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Temple Beth Zion presents...

Pizza SHABBAT

Friday, November 18, 2022

TBZ Downtown, 805 Delaware Ave.



Come at 5:30 PM for a child-friendly Shabbat Service and stay for pizza, or...

Come at 6:15 PM for pizza and stay for TBZ's Classical Shabbat Service.

\$5/person, \$15 for a family of 3 or more.
RSVP by Tuesday, 11/15, to becky@tbz.org



WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion invites you to



GAMES
GALORE

Tuesday, November 8, at 11:30 AM
TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Friends, games, lunch and dessert!
Join us for this annual Election Day event.

See page 8 for details and registration information.



Special Erev Shabbat Service Of Commemoration and Honor

Friday, November 11, at 7 PM
Sisterhood Chapel, 805 Delaware Avenue
And via livestream

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

In Commemoration of Kristallnacht,
Dr. Michael Bryant will present:



Michael S. Bryant is a Professor of History and Legal Studies at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

Malevolent Intentions and the Play of Circumstance: the Pogrom of November 1938 and Hitler's Plan for the Jews

Wednesday, November 9
6:00 - 7:30pm
Wick Social Room
(2nd Floor of the Wick Center)
at Daemen University
4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226

RSVP at bit.ly/brokenglasshrc

Made possible through the Wise Democracy Fund and cosponsored by: Holocaust Resource Center, Robert H. Jackson Center, Global Studies Department at Daemen University, JCC, Academy for Human Rights, and the Anne Frank Project



TEMPLE BETH ZION



Letter from the President

As I reflect on my childhood and growing up at TBZ, I rarely attended Shabbat services but loved Sunday School (and Monday Night School – remember that?). Going to services on a Friday night or Saturday morning was an “I have to” event but seeing my friends on Sunday no doubt fell under an “I get to” in my youth.

I’m not quite sure the first time that I heard about the mindset change from “I have to” vs. “I get to” but it has always been a fascinating concept to me. According to Thrive Global, this change in mindset and moving from the burden of obligation to the joy of freedom of opportunity in one simple change of a word helps to “reframe it and remind you that there is potential benefit in every situation.” It also shifts things from potential negativity into a positive angle.

As I think about my time on the Bimah during High Holy Days, I realized how critical this new perspective of obligation vs. opportunity is as a leader. Looking out at our member’s faces, I could sense an overwhelming spirit of gratitude for the opportunity of being together, for sitting together, and for praying together in our spiritual home at 805 Delaware. For many, it was the first High Holy Days spent in our building in three years. The impression I got was that people were not saying “I have to go to services,” but rather, with our new rabbi and wonderful guest cantor, most were savoring the “I get to go to services” mindset. It was a remarkable feeling for me, and both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were filled with meaningful prayers, songs, sermons, and a spirit of new beginnings.

So I’m making a simple request: Try saying “I get to” more often. “I get to go to my kid’s chorus concert,” “I get to attend the training at work,” “I get to go to my committee meeting,” or “I get to go to services at TBZ.” The transition from obligation to joy may take some time, but you will find that a little positively goes a long way.

In fact, an article from HuffPost says, “research has shown that there are benefits to being optimistic, from better physical and mental health to longer, more satisfying relationships.” Isn’t that what this new year of 5783 should be all about?

I hope you join me in the coming months as “I get to” attend various committee meetings and services at TBZ. And during this Thanksgiving season of gratitude, I “get to” wish a joyous, happy and restful Thanksgiving to all our TBZ family. It feels good to be back together again.

Ken Polk
president@tbz.org



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Worship Opportunities

Torah Study begins at 9:15 a.m. at 805 Delaware in person and via Zoom each Saturday.

Services are available via livestream. Links can be found in your weekly Temple email and at www.tbz.org.

Friday, November 4

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, November 5

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, November 11

Shabbat Service of Commemoration and Honor 7 p.m.
Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 12

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, November 18

Young Families Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m.
Pizza Dinner (see details on cover) 6:15 p.m.
Classical Shabbat Evening Service 7p.m.

Saturday, November 19

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Eli Langer
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, November 25

Shabbat Evening Service at Broder 7p.m.

Saturday, November 26

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Friday, November 11 and Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25. If you have a lifecycle emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



Letter from the Rabbi

DO IT!

A large black tent sign sat on my Grandpa's desk emblazoned in white with the words "DO IT!" Family lore claims that Nike executives, who regularly met with my Grandpa Max Gutmann, dreamed up the iconic trademark "Just do it!" after meeting with him one day. The very first thing I bought when I started moving into Temple Beth Zion last July was my very own black tent stand with those same words.

My Grandpa Max was the President and CEO of Elder-Beerman department store for 35 years. He led a remarkable life. He grew up in Neiderwerrn, Germany. When he was sixteen years old, just after the Kryastallnacht pogrom, the Night of Broken Glass, he fled with his parents to Shanghai, China. Two years later, they secured American visas and arrived destitute in Cincinnati, Ohio. And not long after that, he was enlisted to US Army intelligence. I never knew him back then. I only knew him as an accomplished businessman. Full of determination, tough as nails, and adored by his employees. If Max Gutmann said, "DO IT!" you did it.

There are moments in life that call upon us to 'do it.' We may feel tired or struggle for hope. We may not even understand why, but we just have to do it. This month on the Hebrew calendar is nicknamed Mar Cheshvan or Bitter Cheshvan—bitter because we just completed Tishrei, which contains both the majestic High Holy Days and its joyous festivals of Sukkot & Shemini Atezeret-Simchat Torah. We enter Cheshvan with a feeling of "back to the grind". School is well under way yet the new chapter we began together in July is not complete. We must continue.

"Na'aseh ve-nishma" - We will do and then we will understand. (Exodus 24:7) This is the famous statement made upon accepting the Torah by our people at the foot of Mount Sinai. In Judaism, far more important than our beliefs and understanding, are our actions. Our actions come first. We understand ourselves through our doing. As such, Mitzvot, commandments, the rules governing our rituals as well as those defining the nature of our communal governance and our interpersonal interactions take precedence.

Back in July, I shared my thoughts with our Board that this lens was especially useful to us at this moment in the life of our congregation. I told them "This is our Nike moment, when we need to 'Just do it!'" Now, after the High

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Letter from the Executive Director

In this season of reflection and new beginnings, I'd like to continue a tradition of recounting a number of TBZ's successes from the preceding year. They are presented below in no particular order. Some are smaller and some are larger, but together they exemplify the work we are doing to grow and strengthen our temple community:

- Completed a successful search for a new Senior Rabbi. Rabbi Brent Gutmann has brought energy and passion as our spiritual leader, and the outpouring of support from our congregation has been overwhelming. Our amazing Transition Committee facilitated more than a dozen Meet & Greet events for the congregation and community to get to know Rabbi Gutmann and his family. They've also coordinated several special services and events like our Havdalah service on July 4 and the Erev Shabbat service on August 19 during which we also celebrated Rabbi Gutmann's birthday.
- Returned to in-person Shabbat morning services, "in the round" and featuring a variety of talented soloists.
- Collected \$10,000 and hundreds of items to assist refugee families in settling into new apartments in Buffalo.
- Raised thousands of dollars in support of people struggling in Ukraine.
- Raised hundreds of dollars and accepted donations for the Community Fridge organization, serving people living near the TOPS on Jefferson Ave.
- Surpassed our first-year goal of 18 commitments to the Grinspoon Foundation's Life and Legacy Program and, by doing so, earned a \$5,000 incentive bonus from the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies and the Buffalo Jewish Federation.
- Our "second draw" \$191,000 PPP loan was fully forgiven.
- Received \$83,000 for the 2020 Employee Retention Credit and applied for an additional \$180,000 for 2021.
- Hosted another hugely successful Summer Celebration.
- Earned nearly \$4,000 from parking cars during the Allentown Art Festival.
- Welcomed again Cantor Ted Labow as our guest cantor High Holy Day services and the surrounding Shabbat services.
- Candlelight Productions, led by TBZ congregant Rob Rothkopf, delivered an incredibly high-quality remote experience for those who wished to worship from home during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

- Confirmed we will be receiving at least \$150,000 to increase the security of our building downtown, with the possibility of another \$150,000 on the way.
- Painted the walls and installed new carpet in the hallway at 805.
- Logged and relocated all items from our Cofeld museum and are poised to present them in new and meaningful ways.
- Created a Director of Member Experience position on the staff to help support congregants through the administrative processes associated with major life events at the synagogue.
- Hired additional security for every service and event.
- Continued convening our Covid Task Force and adjusting Temple policies based on recommended guidelines and local Covid rates.
- Participated in coordinating the Buffalo Jewish Federation's Belonging Conference.
- Cleared out and professionally cleaned the basement at Broder, creating a nice storage area for Buffalo Hearing and Speech.
- Converted a storage area at 805 Delaware to serve as Dr. Chana Kotzin's office for curation of the Cofeld Museum.
- Installed a new HVAC system and storm windows for Jewish Family Services. We also replaced flooring in the stairwells, rebuilt the wing-walls and poured a new concrete entrance platform.
- Opened our new ladies' room where the men's coat room used to be.
- Celebrated multiple B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, Confirmation, and other events in person in our sanctuary for the first time since Covid began. Everyone agrees it feels spectacular to be home.
- The exterior of the sanctuary was power-washed along with the entire front concourse area.
- Threw a tremendous community S'lichot celebration in partnership with Congregation Shir Shalom, featuring "Chocolate and Chamber Music" followed by a beautiful service in our sanctuary.
- Our Caring Community resumed the packing and delivery of Rosh Hashanah gift bags to those in our community who may most appreciate them.
- The Golden Garden was beautifully manicured and a broken irrigation system was replaced.

We have much to be grateful for and much to be proud of. THANK YOU to the entire congregation for the contributions of your time, skills, funds, and passion that keep it all running. We're doing great things together and only getting better.

L'Shanah Tovah,
Jeff Clark

Strategic Planning Committee

Hello TBZ family!

In our continuing effort to support TBZ's new initiatives to grow our services and engagements for the benefit of our TBZ congregation and community, the TBZ Strategic Planning Committee has been charged with the task of brainstorming long term operational and programming ideas that reflect the congregation's views and reviewing their impact as they relate to other committee actions.

To this end, we'd like to invite any TBZ member willing to participate in one meeting a month (mixed in-person/virtual) to work towards creating a vision plan for the congregation of TBZ. However, in order for this group to operate as effectively as possible, we must limit the number of members in this group to 8-10 at this time. Please submit your name for consideration for the committee.

Regards,
Barry Singer
Chair – TBZ Strategic Planning Committee
Barry@tbz.org

Rabbinic Transition Team Update

Our work started in March to prepare for Rabbi Gutmann and his family's summer arrival to our beloved synagogue. The dedicated team of Ken Graber, Susan Adelman, Anna Marie Richmond and Warren Clark went above and beyond to ensure Rabbi Gutmann, Jill, and the girls had a smooth and welcoming arrival to Buffalo. We planned an abundance of opportunities for congregants to meet the rabbi and his family at both the Broder and Delaware buildings. The summer was filled with many outdoor activities including a fabulous welcome weekend, Food Truck Shabbat, a dinner and Havdalah service, as well as Meet and Greet sessions at Broder, Delaware, and on zoom. Many congregants also opened their homes (or businesses) to offer smaller groups of congregants an intimate gathering space. Thank you to everyone who hosted an event: Julie and Michael Weinberg, Ellen Goldstein and Mitch Flynn, Debra Chernoff and Larry Rubin, Cindy Oppenheimer, Toby and John Laping, Kathy and Ken Rogers, Evelyn Walsh and Michael Adler, Susan Adelman, Lynn and Bob Klein, Drucy Borowitz and Phil Glick, Ellen and Steven Weiss, Warren Clark, and Sara and Steve Schultz. If you are still looking to meet Rabbi Gutmann, please join us for Erev Shabbat or Shabbat morning services or contact us at the emails listed below! It has been our pleasure to work with this committee. We look forward to seeing you at services and upcoming TBZ events.

Cindy Stover (thestovers@gmail.com)
Kathy Ellis (ellis-donner@ecc.edu)
Rabbinic Transition Team Co-chairs



Dear Fellow Congregants:

WE ARE BACK. That is the message we delivered at High Holy Day services, and everyone we have talked to heard it loud and clear and with pride. Thank you to the many who have already returned their pledges and contributions.

Our temple cannot be sustained by only a select few. It must be all of us. The money we raise through this campaign allows us to care for our own temple family.

Your donation keeps the lights on and the doors open. It supports the clergy and funds educational programming for all ages. Our regular budget cannot address all our needs.

We believe in the power of transparency. In 2018-19 the campaign raised about \$95,000. Last year donations fell to about \$68,000. Our goal this year is a realistic amount of \$65,000.

Please send your contribution as soon as you can. The amount is not as important as your participation. Contributions may be made through checks sent to our temple office, Shulcloud, or via the TBZ website.

Thank you all again for your generosity and participation. Remember - **WE ARE BACK.**

Ken and Adrienne Graber
2022-2023 Campaign Chairs

Free Baking Demonstrations

Thursday, November 10, 6 p.m.

Whole Foods, 3139 Sheridan Drive, Amherst

Join TBZ member and baker extraordinaire, Errol Sull, for the first of a series of monthly baking demonstrations at Whole Foods. Errol will kick off the series with carrot cake (nicknamed Bugs Bunny!). It is one of the most requested recipes he's created and he has never given it out...until November 10.



The demonstration will begin with Errol's Fun Food Facts, followed by preparation of the filling and frosting, and insights into the "how" of the baking, including such little-known items as why eggs should be at room temp, how to soften butter quickly, the difference between baking soda and baking powder, and others.

Once the cakes are decorated, samples will be offered along with the printed recipe.

There is no charge for the demonstrations and registration is not required - just go!



Mah Koreh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

While October was an exciting month at CRS, with continued increased enrollment, November is shaping up to be just as exciting!! The students are starting a more regular schedule, with the *Chagim* passing us, and the learning and engagement is in full force.

Our 1-on-1 tutors for 124 children have been meeting and teaching our students remotely. It is wonderful to see parents join their children at Zoom meetings to learn Hebrew alongside their children, thus setting an example, reinforcing skills, and engaging in Jewish learning as a family. This endeavor is made possible by community donors and in part by a grant from Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies and the Buffalo Jewish Federation.

Tikkun Olan is an important component throughout the school. Better Together has been an important part of the middle school curriculum. In this program, students participate in various learning and inter-generational activities with seniors. The grades 5, 6 and 7 students wrote letters to the seniors, made succah decorations and some went together to see the play *The Chosen* at the JRT. A special in-person brunch for the seniors and teens will take place on November 13. In addition, on October 9, all CRS families were invited to participate in TBT's Outstretched Arm Succot program for adult Jews with disabilities. "*If I am only for myself-what am I*", our students demonstrated compassion and the true essence of *K'lal Israel*.

Another wonderful aspect of CRS has been Parent-Council. The parents involved have been selling snacks to the students, and meeting to learn together while their children are learning down-the-hall! Seeing the parents just re-affirmed that we are truly a community of learners!

The Madrichim, our 26 grades 8th-12th students are setting a wonderful example for the younger children. We are also excited that six of them are participating in advanced Jewish studies courses through Brandeis University Better 2 Learn Program and will be travelling to Boston for a 4-day study intensive in December. Yishar Koach!

It is truly an honor to be a part of this amazing and successful community collaboration!

Einav Symons
Community Religious School Director
Symons.einav@gmail.com



Check Us Out!

The Community Religious School serves the students of Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and unaffiliated families. CRS provides engaging curriculum on Sundays and convenient private, remote Hebrew lessons to students from 1st through 7th grade.

We invite you to use the QR code below or go to www.crsbuffalo.com to view our website.



Modeh Ani – An Expression of Gratitude

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those whom we are so thankful for making the Holy Days so beautiful, special and meaningful:

Cantor Labow, who joined us again with his rich voice and consummate professionalism.

Candlelight Productions, Rob Rothkopf and Maia Potter for providing excellent streaming of our services for those who participated remotely.

Larry Scheur, for his expertise in providing audio fine-tuning and adjusting as needed.

Our readers, service participants and ushers, Past Presidents, Kol Nidre Chairs and our President, Ken Polk.

The Becker Farms Chairs, Amelida Weinmann and Kara Kane, for ensuring a wonderful day for all who attended.

Family Service activity helpers and babysitters.

Alan and Barbara Molloy, who donated the beautiful flowers that graced the Bimah on Yom Kippur.

Sara Schultz, who led the Yom Kippur Meditative Walk and helped in many other ways as well.

Our college student panelists, Macie Clawson, Alex Kane, and Phil Shimanovich, who led an interesting discussion on Jewish engagement for young adults.

Ellen Weintraub, for proofing the Book of Remembrance.

Yom Kippur Food Drive donors and helpers, coordinated by Zack Steinberg and Sarah Bergman.

The TBZ Brotherhood for providing Break the Fast.

The Ritual Committee, who oversaw so many details and was especially helpful to Rabbi Gutmann in his first year.

The entire TBZ staff, who gives their best efforts every year. Special thanks to Becky Schiefer and Kristen Keil for being present and assisting during the holidays, Beth Steinberg for coordinating High Holy Day honors and childcare and RJ and AI for having everything ready to go.

Finally, to all of you, our TBZ family, for your support, attention and heartfelt prayers.

Jeff Clark Judy Henn Rabbi Brent Gutmann

Caring Gratitude

The Caring Community Committee would like to thank Judy Swadron, Sharon Winer, Marilyn Schillroth, Clareanne Silver, Margy Zeckhauser, Frans de Waal, Aaron Pieri, Debby Pieri, Bobbie Markel, Bradley Garfinkel, Warren Clark, Kerri Blabac, David Goldberg, Ken Graber, the Yonaty family, Barry Singer, Jenn Field, Aaron Mango, Robin Ostrov, Larry & Lucille Sherlick, Beth Steinberg and Jeff Clark for all your help with the Rosh Hashanah baskets. One of the recipients shared their gratitude for the goodies, noting "The thought is heartwarming and the African Violet will bring lasting pleasure".

Leslie Garfinkel

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Mazel Tov!



**Bar Mitzvah
Eli Langer
Saturday, November 19**
Son of: Lydia and Rob Langer

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Honorable Menschen

To Kenneth Graber, who is being honored by The General Pulaski Association with their Lifetime Achievement Award. Ken received the award for his 30-plus years of dedicated service to the Polish American community of Western New York. Mazel tov, Ken, on a well-deserved honor!

Chocolate and Chamber Music

On Saturday, September 17, Temple Beth Zion hosted a beautiful Chocolate buffet and S'lichot service. Members of Congregation Shir Shalom joined us for this event.

Roman Mekinulov's string quartet played beautiful chamber music and attendees enjoyed treats from a beautiful chocolate buffet which included homemade baked goods provided by Errol Sull, an assortment of chocolates from Platter's, chocolate wine and chocolate milk. The event was organized by Sue Goldberg, Kathy Ellis and Errol Sull.



Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event so enjoyable: Michael Bruckheimer, Pattie Abeles, Cindy Stover, David Goldberg, and Cathy Skora

The candlelight service was led jointly by Rabbis Brent Gutmann and Alex Lazarus-Klein, and Cantors Arlene Frank and Ted Labow. A beautiful choir was also part of this service.

Co-Presidents Message

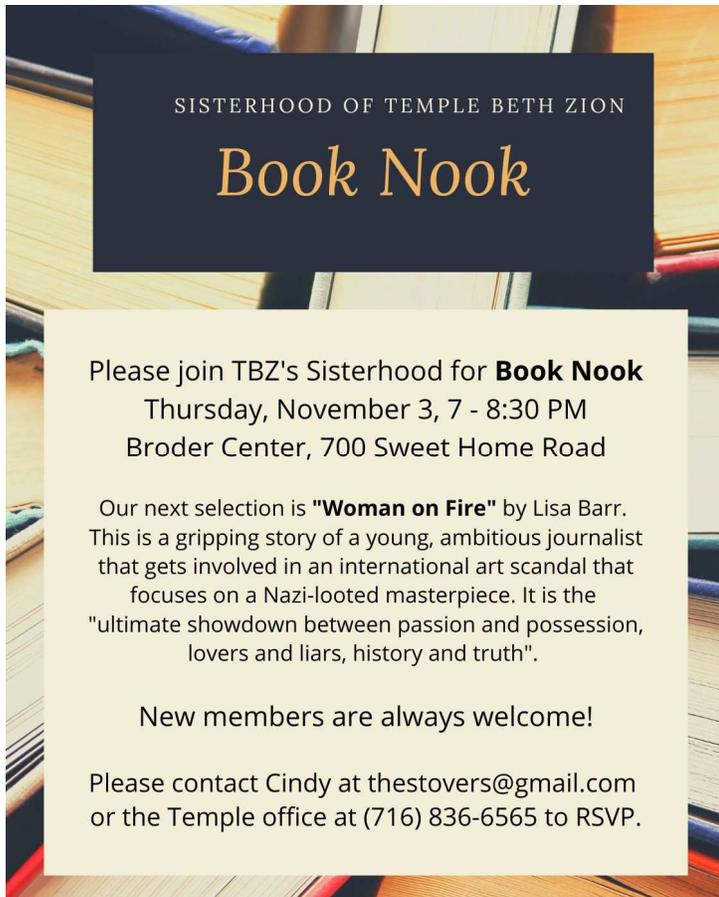
In October, we participated in many Sukkot activities and in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. It is now November and Sisterhood hopes you will attend one or more of the events detailed on this page.

In December, watch for the Chanukah Bazaar to buy your new menorahs, collectible dreidels and much more. Also, we are planning a Chanukah Party. Dates will be announced in December bulletin.

We are collecting Dash's receipts. Please support this fundraiser by bringing Dash's receipts to any Sisterhood program or leave them in an envelope at Broder marked for Sisterhood.

Please feel free to call us on any of the things you're interested in.

Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757
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Cindy Stover (716) 803-2884



SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH ZION

Book Nook

Please join TBZ's Sisterhood for **Book Nook**
Thursday, November 3, 7 - 8:30 PM
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

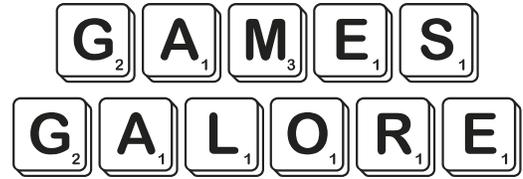
Our next selection is "**Woman on Fire**" by Lisa Barr. This is a gripping story of a young, ambitious journalist that gets involved in an international art scandal that focuses on a Nazi-looted masterpiece. It is the "ultimate showdown between passion and possession, lovers and liars, history and truth".

New members are always welcome!

Please contact Cindy at thestovers@gmail.com or the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 to RSVP.



WRJ Sisterhood of
Temple Beth Zion
invites you to



Tuesday, November 8, at 11:30 AM
TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Bring your game and your group for a fun afternoon. Mahjong, Scrabble and cards are some of the games enjoyed during this annual Election Day event.

In addition to games, there will be a delicious lunch and dessert. \$15 per person

Call Kaaren at (716) 983-1300 to
reserve your spot by November 4.



TBZ SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU TO...

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, November 13
9:30 - 11 AM

Wegmans, 5275 Sheridan Drive

Come to Wegmans, purchase some breakfast
and head upstairs to join us!

TBZ Sisterhood invites all TBZers
to nosh and schmooze.

No RSVP necessary, just come!

**Ruth Fernandez
Sisterhood Judaica Shop**

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

November Specials

20% off on all items for Shabbat:
Candles, Challah covers, knives, and trays,
Havdalah sets, Kiddush cups,
books, toys and much more

TBZ Member exclusive: TBZ members receive
40% off when they buy a Tallit, Tallit clips, Yads
or Kippahs for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child.
Stop in and check out our terrific selection!

Come to our Sisterhood Judaica Shop
for all your gift needs - birthdays, anniversaries,
weddings, showers, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, new babies.
We have something for everyone!

Contact Susan (716) 982-2099 or nana4susan@gmail.com
or Dee (240) 446-1211 for an appointment.

We are in need of volunteers for the Chanukah Bazaar
in December. Please contact Susan if you can help.

*Funds from sales in the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica
Shop help support Sisterhood and Temple programs*

TBaZY Heads to L'dor VaDor

In October, NFTY, the Reform Jewish Youth Movement, hosted a Teen Leadership Training weekend. Toronto was the location for the weekend, titled "L'dor VaDor". The bus with NFTY teens from the Cleveland area picked up teens from Buffalo and they headed to Toronto together.



DO IT!

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Holy Days, this theme continues in certain ways while we remain in transition, but we gradually begin the shift to "nishma"—into trying to better understand the needs of our community. We slowly begin deconstructing the processes of our congregation so that we can begin reconstructing them to better serve our needs. We begin to ask more, "Who are we and what do we want to be in this new chapter?"

My first four months with you have been remarkable. We have done so much and that has helped us to begin reclaiming our optimism about where we are heading. Certainly, your commitment to Temple Beth Zion still remains necessary to secure the best possible scenario for our future. Our world has changed and we need to reconsider how we serve our members and community, but we are on a good path and, if we continue to do the things we are doing while starting to ask questions and making incremental changes, we will get there.

Twenty years ago, my Grandpa Max agreed to show me and my younger sister where he grew up in Germany. As we arrived in Neiderwern, he described how difficult life was as a Jew in Nazi Germany. I asked him, "How did you find the motivation to keep going?" and he responded without hesitation, "I wanted to show them what a Jew could do." The comment struck me powerfully.

I believe that we were created for a purpose. God, the Source of Life, the Eternal, whatever we wish to call the divine, guides us. Without giving thought or hesitation to the cruelties of the world, I believe we are here as God's partners in justice and compassion. We are here to honor the good in the world. We are endowed with the amazing gift of Torah, and when we do the things that must be done together, redemption is not only possible, it is a certainty.

Rabbi Brent Gutmann

**Save The Dates for
Installation Weekend**

Friday, May 19 - Sunday May 21

Plan to join the community for a weekend
of celebration, worship and community.

We will come together for the joyful
installation of Brent Gutmann as
Temple Beth Zion's Senior Rabbi.

Rosh Hashanah at Becker Farms

The Alternate Service at Becker Farms included sunshine and rain, wind and warmth. Overall, it was a wonderful day.



Reverse Tashlich

On October 2, the Buffalo Jewish Federation hosted a community "Reverse Tashlich". On this day, rather than casting away our sins, volunteers removed our sins from the water to clean up our waterfronts.

Rob Goldberg, CEO of Buffalo Jewish Federation, welcomed volunteers and Rabbi Brent sounded the Shofar.



Sukkah Decorating

The Sukkahs at our Delaware building and the Broder Center were beautifully decorated by many wonderful volunteers. Thank you to the many hands that made light the work! Thanks also to the Sisterhood for providing the gourds and decorations and to Susan Bruckheimer for her continued dedication.



Football in the Sukkah

TBZers were welcomed to the Gutmann family Sukkah for a Bills game. It was a fun and exciting evening and, to top it all off, the Bills were victorious.



TBZ Staff in the Sukkah

The TBZ staff enjoyed lunch together in the Gutmann family Sukkah. Lunch was graciously provided by the TBZ Sisterhood in honor and appreciation of our dedicated staff.



Refugee Resettlement

We are thrilled to announce that two refugee families now have comfortable homes. A family of four and a family of six have furnished apartments and can begin their new lives in Western New York. Thank you to all those who donated, schlepped and cleaned to get everything in place. Our commitment to this effort is ongoing, so please watch for future opportunities to be involved.



MILDRED & JEROME BERGMAN FUND

In Memory of:

Carolyn Bergman Greenfield, by Sharon Greenfield

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In Appreciation of:

The Caring Community for the Rosh Hashanah treats, by Carl Snitzer

CHAI FUND

In Memory of:

Leonore & Emil Sternberg, by Deborah Glazer

Fay Leader, by Marc & Rebecca Reich

Dick Hirsch, by June Adler, Sue Buyer

My great grandfather, Abraham Snitzer, by Carl Snitzer

In Honor of:

Samantha White being awarded special service award from Bar Association of Erie County, by Sharon Nosenchuck

The Bar Mitzvah of Emmett Hughes, by Leah & Ray Hughes

BENJAMIN & DR. EDGAR COFELD MUSEUM FUND

In Appreciation of:

Larry Rubin for legal work done on our behalf, by Toby & John Laping

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A Donation by:

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In Memory of:

Fay Leader, by June Iris Hesch

My wife, Linda Snitzer, by Carl Snitzer

Lawrence Joseph, by Julie & Michael Weinberg

Dr. David Desmon, by Karen Simon Neiman

Dick Hirsch, by June Hesch

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Brent Gutmann's preparation of Zoe Feuerstein for her Bat

Mitzvah, by Jennifer Catherine & Jesse Feuerstein

Rabbi Brent Gutmann's service at the naming of Theo James McNutt &

Myla Roslyn McNutt, by Jason & Rebecca McNutt, Howard & Suzanne Walter

Rabbi Brent Gutmann for his first High Holiday services at TBZ, by Sharon & Stuart Trosch

JUDY HENN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Judy Henn's preparation of Zoe Feuerstein for her Bat Mitzvah, by Jennifer Catherine & Jesse Feuerstein

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Getelle Rein, by Janice & Lou Siegel

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LIBRARY FUND

In Memory of:

Dick Hirsch, by Elaine Witkin & Greg & Rhonda Ried

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of:

My great grandmother, Fanny Snitzer, by Carl Snitzer

In Appreciation of:

TBZ wonderful Clergy & Staff for their help, support & guidance as Zoe Feuerstein prepared for her Bat Mitzvah, by Jennifer Catherine & Jesse Feuerstein

MARILYN & JEROME SHINE FUND

In Honor of:

The Yahrzeit of Jerry Shine, by Marilyn Shine

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If you wish to make a tribute donation in honor, memory or appreciation of a special person or event, you can use the form on page 14 or you can make a secure online donation at www.tbz.org. You can also call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 with questions or to make a donation.



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

November 4 & 5

Hazel S. Blatt
 Jack Paul Bleich
 Irving H. Block Sr.
 Morris L.
 Bookbinder
 Monty Boorin
 Sarah Friedman
 Cowen
 Paul Davis Sr.
 Thomas M. Dean
 Rose B. Feinstein
 Belle Fineberg
 Max I. Freed
 Ruth Gutfreund
 Gardner
 Abraham Gareleck
 Oscar Garten
 Rose Marks
 Goldstein
 Edna Gross
 Ida Reingold
 Grosse
 Ernest
 Gunzburger
 Gertrude P.
 Haniford
 Leon Hayman
 Gerson
 Hochstetter

Norman Israel
 Irene Kavinoky
 Morris
 Liebeskind Sr.
 Robert R.
 Mandelcorn
 Regina Michaels
 Esther Sapowitch
 Milch
 Belle Raikin
 Debra Remson
 Nathan Rovner
 Harold S.
 Ruslander
 Frieda Elster Sabol
 Ida Sarles
 Jean Sherris
 Morton Slesinger
 Ramsi P. Tick
 Ruth Wallins
 Henry J. Weil
 Dr. Arthur
 Weinmann
 Ida Wertheimer
 William T.
 Wolkind
 Rose Zimmer

November 11 & 12

Louis Altman
 Mary Altman
 Harry Beckerman
 Rose Beckerman
 Sara Brock
 Jack Chertoff
 Beatrice R. Cohen
 Henry Cohen
 Israel Sander Davis
 Dr. Avery Ellis
 Harry Ettlinger
 Harry Fernandez
 Jack Klein
 Freedman
 Ardeth C.
 Goldberg
 Gwendolyn A.
 Goldberg
 Esther Goldman
 Maurice Gorbaty
 Marjorie L.
 Gorbaty
 Sol Grosse
 Sarah R. Gutman
 Harry Hirshberg
 Clarice S. Jacobs
 Sylvia Frey Kastoff
 Herman Klyn
 Ruth Koven
 Samuel Levite
 Shirley Lippes

George Marcus
 Edwin N. Meyers
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 Else Hollander
 Reese
 Edward Rose
 Burton Ira
 Rosenblat
 Bruno Rosenfelder
 Naomi Rosenhoch
 Annie Warner
 Rothschild
 Philip Sang
 Thelma Satuloff
 Carole Lesses
 Schwartz
 Harold I. Simon
 Joseph Snitzer
 Bertha C.
 Sternberg
 Dr. Joseph H.
 Swados
 H. Gerald
 Weinberg
 Sid Weiss
 Mari Michaels
 White
 Michael D. White
 Raymond E. Wolff
 Dr. Samuel
 Yochelson

November 18 & 19

Joseph Anthone
 Anna Besso
 Dr. Michael B.
 Block
 Edna Blumenstein
 Bertha Broder
 Harold Bernard
 Cohen
 David Davis
 Henrietta Dosberg
 Jeffrey A. Duboff
 Donald L.
 Ehrenreich, MD
 Charles Etkin
 Sarah R.
 Feuerstein
 John Fierstein
 Mary Levick Fox
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 Dr. Hyman H.
 Graver
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 Fannie Horn
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 Jaffey
 Alvin M. Kianof
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Anna W. Lyon
 David Markel
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 Meyer Meyers
 Lillian Kramer
 Morrison
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 Nathan Rosenfeld
 Jeanne S.
 Ruslander
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 Ruttenstein
 Sanford Schaffer
 Joan Ellis Shatkin
 Sylvia Guske
 Smith
 Adam Reeder
 Sperling
 Sophie Strauss
 Helene L. Victor
 Irving Weller
 Jule White
 Rosa Wiener
 Lena Wile

November 25 & 26

Ellis M. Adel
 Sarah R. Altman
 Isidor Victor Ament
 Lee Gross Anthone
 Everett M. Barlow
 Freda K. Cohen
 Hazel R. Cohen
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Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials

A Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial
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*We offer our condolences
 to the family of:*

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Receipts can be dropped off at the Broder Center or Delaware building. There is a box at Broder in the lobby, and two boxes at Delaware - one before you enter the Sisterhood Chapel and the other on the table as you enter the sanctuary.

Thank you in advance for your support!



HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING

The Community Religious School invites you to donate to the 39th Turkey Basket Project.

Your **GENEROUS DONATION** will help feed more than 500 hungry families in our community.

THANK YOU!



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- **BOXED STUFFING**
- **BOXED BROWNIE MIX**
- **GIFT CARDS TO TOPS & WEGMANS**

Donations will be welcomed during Community Religious School from 9 - 11:30 AM on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6** at Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Dr.

Donations may also be made from 9 AM - 2 PM, Monday - Friday, Nov. 7 - 18, at Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Zion's Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.

Help fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry "maakhal revi'im".

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