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Meet Rabbi Gutmann



If you haven't yet had an opportunity to meet Rabbi Brent Gutmann, please turn to page 4 for information on small group gatherings scheduled for September.

FOOD TRUCK
DINNER & OUTDOOR
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 DINNER 5:30 PM, SERVICE 7PM
TREAT YOURSELF AND FAMILY TO DINNER
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE FOOD TRUCK
EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE
PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 15 TO KRISTEN@TBZ.ORG
716.836.6565

Bagel Brunch



Please join us at Bagel Jay's for a social gathering. All members of the community are welcome to sit and schmooze. Purchase your own refreshments and join us!

Tuesday, August 16
9:30 to 11 AM
Bagel Jay's
Hopkins Road &
Plaza Drive



Chairs Announced For 2022-2023 Campaign

Temple President Kenneth Polk announced that Kenneth and Adrienne Graber will serve as Chairs of the 2022-2023 Kol Nidre Campaign.

The Kol Nidre Campaign raises critical funds for our TBZ family. Please check your September Bulletin for a message from Ken and Adrienne.



Letter from the President

I write this in late June as the Temple’s 2021-2022 Annual Meeting just concluded. Changes to the bylaws were approved, the 2022-2023 budget passed, and new board members were elected. We also looked back at a list of accomplishments from the past year and thanked many members for their contributions.

As I drove home, I began thinking about the year we are just beginning, and I thought about next year’s Annual Meeting. What would be my biggest accomplishment? Who would I be thanking? What would we be reflecting on 12 months from now that we, as a Temple community, would be most proud of? What might become this board’s legacy? And what would my tenure as president look like two years from now?

While some of those answers are still to be determined, I also thought about my key initiatives over this next year. Through our committees, we will focus on:

- Afghan Refugee Resettlement
- Life & Legacy
- Buildings
- Rabbinic Transition
- Strategic Planning

In addition, we are re-tooling our standing committees including Financial Planning, Personnel, Governance, and Ritual. We also have an active Museum Committee (wait until you see the changes at 805 Delaware which will be unveiled soon) and are focused on our Membership and Engagement Committee as well as our Lifelong Learning Committee.

To do this work effectively, we need the RIGHT PEOPLE, who are in it for the RIGHT REASONS. That is where you come in. What are your interests and passions? What gets you excited about being a part of TBZ and the Buffalo Jewish Community? How might you get involved?

Think about ways can you lend your time, talent or treasure and reach out to me at president@tbz.org. I can discuss the committee work in more detail with you, and then connect you with the committee chair. I’m also open to new ideas, programs, and committees. If you think of something that we as a Temple community should be doing, please reach out and let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

And who knows, maybe your involvement will be a part of our accomplishments when we look back at this year during next year’s Annual Meeting!

Ken Polk



General Information

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

All services are available remotely.

Links can be found in your weekly Temple email
and at www.tbz.org.

Friday, August 5

Shabbat Evening Service 6 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 6

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, August 12

Shabbat Evening Service 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 13

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, August 19

Food Truck Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Outdoor Shabbat Evening Service at Broder 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 20

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, August 26

Classical Shabbat Evening Service 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 27

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

**Please see our updated mask policy
for in-person gatherings on page 4.**

If you do not currently receive the weekly email
from Temple Beth Zion and would to sign up, contact
Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565.



Letter from the Rabbi

Our Most Sacred Possession

A story is told of a small shtetl long ago that was attacked by bandits. They held the town hostage in the town hall. There, the bandits demanded all the wealth of the shtetl.

The people cried, "Do not hurt us, for we are poor."

Yet, the bandits pressed, "You must have something of value."

Two men stepped forward and shared, "If you agree to leave these people in peace, we will bring you a chest filled with our most sacred possession."

The bandits agreed and so the men went off. Some time later, the two men came back carrying a heavy trunk. They set it upon a table and opened it. Inside it was filled to the brim with books of wisdom and one aged Torah scroll, the most precious belongings of all.

We have had much taken from us, and recent times have been particularly full of challenges. Most of us have lost something. Some of us have lost more than others, but none of us are not lost.

Beginning this past month, Temple Beth Zion, for the first time since the start of the pandemic, began reading regularly from the Torah scroll in the Sisterhood Chapel. For me, this opportunity and occasion to gather again on Saturday mornings as a *minyán* has equaled any other since my arrival to Temple Beth Zion. The joy I saw on the faces of those who gathered in person and online; the feelings of warmth and inclusion, of sacred community and harmony. The positivity as we began a new chapter was impalpable.

Certainly, our work has only begun. We have relationships to rebuild; hurts to heal, and this will take time. Yet, as we tenderly returned the Torah following the reading, our most valuable treasure, we called out as we always have, *chadesh yameinu k'kedem*, renew our days like they were before. O God, restore us to our former position, and help us to rebuild your loving house of Zion, hand in hand, heart to heart.

So much rebuilding is happening right now. We have a wonderful fresh Temple Board, with new ideas and new energy. We have a reinvigorated staff excited for what the future might bring, and we have congregants who want to see our Temple restored to strength – a new strength that brings Torah to a new era filled with innovation, imagination, and hope.

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Meet Rabbi Gutmann

The Rabbinic Transition Team has scheduled dates in September for small group gatherings for Rabbi Gutmann to meet with TBZ members. These "Meet and Greets" will offer Rabbi Gutmann an opportunity to share a bit about himself, answer questions and get to know you as well.



The Team has selected a variety of locations and also a virtual meeting to provide settings that meet the needs of all our congregants. Advance registration is required.

September Meet and Greets include:

Monday, September 12, from 7 - 8 pm., at the Broder Center

Wednesday, September 14, from 7 - 8 p.m., at 805 Delaware

Sunday, September 18, from 2 - 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

Registration is available now at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA5AD2AAAF5C25-meet> or by calling Kristen at (716) 836-6565. If your preferred date/location is filled, Kristen can add your name to a list so we can contact you once additional dates are scheduled.

Cindy Stover (thestovers@gmail.com)

Kathy Ellis (ellis-donner@ecc.edu)



We are thrilled to be back in our spiritual home at 805 Delaware for High Holy Day Services. High Holy Day information will be mailed soon. Please be sure to watch your mail and email for details on the following and more. If you do not receive your mailing by August 10, or if you have questions regarding High Holy Days, please contact the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.

The mailing will include:

- The service schedule
- The registration form for the Alternate Rosh Hashanah Service at Becker Farms
- The form for the Book of Remembrance (also included at right)
- Out-of-town guest and courtesy ticket request information

Cantor Ted Labow Returns as High Holy Day Cantor

Ted Labow will again serve as our High Holy Day Cantor. So many of you mentioned last year how much you enjoyed Cantor Labow's rich voice and commanding presence. We are pleased to have him with us again.



Go Team!



In June, the Temple staff, along with special guest, Gail Lewis, had a wonderful team day. Breakfast together, followed by some rounds of putt-putt golf and arcade games at Adventure Landing. We'd tell you who won, but we didn't keep score.

Mask Policy for In-Person Gatherings

Based on the current conditions in our community and in accordance with guidance from the CDC and the Erie County Department of Health, TBZ announces that **masks, although appreciated, are no longer required for attendance at worship and other synagogue events.** This policy became effective June 30. Recognizing that there are those in our congregation who may be more vulnerable than others, masking, vaccination, and other responsible behaviors are encouraged. As we move forward with a careful return to in-person congregational life, we hope that you and your family will stay up-to-date with your vaccinations. We also thank you for staying at home if you are unwell and/or have flu/cold-like symptoms (COVID or otherwise). We expect all congregants and visitors to be respectful of each other's decisions.

Our TBZ Covid Task Force will continue to meet as needed to reassess the situation and will keep you well-informed of any and all changes.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE 2022/5783

Among the ways we honor our loved ones in memory is by producing our Book of Remembrance each year at the High Holy Days.

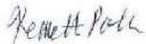
This year our TBZ Book of Remembrance will be available at the afternoon service and on our website, or mailed to you. Each book will list the names of those you wish to memorialize, followed by your name and the names of others wishing to remember the same loved one.

As in prior years, we ask that you enclose a donation of \$54.00 for three (3) or fewer names being memorialized and \$72.00 for four (4) or more names. ****If you would like your book mailed to you please include \$2.00 for the cost of postage.**

We thank you in advance for your generosity. Please enclose a check or you can pay with a credit card by including that information below.

Please use the form below to designate the names to be listed in this year's edition. All information **MUST** be at the Temple office **by September 12, 2022** so that the editing and printing can be completed on time.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Polk
Temple President

Please return entire form with payment by September 12, 2022

Please enter the following name(s) in the "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE" (**please print**)

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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***Please specify if you would like the book mailed to you or you. _____ Mail*

(Use reverse side for additional names)

Please print your name exactly as you want it to appear in the book.

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Annual Meeting Review & Farewell

For those of you who could not attend or view the Temple Beth Zion Annual Meeting on June 23rd, I share a recap of the evening.

I invited Andrew Shaevel, head of our Governance Committee, to lead the meeting. We began with a prayer, led by Clergy Associate Judy Henn.

Cindy Stover represented Sisterhood and shared some of the year's highlights and plans for the coming year. A generous donation check was presented to Temple Beth Zion on behalf of the TBZ Sisterhood, bringing their total support for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to more than \$5,600.

Kathy Ellis joined Cindy to share information on some of the many events planned to welcome Rabbi Gutmann. Cindy and Kathy are co-chairing the Rabbi Transition Task Force and they have been busy planning, with lots of volunteer and staff support, events that will allow all congregants the opportunity to meet Rabbi Gutmann and his family.

I presented my President's report. I won't go into long detail, but I would like to share one invitation I made that evening. TBZ members will not see a dues increase in the coming year. That being said, I invite you to, figuratively speaking, "take your temple out for coffee" once per week. That \$5 cup of Starbucks after one full year = \$260. Can you take your Temple to coffee?

Ken Graber presented the annual Treasurer's report. He then opened the floor to questions regarding the operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, as approved by the Financial Planning Committee. The budget was approved by the congregation as presented.

Andrew Shaevel, on behalf of the Governance Committee, introduced the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees: Jennifer Field, Joni Shatkin, Barry Singer and Samantha White for three-year terms ending in June 2025; Kerri Blabac and Larry Rubin, for two-year terms ending in June 2024; and David Gordon and Aaron Mango for one-year terms ending in June 2023.

The slate of nominees was approved. Andy shared that Cindy Stover and Errol Sull will continue as representatives of Sisterhood and Brotherhood respectively and David Goldberg will now serve as Past President.

Andy thanked the members of the Governance Committee; Julie Weinberg, Ellen Weiss, Phil Glick, Daniel Kotzin, Howard Rosenhoch, David Brock and Ken Polk for working together with him to assemble a wonderful slate of nominees who will bring new ideas, energy and enthusiasm to the TBZ Board.

We recognized a number of trustees who are leaving the board, but not leaving us. Adam Field, Daniel Kotzin, Toby Laping, Amelida Weinmann, Lewis Shaevel and Julie Weinberg have all served their terms on the board, and we appreciate all their time and dedication. Andrew Shaevel is also stepping down as head of the Governance committee, and I cannot thank him enough for all his service.

There was some discussion regarding the next agenda item, updating our TBZ bylaws. Most of the revisions are minor language corrections, and the rest allow the board a little more flexibility with regard to the number of board seats. A question was raised about the seats on the Board for our Temple Auxiliaries. The response to the question was that it is the responsibility of Sisterhood, Brotherhood and TBaZY to select their representatives to serve on the Board of Trustees. If there is not a designee of an auxiliary, the Board, in consultation with the Governance Committee, may choose to fill that Trustee position with a Member of the Congregation for a term of one year.

The congregation voted to approve the changes to the Temple Beth Zion bylaws.

I then shared Rabbi Sharon Sobel's farewell remarks and blessings for the future of Temple Beth Zion before turning things over to Ken Polk who shared a bit about his vision and hopes for the future.

As directed by the bylaws, the Board had a brief meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting to select their Officers for 2022-2023. The Board accepted the Governance Committee recommendations for the following: President - Kenneth Polk; Vice Presidents - Kenneth Graber, Sharon Schwartz, Stephen Yonaty; Treasurer - Laurence Rubin; Secretary - Robin Ostrov.

Finally, I would like to address the membership of Temple Beth Zion. Thank you for your steadfast devotion to this synagogue through a very turbulent time. Thank you for staying the course and your understanding as we navigated a myriad of issues, including a pandemic. We are about to embark on a new chapter in our storied history. Rabbi Gutmann is ready to get to work. Ken Polk and the Board are ready to get to work. This is the time for new hope, and renewed enthusiasm for our congregation.

It has been an honor to serve as president. And I look forward to our future.

Respectfully,
David Goldberg
Immediate Past President

To our TBZ community:

Many of you already know me from TBZ, Community Religious School, and the JCC. I am proud and excited to share that I am now stepping into a new role as TBaZY Advisor. I've been getting to know our teens at the Temple as I have provided music for this past Confirmation class ceremony, actively participated in Buffalo Jewish Teen Initiative (JTI) events, and have been the Cantorial Soloist for many of our B'nei Mitzvah over the past year. Some of my other roles in our Buffalo community include serving as Songleader at the Community Religious School and Music "Shirah" Specialist at Camp Centerland.



My hopes for TBaZY are to build up a group of teens who take pride in calling Temple Beth Zion home and want to bring our own TBZ "ruach" (energy) to our larger Buffalo Jewish community. I want our group to be active and engaged in our city and regional Jewish youth groups and also here at our TBZ home. It's important that we take pride in social action activities (mitzvah projects, collecting donations on Yom Kippur) while also kicking back, relaxing, and having fun in our Jewish community with friends. I hope to bring an active and fun energy to TBaZY where our teens are comfortable knowing they can truly be themselves. Ultimately, our teen members will be determining the specific activities we do as a program; my goal is to instill that "ruach" and help guide them where they want to go.

TBaZY's calendar of events will begin in September/October after getting input from our members. You can find me at our TBZ Food Truck Shabbat on August 19 at the Broder Center. I'm excited my folk rock band "Whether the Weather" will be playing for dinner and Shabbat. Hope to speak with you there!

L'shalom,
Zack Steinberg
youth@tbz.org



David Goldberg and Kristen Keil use their muscles to load donations at the Broder Center. The donations were for the first family settled through the Afghan Refugee Resettlement.

To Kory Bluman and Cait Dannecker on their June wedding. Kory and Cait exchanged vows in a lovely ceremony held at O'Briens Sleepy Hollow in East Aurora. Kory's parents are Laurie and Beny Bluman. Cait's parents are Lucy and Don Dannecker.

Taking Temple to Coffee

Hello –

For those of you who do not know me, I'm Bob Klein. My family have been members of TBZ for decades and my four sons were raised at Beth Zion.

I watched the TBZ Annual Meeting in June, as I do every year. This year, outgoing President David Goldberg made an interesting "ask". He asked if it would be possible for TBZers to "take their Temple to coffee" once a week. Not everybody at once, of course - that would make one heck of a line at Starbucks! If you "took your Temple to coffee" once per week, over the course of the year that would amount to around \$260.



Yes, I can take my Temple family and friends to coffee. I sent my check (marked coffee for TBZ) and I invite you to do the same.

Bob Klein

Afghan Refugee Resettlement News

We are thrilled to announce that our first Afghan Refugee family is settled into their new apartment in the Riverside area. A group of dedicated TBZ volunteers cleaned and set up this new home for a Mom, Dad, daughter and son.

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who made this possible for the newest residents of Western New York. Welcoming the stranger is a core principle of Judaism and a profound experience.

We expect to hear any day now about our second family and what their needs will be. It will likely be on short notice and we are prepared to respond as needed.

If you are able to help by volunteering or by donating furniture, household items, and/or basic essentials, please contact Halli Glina at (716) 553-8883.

Co-Presidents Message

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) has been planning for the **2022-23 year**. Sisterhood's goals are to help our Temple, the Buffalo community and to connect to other women worldwide through WRJ.

We hope you will join us for:

Bagel Brunch Tuesday, August 16 at Bagel Jay's Hopkins Road and Plaza Dr. 9:30-11AM. Purchase your food and join us for conversation.

Already this year:

We had a successful Opening Membership Luncheon on July 12, with Rabbi Gutmann as our guest speaker. See photos on page 12.

At our "Book Nook" on July 14 we discussed the Book Friday the Rabbi Slept Late By Harry Kemelman. We hope you will join us for our next "Book Nook".

We also had a Sisterhood table at the TBZ Summer Celebration on Monday, August 1.

To get more information about our programs, watch the TBZ Bulletin's Sisterhood Page, make sure you are getting the Sisterhood weekly emails from Carole, and check out the temple calendar on the TBZ Web site. We will have more programs that will hopefully pique your interest.

We are always looking for familiar and new faces so become a Sisterhood member. The Membership mailing was sent in June and should be in your house already.

Sisterhood supports many aspects of our temple; we hope you'll become a member!

Watch for more programs to happen this coming year!

Any questions? Please contact one of us.

Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757
Susan Bruckheimer (716) 982-2099
Cindy Stover (716) 803-2884

Reminder

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.

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

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Mah Koreh B'CRS? (What's Happening at CRS)

The word "b'yachad" in Hebrew means "together". One can see/hear the root of that word contains the Hebrew word "echad" or "one". B'yachad is literally doing things "as one".

The Community Religious School is entering its second year, with increased programming for students, parents, and families! Our first year, even with the challenges of COVID, demonstrated that when we are all B'yachad, together, working and learning, with each other and from each other, we achieve success. B'yachad, we make a bigger difference!

Plans for the first fully (hopefully) in person school year, include collaboration of programming with TBZ, CSS, TBT, JCC, CJL, Jews with disabilities, Jewish seniors and even a potential Washington trip for 7th-8th graders. The Ganeinu program for Pre-K children will continue monthly. I am very excited to share that this year, our students in 1st and 2nd grades will be participating in the 1-on-1 Hebrew tutoring. That initiative has been so successful! Additionally, the *Madrichim* volunteer program for 8th - 12th graders will continue with a greater emphasis for social interaction opportunities

By the time you read this newsletter (which is written July 1st!) I am hopeful that our on-line registration and school calendar would be in your inbox. As well, stay tuned for our own CRS website which will provide up-to-date information for our current and prospective families. I am appreciative to the parents and community members who have reached out to me with names and contact information for numerous unaffiliated young families to join our school. I look forward to seeing new and old faces on Sunday, September 11, for our opening day!

I want to wish Beth Steinberg, my past co-director continued success with her new position as Director of Member Experience at TBZ. Regardless of our change in titles, Beth will continue to be my colleague and dear friend.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer!

Please feel free to reach out any time. My number is (716) 574-6016 and email for now is Symons.einav@gmail.com

L'shalom B'yachad

Einav Symons

Community Religious School Director



We invite all the men of the TBZ to join and contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs. If you are a Brotherhood member, please continue your membership and if you are not, what are you waiting for? Our 2022-2023 membership mailing will be sent out this month. When you receive it, please take a few minutes to return it with your dues. Or, if you'd rather not wait, you can send your check for annual Brotherhood dues (\$25) to Norm Weingarten, 41 Carriage Hill West, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Please remember that all funds raised through fundraisers or programs go back to the Temple to help fund Temple operations, programs, scholarships, and more.

Thank you for your previous support of Brotherhood. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

Our Most Sacred Possession

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We have lost much, but we are not lost. I am not lost with you and we are never lost with Torah.

So, we look forward with anticipation to seeing our days renewed ever more so. Last month, 805 Delaware was repainted and newly carpeted, and in less than two months, we will gather in person and online to observe the *yamim noraim*, the High Holy Days, in our sanctuary. I am excited to share that Cantor Ted Labow will be with us again this year, and we will be sharing more details in the coming weeks.

One more note before I conclude: I wish to thank the Temple Beth Zion family, for all the ways you have supported me as I have begun my rabbinate here. To the incredible staff and lay leadership for the ways they have rallied to do what is best for Temple Beth Zion and to help me succeed. To the remarkable congregants and community leaders who have hosted and attended meet and greets, gatherings, services, and who have extended their hands in partnership.

I am especially grateful for how you have helped my family following my wife Jill's slip and suffering of an olecranon fracture on our second night in Buffalo. Thank you for all your generous support and sympathy, and thank you for helping us have a sense of humor about it. Fortunately, she is on the mend. By the publication of this article, she should be out of a cast with permission for light normal use. She is expected to be fully back to normal by Labor Day.

Rabbi Brent Gutmann

rabbi@tbz.org

We Did It!

Temple Beth Zion will receive a \$5,000 incentive grant through our participation in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY® program. The grant recognizes having reached our legacy gift goal of 18 commitments during our first year.

The Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, in collaboration with the Buffalo Jewish Federation, launched this community-wide multi-year initiative in Buffalo in 2021. We look forward to building on our first-year success as we begin our second year.



LIFE & LEGACY® is a partnership program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that assists communities across North America, through partnerships with Jewish Federations and Foundations, to promote after-lifetime giving to build endowments that will sustain valued organizations and vibrant Jewish communities for the next generation and beyond.

We are grateful to those who have declared their intention to be a part of TBZ's legacy: Michael & Julie Weinberg, Kenneth & Cara Polk, Irving & Donna Levy, Jeff & Deborah Clark, Susan Freed, Lorne Steinhart, Howard Rosenhoch, Peggy Sullivan, Pauline Rogers, Laurence Rubin & Debra Chernoff, Peter & Amelida Weinmann, Janie Polk, Warren & Lynn Clark, Beth & Rick Steinberg, Janet Wisbaum, Edwin & Julie Feldman, Susan Goldberg, Andrew & Amy Shaevel and Sanford & Tizzy Schechter.

TBZ President Ken Polk shared that after a successful first year, legacy team members are also more confident and enthusiastic. "We are optimistic that year two will also be a success. This year will also be easier in many respects because more people in the community are realizing what LIFE & LEGACY is all about, how it allows donors to perpetuate Jewish life and make a lasting difference."

To learn more about about LIFE & LEGACY®, please contact Kenneth Polk at president@tbz.org, Jeff Clark at (716) 836-6565 or email legacy@jewishphilanthropies.org.

Presidential Transition

Following the June 23 Annual Meeting, the 2022-2023 Board met to select their Officers. Kenneth Polk (left) succeeds David Goldberg as the President of the Temple Beth Zion Board of Trustees.



What a Welcome!

Special thanks to everyone who helped make our Welcome Weekend a success. We had a wonderful turnout in person and via live stream to welcome Rabbi Brent Gutmann and his family.

The weekend began on July 1st with Happy Half Hour, Erev Shabbat Service and an Oneg reception. Saturday included Torah Study and Shabbat Service and a delicious Kiddush luncheon.

On Monday, July 4 we had an outdoor Snack and Schmooze. It was the perfect opportunity for individuals and families to welcome Rabbi Gutmann, his wife Jill, and their four delightful daughters to our TBZ family. Ken Graber chaired the event along with a great team of volunteers. Everyone enjoyed pizza, salad, treats from the ice-cream truck and a fantastic bubble show! The weather was perfect for outdoor activities.

There are so many volunteers to thank, starting with the Rabbinic Transition Team: Ken Graber, Susan Adelman, Anna Marie Richmond and Warren Clark

Thank you to the TBZ Board members Ken Graber, David Goldberg, Aaron Mango, Ken Polk, Larry Rubin, Sharon Schwartz, Julie Weinberg and Sam White, who served as greeters at services

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Welcome Weekend at TBZ

July 1 - July 4



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