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A New 'Spin' on the Family Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 14, at 11:30 a.m.
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road
Sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood

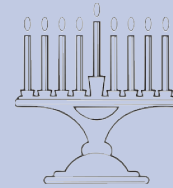


Food, games, activities and crafts
Don't miss it!!

Planning Committee: Heather Chick, Marnie Cerato,
Nina Lukin, Robin Ostrov and Amy Pecora

See page 7 for the details.

While We Light the Candles



At this season of festive gladness, Co-chairs Larry Rubin, Debra Chernoff, Grant Golden and Deborah Goldman thank you all for your contributions to this year's Kol Nidre Campaign.

Every gift matters, as we've said before,
but **yours** is the one that really counts!

If, by some chance, that pledge card is still on your desk, gathering dust, be a Chanukah hero and reply with generosity, while the candles are still burning brightly!

Chanukah Has Never Been More Festive!

Chanukah and Consecration Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, December 19, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

Join us for the Chanukah Service, led by our amazing TBaZY Youth Group.

During the service we will also welcome the youngest members of the community to our Religious School and the official beginning of their formal Jewish education.



Please join us for this special service, which includes the lighting of menorahs.
Bring your favorite Menorah.

See page 4 for even more details!

Kol Rina Choir Presents 'Memories of Winters Past'

Sunday, December 7, at 2 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue



Kol Rina, under the direction of Sebnem Mekinulov, is dedicated to sharing Jewish liturgical modern and popular music with all audiences. As an invited guest, Ezra Donner will perform with the choir and will also perform a piece from his new CD, "The American Piano."

Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the door.
Proceeds will benefit the choir.



Letter from the President

Help If You Can

In the past few weeks our congregants have been asked a few times to give to our annual Kol Nidre Campaign. There were requests from the pulpit at the High Holy Days—including an inspiring and clever poem from Co-chair Grant Golden. And you likely have received a call or calls from volunteers—including me—from two “phone-a-thons.”

I know many people find these appeals either annoying or unnecessary. I’m sure I felt that way for many years as everything went smoothly in my life. Then my business and personal finances collapsed. Some of you know the gory details, and I’m not ashamed of them—but they’re not the reason for this column. The truth is I couldn’t afford to pay any dues for a couple of years and only reduced dues for a few more. Thank God for all who had given to enable me and my family to remain proud members of Temple Beth Zion. Many, many of our members are in similar situations. If it weren’t for the generosity of ALL WHO GIVE – no matter the amount, there would be no Temple Beth Zion for them (or me).

Our dues simply do not cover the entire cost of maintaining the buildings, personnel and services we all want and need — when we want and need them. We need to conduct this annual campaign for each and every member to try to help with whatever they can or want to contribute. I never thought I would need to rely on the generosity of others — but I am so very grateful they were there when I did.

So when the phone rings, please remember the caller is a fellow congregant, reaching out to you to help if you can. They are donating their time and effort to help sustain our beloved Beth Zion. If you can give, please do. If you cannot, just tell them so. Other congregations we communicate with are amazed at the level of participation we reach. Thank you to each and every one who gives — and to all those who volunteer their time to help reach the levels we do.

L’ shalom
Warren E. Clark

Rabbi Adam Scheldt Is Guest on TV Program

Rabbi Adam Scheldt was invited to appear as a guest on the public service program “Aging Is for Everyone,” a public service show that focuses on positive news about aging. The theme for the November program was Giving Thanks, as experienced within Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions. Each of the three participants in the program discussed gratitude in relation to their respective religions.

The program originally aired November 22 on Channel 7. It will also be broadcast on Time Warner Cable every Monday in December at 5:30 p.m.



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Worship Opportunities

All worship services, except as noted,
are held at 805 Delaware Ave.

Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, December 4

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 5

Shabbat Alive Service @ Broder

7 p.m.

Birthday / Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, December 6

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Canterbury Woods Service

11 a.m.

Thursday, December 11

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12

Tot Shabbat @ Broder

5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service @ Delaware

7 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Nucheren

Thursday, December 18

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 19

Shabbat Chanukah & Consecration Evening Service

7 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Luca Toth

Friday, December 26

Shabbat Evening Service

7 p.m.

Classical Service

7 p.m.

Saturday, December 27

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Alive!

Friday, December 5, at 7 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

At **Shabbat Alive Family Services**, all generations come together in worship on the first weekend of every month. Shabbat Alive services often feature our TBZ band and our incomparable TBZ Junior Choir. At the Broder Center, we pray with our hands free and our hearts full as we use the Mishkan T'Filah prayerbook through an innovative presentation system called Visual Tefillah. Families and individuals from every generation are invited to participate and pray together as a community.



Letter from the Rabbi

Let There Be Light

As the days get shorter and the nights longer, we look forward to our Festival of Lights. I think it makes sense that we celebrate Chanukah at this time of year, because our inclination is always to bring light to darkness. And we are not alone in this approach. Cultures and spiritual traditions from around the world approach the Winter Solstice in a similar way; consider for example, the *evergreen* tree covered with lights for Christmas. In our own tradition, we are supposed to add to the light of Chanukah each night, so that the light grows faster than the dark. Even more, we are supposed to place our *hanukkiot* on our windowsills, so that the light can be seen not only in our homes but in the world.

When the world is dark, we need light – and this is so primal that it is reflected at the beginning of Torah, where light is the very first thing that God created. In fact, taking a closer look at the play of light in the Creation narrative can be quite revealing! (Sorry, I know it was a really bad pun, but I can't help myself). On the first day, God creates light, separating it from darkness. But God does not create the sun, the moon and the stars until the fourth day. The classical rabbinic commentators wondered: If there were no heavenly lights, then what kind of light did God create on the first day? The consensus was that it was a kind of light that we do not see.

I would suggest that this Chanukah we can reflect the image of God to each other by creating more than one kind of light ourselves. We can, of course, light the candles of our *hanukkiot*, and if you have more than one you can use them all! Also, you can bring your *hanukkiot* with you to our Shabbat/Chanukah/Consecration service on December 19 at 7 p.m. in our Delaware Avenue building. That said, there is another way we can bring light into the darkness, which is to help people who are in need. There are two ways in particular we can help this month. The first is to participate in our *Chanukah Night of Giving* on December 19 (yes that is during the same special service I just mentioned). All you have to do is to bring an unwrapped present to be donated to a local refugee child via Jewish Family Services. If you have children, please encourage them to bring an unwrapped present for a similar aged child.

The second way we can bring more light into the dark is to feed the hungry. As you probably already know, we are collaborating with Catholic Charities to open the Town Square Food Pantry, and we need more food. Our PALS (preschool) community has organized an Eight Generous Nights program, asking for specific donations on specific days. Specifically, we are seeking oils (olive, vegetable and corn), canned vegetables, cereal (hot and cold), grains (like rice and pasta), condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), canned soups, dried soup mixes, snack foods and sweet treats. For more information please contact Melissa Milch-Klein at PALS@tbz.org.

May we all celebrate the Festival of Lights with joy, and share that light with those who need it most.

Warm Regards,
Rabbi Gary Pokras

Insurance Reduction Class

Tuesday, December 2 and 9

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Broder Center

We are pleased to announce a terrific benefit. TBZ will be offering the New York State-approved motor vehicle insurance and point reduction program.

Receive 10% off your collision and liability insurance premium for three years and up to four points reduced from your driving record for 18 months. Attendees are less likely to have an accident or a moving violation after completing the workshop.

You must attend both sessions to get the certificate; it is a six-hour program. The cost of the program is \$30 per person for TBZ members and \$35 per person for non-members.

Classes will be taught by TBZ President Warren Clark. To register or ask questions, contact Kara Kane at 836-6565, Ext. 112, or kara@tbz.org. Class size is limited by state law, so **advance registration is required**.

Piyutim: Exploring Ancient Jewish Poetry

With Rabbi Adam Scheldt

You may be asking, what are *piyutim*? *Lecha Dodi* and *Adon Olam* are two examples that most contemporary Jews might be familiar with. Over the four sessions, we will examine the foundations of these medieval poems and others that come from Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. We will explore these poems through text study, melody and contemplative practice. Our goal is not only intellectual but also to cultivate meaning through these ancient texts.

Classes will be held on Thursdays, December 4 & 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road.

All classes are open to the community. For more information, contact Education Assistant Kara Kane, kara@tbz.org or 836-6565.

Women of the Book

Thursday, December 18, at 7 p.m.

Women of all ages and backgrounds are invited to join Cantor Penny Myers and Director of Lifelong Learning Susan Goldberg Schwartz as we discover how Jewish texts can provide a lens for understanding our lives as Jewish women today.

For the location of our meeting or to order a copy of the book, contact Education Assistant Kara Kane, 836-6565, Ext. 112.

WNY Jewish Community Trip to Israel

Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Tzedek are working together to plan an amazing Western New York trip to Israel. Details are still being finalized, but we can tell you that the trip dates are June 28 - July 9, 2015.

More information on the itinerary and pricing will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

*An Invitation From
The Pokras Family*

*With great joy we invite our entire
Temple Beth Zion family to share in our simcha
as our son*

Marshall Allen

*Is called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah*

*Saturday January 17, 2015
At Ten Thirty in the Morning
Temple Beth Zion
805 Delaware Avenue*

*Luncheon Reception following services
with Live Jazz, Klezmer and Dancing
in the Rabbi Fink Auditorium*

*Kindly RSVP by January 1 to:
marshallsmitzvah@gmail.com*

We welcome donations of non-perishable food items

Chanukah and Consecration Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, December 19, at 7 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

Join us for the Chanukah Service, led by our amazing TBaZY Youth Group. During the service we will also welcome the youngest members of the community to our Religious School and the official beginning of their formal Jewish education.

New this year, TBZ will participate in *Fifth Night*. Do you struggle with a way to make Chanukah meaningful for your kids without making it all about getting presents? This year, we will participate in *Fifth Night* – a national movement to dedicate one night of Chanukah to giving gifts rather than receiving them.

For *Fifth Night*, children are asked to bring an unwrapped present for a similar-age child. The present will be donated to a local refugee child via Jewish Family Service. All those in attendance will hear a little about what a large difference their gift will make and receive a certificate and small token acknowledging their generosity. Adults are welcome to bring gifts as well.

The event is a fun and simple way to add spirituality and meaning to our Chanukah celebrations. It is a concrete way to teach children how the lights of Chanukah can truly light the world. We very much hope you can join us in this new TBZ tradition.

This special Chanukah service includes the lighting of menorahs. Bring your favorite menorah.

Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus To Perform at Temple Beth Zion

The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus will perform its holiday concert, "Merry and Bright," on Saturday, December 6, at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue. The concert will feature a guest performance by Temple Beth Zion's own Cantor Penny Myers.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$18 students/seniors/disabled. Tickets are available at www.buffalogaymenschorus.org or at the door. This event is open to the entire Western New York community.

Mitzvah Makers Needed

Friends of Night People has been serving meals and providing essential support services daily to the homeless, destitute and working poor in our community for over 30 years.

Who: 10 volunteers

When: 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on December 25

Where: 394 Hudson St., Buffalo.

What: Serve dinner to guests and clean up

To volunteer, contact Tina at 836-6565, Ext. 132.

Please note: Due to Friends of Night People restrictions, no one under 16 years of age is allowed to participate here. If you are unable to come and serve, but are interested in preparing cookies, please call Tina at 836-6565 for details.



Family Promise

We were honored to assist Family Promise at Crossroads Lutheran Church in October. Family Promise is an interfaith organization providing transitional housing for homeless families with children.

On Wednesday, October 8, volunteers Jody Goldstein, Matthew Eichhorn, Elaine Klein, Sharon Meer and Leslie Garfinkel brought food and enjoyed time with the families. On Thursday, October 9, Amy Heumann, Eileen Mullaney, Lynn Klein and Clareanne Silver volunteered. We are truly indebted to these people for donating their skills and their time. A week later, one of the families was placed in their own home.

We will assist again the week of December 26 to January 2. If you have not volunteered yet, please consider joining us. It would be wonderful if some families would join us. Please contact me at swiner4@gmail.com if you are interested.

Sharon Winer

Baking Affinity Group

Do you love to bake but don't want to have those sweets around to tempt you? Here's the perfect solution... bake that cake or cookies and bring them to Temple for an oneg. If you want more information on how we can help each other, contact me at laurie725@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 208-6233.

We will be baking for the first Friday of each month. If you baked last year, be on the lookout for an email.

Laurie Criden

Be a Shabbat Greeter

At TBZ, we have two dozen well-informed and wonderfully dedicated Shabbat Greeters, who volunteer once each month to help raise the spirit of our congregational worship experiences. Taking turns usually in groups of three or four each week, greeters express their good wishes, and offer direct assistance to our members and guests prior to, during and following our weekly Shabbat worship. Rabbi Pokras recently recognized our greeters at a "Thank You!" luncheon, exclaiming appreciation for their dedicated efforts, as well as the outcomes they achieve every week.

The successes TBZ Shabbat Greeters have had during the nearly two and a half years of the TBZ Hospitality Initiative are certainly worthy of appreciation, by us as well as the leadership and general membership of Temple Beth Zion.

However, we currently need more volunteers, to allow coverage of additional points of contact recently shown to enhance the Shabbat worship experience.

Whatever your Shabbat worship preference, we hope you'll ask to receive more information on just what our Shabbat Greeters do. Based on our own experiences and those of our current Shabbat Greeters, we're confident you'll find greeting our members and guests to be easy to do, a lot of fun and personally enriching.

Please express your interest to any of our clergy or contact Linda and/or Carl Snitzer at (716)626-1084 or lindasnitzer@gmail.com, or Madalyn Fliesler at (716)392-1127 or Madfliesler@gmail.com, coordinators of our TBZ Hospitality Initiative.



Bakers, Drivers Needed

The Caring Community will be making Chanukah baskets and delivering them to our members at nursing homes and those who find it hard to get around in the winter months.

We really need your help baking and delivering baskets!

Please call Tina at 836-6565, Ext.132, if you are able to participate. Bags will be packed on Friday, December 12. And on Sunday, December 14, the bags will be delivered after Religious School.



New Members

Michael & Dayna Hecker

Michael & Kaarsten Wisnock

Matthew Schwartz

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Thursday, December 25; Friday, December 26; Thursday, January 1; and Friday January 2.

PALS Organizes 8 Generous Nights



Our PALS community of children, families and teachers has organized an Eight Generous Nights program. We invite you to join us in helping fill the shelves of the Town Square Food Pantry. Please consider donations for any or all of the following starting with the first candle of Chanukah, December 16:

- 1st Candle – Oil (vegetable, olive, corn)
- 2nd Candle – Canned vegetables
- 3rd Candle – Cereal (hot, cold, granola, etc.)
- 4th Candle – Grains, rice, pasta
- 5th Candle – Condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, etc.)
- 6th Candle – Canned soup or dry soup mixes
- 7th Candle – Snack foods (pretzels, popcorn, goldfish)
- 8th Candle – Sweet treats (cookies, cake mixes, brownie mixes)

Donations can be brought to the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road. If you have questions, contact Melissa Milch-Klein at 836-6565, Ext. 139 or PALS@tbz.org.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 12, at 5:45 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Tot Shabbat services are designed for children ages 2–8 and their families. We celebrate Shabbat through song, prayer, stories and craft activities.

PALS Open House

Come and see us in action! Incoming 2-year-olds and parents can visit on Thursday, January 29, between 10 a.m. and noon. Incoming 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds and their parents can visit on Friday, January 30, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Watch your January Bulletin for more details.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity allows less-fortunate families to enjoy a festive holiday meal.

Consecration 2014/5775

Each year we welcome our students in kindergarten – third grade who are beginning their religious studies at Temple Beth Zion. The ceremony used in Reform congregations to mark the beginning of formal Jewish education is called Consecration. At the Consecration service, the students will sing a number of prayers and songs, are called to the bima for a special blessing by the Rabbi and are given a small replica of a Torah to symbolize the start of their own study of Torah. This year, Consecration will take place on **Friday, December 19**, during our Chanukah Shabbat Service at the TBZ Delaware Building.

B'nai Mitzvah Projects

Becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is an important milestone in a young person's Jewish education. But what does it actually mean to "become" a Bar/Bat Mitzvah? That is the question all of our students are asked as they begin their formal B'nai Mitzvah preparations. To help them understand the additional responsibilities that are expected of them as they become young Jewish adults, they are each asked to take on a special Mitzvah project. We try to help them create a project by remembering A-E-I-O-U*:

Active – Take an active role in making the project happen, i.e., contacting a local organization, collecting items in their school or neighborhood to be donated.

Engaging – The project should be one that you want to be involved with, that includes your interests, hobbies and values.

Influential – Can you make a difference in people's lives through your project? Can you get others to help you?

Ongoing – The project should take place over a period of months and, hopefully, will continue past your Bar/Bat Mitzvah!

Unique – Be creative and design a project that hasn't been done before; make this YOUR project!

Through creating and putting into practice a project that is meaningful to them, we believe that our students will develop the habit of doing mitzvot throughout their lifetime.

** From the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Handbook, by Rabbi Steven M. Bob and Lisa Bob Howard*

Upcoming Events

Play And Learn School

Dec 12	Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m., Broder Center
Dec 17	PALS Chanukah Celebration at 11:30 a.m.
Dec 22 –	Jan 3 Winter Break – PALS closed PALS resumes on January 5, 2015

Religious School

Dec 5	Shabbat Alive @ Broder!
Dec 7	Sunday Tots P.A.S.S. – Mysticism: Kabbalah Chanukah Bazaar
Dec 14	P.A.S.S. – Mysticism: Contemporary Practice Chanukah Bazaar
Dec 19	Consecration/Family Chanukah& Shabbat Service @ Delaware
Dec 21 – Jan 4	Winter break – No RS classes RS classes resume on January 6, 2015

Building Friendships

Nine of our young people in Grades 8-11 attended the NFTY-NEL Fall Kallah/Jr Youth Group Kallah at Camp Fitch, Pa., on November 14-16. I was able to be there, too – watching the impressive, energetic worship learning activities, games, and song and dance sessions planned and led entirely by young people. Our teens had a great time building Jewish knowledge, memories and friendships with Jewish youth from all over Western New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio as well as Eastern Ontario. Ask me or any of them about how much fun they had and how your child can attend one of these formative events. The next one, for Grades 9-12, will be Winter Kallah, a home-hosted event in Toronto. This event will be put on by Temple Emanu-el and members, and is based around core NFTY Values of Social Action and Tikkun Olam. All Winter Kallah participants will be hosted by members of the local community in host homes.

TBaZY Jr continues to have a lot of fun. Our program on November 20 after Religious School included a dinner and a movie, the creation of a Mitzvah project to grace the Thanksgiving tables at Weinberg Campus, and decorating turkey cupcakes to eat and take home. Don't miss our December 7 Chanukah Party after Sunday Religious School, where we'll make Chanukah treats and decorations and celebrate together. RSVP to youth@tbz.org.

I've enjoyed getting to know your wonderful children. I'm always looking for parents to help out at TBaZY Jr events, so please think about letting me know you will give me a hand and have the opportunity to watch your own children firsthand having fun and making Jewish friends. I'm always around on Wednesday nights at Hebrew High and also on Thursday nights for Religious School.

Happy Chanukah!
Nancy Spector

Achim Meets December 14

The next Achim program will begin at 10 a.m. on December 14 at the Weinberg Campus in the Meadows Meeting area. This program will feature the Junior Choir performing Chanukah songs under the direction of Cantor Penny Myers. This annual program is one of the residents' favorites and is highly anticipated and well-attended. Weinberg Campus provides a very generous breakfast buffet. The January 11 program will feature Errol Sull as the guest speaker. Please show your support of the Brotherhood by attending our programs, by attending Achim and assisting in our fund-raising efforts.

Please feel free to contact the Brotherhood at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fund-raising, further information on Brotherhood or any other Brotherhood issue.

Thank you for your previous support, and we look forward to your continued support in this year.

Sincerely,
Philip Chazen

Ellie Nucherenen
Saturday, December 13

Daughter of: Lou and Barbara Nucherenen
Mitzvah Project: Weinberg Campus



Luca Toth
Saturday, December 20
Son of: Jeremy Toth & Nava Fader

Kesher Chili Cook-Off

Do You Have Your Spice On?

Saturday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for the fifth annual Kesher Chili Cook-Off at the home of Jessica & Frank Altman, 8889 Lake Glen Court, Clarence Center. We'll make the corn bread and supply the chips and salsa. You bring the chili you think rocks the world (or just your stomach) in a crockpot and something to drink.

R.S.V.P. to Jessica Meyers Altman at 741-2611 or veghead18@gmail.com, or to Tina at tina@tbz.org or 836-6565.

Kesher is a group of people in their 20s to mid-40s who get together for social events throughout the year. If you have ideas or suggestions, contact Jessica (see above) or Cantor Penny S. Myers at pennysmyers@tbz.org.

A New 'Spin' on the Family Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 14, at 11:30 a.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood



Fun for everyone!

Food, games, activities and crafts

\$5 per person/\$20 max per family

Kids under 2 are free

We also encourage you to bring a donation for the Town Square Food Pantry

Fill in the form below and drop it off at the Broder Center to sign up or go to the Temple Beth Zion Facebook page and R.S.V.P. under the events tab or sign up on the "Happening Now" page at www.tbz.org

Advance registration preferred by December 7

Name: _____ Phone: _____

children _____ # adults _____

Sisterhood 'Wrap' Session

TBZ Sisterhood will run a "wrap" session at Barnes & Noble's Niagara Falls Boulevard store in Amherst on Wednesday, December 24. This fund-raiser earns money toward our commitments to Temple Beth Zion and Sisterhood. Come, chat and laugh with some of the nicest people you could meet anywhere.

Call Ellen Capell, 639-0166, to sign on for the hours most convenient for you. At least three people are needed during each hour.

Sip and Paint

Sunday, February 8, at 1 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Enjoy a great afternoon of painting, noshing and drinking, and socializing. Show your creative talents and have fun on a winter Sunday afternoon. Have a get-away to socialize with friends, have some wine, eat delicious desserts and drink coffee and tea. At the end of the event, you take home your painting all ready to be framed and hung.

The event is limited to 40 people, so advance reservation will be required. Look for the insert in the January Bulletin to reserve your easel!

If you have any questions, call Jane at 632-3835.

Oneg Bakers

We have once again started baking for our Onegs on Friday nights. Sisterhood bakes on the fourth Friday of the month. Our bakers for October were: Errol Sull, Getelle Rein, Jane Goorevich, Sharon Beckman and Elaine Klein. Thank you for the delicious items that you baked for us. If you are interested in baking for the Onegs please get in touch with me. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the fourth Friday in December to sample our delectable treats.

Sharon Winer

Special Thanks

Our annual Election Day Games Galore is over for another year. All those who attended had a fun day. Our programs would not be successful if we didn't receive the wonderful support from our Sisterhood board and members. Our programs are open to everyone, and guests are encouraged to come. A special thank-you to Kaaren Norman, Elaine Klein, Lynn Klein and the many wonderful members who prepared food, baked goods, brought the extras and also brought card tables to make our day special.

During the event, the winner of the Turkey Dinner raffle was drawn. Congratulations to Robin Ostrov! Jonny C's will provide Robin and nine of her guests with a delicious meal. In addition, Jonny C's donates dinner for 10 to a family recommended by our clergy.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of Jonny C's and thank all of those who purchased raffle tickets!

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Special Hours for Chanukah:

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December 8 - 12 and December 15 - 19

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
December 10 and 17

Chanukah Bazaar! Sundays, December 7 and 14

Many new items, menorahs, new jewelry, toys and great Chanukah gifts!

The Chanukah Bazaar is a wonderful opportunity for the students of our Religious School to purchase Chanukah gifts.

If you can help at the Bazaar, please contact Lynn Klein at 689-9207. You don't have to be a member of Sisterhood to help.

Please Support Your Temple Gift Shop



The TBZ Sisterhood team braved cold, wind and rain to walk in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on October 18. Many thanks to Warren Clark for the TBZ hats and to Sharon Winer for the bright pink boas for our walkers. So far we raised over \$1,300, and you can still help us get to our goal of \$1,500! We would welcome your contribution check, made out to the "American Cancer Society" to Carole Weingarten, 41 Carriage Hill West, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Our walkers included (left to right): Amy and Eduardo Heumann, Sharon Winer, Sharon Meer, Pattie Abeles (partially hidden behind Sharon Meer), Carole Weingarten, Jody Goldstein, Ellen Zucker, Lynn Klein, Marilyn Schillroth, Sue Newman, Clareanne Silver.

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

Phyllis Balsom's recovery, by Liz Freedman
Carolyn & Sandy Medwin's new home, by Liz Freedman

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In Memory of:

Miram Hoffman, the Barlow Family, Adelle Yosim, Shirley Rekoon, Cindy & Shelley Hirsch
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In Appreciation of:

Ken Graber for the tour of the Temple, by St. Philip the Apostle Church
Ken Graber for the tour of the Temple, by St. Gregory the Great Church

In Honor of:

Beverly & Freddie Isenberg's 50th anniversary, by Sharon & Sandy Beckman
Alan Carrel's retirement, by Lynda & Bernard Freedman

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In Memory of:

Nancy Golden, by Lucille & Larry Sherlick,
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Donald Day, by Janet & David Desmon and Howard & Valerie Rosenhoch
Zelda Faitelson Applebaum, by Janet & David Desmon

Michelle Wexler, by Dick & Sharon Wexler
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In Appreciation of:

The Honor of Participation in High Holiday Services, by Howard, Valerie & David Rosenhoch

In Honor of:

Herman Stone's special birthday, by Larry Rubin & Deborah Chernoff
Dr. & Mrs. Herman Stone's 65th wedding anniversary, by Larry Rubin & Deborah Chernoff
Phyllis Goldstein's big birthday, by Mark & Laurie Criden

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In Memory of:

Franklin Zeplovitz, by Beverly Levin

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In Memory of:

Dvorah Joseph, by Doris Bookbinder

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In Honor of:

Bette Davidson's retirement, by Ginny Kaufmann & Harold Macoff

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In Memory of:

Zelda Faitelson Applebaum, by Eve Feigelis & Jerry Faitelson

In Honor of:

The marriage of Jonah Richmond & David Olson, by Gary & Anna Marie Richmond

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Gary Pokras' service for Donald Day, by his family
Rabbi Adam Scheldt's service for Marshall J. Brown, by Deborah Williams

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of:

David Norman's special birthday, by Lynda & Bernard Freedman

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Gary Pokras for officiating at our annual remembrance service, by Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo
Cantor Penny Meyers for her participation in Kristallnacht, by Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo

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In Memory of:

Dr. Joseph Valente, by Marcia Valente
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Benny Wiseman, by Sam & Marie Levy Meyers

In Honor of:

Alan Carrel's retirement from UB Law School, by Ron & Sharon Meer

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In Honor of:

David Desmon's big birthday, by Seena Singer

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In Memory of:

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Lauren Bloomberg & Family, Marilyn & Jim Schillroth, Vickie & Mitch Rubin, Nancy & Larry Birzon, Marvin & Roberta Galler

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In Memory of:

Benny Wiseman, by Shellie Rutstein

In Honor of:

Marilyn Schillroth's recovery by, Lucille & Larry Sherlick

Herman Stone's birthday, by Dolores Frankel

Herman & Peggy Stone's 65th anniversary, by Dolores Frankel

TOWN SQUARE FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of:

Sylvia Knight, by Alan & Barbara Mollot

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Recycling TBZ CDs

Cantor Myers is collecting old Temple Beth Zion CDs that you no longer need to recycle for students. For example, B'nai Mitzvah CDs, Shabbat Shira, Cantillation, Consecration, etc.

Please drop them off at our Broder Center so that they can be recycled and/or redistributed.

Reform Judaism Magazine

We have been informed by the Union for Reform Judaism that it will no longer publish the quarterly Reform Judaism Magazine. The decision was made after the final (October 30) issue had gone to print.

Blessings for Lighting the Menorah

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

Blessed is Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

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

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

(FIRST NIGHT ONLY)

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, she-he-chiyanu v'kiyimanu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed is Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this season.

Back by Popular Demand: Membership Directory

In January, letters will be mailed to each member of our congregation describing our efforts to republish what has been a valuable resource for our members — a membership directory. The membership directory enables our members to reach each other without barriers.

Inclusion in the directory is, of course, voluntary. We hope that everyone will be included, but we certainly respect everyone's right to privacy. Please be assured that the directory is designed for use only by our members and not for any commercial purpose.

The January letter will provide you two opportunities:

1. To make sure the information we have for you in our records is up to date.
2. To allow you the opportunity to choose what information you would like us to include for your listing in the directory.

If you have any other questions or comments, please contact Mark Criden at 836-6565, Ext. 135, or criden@tbz.org.



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

December 26 and 27

Sydney S. Abzug	Arnold B. Gardner
Harold Adel	Samuel Greenfield
Joseph Biltekoff	Sophie Goldberg
Flora Wile Bock	Greenky
Meyer Bock	Janice Healy
Lena Bomberg	Alec Horwitz
Shirley S. Boodson	Helen Ipp Hurwitz
Daniel Bookbinder	Frieda Itzkowitz
Dr. Bruce F. Bradin	Mamie Many Kahn
Evelyn Brenner	Ella Krieger
Jerome Brock	Albert Lange
Blanche Bussell	Harris Lawrence
Dr. Harry A. Chernoff	Hannah Fisher Lovitz
Gertrude Weil Cohen	Beatrice Moser
Isadore Cohn	Dr. Russell J.
Janice Fink Denner	Nisengard
David Harry	Sonia Bard Piver
Desbecker	Max Rabin
Helen Barmon	Regina Rashkin
Desbecker	Bruce S. Rein
Rachel Warner	Felix E. Reinauer
Desbecker	Adolph Roeder
Paul P. Dosberg	Dr. Nathaniel Safran
Joseph Eisgrau	Albert P. Schwab
Robert Elster	Louis Shaevel
Philip Epstein	Sandra Schweitzer
Samuel Fagin	Siegel
Dr. Samson Falk	Dr. Heyman Smolev
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Paul Laverne Fink	Sidney S. Wallens
Sidney H. Fink	Joseph White
Adelbert Fleischmann	Robert A. Ullman
Samuel M. Fox	
Rhoda Barmon	
Frankenstein	

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In the event of inclement weather, please go to the Religious School page on www.tbz.org or listen to WBEN-930 AM or watch WGRZ Channel 2 or WIVB Channel 4 for school closing information. We will also include school closing information on our phone system at 836-6565 and on the Religious School page of the TBZ website: www.tbz.org.

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Herman Cohen	Jackson Barrett Mahon
Lillian Meyers Davis	Ruth R. Mendelson
Lillian Dosberg	Bessie Ruth Miller
Jerome Dreyfuss	Sidney Mursten
Charles Fass	Victor Nover
Thelma J. Feinglass	Lulu C. Richbart
Marcus Flintner	Steven Alan Rifkin
Arline Fogel	Jeannette G. Rivo
Richard Scott	Rose Rizzuto
Freedman	Etta Locks Shaw
Dr. Erwin Friede	Emanuel Silberberg
Edith Garfinkle	Fanny Robinson
Harry Gimp	Sillman
Louis Glaser	Albert Stein
George Goldstein	Max Stovroff
Lena Manch Gross	Mannie Swadron
Dr. Arthur H.	Rose Daniels
Grunfeld	Tanenbaum
Dr. Norman Haber	Judge Ruth D. Vogel
Saul Isenberg	Nellie B. Warner
Meyer A. Kahn	Mildred Slosberg
Denia Warner	Weinberg
Kempner	David Wile
Clarice Klyn	Lenore Wile
Anna Lessner	Michael D. Wolfsohn
Isabel Levitan	Fannie B. Zenner

December 12 and 13

Melvin Alexander	Isadore Latz
Leo Biltekoff	Carol Rita Lebowitz
Blanche K. Brett	Dr. Samuel Lichtman
Max Burg	Roslyn Hoffer Brooks
Lena Chapin	Lieberman
Louis Cohn	Lorraine E. Malbin
Carl M. Cole	Gertrude Marcus
Samuel R. Cristall	Phyllis Goldman
Clara Davis	Markel
Pearl Deull	Dr. Ernest Moser
Joseph Erenstoft	Daniel Arthur
Josephine Fleck	Roblin Jr.
Clarence G. Fleishman	Herman Rothschild
Regina Fleishman	Isador Setel
Ernest S. Freudenheim	Esther Sherlick
Margot R.	Harry Sherlick
Freudenheim	Rose Sterin
David Glickstein	Sol Stone
Lucille Goldman	Caroline Weil
Arlene Carrel	Walter Weil
Goldstein	Pauline Satuloff
Dr. Abraham Greenky	Weinberg
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Emma G. Harrison	Bernard D. Welt
Siegbert Hollander	Edward E. White
Helen Hirsch Isenberg	Leo Winer
Dr. Milton E. Kahn	Herman Witkin
Irwin E. Kriegler	

December 19 and 20

Ruth Benatovich	Ida Lazar
Harry Bisgeier	Dora A. Markel
Esther Reiman	Joseph Mendleson
Bleichfeld	Melvin Morris
Hyman A. Bloom	Michael Barmon
Ethel Geismar	Morris
Bruckheimer	Seymour F. Morris
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Charlotte Buxbaum	Harry Moschel
Figa Cohen	Paula Helene
Jeannette Cornblum	Nisengard
Ruth Neuman	Samuel Oppenheimer
Freedman	Mary Peckoff
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Goldstein	Edward Schwartz
Shinah Aaron	Mildred Desbecker
Greenstein	Shire
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Haniford	Myrtle Miller Sillman
Fanny Harris	Carolyn Beck Slotkin
Lillian Wile Hirsh	Libbie Sternberg
Johanna Kahn	Sonya Altmark
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Margery Holender	Celia M. Winer
Kaufman	Robert Yablin
Fred Landau	

*We offer our condolences
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Evelyn Rosen
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Frederick Samuel Cohn
Mildred Ziller
Mary Saperston

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