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PJ Library

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HAVDALAH

Pajama and Ice Cream

PARTY

Saturday, December 3 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Temple Beth Zion Broder Center

700 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst

Come in your coziest pajamas and explore the sights, sounds and smells of Havdalah with friends from PJ Library and the Community Religious School. This program is ideal for children up to 2nd grade.

RSVP: buffalojewishfederation.org/link-gatherings



RUTH FERNANDEZ

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

CHANUKAH BAZAAR

Shopping opportunities for the community and for students. See page 8 for details and hours.

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



DASH'S
MARKET

TBZ Sisterhood Dash's Receipt Fundraiser

Please help Sisterhood by saving your **Dash's Market** receipts.

This new and ongoing fundraiser will benefit Sisterhood sponsored activities for Temple Beth Zion. We are happy to receive receipts of any amount.

Receipts can be dropped off at the Broder Center or Delaware building.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Temple Beth Zion presents...

The Amazing Technicolor Shabbat



Friday, December 16, 2022

Young Family Shabbat Service

5:30 PM in the Sisterhood Chapel,
805 Delaware Ave.

WEAR YOUR MOST COLORFUL OUTFIT!

Stay for a "Light Bite" after the Family Service.

Or...

Enjoy a "Light Bite" at 6:15 PM in the Sisterhood Chapel
and stay for the

Classical Shabbat Evening Service

7 PM in the Sanctuary

TEMPLE BETH ZION



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, December 2

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.
 Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 9

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

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

Friday, December 16

Young Family Shabbat 5:30 p.m.
 Light Bite 6:15 p.m.
Classical Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

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

Friday, December 23

Hanukkiyah lighting and dinner 6 p.m.
Chanukah Shabbat Evening Service at Broder 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 24

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

Friday, December 30

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

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 Mondays, December 26 and January 2. If you have a lifecycle emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



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Letter from the Rabbi

Chanukah In Hopeful Dedication

The rabbis teach we kindle lights on Chanukah to remind ourselves of the miracle of the oil that occurred in the year 166 BCE. The story is of Judah Hasmonaeans, known better by his nickname Judah Maccabee. He successfully recaptured the Temple in Jerusalem from the Seleucid King, Antiochus IV. The Jews set about cleaning and purifying the defiled Temple, but they soon realized they lacked enough oil. They did not have enough to sustain the menorah's lamps until more could be processed. Nevertheless, a great miracle happened. The oil lasted for eight nights and the lamps burned continually!

Chanukah, which means 'dedication,' always coincides with the new moon closest to the winter solstice on the Hebrew calendar. Therefore, those who observe Chanukah are literally shining lights in darkness. It is a memory of the Maccabees hard-won freedom of religious practice in their own time. So too, may the Chanukah candles inspire us that whenever we feel ourselves groping in the darkness, we can dedicate ourselves anew towards making our world worthy of God's presence, and that God will help us in our endeavors.

As we approach Chanukah this year, we are in the middle of an exciting period of renewal for Temple Beth Zion. Already for five months we have been working together to reposition Temple to serve our community's needs. We have resumed occasional Young Family Shabbat (on 3rd Fridays of each month) and worship services at the Broder Center (4th Fridays – speaking of which, **be sure to join us on Friday, December 23rd for Lights and Latkes** – our Temple's Chanukah Celebration at the Broder Center featuring dinner, games, and a special musical service). Our leadership, staff, members, and friends are healing and joining hands, we are tackling the work of restoring our historic Delaware building, improving our online presence, and positioning ourselves to serve you and your families for into the unforeseeable future.

Each step is being executed intentionally and methodically as we realign and steer our Temple to health. We believe our faith is more important than ever these days to shine light into a difficult world. We are concerned about our security. We are concerned about anti-Semitism and the persistence of hatred. We are concerned about the social fabric of America and the social fabric of the Jewish State of Israel. We are concerned about global stagnation, international conflict, and intensifying climate disasters.

We are concerned about each other and our mutual redemption, but there will always be light in the darkness so long as we remain dedicated.

Our responsibility as Jews is to build a world worthy of God's presence. As we reposition our Temple to serve 21st century Jewish needs, we embrace this struggle for redemption anew. With your support, we, our families, our Temple community, and our Western New York Jewish community can still bring light to the nations. We can celebrate ethnic and religious diversity. We can bring an end to hatred and violence. We can repair our world. And should our hope waver, let us rededicate ourselves to hope. In the words of the prophet Zacharia, "not by might, not by power, but by spirit alone." (*Zach. 4:6*)

L'Shalom, Towards a More Peaceful World,
Happy Chanukah!
Rabbi Brent Gutmann

Sponsored by Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood

Lights and **Latkes**

Friday, December 23rd
Temple Beth Zion, Broder Center

6 PM Hanukkiyah Lighting + Shabbat Dinner
Latkes, Applesauce, and more
BRING YOUR OWN HANUKKIYAH + 7 CANDLES
7 PM "Shabbat Live" Service and Live Band

\$5/person, \$20 maximum/family
RSVP to robinostrov521@gmail.com
Reservations required by Monday, 12/19



Letter from the President

It's December in Buffalo, a time of shorter days when we come together to increase the light! We brighten our days by working together to create community and show our gratitude in many ways. Though winter usually means snow in Buffalo, I've told Rabbi Gutmann it won't snow for a while, but he and his family eagerly await the first Buffalo snowfall.

Chanukah begins this year on Sunday, December 18. I hope to see you sometime during the season's festivities. Share Shabbat Chanukah with your TBZ community Friday, December 23 at Lights & Latkes taking place at the Broder Center. Or check out the Chanukah Bazaar schedule on page 8 in this bulletin. And try Jill Gutmann's yummy latke recipe in your kitchen this year. You'll find the recipe on page 7.

As we look to the end of the calendar year at TBZ, we know there is still so much to do. And, as we head into 2023 with new ideas, projects, and programs, please note that we need volunteers to make them come to fruition. So, as you think about your New Year's resolutions, please consider volunteering or getting more involved with TBZ. I promise you that the work will be both meaningful and gratifying.

There is a list of some of our committees and their respective contacts in the next column. In addition to these, we have needs in the areas of **web design, technology, and security**. If you have a background in something that can help, or if you have an interest in volunteering with TBZ, just let me know. We are always looking for volunteers and opportunities to engage our members through committee work and individual contributions of time and talent. Wishing you a happy, healthy secular New Year!

Ken Polk
president@tbz.org

Stay Connected, Stay Informed

Each Tuesday, Temple Beth Zion sends an email that provides information on upcoming events. Each Friday, an email contains the Rabbi's message and the service schedule and links.

If you wish to receive email notifications from TBZ, please contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org.

What Sparks Your Interest?

As referenced in Ken Polk's President's column, below are some of the Temple Beth Zion committees that might align with what interests you. As you think about your passions and interests, reach out to Ken at president@tbz.org or the committee contacts listed below.

Cofeld Museum, contact Susan Adelman (susan.adelman@gmail.com): The committee is actively working on the finer details of the updated Cofeld Museum. Installation will occur in phases beginning in the first half of 2023. The next step is to reactivate the Cofeld Museum permanent committee to be stewards of the collection, plan special events and programs, and train docents to provide tours of our incredible building and museum.

LIFE & LEGACY, contact Ken Polk (president@tbz.org): As part of the Buffalo Jewish community's involvement in the Grinspoon Foundation's program, this committee leads the effort to integrate legacy giving into the philanthropic culture of TBZ.

Lifelong Learning, contact Beth Steinberg (beth@tbz.org): With education a priority in TBZ's mission, this committee engages in direct and indirect activities that support the formal and informal lifelong education of our members including children, youth, post B'nei Mitzvah and adults.

Membership/Engagement, contact Kerri Blabac (kerri@tbz.org) or Aaron Mango (aaron@tbz.org): This committee serves as a resource to our staff by reaching out to potential members and by suggesting programs that help to increase and retain membership.

Personnel, contact Robin Ostrov (robin@tbz.org): This group is charged with reviewing and developing all policies, procedures, and matters that impact our employees.

Ritual, contact Sue Goldberg (schruttberg1@aol.com): In partnership with Rabbi Brent, the Ritual Committee develops and recommends policies affecting ceremonies and modes of worship while acting as a sounding board for ritual approaches.

Social Action, contact Samantha White (sam@tbz.org): Our Social Action team is responsible for planning, coordinating, and evaluating programs devoted to our value of Tikkun Olam - repairing the world. This committee will work with others in the community to ensure TBZ is engaged in meaningful work.

Strategic Planning, contact Barry Singer (barry@tbz.org): Charged with developing a long-range congregational plan using an inclusive process, this committee will look at internal and external issues along with local and national trends to create a vision for the congregational future and a clearer path toward that vision.

no act of kindness is ever wasted

The Caring Community needs your help!

The Caring Community will be making Chanukah bags and delivering them to our members in nursing homes, those who have a hard time getting around, or those who have recently lost a loved one.

This is a wonderful mitzvah and the recipients of the gifts are very appreciative!

Bags will be assembled on Friday, December 16 at 10 a.m. at the Broder Center. Delivery volunteers can pick up the bags at the Broder Center on Sunday, December 18 between 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Please call Ann Marie at 836-6565, Ext. 111, if you are able to participate or have questions.



Light a Candle for TBZ

As we light candles, we are reminded that Chanukah commemorates not only the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers but also the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. A one-day supply of oil burned for eight days, creating the Miracle of Chanukah.

We cannot rely solely on God's miracles to keep our candles lit. We ask you, the members of the TBZ community, to help make our TBZ flame burn a little brighter by making a year-end gift to TBZ.

If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Kol Nidre campaign, please take action now. If you have already made your gift, thank you for supporting our TBZ family.

Please log into ShulCloud or the TBZ website, contact the Temple office at 836-6565, or mail in your contribution today.

Ken and Adrienne Graber
2022-2023 Campaign Chairs

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 Shabbat during Chanukah, the hanukkiyah candles are lit before Shabbat candles.

Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights.

As you do, say or sing:

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitsvotav v'tsivanu l'hadik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are you Adonai, our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, she-asa nisim lavoteinu bayamim haheim bazman 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:

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, she-hechiyanu v'kiyimanu v'higiyanu lazman 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 Chanukah, 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.



Mah Koreh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

As the Holiday of Lights is just around the corner, there are many lights shining at CRS!! Our Hebrew 1-1 tutors are advancing at a great pace with their students. Our Sunday in-person teachers are so engaging, and I keep getting calls from parents who express their children's excitement to attend CRS.

Our grades 6th and 7th grade curriculum is enriched with 5 week intensives throughout the year. Currently, Rabbi Alex, Rabbi Brent and Rabbi Rosenbaum are teaching and forming closer connections with the students.

Tikkun Olan continues to be an important component throughout the school. Students and staff participated and collected wool socks and winter coats for the homeless. They brought donations of food and money for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The grades 5, 6 and 7 students who are participating in the Better Together program have gone to see the play *The Chosen* at the JRT and enjoyed a Veteran's Day brunch with their senior friends at Amberleigh. The students had an opportunity to exchange stories of growing up and learned from the seniors how they experienced antisemitism in their life and how they handled it. The conversations were honest and engaging to the benefit of all!

The Madrichim, our 26 students in grades 8- 12 continue setting a wonderful example to the younger children. This month, six students in our Better 2 Learn Program will be travelling to Brandeis (all-expense paid) to participate with teens from around the country in a 4-day intensive study. The students have been taking an in-depth Jewish history course and a values course which explores some of the hottest topics in contemporary political life through the lens of Jewish texts. Yishar Koach!

CRS is excited to partner with Link and PJ Library for a PreK-Grade 2 PJ's Havdalah at TBZ, Broder location on December 3 at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP at this link: buffalojewishfederation.org/link-gatherings.

The school-wide Chanukah celebration will be in partnership with LiNK and Kadimah Scholars at Sto Lat Bar (Banquet Room) 4475 Transit Rd at Eastern Hills Mall on December 11th at 4:30-6:30 PM.

Wishing all a Happy Chanukah!

Einav Symons

Community Religious School Director

Symons.einav@gmail.com

PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY

GET YOUR HANUKKAH ON!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM
STO LAT BAR EVENT SPACE
 4475 Transit Road | Williamsville

(Next door to Chrusciki Bakery, Simply Pierogi, and Sto Lat Bar in the Eastern Hills Mall)

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL TILE & GLASS MOSAIC MENORAH TO LIGHT UP YOUR HOME AND THE WORLD.
ENJOY DELECTABLE GLOW IN THE DARK DONUTS, SPARKLY ADULT COCKTAILS AND GLOW IN THE DARK DRINKS FOR KIDS.
DANCE PARTY WITH DJ GREG CYPIN. AND MORE!

RSVP: [BIT.LY/GETYOURHANUKKAHON](https://bit.ly/getyourhanukkahon)

SHINE ALIGHT | Kadimah | JCC BUFFALO | COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL | LiNK Jewish Buffalo | in partnership with Jewish Federations of North America

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.



The Legend of Latkes

Did the Macabees really fuel their fight with latkes? While Brent was in Rabbinical School at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, I was in graduate school there studying Jewish Ethics. Brent and I took a class in Modern Jewish History with Dr. Michael Meyer. For a term paper, I decided I would research a Jewish food and trace the history of Cholent (Sabbath Stew). In doing the research for this paper, I learned a few shocking things about the potato pancake. They could never have been eaten by our ancestors. Why? Well, there were no potatoes in ancient Israel. They weren't even introduced to Europe until the sixteenth century after they were brought and cultivated in Europe from South America. And as for olive oil, there was not such a thing in the Ashkenazi lands that many of our ancestors inhabited. There is no way you could grow olives in Russia or Poland. So what would they fry in? Schmaltz of course! As for potatoes, more likely our ancestors probably made a pancake out of barley or rye, which was a common winter grain in Eastern Europe. The idea of eating a pancake itself only dates to the Jews of Italy beginning in the 1300's made out of ricotta cheese and grain. It was a Jewish cookbook in 1958 called the *Art of Jewish Cooking* that really codified the idea of Jews eating potato pancakes with the description "The wives of the soldiers of the ancient hero Judah Maccabee hurriedly cooked for their men behind the lines." The legend might be wrong, but the taste and the tradition of eating fried pancakes for Chanukah has become a tradition, maybe only a recent one, but a tradition nonetheless. To honor our ancestors who came from Eastern Europe, we have tried to add schmaltz to our recipe every year. We have been creative with the different options of schmaltz, although duck fat is definitely the preference in the Gutmann household. This can be harvested by roasting a duck, which makes an amazing main course to your latkes. You can also buy prepared duck fat at most groceries if you want to add a little additional flavor to your oil.

From our family to yours, happy Chanukah!

Jill Gutmann



Gutmann Schmaltzy Potato Latkes

(adapted from Tina Wasserman's *Entree to Judaism*)

6-8 large thin skinned potatoes

3 eggs, beaten well

1 Tablespoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1/2-cup matzo meal

1 large onion, cut into 8 pieces

Duck fat or other schmaltz you prefer and oil for frying (vegetable oil works better than olive as it has a higher smoke point). If using olive oil, make sure not to get extra virgin. Regular olive oil fries better.

1. Grate the raw potatoes using the large grating disk on a processor or the largest holes on a grater if doing it by hand. Place grated potato in a colander, rinse with cold water and drain while you grate onion. It is important to get as much water as possible out of potatoes to get a crisper latke.

2. Combine eggs, salt, pepper and matzo meal in a 3 quart bowl. Mix thoroughly.

3. Change to the cutting blade on your processor. Add onions to the work bowl. Pulse on and off 5 times. Add 1/4 of the grated potatoes to the onion and pulse on and off to make a coarse paste. Add to the egg mixture and stir to combine.

4. Add the drained potatoes to the bowl and mix thoroughly using a large spoon or your hands.

5. Heat a large frying pan or large skillet for 20 seconds. (We like to use an electric frying pan to 350 degrees as it is easier to regulate the frying oil.) Add enough oil/schmaltz to cover the pan to a depth of 1/4 inch and heat for an additional 20 seconds. (We add all the schmaltz we have and use oil to supplement.) Drop mounds of potato mixture into the pan. Fry on both sides until golden. Drain fried latkes on a platter covered with crumpled paper towels. I keep them warm in the oven at 250 degrees while I continue to fry. This way they are all warm when it is time to eat them.

If you have extras, freeze and reheat at 425 degrees for 20 minutes. They reheat really well if they are frozen. They are super soggy if stored in the refrigerator.

Co-Presidents Message

We hope everyone had a plentiful Thanksgiving. It is wonderful to see so many activities happening at TBZ. There is something for everyone. Please reach out to us if you have new programming ideas. We can't wait to hear from you. In November, we brought back our Games Galore. It was great to have Mahjong, Scrabble and card groups kibbitzing and playing all afternoon. A delicious salad bar lunch and desserts were served. We also hosted a Sunday morning brunch at Wegmans and enjoyed a meaningful discussion about "Woman on Fire" at Book Nook.

Please help Sisterhood with our newest fundraiser by saving your Dash's Market receipts. See the cover of this issue for more detailed information.

Our next Book Nook will meet on Thursday, January 19 to discuss "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict.

Sisterhood invites you to celebrate Chanukah with us at Broder on Friday, December 23. We will light the menorahs, enjoy a Shabbat dinner including latkes, and engage in a meaningful Erev Shabbat service with a band, plus child friendly activities. More information about this family friendly event is on page 3

Please plan to shop the upcoming Chanukah Bazaar. Menorahs, dreidels, decorations, plus so much more will be available to purchase. They have everything you need to celebrate 8 delightful nights of Chanukah; from home decor to menorahs and candles.

May your candles burn bright and your celebration be joyous. Happy Chanukah!

Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757
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Reminder

If you know of a Sisterhood member who is ill or has had surgery, an accident, or a death in her family, please take a moment to notify our Corresponding Secretary Susan Ward Nadler by calling her at 689-4682 or sending her an email at: shoshana37@yahoo.com so she can send a note on behalf of Sisterhood.

RUTH FERNANDEZ
SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP
BRODER CENTER, 700 SWEET HOME ROAD

CHANUKAH BAZAAR

Shopping Hours

Special Sunday at Broder - 20% off!
December 11, noon - 3 PM only

Monday - Friday, December 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
11 AM - 2 PM

December 7 - 9 by appointment ONLY
December 19 - 23 by appointment ONLY

Friday December 23 during Lights & Latkes
and before 7 PM Services at Broder

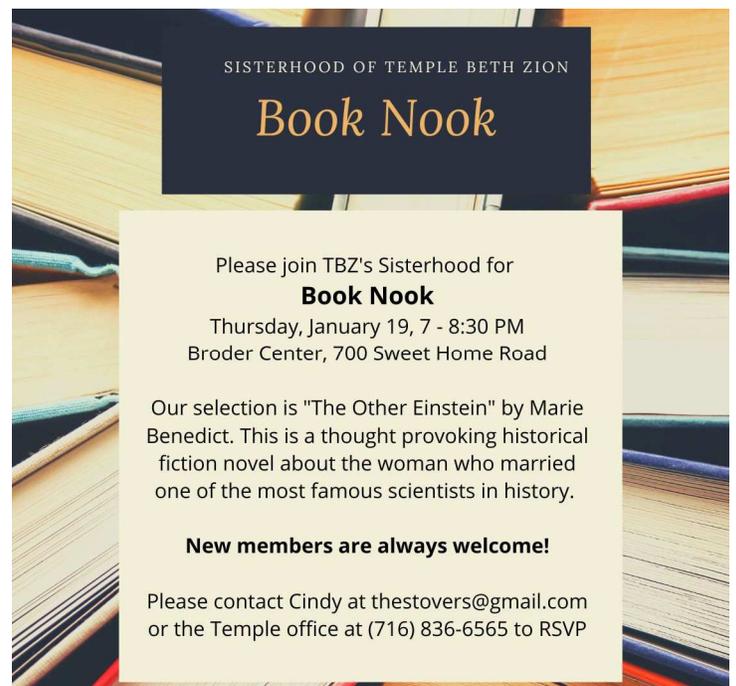
Special Chanukah Student Sale

at Community Religious School
at CSS, 4660 Sheridan Drive
Sunday, December 11, 9:00 - 11:15 AM
Sunday, December 18, 9:00 - 11:15 AM

Students can shop for gifts during the hours above
Parents are welcome from 8:30 - 9 AM and 11:30 AM

For more information or hours, contact Susan
(716) 982-2099 or nana4susan@gmail.com
or call Dee (240) 446-1211

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Shop help support Sisterhood and Temple programs*



SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH ZION

Book Nook

Please join TBZ's Sisterhood for
Book Nook
Thursday, January 19, 7 - 8:30 PM
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Our selection is "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. This is a thought provoking historical fiction novel about the woman who married one of the most famous scientists in history.

New members are always welcome!

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



On October 22, the Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood Team participated in Making Strides to Fight Breast Cancer fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The day began with a blessing, given by Clergy Associate Judy Henn. Samantha White was team captain and offers thanks to all who participated and donated. The team raised \$2000 to fight cancer. Donations are still welcome at https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr_id=103203&pg=team&team_id=2623928.



On Election Day in November, the TBZ Sisterhood brought back Games Galore! It was great to have Mahjong, Scrabble and card groups kibbitzing and playing all afternoon. A delicious salad bar lunch and desserts were served. Kaaren Norman chaired this fun event.

Temple Beth Zion presents...

"Jews in the News"



Lunch & Learn

With Rabbi Gutmann

Lunch & Learn Returns to TBZ

Monday, January 9, from Noon to 1 PM
In the Conference Room at the Broder Center

Bring your own lunch and join the conversation!

Future dates: 2/13, 3/13, 4/17, 5/8, 6/12

For more info email beth@tbz.org or call 716-836-6565 ext. 131

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

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.

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Mazel Tov!

The Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies and Buffalo Jewish Federation will hold their annual business meetings together on Wednesday, December 7. In addition to the installation of their presidents, FJP and BJF will present their annual awards.

Federation's Ann Holland Cohn Community Leadership Award recipient will be TBZ member, **Jim Bilttekoff**. The Cohn Award celebrates a person, couple or family who leads with courage and determination and has made a significant impact in the greater Buffalo community.

The Judith & Daniel Kantor Professional Service Award will be given to **Rabbi Sara Rich**, Executive Director of Hillel of Buffalo. The Kantor Award is given to a current Buffalo Jewish professional who exemplifies the highest level of dedication to the agency or organization and helps strengthen the vibrancy and health of Jewish Buffalo.

TBZ member **Howard Rosenhoch** will receive the 2022 Endowment Leadership Award in recognition of his commitment to LIFE & LEGACY and his long-standing efforts to strengthen and support Jewish Buffalo. The Endowment Leadership Award is the highest honor and is awarded in recognition of extraordinary service, generosity, and commitment to the Buffalo Jewish Community. We can think of no more deserving candidate than Howard.

Mazel tov to all the award recipients !

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Honorable Menschen

Congratulations to TBZ Board member Samantha White, on receiving the New York State Bar Association Root Stimson Community Service Award.



The NYSBA honored Sam during the House of Delegates Meeting at the Bar Center in November. Sam is an attorney who has worked on a bevy of issues advocating for criminal justice reform while revitalizing the city.

The award is bestowed annually to an NYSBA member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to community and volunteer service and to the improvement of the justice system. That describes Sam perfectly.

Sponsor a Delightful Friday Night Oneg

What is an Oneg?

“Oneg” means “delight,” and according to the Prophet Isaiah, “Shabbat shall be a delight.” During times when food was often scarce, having something sweet to nosh on became the “delight of Shabbat”. That is where our tradition of having a Friday evening Oneg Shabbat comes from. Linger, talking, and eating sweets after the service adds to the feeling of a delightful Shabbat being different from other days of the week, when we often must rush from place to place.

Here at TBZ, an Oneg allows us the opportunity to meet, learn about, and interact with other members of our TBZ community. Hosting an Oneg is not only a Mitzvah (good deed), but a way to celebrate an event you would like to share with our congregation.

A great idea would be to host an Oneg to commemorate a loved one’s birthday, anniversary, engagement, award, graduation, B’nai Mitzvah, or any other occasion. You may also wish to remember someone you have lost by hosting an Oneg on their yahrzeit (anniversary of passing).

We will recognize your support in our weekly service brochure and at the Oneg. Sponsorships go directly to pay for the food and Beverages provided. Our Onegs will be prepared from Luscious by Lori.

Sponsorship levels are \$200, \$300, and \$400. If you would like to do something more delightful, the sky is the limit!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Field at (716) 984-5754 or Jenn@tbz.org

Israel Scholarships for Teens

For more than 30 years the **Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies** has provided financial assistance for high school and college students to travel and study in Israel. Students participating in approved programs will be eligible for assistance for the upcoming summer based upon merit and/or financial need. Awards typically average \$1,000 – \$3,000.



Awards are limited to Jewish students who have attended high school in either Erie or Niagara County in New York State or to Jewish students who are residing in either Erie or Niagara County and are new Americans.

The Israel Scholarship program will accept applications through February 1, 2023.

Questions? Contact Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies at scholarships@jewishphilanthropies.org or go to: <https://jewishphilanthropies.org/israel-scholarships/>

Family Shabbat Event: Celebration of the Animals

With the story of Noah in the Torah portion of the week, an enthusiastic group of TBZ families with young children gathered for a family-friendly Shabbat Morning service, followed by a kid-friendly Oneg. After lunch, the kids enjoyed crafting paper plate arks and popsicle stick pairs of animals, but the main attraction was Clare Sweeney, an avid environmentalist and falconer, who shared a few of her feathered friends with us. Stay tuned -- more Family Shabbat events are coming!



CONSECRATION 2022

Temple Beth Zion's newest Community Religious School students were consecrated during Erev Shabbat services on Friday, October 14, in the sanctuary at 805 Delaware.

Taking place during the Sukkot holiday, it was an especially festive evening! Rabbi Gutmann bestowed blessings upon the nine consecrants as they stood in front of the ark underneath a tallit held aloft. Each child was then individually presented with a Consecration Certificate and the gift of a "tiny torah".

The service featured lots of songs and the children were entertained by the Rabbi's reading of the book "The Elephant in the Sukkah" by Sherri Mandell. This delightful celebratory service was made complete by a kid-friendly Oneg featuring little cupcakes, baby carrots, mini candy bars, and lots of other goodies. Thank you to all of our parents and congregants who participated in this wonderful evening!



CHAI FUND

In Memory of:

Richard Hirsch, by Irving & Marilyn Sultz, Michael Malyak, Marcia & Marvin Frankel

David Davidson, by Marcia & Marvin Frankel

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RABBI BRENT GUTMANN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:

Dr. David Davidson, by Karen Simon Neiman

In Honor of:

The Bills winning & in appreciation of Rabbi Gutmann for hosting such a great event, by Alison, Samantha & Byron White

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Judy Henn's dedication to the Sisterhood Walk, by Alison, Samantha & Byron White

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

Renee Knight, by Shellie Rutstein

In Honor of:

Samantha White receiving Bar Association special service award, by Kathy Ellis

December 2 & 3

Daniel W. Barmon	Rose Lightman
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Dr. Erwin Friede	Jeanette
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Philip Goldstein, M.D	Etta Locks Shaw
Lena Manch Gross	Emanuel
John Guggenheimer	Silberberg
Charlotte Leah Hollander	Fanny Robinson
Anna G. Kempner	Sillman
Denia Warner Kempner	Maurice Stiller
Max Liebeskind	Max Stovroff
Beatrice W. Liebling	David Wile
	Michael D. Wolfsohn
	Harriet B. Yenoff
	Michael David Zemsky
	Hannah J. Zolki

December 9 & 10

Blanche K. Brett	Jackson Barrett
Max Burg	Mahon
David Clark	Loraine E. Malbin
Gary Nelson	Gertrude Marcus
Cohen	Phyllis Goldman
Carl M. Cole	Markel
Samuel R. Cristall	Victor Nover
Pearl Deull	Steven Alan Rifkin
Jerome Dreyfuss	Rose Rizzuto
Joseph Erenstoft	Daniel Arthur
Charles Fass	Roblin Jr.
Thelma J. Feinglass	Ruth Setters
Regina Fleishman	Esther Sherlick
Marcus Flinter	Harry Sherlick
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Margot R. Freudenheim	Tanenbaum
Judge Ruth D. Vogel	
Edith Garfinkle	Nellie B. Warner
Harry Gimp	Walter Weil
David Glickstein	Mildred Slosberg
Lucille Goldman	Weinberg
George Goldstein	Pauline Satuloff
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Isadore Latz	Herman Witkin
Anna Lessner	Amy M. Zeckhauser
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Dr. Samuel Lichtman	

Remembering Loved Ones

If you plan to attend services, either in-person or virtually, and wish to add the name of a loved one to the Yahrzeit list, contact Becky in the temple office at becky@tbz.org or 836-6565, Ext. 110. Please make your request no later than the Wednesday before the Shabbat Service.



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

December 16 & 17

Melvin Alexander Irwin E. Kriegler
 Leo Biltekoff Fred Landau
 Esther Reiman Ida Lazar
 Bleichfeld Carol Rita
 Hyman A. Bloom Lebowitz
 Ethel Geismar Roslyn Hoffer
 Bruckheimer Brooks
 Charlotte Lieberman
 Buxbaum Dora A. Markel
 Lena Chapin Thomas Markel
 Louis Cohn Melvin Morris
 Clara Davis Seymour F. Morris
 Josephine Fleck Dr. Ernest Moser
 Clarence G. Samuel
 Fleishman Oppenheimer
 Ruth Neuman Mary Peckoff
 Freedman Camille M. Plant
 Hattie Geranstein Herbert Polk
 Rabbi Dr. Martin L. Ann S. Riwchun
 Goldberg Florence Rosenthal
 Byron R. Goldman Herman
 Arlene Carrel Rothschild
 Goldstein Edward Schwartz
 Dr. Abraham Isador Setel
 Greenky Myrtle Miller
 Mary K. Halpern Sillman
 Emma G. Harrison Carolyn Beck
 Lillian Wile Hirsh Slotkin
 Siegbert Hollander Rose Sterin
 Helen Hirsch Libbie Sternberg
 Isenberg Sol Stone
 Johanna Kahn Caroline Weil
 Dr. Milton E. Kahn Bernard D. Welt
 James Michael Celia M. Winer
 Karet Robert Yablin

December 23 & 24

Sydney S. Abzug Fanny Harris
 Ruth Benatovich Janice Healey
 Joseph Biltekoff Alec Horwitz
 Harry Bisgeier Frieda Itzkowitz
 Flora Wile Bock Harry Kaplan
 Meyer Bock Margery Holender
 Lena Bomberg Kaufman
 Shirley S. Boodson Hannah Fisher
 Daniel Bookbinder Lovitz
 Dr. Bruce F. Joseph Mendleson
 Bradin Michael Barmon
 Jerome Brock Morris
 Barnet J. Burwick Ella Block
 Blanche Bussell Morrison
 Dr. Harry A. Harry Moschel
 Chernoff Paula Helene
 Sadie M. Clark Nisengard
 Figa Cohen Bruce S. Rein
 Isidore Cohn Felix E. Reinauer
 Dr. Meyer Corff Adolph Roeder
 Jeannette Charlotte H.
 Cornblum Roeder
 Janice Fink Denner Albert P. Schwab
 Rachel Warner Louis Shaevel
 Desbecker Mildred Desbecker
 Paul P. Dosberg Shire
 Joseph Eisgrau Bert W. Shulimson
 Dr. Samson Falk Sandra Schweitzer
 Adelbert Siegel
 Fleischmann Dr. Heyman
 Samuel M. Fox Smolev
 Elizabeth Mattis Gerrie Etkin Speier
 Freedman Jenny Spiegelman
 Dr. Gerald W. Bernard Steinberg
 Goldstein Sonya Altmark
 Shinah Aaron Ullman
 Greenstein Sidney S. Wallens
 Lillian Friedman Anne Weintraub
 Haniford

December 30 & 31

Harold Adel Syma Firestein
 Jacob Amdur Jacobson
 Evelyn Brenner Mamie Many
 Gertrude Weil Kahn
 Cohen Louise Ullman
 Dr. Irwin Cohen Kostick
 Betsy Stovroff Ella Krieger
 Corrin Sarah Kutner
 David Harry Albert Lange
 Desbecker Harris Lawrence
 Helen Barmon Edmund Lazarus
 Desbecker Joseph J. Lenzner
 Ethel W. Desmon Stanley A. Levy
 Simon Desmon Jonathan Howard
 Robert Elster Miller
 Philip Epstein A.A. Morrison
 Samuel Fagin Esther R. Morrison
 Joseph J. Fass Beatrice Moser
 Dorothy Friedman Dr. Russell J.
 Faxstein Nisengard
 Paul Laverne Fink Sonia Bard Piver
 Sidney H. Fink Max Rabin
 Martin M. Regina Rashkin
 Fleishman Alvin Rutstein
 Rhoda Barmon Estelle Rutstein
 Frankenstein Dr. Nathaniel
 Samuel Gandel Safran
 Arnold B. Gardner Jacob Sicherman
 Samuel Greenfield Alvin S. Small
 Sophie Goldberg Justice Jacob Tick
 Greenky Robert A. Ullman
 Gertrude Eugene Warner
 Grossman Gross Joseph White
 Harold Hirsch Herman Wile
 Helen Ipp Hurwitz Wayne D.
 Wisbaum



Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials have been established for

Jack Ullman

By Victor and Maureen Fradin

Kay Ullman

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We offer our condolences to the family of:

Renee Knight



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Havdalah at the Silos

4-7:30pm, Sat. December 3rd

Is your teen interested in having fun with other Jewish teens? Activities for this evening may include ice skating, zip-lining, dinner, as well as celebrating Havdalah together.

7th Graders - 12th Graders from Congregation Shir Shalom, Temple Beth Tzedek, and Temple Beth Zion are invited to participate, but we need to hear from you NOW to make this happen!



For more info and to RSVP contact Zack Steinberg at TBaZY@tbz.org

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Friday, December 23rd
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6 PM Hanukkiyah Lighting + Shabbat Dinner
Latkes, Applesauce, and more
BRING YOUR OWN HANUKKIYAH + 7 CANDLES
7 PM "Shabbat Live" Service and Live Band

\$5/person, \$20 maximum/family
RSVP to robinostrov521@gmail.com

Reservations required by Monday, 12/19

