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Parking Available at TBZ For Allentown Art Festival

Saturday, June 10

Warren Clark will lead our annual fundraiser at the TBZ Delaware building. We are in need of volunteers to staff the parking lot, direct traffic, and assist those using the lot. If you can sign up for a shift and assist this year, please contact Warren at wclark@upstatenybbb.org or (716) 276-3675.



Going to the Art Festival? Convenient parking at TBZ is just \$5. Please support this annual fundraiser.

Please note, there will be no parking in the TBZ lot on Sunday, June 11.

38th Annual Merrill Molien Haven House Luncheon

Tuesday, July 18 Noon Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

All proceeds benefit educational scholarships for victims of domestic violence.

If you are not able to join us but would like to make a donation to Haven House, we welcome your gifts.

See page 8 for all the details.

SUIVER CELEBRATION

Monday, August 14 Transit Valley Country Club

Co-Chairs David Goldberg and Sandy Schechter invite you to mark your calendar now for the premier social event of the year.

Join us for a day of golf or wine tour or just dinner.

See page 4 for details.

Town Square Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open year-round, and the shelves can always use stocking.

As we approach the summer and you plan, plant and grow your garden, consider doing what PALS does and donate your bumper crop to the Food Pantry.

Fresh vegetables are welcome!



See more photos of PALS in the sunny Shatkin Outdoor Classroom garden on page 11.



Letter from the President

Happy spring! Temple Beth Zion is rocking with the outdoor spaces and our PALS program. We are so pleased that the summer camp PALS experience will be happening. Our Congregation is more involved, and we are still seeking volunteers to help in so many ways. TBZandme@tbz.org is the best way to connect with each other and us. If you have an idea for volunteering, we can help point you in the right direction and gather like-minded individuals to join your quest.

Congratulations to the Hebrew High School Graduates! It is a committed family that takes on the responsibility of education past the b'nai mitzvah stage. So to the students and to their support - parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and the like - thank you for making this a priority in your lives.

With the reformation of our clergy team and education team, we have amazing opportunities before us. We are looking for a new Religious School Director and hope to have the position filled quickly. We will expand the Chug dimensions to accommodate our children who are not being challenged enough and work with all students who find their learning and Judaic expression through history, art and language. Susan Schwartz has made strides in our curriculum, and we will continue to see what the children and families need to help in the lifelong pursuit of learning and teaching.

Our 19th Annual Summer Celebration is starting to gain momentum, and the committee needs you! This is a main "fun-raiser" for our Temple. We need sponsors, baskets and donations - most of all we need your participation as golfers and wine tour travelers. We all come together for social time and an amazing dinner, so if you are not a golfer or wine trail person, please come for dinner and bring friends.

I have been blessed to work with amazing congregants, staff and clergy this past year and look forward to my next year as your President. As a board, we have focused on being visible, engaged and practicing the team approach to board management. I could not be more grateful to our team on every level. With change comes discomfort, and with discomfort comes awesome growth opportunities. Thank you for being on this journey with us.

b'shalom miriam



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Worship Opportunities

All Shabbat services, except as noted, are held at 805 Delaware Avenue. Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m

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Thursday, June 1 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 2 Kulanu Pride Shabbat Service Birthday/Anniversary Blessings	6 p.m.
Saturday, June 3 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Sofia Bruce	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 8 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 9 Annual Meeting Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m. 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 10 Shabbat Morning Service Canterbury Woods Service	10:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
Thursday, June 15 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 16 Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Broder Special Blessing for those going to Israel	6 p.m.
Saturday, June 17 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Weinmann	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 22 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 23 Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, June 24 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Syvonne Forgette	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 29 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 30 Classical Service Meditative Service	6 p.m. 6 p.m.
Saturday, July 1 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.



Letter from the Rabbi

Watching Kulanu Grow

It's hard to be outside or look out our windows and not see growth. Grass, trees, flowers; everywhere we look we see things growing green. When I look to our Kulanu group and TBZ's involvement in LGBTQ Pride, I likewise see growth - growth and evolution. To be sure, our efforts stand on the shoulders of LGBTQ Jewish Western New York giants such as Carol Speser and Madeline Davis - members of the TBZ family without whom our current landscape would not exist. And as we look toward the present landscape, we have good reason to smile at the growth that has emerged.

Accompanying and guiding Kulanu, our current LGBTQ-oriented group, since its inception, I have enjoyed watching as a group of devoted and driven people engage in meaningful, heartfelt work and programming. With a goal toward providing greater warmth and openness for members of the LGBTQ community here at TBZ, Kulanu has truly become something special.

Kulanu isn't an advocacy group; its focus isn't directly on social action—although to be sure its members are supportive of LGBTQ advocacy. Instead, Kulanu is a warm, caring, group of people who are part of, or are connected to, the LGBTQ community and want to welcome, share, support and celebrate the LGBTQ community from our very own TBZ.

Because of the beautiful efforts of this group, in the past several years we have greatly expanded our participation at the annual Pride Parade - growing from a handful of TBZ marchers to more than 65 TBZ marchers, to finally last year's robust turnout of scores of marchers from across the Jewish population of Western New York. Kulanu has also become the first Jewish organization to have a table at the Canalside Pride Festival. (Be sure to stop by this year to say hello, show your support and even get a great wrist band.)

Most recently, Kulanu has begun to offer educational and workshopping opportunities to engage and enrich other aspects of TBZ. Kulanu's own Matt Schwartz led safe-zone training (training to better enable our Religious School to be a truly welcoming and safe environment for all learners) for TBZ's Religious School teachers that was specifically curated toward our Religious School's needs. It was creative and engaging - everyone present learned something new and was challenged in helpful enlightening ways.

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Spirited Jewish Chats With TBZ

Talmud Lunches, Jolt of Judaism, and our exciting Torah Study on Shabbat mornings. Looking for something that's not here? Let us know by emailing Rabbi Jonathan Freirich at rabbifreirich@tbz.org.

Jolt of Judaism

Thursdays, June 15, July 13, August 17 Noon – 1 p.m.

The SPoT, 1406 Hertel Ave.

Have a burning Jewish question and a midday need for caffeine? Rabbi Freirich will convene this "open forum" on any topic you suggest. Join the Jolt of Judaism and discuss any and all topics from a Jewish perspective over wake-up beverages and light lunches.

Send questions and topics for discussion to Rabbi Freirich.

Open to all. No host refreshments.

Talmud Talk

Tuesdays, June 20, August 8, Setpember 5

Noon -1 p.m.

Milos, 5877 Main St., Williamsville

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

Everyone welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning.

Materials provided. No host lunch.

Deli Judaism

Tuesdays, June 27, July 25, August 29

Noon - 1 p.m.

Joe's Deli, 534 Elmwood Ave.

What does Judaism say about...?

We start with Torah and Talmud, and we end up in the Big Bang and Evolution?

Could happen!

Have an opinion – bring it!

No prerequisites – everyone welcome.

Materials provided. No host lunch.

Torah Study

Saturday mornings

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave.

TBZ's clergy delve into the week's reading from Torah, the Five Books of Moses. Learned and open-ended, join this group and discuss how our ancient texts still bring meaning to our Twenty-First Century lives.

Coffee provided.



Be There on August 14

Make plans now to join us on Monday, August 14, for the Summer Celebration featuring our 19th annual Golf Tournament and 7th annual Wine Tour. This event raises vital funds for youth and adult education programs at TBZ.

The day begins at Transit Valley Country Club with a fabulous lunch on the outdoor patio. At noon, those on the Wine Tour board a luxury air-conditioned coach to tour wineries in Niagara County. Temple sommelier Mark Criden will again lead this popular tour.

The Golf Tournament has a 12:30 shotgun start with 18 holes on this premier golf course. Our golfers love the "best in foursome" format that allows them to play their own ball.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres follow the Wine Tour and Golf Tournament. The event is capped off with a delicious dinner and rousing auctions in the country club dining room.

David Goldberg and Sandy Schechter are the Co-Chairs of this amazing and highly successful event. Join us for the wine adventure (space is limited), on the golf course, or just come for cocktails and dinner.

If you are interested in participating, volunteering and/or being a sponsor for this event, please contact Julie Feldman at (716) 836-6565, Ext. 134.



Preparing for the Future

Maybe the first part of this year was spent on home projects or maybe just on keeping the driveway clear of snow. In any event, you still have time to get your financial house in order before the ball drops and we start singing "Auld Lang Syne." again With the warmer weather, it sounds like a long time away, but it's not.

This is a gentle reminder for you to prepare, as best as possible, for the future. If that future includes a mention of Temple Beth Zion in a bequest, will or gift of life insurance, we would be grateful. There are ways to provide future support to the TBZ family so that your legacy continues.

If you are interested in hearing about the possibilities, contact Temple Administrator Amy Schaefer at (716) 836-6565 or Peter Fleischmann at the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies at (716) 204-1133.

Pride Shabbat Service June 2



Cantor Mark Horowitz will be the featured speaker at this year's Pride Shabbat Service on Friday, June 2, at 6 p.m. at the Delaware building. Members of TBZ's constituent groups will participate in the service. The service will kick off TBZ's participation in the annual WNY Pride Festival. All

members of the community are welcome. Please join us.

Plan to march with Kulanu at the Pride Parade, or visit our table at the Pride Festival on Sunday, June 4. The parade will step off from Buffalo State College at noon. Parade lineup will begin at 10 a.m. in parking lots R13 and R14. Please plan to arrive no later than 10:30 a.m., and look for the B'etzelem Elohim banners. You may park a car at Buffalo State College if you are participating in the parade. Check out the Jewish Pride of WNY web page (http://www.jewishpridewny.org/pride) for details.

Also look for the TBZ B'etzelem Elohim banner at the Pride Festival at Canalside from 1 to 7 p.m. June 4. If you are planning to march, please register at the TBZ website: www.tbz.org. If you are not marching, come and cheer us along on Elmwood Avenue between Forest and Allen. And if you come to the festival, please stop by the table, say hi, and pick up a goodie.

If you are interested in supporting the work of Kulanu, donations are gratefully accepted. Make out your check to Temple Beth Zion and designate your contribution for "Kulanu." Funds will help to support programming and purchase supplies. For more information, or if you are interested in participating in the service, or helping with planning and logistics, please contact Rabbi Scheldt at the Temple (836-6565, Ext. 137) or RabbiScheldt@tbz.org

Watching Kulanu Grow

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Kulanu has also offered open programming to spark learning and discussion through sharing films and collaborating with a greater outreach group known as Jewish Pride of Western New York. It is truly a blessing to work with and see the fruit of the labor of dedicated, warm and caring TBZers.

I would like to invite all of you to do the same. Help Kulanu spread, share and deepen its warmth and welcome to all in the LGBTQ community. For more information on taking part in this year's Pride events, check out the article found above.

Rabbi Adam Scheldt

Temple Beth Zion Memories

Extravagant devotion and attention to detail ran through every aspect of the new Sanctuary, and one dedicatory event was not enough. Celebrations began on Wednesday April 19, 1967, with Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendraft, President of Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism), providing the first dedicatory sermon.

The next day, TBZ leaders conducted a candle-lighting service featuring the menorah created by Ben Shahn.

At the Friday night service on April 21, Dr. Martin L. Goldberg, Senior Rabbi, gave his Dedicatory Sermon, and the next morning, Keneseth Israel Associate Rabbi Arnold G. Fink (son of beloved Dr. Joseph Fink) delivered his own dedicatory remarks.

Shabbat celebrations continued into the afternoon with another service, and words from architect Max Abramovitz and Rabbi Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Distinguished Service Professor of American Jewish History from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Finally on Sunday, April 22, two special services for children were held in the morning, followed by the last event that afternoon, when Hans Vigeland, organist, and Dedication Music by Darius Milhaud closed celebrations with music and joy.

Want to know more? To see the guide to the *Temple Beth Zion* archives collection, go to: http://www.bjebuffalo.org/jbap and click on Temple Beth Zion, 1864-2008.

Chana Revell Kotzin, Ph.D. Community Historian and Archivist (and TBZ member)

Yoga in the Garden

Join Rabbi Adam Scheldt and other yoga enthusiasts for Sunday Yoga in the Garden. Nature and peace go



hand in hand, so it's only fitting to marry the two for a wonderful yoga experience. Contact Rabbi Scheldt at 836-6565, Ext. 137, or rabbischeldt@tbz.org for details and location. Namaste.

Headed to Israel?

Many of our TBZ kids who attend Camp Seneca Lake are headed to Israel for a month. We will be offering them a special blessing for travel: *t'filat haderech*.

If you are also planning an Israel trip, please join us on Friday, June 16, at 6 p.m. in our Broder Center to enjoy an energetic and *ruach-filled* (spirit-filled) service, where we will offer a special blessing for those who will be travelling to Israel.

A Note of Gratitude



Another year of learning for all ages at the Broder Center has wrapped up. The year was filled with holiday celebrations, an expanded and creative Hebrew curriculum, songs, prayer, visual arts, Jewish food, Torah learning and friendship making. We continued to connect to

our families through our *Mishpacha* (family) of the Month wall. In addition to posting their photos and interests, each family had an opportunity to greet students and their families on Sunday mornings.

Our Thursday evening class option for $3-6^{\rm th}$ graders was even more popular this year. While the students may be tired by the end of the evening, the families who opted for this session all shared their appreciation with us for acknowledging the challenges they had of getting children to afternoon activities. The other positive outcome of this initiative is that the class sizes were smaller, thus allowing for more personalized learning. This option will be offered again in the 2017-18 school year.

Our students participated in many mitzvah projects, including the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, monthly JFS Refugee Donation Drives, collecting items for the Town Square Food Pantry, visiting with residents at the ElderWood Bassett Facility and supporting our 7th graders with their B'nai Mitzvah projects. They learned that by doing good deeds they fulfill many commandments and gain a stronger connection to God.

Each year at *Shabbat Ha-Limud* we honor and thank our terrific teachers and *madrichim* (student teachers), who are wonderful Jewish role models for our students. We acknowledged our graduating High School seniors, Emily Bulan, Alex Kane and Samantha Wojcik, as well as said goodbye to two of our teachers who are graduating from UB, Didi Kalmanofsky and Jessica Reznik. I was honored for my 16 years of service to TBZ. I was humbled by the presence of so many of the teachers and families that I have worked with and the thoughtful, kind and generous words that were shared.

As I reflect on this school year's ending and the 15 years previous, I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to learn with and from so many wonderful teachers, clergy, students and parents. Pirke Avot says, "Find yourself a teacher and make for yourself a friend." I have found many teachers and have acquired many friends. I have valued the creativity, dedication, joy of Judaism and love of Torah that all of my teachers have shared. I am hopeful that the knowledge gained and friendships made at TBZ will last a lifetime and that our students will continue to learn and grow and build our TBZ community.

Susan Goldberg Schwartz Director of Lifelong Learning

Religious School Tzedakah

TBZ Religious School students collected a grand total of \$1,163 this year. The 6th Grade collected the most: \$230.72

Donations were made to the following organizations:

*Family Promise

*Haven House

*UJA – Super Sunday

*Ride for Roswell

*Town Square Food Pantry

*Jewish Family Services

*TBZ Caring Community

*ElderWood

*JDRF

*SPCA

*North Presbyterian Thanksgiving Baskets

Religious School 2017-18

Religious School may be out for the summer, but we are busy preparing for next year. Please return your registration paperwork by June 30.

Religious School classes will resume Sunday, September 24

A MUSSAR THOUGHT...

on Hakarat Hatov/Gratitude

As water reflects a face back to a face, so one's heart is reflected back to him by another.

[Mishlei/Proverbs 27:19]

Strive to identify the good that comes from each major encounter you have. Sometimes this will be obvious, other times you may need to dig deeper. Then thank every person who helped bring that good into existence and thank them specifically for the good, i.e., "Thank you for..."

Reflections From Our Students

Our students said the following about the school year:

- "I learned that g'milut chasadim means lovingkindness."
- "I learned about donating money (tzedakah) to help the world."
- "I learned about the Jewish holidays and the rituals and traditions."
- "I love Hebrew and I love it here at TBZ."
- "I love chuggim, especially Bubbie's Kitchen."



PALS 2017

Registration is now open for Summer PALS. Plans for the summer include weekly cooking, art projects, music and field trips.

Six weeks of Monday/Wednesday/Friday camp are available for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Tuesday/Thursday camp is available for children ages 18—24 months. The first week of Summer PALS begins July 10.

Applications are also available for the fall.

Call Melissa Milch at (716) 836-6565 for complete details.

Honorable Menschen

To Laurie Criden and Sharon Winer for organizing onegs throughout the year. Laurie, on behalf of the Baking Affinity Group, and Sharon, on behalf of Sisterhood, have done a marvelous job of ensuring we have lots of bakers and delicious baked goods for the onegs, and we thank you both.

To Leslie Garfinkel, who was honored by the Network of Religious Communities as an outstanding member of our Western New York community for her volunteerism. Leslie was recognized during the NRC's Annual Appreciation Dinner

on May 11 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. She received the NRC Religious Service Award for outstanding service to her congregation. In the photo, Leslie is accompanied by her husband, Charlie Garfinkel, and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich.



To the 2017 Buffalo Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy Women of Distinction. A group of 20 women were selected as Jewish heroines in WNY for their leadership and commitment to our Jewish community. Congratulations to our Temple Beth Zion members: Laurie Criden, Roberta Handel, Carri Milch, Susan Freed-Oestreicher and Anna Marie Richmond. These amazing women will be recognized at the Women of Distinction luncheon on June 16.

To Mitch Flynn for receiving an honorary doctorate from Canisius College for his enormous support of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute as founder of Ride for Roswell in 1995. Mitch received the degree during Canisius' 2017 commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 20.





Sofia Rose Bruce Saturday, June 3

Daughter of: Douglas & Patrice Bruce Mitzvah Project: Pit Bull Protection & Education Donating to: Buffalo Animal Shelter

Aaron Weinmann Saturday, June 17

Son of: Peter Weinmann & Amelida Ortiz Weinmann Mitzvah Project & Donating to: Roswell Park Cancer Institute



Daughter of: Craig & Efrat Forgette Mitzvah Project: Refugee Resettlement Project





Brotherhood

We want to thank Brotherhood members and Temple members for their support of Brotherhood and Achim, and we look forward to their continued support.

Achim is on summer hiatus but will begin again September 10. If you would like to volunteer as a speaker for Achim, have a topic you would like to hear discussed or have a speaker in mind, please let Ken Graber know by email at Kamas5@aol.com.

For many years, Brotherhood has spearheaded the "Parking for Allentown" fundraiser at the Delaware Building. This year, Warren Clark is heading up the fundraiser that benefits TBZ. If you are able to volunteer for a shift in the Delaware parking lot on June 10, contact Warren at wclark@upstatenybbb.org or (716) 276-3675. Come and meet new people, get some fresh air and, hopefully, have a good time.

Philip Chazen

Thank You

To Jessica Cunningham, Elaine Higgins, Samantha Kane and Alex Kane for helping with the Mother's Day flower sale. Thanks also to Kara Kane for coordinating the sell-out fundraiser and to all those who purchased the beautiful flowers and plants.

To Arlene Steinhart, Ellen Capell, Clareanne Silver, Marcia Valente, Amy Freedman and Beth Marcus for their assistance with the Annual Meeting mailing.



Presidents' Message

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion Women of Reform Judaism has been an important presence in our Temple. We have been active since 1891 with our first president to our current Co-Presidents. We have 30 board members and more than 200 paid Sisterhood members.

For 2016-17, Sisterhood made donations to the following Temple programs: Religious School & PALS Scholarships, gifts for Confirmands and High School Graduates, Mitzvah Fair and ads to support Temple programs. We also decorated the sukkahs.

The Sisterhood sponsors trips to area shows and sells Elite coupon books, Anderson coupon books and honey. We have monthly programs at various times and days to make our activities convenient for all.

Sisterhood has many programs for the women of our Temple. We help sponsor programs for PALS and the Religious School,

We support activities in the community with Mitzvah Fair, the Breast Cancer Walk and our special luncheon, which raises money to provide scholarships for women at Haven House, a shelter for battered women.

We are part of Women of Reform Judaism, which sponsors scholarships for Jewish educators through the sale of YES Uniongrams. We are involved with the World Union for Progressive Judaism, ARZA and the Jewish Braille Institute.

We operate the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shops at the Broder Center. The money raised from the Judaica Shop is used to provide money for the Sylvia and Alvin Small Youth Scholarships. It also helps subsidizes our programs and activities sponsored by the Sisterhood.

Please consider becoming a member of this vital group in the coming year. Dues are \$40.

Marilyn Schillroth, Susan Bruckheimer, Sharon Winer Co-Presidents of Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood

Reaching Out

If you know of a Sisterhood member who is ill, has had surgery or 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. We would like to let our members know that we are thinking of them, so please help us do that by letting Susan know.

Sisterhood Shabbat

Did you miss the May 12 Sisterhood Shabbat Service? Don't worry, you can watch it online. Go to the Temple's YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/Vfvhj2Ngfeg.

38th Annual Merrill Molien Haven House Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, July 18, Noon

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Join us for an interesting speaker, a delicious lunch and our fabulous basket auction. All proceeds to benefit an educational scholarship for victims of domestic violence. Want to help us help Haven House? Here's how:

- Join us and bring friends.
- If you would like to bring a dish or dessert for the luncheon, contact Lynn Klein at 689-9207.
- Bring an item or items from the Haven House Wish List (see below). Even if you are unable to attend the luncheon, we welcome donations for Haven House. Please bring items to the Broder Center prior to July 18.

Seating is by advance purchase reservation only, and reservations are required by Monday, July 10.

Haven House Wish List

New baby toys (newborn to 2 years old), slippers, hair products, conditioner, sunscreen, coloring books, pens, folders, sunscreen, hand soap, hand sanitizer, small kitchen appliances/kitchen items, gift cards. Haven House welcomes any donations of new items for women and children.

Haven House Luncheon Reservation				
Name:				
Phone: email:				
! !#Double Chai Patron Tickets @ \$36				
#Chai Patron Tickets @ \$18				
! !#Patron Tickets @ \$15				
Total enclosed \$				
Reservations are due by Monday, July 10. Please mail your check with this form to: Marilyn Schillroth, 116 Hilton Boulevard, Amherst, NY 14226				

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

June Specials Wedding Sale ~ 10% Off

Just let us know you are purchasing the item as a bridal shower or wedding present

Tzedakah Box Sale ~ 10% Off

Tzedakah boxes are the perfect gift for many occasions New Baby ~ Wedding ~ New Home ~ Graduation

Tallit Special Offer

TBZ members receive 20% off when they buy a Tallit for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child. We have a lovely selection for adults as well.





The shop will be open during the summer by appointment. In addition, the office staff can open the shop during regluar office hours - please call 836-6565. For information or an appointment, contact Susan (716) 835-0421 or email susan b@roadrunner.com

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

Summer Dinners at TBZ

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Mark your calendars now for July 14 and August 25. Both Fridays will begin with a Shabbat Service at 6 p.m., followed by dinner. Watch your Bulletins and weekly emails for details and R.S.V.P. information.

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, June 20, at 7:15 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Members of Temple Beth Zion have assembled a Bereavement Support Group. The group is lay-led by members of the group in an informal and warm setting. Meetings take place in the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road.

There is no cost, and all members of the community are welcome. If you have questions or would like further information, ask Leslie Garfinkel, Sharon Winer or contact Carol Caserta at (716) 873-2836. R.S.V.P. to Carol Caserta.

Second Seder at Brookfield

TBZ's annual Second Seder took place Tuesday, April 11, at the Brookfield Country Club. Laurie Criden and Kaarsten Winsock co-chaired this event. More than 120 people attended the service and dinner.

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Rabbi Adam Scheldt and Cantor Penny Myers led us through a Seder that combined prayers from a traditional Haggadah as well as adding some levity with more modern takes on Passover.

Thank you to the many people who volunteered to read parts during the service. There were so many people, we cannot name each of you individually, but know we appreciate your willingness to read a portion of the Haggadah.

Thanks also to Laurie and Kaarsten for chairing the event and to Becky Schiefer for her assistance in the TBZ office.

Your Purchases Can Benefit Temple

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Temple Beth Zion every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com and select Temple Beth Zion, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to TBZ. Go to http://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0755891 to learn more and/or to sign up.

Spring Highlights

Religious School students participated in a mitzvah project at ElderWood and helped residents create unique visors.





Students - eight of them are pictured here - and their parents participated at ElderWood in Amherst.



Elaine Higgins (left) and Kara Kane get ready for the annual Mother's Day Flower Sale.

Technology Update Services Available Online

One of the most exciting changes at TBZ this year is our recent ability to livestream services, the new audio systems, and new projections capabilities in the Sisterhood Chapel and the Broder Center Auditorium. While we have actively been using the new projectors and computer capabilities to support our programming at the Broder Center for several months, we have finally finished the installation across our worship spaces so that we are able to livestream many of our services.

Since April, we have had initial success with our new livestreaming capabilities in the Sanctuary and Chapel, and are excited as we know that our offerings will continue to improve and expand.

At this time, not every TBZ service will be livestreamed. We are currently working on our online worship schedule, and when services are available online we will publish the links to the view service in our weekly emails. If you do not receive our weekly emails and would like to be added to the list, contact Julie at 836-6565, Ext. 134, or julie@tbz.org. The links will also be available on our website at www.tbz.org and on Temple Beth Zion Facebook Group.

You can also watch many special services online after the event through our the TBZ YouTube channel. Videos can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_3LH-VrlxmJqsrbnWWLuPQ.

The enhancements to our technology and the ability to bring our services to those who are not able to be physically present but wish to worship is a possibility only because of the generosity of benefactors and the TBZ Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Collectively, they have enabled members of our Temple family to connect and be with us.

Thank you to Harold and Arlyne Levy, David and Janet Desmon, Larry and Michelle Schreiber, Steve and Sabra Baum, Deny and Ali Adelman, and Larry Scheur for your support of the Future Technology Project.



New Members

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The Shatkin Outdoor Classroom PALS planning...

The students discuss and draw their plans for what each of them would like to grow in the outdoor classroom garden. Howard Wiseman visits the classroom and talks over the plans with the children. Susan Goldberg Schwartz leads the kids in song, "Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make our garden grow!"

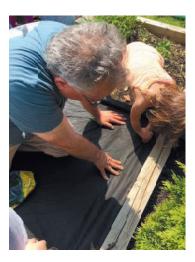






PALS working...

Weeding, preparing the plant beds and getting everything ready for the growing season. OK, the picture on the right isn't work, but you absolutely have to have some fun on a nice day!







PALS growing...

Some of the harvest from the Shatkin Classroom Outdoor classroom garden gets eaten by PALS students. Most of what is harvested is donated to the Town Square Food Pantry.

The benefits for PALS and the Religious School from the amazing Shatkin Outdoor Classroom are beyond measure. We have the ability to teach important lessons in *tzedekah (giving), tikkun olam (reparing the world), shalom (peace) and chalom (dreaming).*

We invite you to stop by and check out this wonderful space. We also invite you to consider leaving a lasting mark in the Shatkin Family Outdoor Classroom by sponsoring a permanent brick or paver. Either can be inscribed to honor a *simcha* (celebration) or to remember a loved one. All proceeds from the bricks go to the PALS Scholarship fund established by the Shatkin family. We graciously thank the Komm family for inscribing these stones for us. For more information about purchasing a paver or stone, contact Melissa Milch at 836-6565, Ext. 139, or pals@tbz.org.





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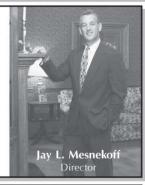


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If you have not received the mailing that includes the proxy and agenda for the meeting, contact Julie at (716) 836-6565, Ext. 134, or julie@tbz.org.

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