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39th Annual Merrill Molien Haven House Luncheon

Tuesday, July 17 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 details.



Kabbalat Shabbat Service & BBQ

Friday, August 3 Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service with BBQ dinner to follow

Bring your lawn chair and join us for services (outdoor if weather permits) and stay for dinner. Jonny C's will cater this cook-out, so you need only to pull up a chair and enjoy a delightful evening. \$15 per adult, \$10 for children 12 and under.

Call Becky at 836-6565 or email becky@tbz.org to RSVP by Friday, July 27.

Get Ready to Register for the 2018-19 School Year

PALS-Kadimah 2018-19

Limited spots are available the coming school year. For information, contact Melissa Milch at (716) 836-6565, Ext. 139.

Religious School 2018-19

We are busy preparing for next year. Please watch your mailbox and inbox for registration information and forms. First day of Religious School is Sunday, September 16.

Did You Miss...

The Pride Parade?

See colorful photos on page 14.

The Annual Meeting?

See page 10 - 12 for a full description of the events of the meeting along with information on the approved budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The BBC Band Concert?

See photos from the fun event on page 14.





Letter from the President

What a pleasure and honor it is for me to be the President of Temple Beth Zion. To paraphrase Sir Isaac Newton, I am standing on the shoulders of giants who came before me. I am particularly mindful of the women Presidents who preceded me - Joan Ellis Shatkin, Susan Adelman, Wendee Lorbeer and our immediate Past President, miriam treger.

TBZ has been the central part of my Jewish journey for my entire life. The most significant events in my Jewish life were at 805 Delaware. I began my journey at TBZ walking into our suburban building with my parents at the tender age of 4 to attend my first day of nursery school. I have fond memories of Miss Halley, Miss Ydawn and Miss Getelle. There I played with Heidi Rose, the daughter of our first cantor, Norman Rose, z'l (of blessed memory).

Rabbi Goldberg, z'l officiated my Bat Mitzvah, my Confirmation and my wedding.

My children followed me at our TBZ nursery and religious schools.

Rabbi Rosenfeld and Cantor Myers led the services at my children's B'nei Mitzvah and the funeral for my beloved father.

I tell you this to explain the depth of my commitment and devotion to our Temple.

From nursery school through the birth of my two children, I had one Rabbi - Rabbi Goldberg. How things have changed!

Transitions are challenging, but they often present myriad opportunities for change that can be truly rewarding. And they can provide opportunities for growth and innovation.

To help guide us on our path, the Union for Reform Judaism has a wealth of resources for Progressive congregations. One of those opportunities is the Scheidt Seminar for Presidents and Presidents-Elect. It is funded through the generosity of Rudi and Honey Scheidt. Since 1998, the annual Scheidt Seminar convenes congregational presidents to learn, network, enhance leadership skills and build relationships. With the support and encouragement of Rabbi Freirich, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to go to Atlanta this April to experience it for myself. Imagine 80 really nice middle-aged Jews tucked in at a hotel in suburban Atlanta. It was like Camp Lakeland for "alta kockers." We prayed together, learned together, ate and drank together, and shared our thoughts and concerns about our congregations. It was truly a life changing experience.



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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.

Friday, July 6 Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Broder Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	6 p.m.
Saturday, July 7 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, July 13 Tot Shabbat at Delaware Meditative Service	5:45 p.m. 6 p.m.
Saturday, July 14 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, July 20 Classical Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, July 21 Shabbat Morning Service Tisha b'Av	10:30 a.m. 7 p.m.
Friday, July 27 Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Broder	6 p.m.
Saturday, July 28 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.

* The 5:30 p.m. Thursday Service will not be held in July.

Temple Beth Zion Our Mission Statement

Temple Beth Zion is a Reform congregation that enriches Jewish lives, promotes Jewish values, strengthens Jewish bonds and fosters lifelong learning. Our congregation celebrates the rich diversity of our Jewish community, preserves sacred traditions while encouraging innovation, and affirms our Judaism through words and deeds. *Adopted by the congregation on June 8*, 2012

Our Shared Future

Our spiritual and cultural ties to Judaism will strengthen us as individuals, as a community and as a people. We will be as welcoming in our congregation as we are in our homes and will honor our sacred covenant with God in caring for both our members and the greater community.



Letter from the Cantor

** Cantor Myers will be observing a contractual sabbatical from July 1- August 31.

Shmita – The Sabbatical Year

Our Torah tells us:

"When you enter the land that I assign to you, the land shall observe a Sabbath of the Lord. Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. But in the seventh year the land shall have a Sabbath of complete rest, a Sabbath of the Lord."

We glean from these verses the importance of the agricultural rest for our land to lie fallow after six years of toil and harvest. So, too, it has become custom of clergy after a significant period of faithful service, and in accordance with contractual agreement, to observe a sabbatical period as well. During sabbatical periods many of us choose not to lie idle but rather to work on a special project or two, whether it is a book or intense professional development and study. Sabbaticals are observed and supported by our movement (Union for Reform Judaism), by professional organizations of Cantors and Rabbis, and by synagogue leadership.

Why would a Cantor or Rabbi need a sabbatical?

Consider this: As clergy, the emotional and spiritual health of our Congregation is the life-blood of what we do. The emotional extremes we carefully navigate are unlike most vocations. A typical day could be spent taking care of a spouse who just lost their beloved with the next hour spent visiting someone at a nursing home whose family is out of town and then tutoring a b'nei mitzvah student. We share times of loneliness, moments of crises, questions of faith, illnesses, and moments of mazel tovs, often without taking the time to process or recharge so we are able to attend to our Congregation. As your clergy, we are on call 24/7. We go into the pulpit knowing and accepting this fact. When we are on call, we know that at any time our phones can ring with an emergency. A sabbatical provides the Cantor or Rabbi a designated period of time for a hard reset, a dedicated downtime.

When is one is granted a sabbatical and how long is a typical one?

As we read above, the Torah states every six years, then a period of sabbatical. Although I have been serving TBZ for 12 years, this will be my first. On average a sabbatical is six months. However, mine is two months.

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Letter from the President

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I want to share a few of those moments with you. At our first gathering, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the President of the Union for Reform Judaism, shared from Ecclesiates :*Toveem ha'shnayim meen ha'echad*, meaning two are better than one. He had us say the Hebrew over and over as a group, to really drive home the point that we are stronger when we work together as a community than when we try to accomplish things on our own. It was truly a powerful and moving moment.

The next day I shared Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Jacobs, Rabbi Aaron Panken, President of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute; Daryl Messinger, Chair of the URJ Board; and several presidents-elect who by this point already felt like old friends. Celebrating Shabbat with all these lovely people was really a magical moment. After dinner, Rabbi Panken gave a brilliant talk about "Leading and Learning in the Talmud."

I left Atlanta with a bunch of phone numbers from my new friends and a feeling of tremendous community, excitement and optimism. I left with the strength and wisdom of an incredible group of people. "Two are better than one."

Less than two weeks later, my new Scheidt friends were a community joined in grief. I received a text from one of my colleagues that the remarkable Rabbi Panken had been killed in a plane crash. He was an amazing leader, a brilliant man, and a truly lovely person. Our world is diminished without his bright light. May his memory be for a blessing.

While there is no replacing Rabbi Panken, others will surely strive to carry on his legacy at HUC. We can honor his legacy by doing everything we can to have a caring, vibrant Temple Beth Zion.

I begin my presidency truly excited to work with our board, our leadership team and our wonderful, caring Congregation. I feel lucky to follow miriam treger honig's inspired leadership and hope to build on all that she started. Our board will be having a retreat this month to develop a plan for the coming year.

I want to close by reiterating my sense of excitement and humility as I begin my time as the President of Temple Beth Zion. Let's work together to help ensure that TBZ remains a shining light in our community. Please reach out to me with your thoughts and concerns. You can reach me at 836-6565, Ext 131. We are better together. "Two are better than one!"

Julie Dressler Weinberg

Letter from the Cantor

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What do Cantors and Rabbis do on sabbaticals? What are your plans?

The sabbatical time is a very sacred time, like Shabbat. Cantors and Rabbis devote this time away to work on projects that they wouldn't otherwise be able to do while actively serving their congregations and to reinvigorate their spirituality. Cantors often write books, record albums or compose music. Both my sister-in-law, Rabbi Nancy Myers and a good friend, Cantor Matt Axelrod, just finished books. For me, I have begun the genesis of a book that I am submitting the query letter to editors and publishers focusing on a specialized pedagogy for non-typical students as they prepare for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. While I wait for an agreement (hopefully within the year) I will be reinvigorating my Cantorate for TBZ by exploring deeper our sacred homeland of Israel. Because the length of my sabbatical is shorter than typical, I will be in Israel the entire month of July refreshing my Hebraic skills, reigniting my connection to Israel outside of the diaspora, and learning from esteemed colleagues who live and teach in Israel. I am also able to officiate at the Bat Mitzvah at the kotel (Western Wall) for one of our TBZ kids. In August , my main project will be to assist and work alongside our Buffalo Jewish Federation to help with the "Jewbilee" on August 19th; my special project is the orchestration of the "Chai 5 /5 K" fun run and walk that morning. (see details on page 5).

How has TBZ and you prepared for your absence?

Services and worship will continue to be led by Rabbi Freirich and Judy Henn. We have very few B'nei Mitzvah services this summer and have engaged tutors to assist with students. Because of the summer gap, I began meeting with students several months ago so our families would feel solidly prepared before my departure. During the spring, Rabbi Freirich and I diligently planned our High Holy Day services. And our 2019 Stained Glass Cultural Arts season was planned over the past few months.

On a personal note, I am deeply grateful that our leadership recognized the importance and significance of granting me this time for spiritual and professional growth. I will miss you, but will be back before you know it!

> Kayitz tov, Have a great summer [©] Cantor Penny S. Myers

The Fast I Desire

By Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

The Book of Isaiah, Chapter 58, Verse 6: "This is the fast I desire: To unlock fetters of wickedness, and untie the cords of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free; to break off every yoke."

We have a lot of fast days in Judaism that most of us don't know about. When I read Abigail Pogrebin's book *My Jewish Year* last fall, I began to think about her experience of re-exploring fast days, especially the Tenth of Tevet.

This year, the Tenth of Tevet occurs on December 18. The day commemorates the beginning of the destruction of the First Temple in ancient times. Pogrebin quoted Rabbi Yosef Blau of Yeshiva University:

"Blau believes there is a powerful lesson in marking the start of this devastation. We should notice the clouds; they could warn of an approaching tornado. 'There's a sense on the Tenth of Tevet that we should always be concerned about what things may lead to, instead of waiting for some tragedy to happen,' Blau says. 'We should be alert to the early stages of the process. The fact that we fast even for the *beginning* of the destruction, not just for the destruction itself, is probably a reminder that we should be sensitive to dangers even early in the game.' "

Pogrebin continues:

"I like that: Heed the signs. Care about the start of something bad, don't wait for it to grow worse."

This year I aim to use these ideas of "heeding the signs" with regard to our fast days and advocate turning these days of lamentations into calls of action.

We will start this project on the Ninth of Av, Saturday evening, July 21, by looking at the thoughts of Dr. Jonathan Haidt and his book *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*.

Please keep an eye out for other events around this theme. Our Elul Study series will also look at different aspects of the challenges of staying in difficult conversations with people with whom we disagree. The series will take place during Shabbat Services on Fridays, August 10, 17 and 31.

I believe that we Jews are called to this effort – we can bring people together over common ground no matter how much we disagree. I believe that the Jewish people are needed in our world now more than ever, and in the words of Hillel, the great rabbi: "If not now, when?"

Let me know what you think.

Thanks for reading, listening, thinking, participating, arguing, and acting as agents of change for a better world together.

A Warm Welcome

As I sit here writing this, three weeks into my new position at Temple Beth Zion, I want to say "thank you" to everyone who has made me feel so warmly welcomed. The clergy, the staff and all of the congregants I've encountered so far have been friendly, supportive and very helpful to the new kid on the block.

I've begun reaching out to congregants by phone and in person, participating in worship services and Bible study, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation.

I grew up at TBZ, and it's been a joy reconnecting with my childhood roots. As I become more integrated into the life of TBZ, I am very grateful for the opportunity to help our clergy team make a difference in the lives of our congregants and the larger Jewish community.

If you have any needs, suggestions or just want to schmooze, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email. Have a wonderful summer!

> B'shalom, Judy Henn



Anyone can participate in this fun run/walk. Strollers are welcome! Watch your August Bulletin for more details.



Check your August Bulletin for all the information on this amazing community event!

Religious School

Summer Update

We are working hard on getting ready for September. Keep a lookout in the mail for updated registration information.

Don't forget Monday, August 6, is the best party of the year! It's our Annual Summer Celebration, and the money raised goes toward educational programs. It helps cover scholarships for both Religious School and PALS. Please consider coming out to golf, go on the Wine Tour, or come for dinner, where there are great items up for auction and a basket raffle. We could use your help in gathering items for the amazing basket raffle. If you would like to donate, please send any gift cards or items to the Broder Center attention Julie Feldman.

We are in the process of updating the Religious School page on our website over the next month. So come check it out in August.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming school year, feel free to contact me at any time.

Enjoy the beautiful Buffalo summer! Kara Kane (716) 836-6565, Ext. 112 or kara@tbz.org

2017-18 Tzedakah

Below are the classes that collected the most tzedekah during the year and the organizations they selected to receive donations:

4th grade - Jewish Family Service and Kadimah

7th grade - Alex's Lemonade Stand (Pediatric Cancer Research)

2nd grade - Town Square Food Bank (Food Bank WNY)

One of the highlights of the past year involved 7th graders leading the Shabbat Service at the 5th Grade Shabbaton. Religious School students are encouraged to be role models and mentors for younger students.

2018 Confirmation

Congratulations to Confirmands: Front Row: Elliot Klein, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Nicole Heffter, Kaitlyn Stapleton Back Row: Ira Mylchreest, Haley Boehnlein, Samantha Kane, Hannah Wallenfels, Cantor Penny Myers



TBaZY Elects Officers

Shalom!

June was an exciting month for our youth group. TBaZY elections were held June 1, and we are pleased to announce that we have a full board of officers! Our officers, installed June 9, are:

Samantha Kane: President

Nathan Kaplan: Programming Vice President Nathan Wallens: Social Action Vice President Emma Rothkopf: Religious and Cultural Vice President Hannah Maxick: Membership Vice President Perryn Field: Communications Vice President

A big thank-you goes out to the Field Family for hosting installations at their home and for their kind hospitality!

TBaZY teens (and some parents) volunteered on Memorial Day at Forest Lawn to place flags on the graves of our veterans and honor their service to our country.

As we wind down the year, we would like to thank our TBaZY teens, parents and TBZ family for their support in making this a terrific year. Plans have begun for the fall, and we wish everyone a safe, fun and relaxing summer.

Beth and Tammy

2018-19 TBaZY Officers at the Hello-Goodbye Picnic. Members of TBaZY (Youth Group) placing flags at Forest Lawn on Memorial Day.





Jillian Sarah Donahue Monday, July 23 in Israel Daughter of: Tom & Stacey Donahue Donating to: Masorti Kotel



New Members Anthony Kew & Beth Rosner-Kew Aden Cook & Emily Leminger

Honorable Menschen

To Warren Clark and his parking posse. Warren led the effort to organize volunteers to sell parking spaces to those going to the Allentown Art Festival. On Sunday, June 10, dedicated volunteers put on their TBZ hats and safety vests, grabbed an orange flag and waved cars into the parking lot at 805 Delaware. In just one day, TBZ was able to generate more than \$1,200 (that is just over 240 cars!).

Thank you so much to our volunteers: Donna Yablin, Susan Bring Tobe, Dennis Dickman, Samantha Wojcik, Jonathan Wojcik, Hannah Maxick, Emma Rothkopf, Amèlida, Madi and Lillian Weinmann. And thank you to the many TBZ members who took advantage of our prime location and parked at TBZ!

To Hunter Myers for driving the Pride Parade float.

Coming Soon to Your Mailbox...

Information on the school year and the High Holy Days. Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Changed your email address? Please make sure we have the latest information so we can get information to you in a timely and efficient manner. Call the TBZ office at 836-6565 or email the updated information to julie@tbz.org. Sisterhood

Join Our Summer Activities

Sisterhood has just completed a wonderful year of many activities and fundraising projects to benefit our Temple. We hope you will join us for some of our summer activities:

On Tuesday, July 17, we will hold our annual Haven House Luncheon. Our Sisterhood members do all the cooking and baking; everything is delicious! Sign up quickly if you haven't done so.

On Monday, August 6, we will once again have a "Sisterhood Table(s)" at the Annual Summer Celebration. We hope you will join us. The delicious cocktails, appetizers and dinner is \$75. Just use the form on page 15 to RSVP and note that you wish to sit with us.

On August 20 at 11 a.m. we will stuff the membership information mailing. If you can pitch in for a little bit, many hands make light work. It's a nice opportunity to chat and catch up. Call Margy at 832-5103.

On Monday, August 27, we are planning an excursion to Buffalo City Hall to enjoy a one-hour tour, and then lunch at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery. This promises to be educational and fun.

On Friday, September 7, we will have a docent-led tour of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, followed by lunch right at the Gallery.

Our "Opening Luncheon" will be Sunday, September 30, at Salvatore's. You will be eligible to attend if your dues are paid up for the 2018-2019 year.

Membership information will arrive in your mailbox in August with a flyer for the Opening luncheon enclosed. Lunch will include salad, entrée, sides, and dessert for only \$18 per person. Sisterhood will pay the rest. Judy Henn will be our speaker. She will tell us about herself, as well as her role at TBZ, and she will answer your questions.

At all our activities, we hope to see many new faces as well as all our old friends!

Any questions? Please contact: Co-Presidents Marilyn Schillroth (832-4757) or Susan Bruckheimer (982-2099)

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'd like to let our members know that we are thinking of them, so please help us do that by letting Susan know.

39th Annual Merrill Molien Haven House Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, July 17, 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?

•Join us and bring friends.

•Bring a dish or dessert for the luncheon. Contact Lynn Klein at 689-9207.

- •Bring items from the wish list (see below). Even if you are unable to attend the luncheon, we welcome donations. 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 9.

Haven House Wish List

New or gently used kids' shoes and clothing, twin size comforters and/or sheets, sunscreen, laundry detergent, towels, dehumidifiers, baby formula. Haven House welcomes donations of new items for women and children.

Haven House Luncheon Reservation
Name:
Phone:
Double Chai Patron Tickets @ \$36
Chai Patron Tickets @ \$18
Patron Tickets @ \$15
Total enclosed \$
Reservations are due by Monday, July 9 . Please mail

iy, july 9 this form with your check, made out to TBZ Sisterhood, to: Carole Weingarten, 41 Carriage Hill West, Williamsville, NY 14221. If you would like to reserve a table for 8, please email Carole at weincsw@verizon.net or include the information with your reservation. If you have any questions, contact Lynn at 689-9207 or Sharon at 741-4200.

Buffalo City Hall Tour and Lunch

Monday, August 27

The private tour of this unique and beautiful landmark begins 11:30 a.m. The tour is handicapped accessible/no stairs. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at the Pearl Street Grill & Brewery.

Those who wish to carpool will meet at the Broder Center parking lot at 10:30 a.m. The cost per person is \$23 and includes the private tour and lunch with beverage. **The deadline for registration is Monday, August 13.**

City Hall Tour & Lunch Registration

Name:_____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending ____ x \$23/person = _____ enclosed.

Carpool (driver/passenger)

Carpool (Y/N)

Lunch selection:

- Burger Maximus includes French fries
- □ Turkey Avocado Wrap with chips
- Greek Salad with or without chicken

*coffee, iced tea, hot tea, lemonade, soda included

Please send your registration along with your check payable to TBZ Sisterhood to: Sandra Wolchok, 6872 Forestview Drive, Lockport, NY 14094. Call Sandy at (716) 628-4959 with any questions.

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

July special - 50% off almost everything. Come in and see.

** TBZ members receive 20% discount on tallits for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah child.

The shop will be open during the summer by appointment. Contact Susan at (716) 835-0421 or email susan_b@roadrunner.com. If office staff is available they can assist you with your purchase Monday through Friday. between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

Sisterhood Walking Group

Our walking group meets on Saturday or Sunday mornings to walk. We meet at 8:30 a.m. at the bike path on North Forest Road. Come and walk with us!

Send an email to <u>tbzsisterhood@tbz.org</u> to let us know you would like to come, and we can let you know when and where to meet.

Annual Meeting Summary, Our Year in Review

On Friday, June 15, we held our 168th Annual Meeting. Following are highlights from the President's and Treasurer's Reports. If you'd like additional information, please contact the Temple Administrator, Amy Schaefer, in the Temple office.

President's Report by miriam treger

Our Annual Meeting is an opportunity for us to come together every year to check in with each other on our Jewish journey. It is a time to celebrate the many moments we have shared as a community over the year and to rededicate and refocus ourselves for the future. This is the last time I will address our Congregation as President of TBZ. It has been my honor to lead our congregation over the past two years. And while we have seen many changes, some planned and others not, we are moving forward together. As with everything, there is always more work to do, but together we can accomplish wonderful things at TBZ.

Since last July, we have:

- 27 new families we now call a part of our TBZ family.
- Celebrated our Confirmation students and High School graduates.
- We've schmoozed, worshiped and volunteered as one, not just among our TBZ selves but with increased collaboration within our broad Jewish Buffalo.
- We have stood with our interfaith community partners in an effort to bring healing to our community.
- Shared in the happiness of our 32 B'nei Mitzvah students and 10 Consecration students.
- We've cared for each other in sickness and sadness, and said goodbye to close friends and members of our TBZ family.
- We have smiled, laughed, prayed and sung together when sharing holidays.

We take each opportunity to assess our needs and resources to make the best choices possible so we have a strong and sustainable TBZ community. We strive to be flexible, nimble and focused on meeting YOUR needs.

The Board of Trustees continues to provide oversight and strategic direction to our TBZ community as Rabbi Freirich and Cantor Myers provide us strong spiritual and communal leadership and Amy Schaefer manages our daily operations and finances.

With the spiritual and communal leadership of Rabbi Freirich and Cantor Myers, we are constantly seeking ways to share our Jewish journeys and build community. We recognize that for many, worship and spirituality does not happen solely within the walls of our Sanctuary. We will continue to maintain our traditions and our established sacred spaces as we engage throughout Western New York to find new spaces and meet Jews "where they are at" and in ways that are important and relevant now.

As your leaders, we focus on continuing to build collaboration and build community through what you want and the things you are passionate about, whether it be:

- Informal learning through Women of the Book, weekly Torah Study or Entering Kabbalah.
- More collaboration among our community partners.
- Engaging Jewishly in different community settings.

Our Religious School is re-energized and focused so our families and our children have a love of Judaism and a level of comfort with participating in being Jewish anywhere they go. There is growing and active participation among our teens in both Youth Group and as madrichim for Religious School. We are working hard to look both within and beyond ourselves to find commonality in Jewish communities in WNY and nationally through our relationship with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).

We are leveraging our partnership with the URJ so that we are able to benefit from the vast network of other Jewish communities – we spent time at the Biennial, our kids are highly connected to our National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) region, and we will benefit from our participation in the URJ Congregational Survey and the Community of Practice group for Early Childhood Education and participation in the social action work through our standing up as a Brit Olam Congregation.

As we look forward to our shared future, we are excited about so many things. We continue to live and expand our mission and vision to support our Jewish values and engage and connect with each other in ways that are meaningful to us.

As we move to our next "fiscal year" with an eye on 5779 we see new opportunities including:

1. Continued focus on our TBZ families and the WNY community meeting you where you are.

2. PALS-Kadimah bringing more children into our Jewish values-based program.

3. Congregant participation in spiritual life in different ways such as Shiva minyanaires, Holy Rollers, and Cantor's [Torah] Chanters.

We are 804 families strong. Our new families come to us in all shapes and sizes, and we will continue to focus on building participation, engagement and connections with each of us. Yet as our membership changes, we are committed to engaging in new ways, to working with our members differently and continue to improve how we do things.

Treasurer's Report by David Goldberg

Our financial position looks fine. The Temple has holdings in endowments and restricted funds of almost \$3 million. We do, however, run on a cash-tight basis. Over the past two years we implemented several changes to the organization and budget. We have been able to operate within the parameters of the budget this year, seeing both positive variations and challenges. We will share the full report once our fiscal year has come to a close. However, overall this year, we expect an increase of 3.6% in revenue versus a 1.7% increase in expenses, resulting in positive balance. Because of the generosity of a donor and based on our anticipated favorable position at this year, we will be able to begin to rebuild some of our reserve (savings) funds.

For the 2017-2018 fiscal year that ends on June 30, we were able to operate within the parameters of the passed budget, without touching our reserves. Unanticipated extra revenue came from PALS-Kadimah tuition. Melissa Milch and her staff did an awesome job of filling and running our early childhood education program and deserve a ton of credit for this achievement. Additional extra revenues came from higher contributions to the Stained Glass Concert Book. And a number of our operating expenses were lower than expected, including utilities.

On the down side, dues collections were slightly lower than expected, and we saw some higher maintenance expenses. Our staffing for PALS-Kadimah needed to be increased due to the higher enrollment. Combine all the positives with the negatives, and our budget finished in the black. In pure numbers, revenue increases exceeded expense increases!

While this is good news, as we look at next year we must continue to be diligent in our revenue and expense planning. We are presenting an operating budget of \$1.585 million. This is a 3.8% reduction from last year. There are a number of factors to consider for next year's operating budget. Our decisions were not made lightly. They were necessary to maintain our long-term financial stability.

Revenues:

Dues make up just under 50% of our total revenue. With declining membership comes declining dues dollars. So what does this mean for you? How many of you like to take a friend out for coffee? A large Tim Horton's coffee costs \$2! We are asking you to take your Temple out for coffee once per month. This is the amount of the proposed dues increase of 1%. In numbers – a \$24 annual increase in dues. If you are so inclined, throw in a bagel with the coffee to make it a \$3 increase!

Our Temple receives **rental revenue** from Jewish Family Service and from Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center (which took over from Olmsted School). These revenue streams are under constant review, and we work actively with our "tenants" to maintain these relationships and their long-term goals.

A number of our members make monthly payments to the Temple, using a **credit card**. We are now asking that some of these payments include a convenience fee associated with these transactions, as many other organizations do. The savings to the Temple will be almost \$10,000! There are also other ways to make payments to reduce all expenses.

As any institution should, we are actively working on and seeking additional **fundraising** opportunities. The annual golf tournament, now heading into its 20th year, has added new partners. Congregation Shir Shalom and Buffalo Jewish Federation have joined our efforts. This is the only golf tournament in WNY that benefits the Jewish community. The BBC Concert held Saturday, June 16, under the direction of Past President Warren Clark was a great success. Attendees had a great time dancing the night away and contributed over \$5,000 to the temple's bottom line. Warren has graciously offered to chair this event again next year.

We ask that you keep TBZ in mind when you are planning your will and estate. **Gifts** to the Temple have historically been a extremely beneficial, as evidenced by the Sisterhood Chapel, which was refurbished with the proceeds of a very generous gift.

And our annual **Kol Nidre Campaign** is a vital piece of our continuing revenues that we so rely on.

Expenses:

We cease to exist without quality staff. Our **personnel costs** account for the majority of our expenses; it's these funds that go directly to support our TBZ mission, values and families, giving us:

- Clergy support during life-cycle events, worship, our individual interactions, festivals and holidays.
- Our teachers for Religious School and PALS.
- Continued upkeep and care of our facilities.
- General organizational support for our families.

We continue to diligently manage our expenses and seek different ways of doing things that are more efficient and still maintain quality service to our congregants. Sometimes this is slower than we'd like, but we are being thoughtful and living within our Jewish values.

The Temple has some outstanding balances from previous capital campaigns. We have budgeted a monthly amount to pay those down, as we are in the process of refinancing those debts into one monthly payment. We own two aging buildings. Maintenance costs are a constant we live with. With the leadership of Jennifer Patrick, a Building Task Force has been formed to evaluate the viability and functionality of our buildings.

Congregational Vote

In addition to voting to approve the 2018-2019 budget, the Congregation voted to approve recommendations to:

- Ratify a new 3-year contract for Rabbi Freirich. The contract term is from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021.
- Elect the following to the Board of Trustees for a 3-year term: Philip Glick, Jody Goldstein, Mindy Monkarsh and Jennifer Patrick. Susan Bruckheimer and Ken Graber will continue to represent the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Nathan Wallens will represent TBaZY.

Recognition and Honors

Sisterhood Co-President Susan Bruckheimer presented the Congregation a check to support the youth scholarship funds, and we thanked all the members of the TBZ administrative and maintenance staff for their hard work and dedication, as without them, we could not be here today. Their contribution to our community's spiritual health is beyond words.

We took special note to honor Melissa Milch and Becky Schiefer, who celebrated their 5-year anniversary with TBZ during this year. And welcomed new staff members: Judy Henn (Clergy Associate & Pastoral Coordinator), Lucky Nkubito (Delaware Maintenance) and Marcus Smith (Broder Maintenance).

Samantha Kane was congratulated for her election as TBaZY President.

We also thanked outgoing Trustees Eric Bernhardt; Madeleine Weinmann (TBaZY Representative) and Warren Clark (Immediate Past President) for serving as part of our leadership. Julie Weinberg thanked miriam treger as she concluded her term as Temple President.

TBZ Board Elects Officers

Immediately following the adjournment of the congregational Annual Meeting, the Temple Beth Zion Board of Trustees met briefly. The meeting began with the welcoming of the newest members, Jody Goldstein and Mindy Monkarsh.

The 2018-19 slate of officers recommended by the Governance Committee was announced:

President - Julie Dressler Weinberg

Vice President - Stephen Yonaty

Vice President - Amèlida Weinmann

Treasurer - David Goldberg

Secretary - Daniel Kotzin

Assistant Secretary - Adam Field

The Board approved the motion to accept the slate of officers. miriam treger will also serve on the Executive Committee in the role of Immediate Past President.

The Board will meet in July for an orientation session/ retreat. The next "regular" meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on August 14.



Moving Up Day is the most happy and sad day of the entire year. At the top, our 4 year-olds serenaded us with songs about planets and rainbows.

In the middle, our youngest students are wearing Mr. Sun headbands.

And finally, loving hugs from Miss Maria. (And ice cream!)

Shatkin Family Outdoor Classroom

The Shatkin Family Outdoor Classroom has been one of the most beneficial projects in a variety of ways:

- PALS-Kadimah students and Religious School students utilize the space for outdoor lessons.
- The adjacent "Debbie's Place," given in memory of Deborah Weintraub, is an adorable playhouse that offers additional opportunities for the children to explore and relate to one another.
- The garden is used to grow fresh vegetables that are donated to the Town Square Food Pantry.

The bricks that provide the pathway to learning are inscribed in honor of and in memory of our community's loved ones. The proceeds from the bricks go to the preschool scholarship fund established by the Shatkin family.

You are always welcome to stop by and check out this wonderful space. We also invite you to consider leaving a lasting mark in the outdoor classroom by sponsoring a permanent brick or paver. Either can be inscribed to honor a simcha (celebration), honor a treasured person or milestone in your life or the life of your child, or to remember a loved one. An 8" x 4" brick is \$50 and a 12"x 12" paver is \$250. 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.

The BBC Rocks TBZ!

The BBC Band rocked the Fink Auditorium with Beatles music, medleys from the Byrds, Holleys and Bee Gees and more! They played music that was great for dancing and singing along with. Event Chair Warren Clark and volunteers Donna Yablin and Larry and Lucille Sherlick are even grooving behind the snack table.



20th Annual



Schedule of Events

for Golf Tournament and Lunch and Check-In

BBQ Luncheon on the Patio 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Golf Tournament

New this year: Distillery tour and tasting! 12:30 PM - Board luxury motorcoach for a tour of Niagara County wineries. Winery Tour

Cocktails and Dinner

5:30 PM - Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Dinner

Auctions

memorabilia, and a timeshare vacation auction Special auction items include wines, jewelry, golf certificates, sporting event tickets, Master of Ceremonies: Rob Lederman

Transit Valley Country Club East Amherst, NY 14051 8920 Transit Road

Collared Shirts, No denim or cargo shorts, COUNTRY CLUB ATTIRE REQUIRED: NO METAL SPIKES

in the Community

Registration Form

Complete this form and return it with payment to:

700 Sweet Home Road **Temple Beth Zion**

Buffalo, NY 14226

DEADLINE: JULY 30, 2018

Phone Name

Email

Reservations:

Winery Tour.....\$125 x_ (includes lunch, 18 holes with cart, cocktails & dinner) Golf Tournament Player......\$225 x_ Cocktails & Dinner Only\$75 x. s S -s -s

Sponsorships:

(includes lunch, wine tour, cocktails & dinner)

15

Flag Sponsor (18 available) \$200 x ____ - s

(listing in program) . . . Summer Celebration Friend \$100 = \$

Names of Additional Participants:

allergies) please check here: If any participants have dietary restrictions (vegetarian, kosher,

Check included, payable to Temple Beth Zion

Credit Card

Signature

Exp. Date

Card Number



MILDRED AND JEROME BERGMAN FUND

In Memory of: Carolyn Greenfield, by Sharon Greenfield Leonard Greenfield, by Sharon Greenfield

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of: Beatrice Haniford, by Phyllis & Larry Itzkowitz Calvin Katz, by Phyllis & Larry Itzkowitz In Honor of: The Bat Mitzvah of Corrinne Myers,

by Cliff & Judy Swadron, Getelle Rein, Howard & Valerie Rosenhoch, Phyllis & Larry Itzkowitz, Ethel & Dick Melzer

In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny S. Myers' service for Sharon Meer, by Ron Meer and family **Cantor Penny S. Myers** for preparing Theo Bellavia-Frank for his Bar Mitzvah, by Eric Frank & Gina Bellavia-Frank

Cantor Penny S. Myers for preparing Kaitlyn Stapleton for Confirmation, by Sheryl & Tim Stapleton **Cantor Penny S. Myers** for preparing

Leah Polk for her Bat Mitzvah, by Ken & Cara Polk

Cantor Penny S. Myers for preparing Ava Sadkin for her Bat Mitzvah, by Cliff & Judy Swadron

Cantor Penny S. Myers' service for Sam Meyers, by Marie Levy Meyers

JEREMY V. COHEN EDUCATIONAL FUND

In Memory of: Sheila Kadish, by Peggy Cohen Sharon Meer, by Peggy Cohen Rita Lipsitz, by Peggy Cohen In Honor of: Marcia Frankel's special birthday, by Peggy Cohen Sarah Block's college graduation, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

EDUCATORS DISCRETIONARY

In Appreciation of: Kara Kane and TBZ Religious School Teachers for preparing Theo Bellavia-Frank for his Bar Mitzvah, by Eric Frank & Gina Bellavia-Frank

FIGHT HUNGER & POVERTY FUND

A Donation by: Douglas Conant In Memory of: Ted Davis, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel, Ronald Cohen Beatrice Haniford, by Sharon Greenfield, Lynne & Robert Sommerstein Jerry Jacobi, by Paula Eisenberger In Honor of: The Bat Mitzvah of Corrinne Myers, by Amy Zeckhauser

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

In Memory of: Marcia Brett, by Lara Frohlich & John Bremen Richard Lipsitz Sr., by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

RABBI M.L. GOLDBERG ENDOWMENT FUND In Memory of:

Marcia Barmon Brett, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel, Lynn & Dick Hirsch, Sharon & Dan Gerstman, Neysa Davis, Claire & Joel Goldberg, Jean Rachlin Anne Kornhaber, by Claire & Joel Goldberg

KOL NIDRE CAMPAIGN

A Donation by: Channell Daniels In Memory of: Harvey Lincoff, MD, by Charles & Ellen Niles Marcy Brett, by Janet & Wayne Wisbaum, Selma Morris, Roberta Handel, Richard & Marcia Eisenberg Dr. Herbert Schulefand, by Holly & Jordan Levy

In Memory of:

Theodore Davis, by Holly & Jordan Davis, Marlene Katzman, June Adler Richard Davis, by Jack & Inez Lippes In Honor of: The special birthday of Larry Itzkowitz, by Roberta Handel, Neysa Davis The special birthday of Joan Daniels, by Suzanne Kahn In Appreciation of: Hallie Block, by Suzanne Kahn Prayers answered, by Channell Daniels

LIBRARY FUND

In Memory of: Marcia Brett, by Leah & Allan Lipman Myron "Mike" Siegel, by Marlyn & Art Rumizen Elaine Rosenberg, by Carin & Gary Greenfield

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of: Myron Siegel, by Laurie & Benjy Bluman In Honor of: Larry Itzkowitz's special birthday, by Anita Snyder

RICHARD & MARJORIE NEAFACH PRAYER BOOK FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> Sharon Meer, by Joseph Mintz <u>In Honor of:</u> **Toby Lintz's** special birthday, by Marlene Schwartz

ALAN PASSEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

In Memory of: David Raichilson, by Sheryl Raichilson Walsh

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of: Sharon Meer, by Ethel & Dick Melzer Marcia Brett, by Ethel & Dick Melzer, June Iris Hesch

In Memory of:

Theodore Davis, by June Iris Hesch **Myron Siegel**, by Jane & Sam Goorevich **Audrey Cohen**, by Jane & Sam Goorevich

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Sharon Meer, by Ron Meer and family Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Dr. Herbert Schulefand, by his family Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service at the unveiling for Larry Levite, by Sharon Levite

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Myron Siegel, by his family Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for preparing Kaitlyn Stapleton for Confirmation, by Sheryl & Tim

Stapleton

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for preparing Leah Polk for her Bat Mitzvah, by Ken & Cara Polk Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for preparing Ava Sadkin for her Bat Mitzvah, by Cliff & Judy Swadron In Honor of:

Larry Itzkowitz's special birthday, by Getelle Rein & Sylvia Wishnoff

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND In Honor of:

The Confirmation of, Samantha Kane, by Kara & Sean Kane, Sheryl & Tim Stapleton The Confirmation of Haley Boehnlein, by Kara & Sean Kane, Sheryl & Tim Stapleton The Confirmation of Nicole Heffter, by Kara & Sean Kane, Sheryl & Tim Stapleton The Confirmation of Ira Mylchreest, by Kara & Sean Kane, Sheryl & Tim

Stapleton **The Confirmation of Kaitlyn Stapleton,** by Kara & Sean Kane, Sheryl & Tim Stapleton

RESTORATION FUND

In Appreciation of: Amy Schaefer, for the tour of the Temple, by David & Susan Werner

DOROTHY ROSENFELDER CARING COMMUNITY FUND In Memory of:

Theodore Davis, by Sara & Steve Schultz **Sharon Meer,** by Sara & Steve Schultz

RUTH WAGNER SETTERS FUND FOR CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In Memory of: Dr. Edward Recoon, by Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Goldstein Warren Klein, by Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Goldstein

JEROME AND MARILYN SHINE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of: Dr. Herbert Schulefand, by Marilyn Shine

SISTERHOOD SERVICE FUND In Memory of:

Sharon Meer, by Janice & Louis Siegel, Amy Freedman & Allen Becker, Lynn & Bob Klein

SYLVIA & ALVIN SMALL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND In Honor of:

Elliot Snitzer's graduation from Hebrew High, by Frima & Bob Ackerhalt

MIRIAM & MAURICE S. TABOR MEMORIAL FUND In Memory of: John Tabor, by Karen Tabor and

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TORAH PRESERVATION FUND In Memory of:

Marcia Brett, by Harriet & Ralph Halpern

DANIEL RYAN WOLFBERG B'NEI MITZVAH FUND In Honor of:

Noah Wisnock's Bar Mitzvah, by Eli Noble Sarah Harmon's Bat Mitzvah, by Eli Noble

In Honor of:

Shaina Potash's Bat Mitzvah, by Eli Noble Jonathan Wojcik's Bar Mitzvah, by Eli Noble Corrinne Myers' Bat Mitzvah, by Eli Noble

YOUTH SOCIAL ACTION FUND In Honor of:

The Bat Mitzvah of Corrinne Myers, by Marcia & Marvin Frankel The college graduation of Simon Honig, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel The college graduation of Emily Cohen, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

Keep TBZ Beautiful

Do you have an interest in or expertise you can share gardening and landscaping? We would love your help in beautifying our TBZ grounds at either 805 Delaware Avenue or at the Broder Center. If are interested in being part of a group of volunteers to assist us in making TBZ beautiful, please contact Amy Schaefer at (716) 836-6565.

If gardening is not your forte but you would like to help by making a monetary donation, two funds that support these efforts are described below.

FUND FOCUS

Corinne F. & Michael F. Ellis Landscaping Fund

Resources for landscape projects at the Delaware Building and Aaron and Bertha Broder Center for Jewish Education.

Golden Friendship Garden Fund

Resources for landscape maintenance and upkeep of the Golden Garden at the Delaware Building.

Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

July 6 & 7

Estelle Alexander Ruth G. Chalmer Deborah Bleichfeld Cohen Heloise M. Cohen Michael P. Davis Henrietta F. Edelstein Bernice Yasinow Fogel Arthur I. Goldberg Ronald Waring Haughton Michael Heims Samuel Hornbein Ir. Rose Kirschenbaum Louis Levin Norman B. Lewis Edwin Franklin Mendleson

William Michaels Rudy S. Miller Dr. Edith Liebling Oestreich Ronald F. Phillipson Bessie Rosenblatt Nettie Scheur Sophie Siegel Charles Silverschatz Morris Soronson Louie Kempner Stein Jacob Stovroff Anna J. Weber Dr. Abraham L. Weil Leo Weinrieb Sol J. Weisselberg Melford Weissman Abraham Yablin

July 13 & 14

Irving Berger Manny Besso Jerome M. Chalmer Jeremy Cohen Abraham Daniels Ruth D. Ellis Madeline Epstein Dr. Leon E. Farhi Marvin Manuel Freedman Rhea B. Freedman Carl Frey Marjorie Block Friedman Nancy Stovroff Gordon Shirley Freedman Gummins Benjamin Gunzberg Dr. Charles B. Handel Abe Hittleman David Hurwitz Morris Jacobs Abraham E. Jacobson Sidney N. Kahn Dr. Alfred Kargen

Edna Kohn Peter Lazar Samuel M. Lederman Dora Levitan Benjamin E. Obletz, MD Esther Oestreich Augusta Riwchun Pauline Rodgers Tessie W. Rosenthal Ethel Wotiz Rubenstein Sadie Schuman Moanne Spindelman Mildred (Greenberg) Stern Samuel Sternberg Florence B. Strauss Arthur Victor Sr. **Benjamin Wallins** David Winer Florence Winer Edward I. Zolte, Esq Samuel Zolte

July 20 & 21

Jason M. Alder Cora Rosenberg Barmon Stella K. Cohen Eugene L. Daniels Samuel Desmon Mildred Edelman Tina Elmon Martin B. Fried Benjamin S. Goldman Kathryn M. Goldstein Freda Ballotin Shaffer Harris Freda Herman Sarah Kadish Rosylin S. Kahn **Evelyn Sperling** Levy

Sadie E. Nathan Marian Dreyfuss Newman Catherine H. Block Laura Rose (Block) Perlstein Harry Samuel Piver Norma Risman Rachel Rothenberg Esther (Lieberman) Sicherman Alfred B. Silverman Ann Warner Simon Roseabel H. Slohm Dr. Emil Sternberg Matilda W. Warner

July 27 & 28

Jack M. Berger Margie R. Berman Millard F. Brown Joseph Cohen Jerome D. Feinsinger Mildred Beck Gerstman Herman Goldman Phyllis Goodman Fanny Roblin Greenberg Clara G. Israel David Kardaman Blanche Kempner Esther Levy Milton H. Levy Joel Robert Liebling Jerome Livingston

Florence L. Louis Lester Markel Robert Marks Gloria Anne (Levi) Mayer Morris Milch William Moss Saul R. Myers Joseph H. Rosenthal Richard S. Ruslander Helen Maisel Cohen Selikoff Philip Stecker Samuel J. Weinstein **Ruth Saperston** Wolkind

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials A Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial has been established for

> Laurence Allen Levite by Sharon Levite and Family

We offer our condolences to the families of:

Eugene M. Setel Richard Lipsitz Sr. Myron "Mike" Siegel, Esq.





For information and registration, visit www.tbz.org

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