is known as "the oldest hatred." Antisemitic incidents and crimes have increased and become more violent over the last few years.

What can we do to "stop the hate?"

Join us for online discussions where we examine the issue in depth. Topics will include:

- The history and origins of antisemitism
- The changing face of antisemitism
- The Islamic and Arab world
- Anti-Zionism vs Antisemitism
- The New Left
- How to Fight Antisemitism.

Advance Registration is required. Check your weekly email or the Temple website (tbz.org) for the registration link or go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121269>

### Suggested Reading:

Antisemitism, Here and Now, by Deborah Lipstadt, Schocken Books, 2019.

How to Fight Antisemitism, by Bari Weiss, Penguin Random House, 2019

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

## Commemoration and Celebration

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(For a more complete description of Chanukah – please see the eblast which I will post immediately prior to Chanukah)

There are those who still threaten to fracture our world today. Every day, we read examples of xenophobia (fear of foreigners or "the other"), hatred, violence, war, bloodshed, refugees with nowhere to go, hunger, poverty, homelessness, racism. The list of maladies afflicting us seems never-ending.

It is appropriate that our month of November ends with Chanukah and the lighting of the Chanukah candles.

Chanukah is all about hope. The flames on the candles remind us that all it takes is one spark to light a flame: a flame that leads to justice, a flame that leads to healing and wholeness. One flame in the darkness can bring great light, great warmth to a very dark place: one spark of righteous deeds can inspire others to do the same.

This Chanukah, this Festival of Lights, as we kindle our Chanukah candles beginning on Sunday, November 28th, I hope that we can dedicate ourselves anew to bringing justice, hope and light to our broken world.

Let each of us be that spark or flame that ignites others to join in repairing our world: "*ani v'atah n'shaneh et ha'olam*" – together, you and I can change the world."

And we'll work together to keep the flame alive, as Peter, Paul and Mary sang: "Don't Let the Light Go Out"

Please join us for a special service Commemorating Kristallnacht and honoring our US Armed Service Veterans on Friday, November 12, 805 Delaware and via live stream, at 7 p.m.

Please join us for our special Chanukah and Consecration Service on Friday, December 3. Please see details on page 4.

Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel

## The Jewish Repertory Theatre Presents... Photograph 51

By Anna Ziegler

Running through November 14

The Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre

Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo

2640 North Forest Road



Tickets can be purchased at the JCC Member Services Desk, at [www.jewishrepertorytheatre.org](http://www.jewishrepertorytheatre.org) or JRT Box Office (716) 650-7626.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Holy Days!

This Fall, Sisterhood was busy decorating outdoor Sukkahs, one at Broder, one Downtown. We also participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. We had about 20 walkers who were first blessed by Judy Henn, and then walked in the Broder neighborhood. We brought in many donations as well. In addition, 20 of us participated in a Zoom program and heard Sarah Hurwitz speak about Judaism. She was excellent.

Sisterhood is also participating in the knitting affinity group - see details below. We do not want to leave out non-knitters; we will accept purchased items as well! Let us know when you've made a donation so we can thank you!

Also, we are helping Jewish Family Service with Afghan evacuees who are getting settled in Buffalo.

Lastly, we are beginning Chanukah preparations soon. Our Sisterhood Judaica Shop will be having its annual Bazaar. See the article on this page to see the dates, and how you can volunteer. Also, you'll be able to shop for all your holiday needs.

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Happy Chanukah!

Marilyn Schillroth (832-4757) Susan Bruckheimer (982-2099) and Cindy Stover (803-2884)

**Knitting Affinity Group**

Your TBZ Sisterhood is once again inviting members to participate in the Knitting Affinity Group. Knitting (and crocheting) can potentially meet the needs of our members, as well as those in our Western New York Community.

If you are a knitter and would like to join to help others, Sisterhood is continuing an initiative that may allow you to participate in volunteer activities and Tikkun Olam in the safety of your own home. And, for those non-knitters, newly purchased hats, scarves, and gloves are also welcomed to be donated.

Last year donations were made to Jewish Family Services, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, and Community Missions in Niagara Falls. These organizations gratefully accepted knitted hats, scarves and gloves/mittens for adults and children. Other organizations will also be contacted to assess their needs.

Please start knitting and collecting the items that you wish to donate. A collection bin will be placed at Broder for donors to place their creations into. Lucille Sherlick, the organizer of this program, will pick up the items monthly and donate them to designated organizations. This mitzvah will keep folks warm outside and, for some, inside their homes (and hearts).

Chanukah begins Sunday November 28

**Pre-Chanukah Sale**



Temple Beth Zion and Temple Beth Tzedek  
Sunday November 14-  
Friday November 19



Open

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Sun Nov 14	9:30-12:30	9:30-12:30
Tues Nov16	9:30-11:30 & 1-6pm	1-6pm
Wed Nov 17	9:30-11:30 & 1-6pm	1-6pm
Thurs Nov 18	9:30-11:30 & 1-6pm	1-6pm
Fri Nov 19	11am -3pm	11am -3pm

**Menorahs, Dreidels, Decorations, Candles, Jewelry and much more**

**Mention this Ad and receive an additional 10% off (at TBZ only)**

For appointments call:

**Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst  
Susan (716) 982-2099  
Temple Beth Tzedek, 1641 N.Forest Road  
Linda (716) 400-5394**

**Wishing our members, families, friends and the Jewish community a happy, healthy Chanukah.**

**Chanukah Bazaar History**

Did you know that the TBZ Chanukah Bazaar was started more than 60 years ago? Public schools held Secret Santa Shops, providing students a way to shop for Christmas. Most of the items sold were Christmas themed gifts. Because of this, the women of TBZ Sisterhood decided to provide the opportunity for the children of Temple Beth Zion to shop for their families for gifts appropriate for Chanukah.

Please help continue this tradition!



**COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**  
BUFFALO, NY

## From the Directors

We. Have. Had. Fun!

In the past two months the students at the new Community Religious School have learned, laughed, collaborated on art projects, and listened as their teachers read or told wonderful stories. They have participated in meaningful conversations, crafted edible sukkahs, shaken the lulav and smelled the etrog in the sukkah, and reviewed the letters of the Alefbet. They have heard their cantors and rabbis chanting Torah outside, made and hung sukkah decorations, asked and answered questions about the fall holidays and Jewish history, worked in small groups to practice reading prayers, and have heard and spoken a little bit of everyday Hebrew... and they have had fun!

In August I wrote a short piece for MY JEWISH BUFFALO, the Jewish Federation's weekly Friday email to the Buffalo Jewish community. The title was "Measuring Success in Smiles". Prior to the opening of the Community Religious School, I suggested that the "success of this opening year should be measured in smiles. By kids who feel seen, heard, and valued. By kids who make new friends. By kids who feel happy and safe at religious school."

Just a few weeks into this new venture, we are seeing those smiles we hoped for. We are actually seeing many, many smiles! The expected uncertainty and jitters of the first day have quickly faded away. (I'm not only talking about students...parents, teachers, lay leadership, everyone working "behind the scenes" — we all felt some level of anxiety that first day!)

Now, as the names, faces, and routines have become more familiar, our students hop out of their parents' cars happily and enthusiastically on Sunday mornings, eager to enter the building, find their friends, and discover what is going to happen in their classrooms that morning.

Our teachers, with the help of our teaching assistants and madrichim, have made their classrooms welcoming, their lessons engaging, and are committed to supporting all of our students. We have more religious diversity in our classrooms

than ever before, as Community Religious School families come from a wide spectrum of Jewish practice and belief. Our rabbis and teachers are committed to making the Community Religious School welcoming to all.

Some of your children have been attending religious school or other similar programming since they were toddlers. Others (at all grade levels) have never attended religious school before. And some of your kids aren't totally new, but did not participate in virtual religious school last year. We are committed to making sure that all of your children feel welcome. As we've said over and over again, we are creating a new *Kehilla Kedosha/Sacred Community*. The smiles we've been seeing tell us it's working!

L'shalom,

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## Confirmation & L'Taken

In recent weeks, TBZ's Confirmation Class of 2021-22 has begun to meet with Rabbi Sobel in preparation for their Confirmation Ceremony during Erev Shavuot services on Saturday evening, June 4, 2022. Comprised of students in both 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades, the Confirmation Class will be participating in a year-long exploration of Jewish teachings and values. At each monthly meeting, the students will have an opportunity to reflect on their own personal Jewish identity and their place within the adult Jewish community.

Some of these students, as well as other TBZ teens, will also be participating in L'Taken, a 3-day Social Justice Seminar for Reform Jewish teens. Our group is scheduled for early February in Washington DC. L'Taken, a program of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, exposes high school students to contemporary issues in social justice and prepares them to spend a day lobbying our local representatives in Congress. Participation in L'Taken is an opportunity to fulfill the commandment of "Tzedek, tzedek tirdof, justice, justice you shall pursue."

## Cantorial Search Update

Dear Fellow Temple Beth Zion Members,

We would like to update you on the latest with the Cantorial Search process.

First, we were thrilled with our High Holy Day Cantor, Ted Labow. Cantor Labow and Rabbi Sobel worked together all summer to ensure that the High Holy Days would be beautiful, meaningful, spiritual and moving. We are so very grateful for their hard work and efforts.

We are also very grateful for cantorial soloist Sara Schultz's participation with Judy Henn over the High Holy Days. She and Judy also planned together all summer to make sure that the family services at Becker farms and on Yom Kippur morning would be beautiful, meaningful, spiritual and moving.

Finally, our cantorial soloists Sara Schultz, Zack Steinberg and Dr. Lori Ullman (accompanied by Dr. David Bond) have made sure that we have no gaps in our musical accompaniment for any of our Erev Shabbat or B'nai Mitzvah services since January. All of our Shabbat services are filled with *ruach* (spirit) and meaning. Erev Shabbat on Friday usually takes place in person at our Delaware building and Shabbat mornings usually take place via Zoom (and in person at Delaware when we have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah).

Next, the American Conference of Cantors Placement office and the Central Conference of American Rabbis placement have both strongly recommended that the rabbinic search should take place before our cantorial search. It is critical that the settled rabbi has input into the hiring of the cantor since the two of them will be working in close partnership with each other.

To ensure the success of our future rabbi-cantor relationship, the Executive Committee is heeding this advice and is disbanding the Cantorial Search Committee. Temple Beth Zion president, David Goldberg will form a new Cantorial Search Committee when we are ready to move forward.

I want to thank the outgoing Cantorial Search Committee for their dedication, commitment and hard work to date. The work they accomplished will be useful when it's time to begin a new cantorial search. We are so very grateful for their time, efforts and service.

It is always an honor and privilege to serve the congregation we love.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dressler Weinberg

## Rabbinic Search Update

We are pleased to share that the application which officially begins the search for a rabbi has been delivered to CCAR. We will issue further updates on the process as we have steps to report.

We would like to thank the more than 130 families who responded to our survey, for your thoughtful input into the process. Your input helped guide us as we filled in the application. Some of what we received was really more directed at our TBZ leadership, and we will be aggregating that information and presenting it to the Board of Trustees. Please know that ALL responses were anonymous, so only the comments and suggestions will be seen by anyone.

The Members of the Rabbinic Search Committee

## Away for the Winter?

If you are heading south for a month or more, let us know where you will be staying so we can do our best to make sure you continue to receive your mail in a timely manner.

If we don't have your winter address, contact Ann Marie in the Temple office at 836-6565 or Annmarie@tbz.org to send the address via email.

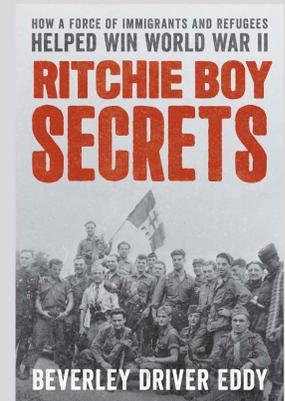
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featuring



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## Yom Kippur Food Drive

Members of Temple Beth Zion's TBaZY Youth Group were on hand to accept food donations at Kleinhans on Yom Kippur. Food donations were delivered to the Town Square Food pantry.



## Lunch with Rabbi Sobel

In September, Rabbi Sobel invited the entire TBZ staff to lunch at NY Beer Project. Rabbi expressed her appreciation to the staff for their support and hard work, especially during the High Holy Days.



## Sukkah Decorating



*It was a picture perfect day for Sukkah decorating in the Shatkin Outdoor Classroom and at 805 Delaware. Thank you to Sisterhood for supplying everything we needed and special thanks to Susan Bruckheimer for coordinating the work and the fun!*

*Below, students at the Community Religious School take part in shaking the lulav and etrog in the Sukkah and learn all about Sukkot.*



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TBZ Staff & Clergy for inviting me into the TBZ Community for the High Holy Days, by Adina Tovell

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**Establishing a Permanent Yahrzeit**

Establishing a Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial with Temple Beth Zion is a wonderful way to honor your loved one's memory and continue their legacy within our TBZ family.

Through a permanent Yahrzeit Memorial at Temple Beth Zion their name will be:

- \* Listed on the memorial scroll displayed at the entrance of the main sanctuary.
- \* Listed in the temple Bulletin each year during the month of Yahrzeit
- \* Read by the Rabbi or Cantor on the Shabbat during the week of Yahrzeit

Each of these will continue to preserve and celebrate their memory as part of the Temple Beth Zion community. In addition, family members will receive notification ten days prior to the Yahrzeit anniversary.

Permanent Yahrzeits can be established with a donation of \$700. Please call Becky at (716) 836-6565 for more information on how to establish this special honor.

**Fund Donations**

Looking for a way to honor a friend's birthday? Trying to think of a gift for a special anniversary for a couple that has no room for more tchotchkes? Please consider making a tribute donation in honor, memory or appreciation of that special person or event.)

Donations can be made using the form on this page or by calling Ann Marie at 836-6565, Ext. 111. Secure online donations can be made on the TBZ website at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org) by clicking on the "Giving" tab.

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Mary Altman  
 Hazel S. Blatt  
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   Bookbinder  
 Monty Boorin  
 Beatrice R. Cohen  
 Sarah Friedman  
   Cowen  
 Paul Davis Sr.  
 Belle Fineberg  
 Max I. Freed  
 Ruth Gutfreund  
   Gardner  
 Oscar Garten  
 Rose Marks  
   Goldstein  
 Maurice Gorbaty  
 Edna Gross  
 Ida Reingold  
   Grosse  
 Ernest Gunzburger  
 Gertrude P.  
   Haniford  
 Leon Hayman  
 Gerson Hochstetter  
 Norman Israel  
 Clarice S. Jacobs  
 Sylvia Frey Kastoff  
 Irene Kavinoky

Leonard Korman  
 Robert R.  
   Mandelcorn  
 Regina Michaels  
 Esther Sapowitch  
   Milch  
 Belle Raikin  
 Else Hollander  
   Reese  
 Dr. Robert E.  
   Reisman  
 Debra Remson  
 Isaac Rodgers  
 Nathan Rovner  
 Frieda Elster Sabol  
 Ida Sarles  
 Jean Sherris  
 Fay Ann Singer  
 Morton Slesinger  
 Joseph Snitzer  
 Ramsi P. Tick  
 Henry J. Weil  
 Dr. Arthur  
   Weinmann  
 Ida Wertheimer  
 William T.  
   Wolkind  
 Ida D. Zeplowitz  
 Rose Zimmer

**November 12 & 13**

Harry Beckerman  
 Rose Beckerman  
 Edna Blumenstein  
 Sara Brock  
 Jack Chertoff  
 Henry Cohen  
 Harry Ettlinger  
 Harry Fernandez  
 Sarah R. Feuerstein  
 Mary Levick Fox  
 Jack Klein  
   Freedman  
 Louis Fuhn  
 Ardeth C.  
   Goldberg  
 Gwendolyn A.  
   Goldberg  
 Esther Goldman  
 Marjorie L.  
   Gorbaty  
 Sol Grosse  
 Sarah R. Gutman  
 Harry Hirshberg  
 Herman Klyn  
 Ida R. Kulick  
 Samuel Levite  
 Shirley Lippes  
 George Marcus  
 Edwin N. Meyers  
 Martin M. Morris  
 Edward Rose

Frances T.  
   Rosenberg  
 Burton Ira  
 Rosenblat  
 Bruno Rosenfelder  
 Naomi Rosenhoch  
 Annie Warner  
   Rothschild  
 Philip Sang  
 Thelma Satuloff  
 Carole Lesses  
   Schwartz  
 Fanny Robinson  
   Sillman  
 Harold I. Simon  
 Adam Reeder  
   Sperling  
 Bertha C. Sternberg  
 Sophie Strauss  
 Dr. Joseph H.  
   Swados  
 Helene L. Victor  
 H. Gerald  
   Weinberg  
 Sid Weiss  
 Michael D. White  
 Mari Michaels  
   White  
 Jule White  
 Raymond E. Wolff  
 Dr. Samuel  
   Yochelson

**November 19 & 20**

Everett M. Barlow  
 Anna Besso  
 Dr. Michael B.  
   Block  
 Bertha Broder  
 Harold Bernard  
   Cohen  
 Harold A. Dautch  
 David Davis  
 Henrietta Dosberg  
 Jeffrey A. Duboff  
 Donald L.  
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 Charles Etkin  
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 Dorothy Gross  
 Jonathan Hall  
 Helene B.  
   Hochstetter  
 Fannie Horn  
 Saul Isenberg  
 Levi Jacobson  
 Seymour Richard  
   Jaffey

Alvin M. Kianof  
 David Markel  
 Leah Mesches  
 Meyer Meyers  
 Lillian Kramer  
   Morrison  
 Hyman Oestreich  
 Gordon L.  
   Rashman Jr.  
 Esther Kahn  
   Rosenstein  
 Edwin W. Roth  
 Jeanne S.  
   Ruslander  
 Maxwell A.  
   Ruttenstein  
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 Sanford Schaffer  
 Betty B. Schuster  
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 Sylvia Guske  
   Smith  
 Pauline Satuloff  
   Weinberg  
 Rosa Wiener  
 Lena Wile

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Ellis M. Adel  
 Melvin Alexander  
 Sarah R. Altman  
 Isidor Victor Ament  
 Lee Gross Anthone  
 Joseph B. Block  
 Freda K. Cohen  
 Hazel R. Cohen  
 Rabbi Dr. Joseph L.  
   Fink  
 Jack E. Gellman  
 Cecile Goldberg  
 Philip Goldstein, MD  
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 Mayme Cohn Harris  
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   Holzman  
 James Michael Karet  
 Harry Hart Kaufman  
 Anna G. Kempner  
 Marjorie Helene Kohn  
 Alter Levitan  
 Leo M. Levy  
 Sarah (Sally) Lichtman  
 Roslyn Hoffer Brooks  
   Lieberman  
 Harvey Alan Lincoff  
 Nettie Ruth Lubick  
 Rose R. Merowit  
 Dr. Ernest Moser  
 Sondra Joan  
   Oppenheimer

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 Queenie Scheiner  
 Edward Schwartz  
 Dr. Harold T.  
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*We offer our condolences  
 to the families of:*

Sanford Beckman  
 Harold Colligan  
 Claire Gareleck

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Contact info: Chris Cohan, 688-6890, ccohan@buffalo.edu

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