



## Celebrate Tu B'Shevat Shabbat



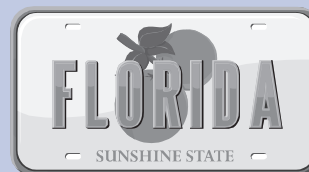
**Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m.**

**805 Delaware Avenue**

**Happy Half-Hour begins at 6:30, service at 7**

Join us for a special Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Service.  
Come for an evening that will include the traditional  
foods and treats of Tu B'Shevat.  
A Special Oneg will follow the service.

## See You in the Sunshine State



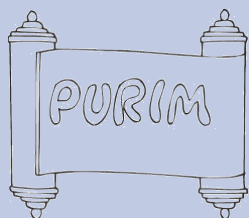
**West Coast - Thursday, February 12**

**East Coast - Friday, February 13**

Rabbi Pokras and Mark Criden are heading to Florida to visit with TBZ members. Get-togethers will be held on both coasts as noted above. This year, the East Coast Luncheon will be held in conjunction with the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies.

If you winter or live in Florida or know of a current member of TBZ who does, please contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565 or [julie@tbz.org](mailto:julie@tbz.org) so we can be sure to include everyone who wishes to take part.

## Purim Festivities Planned!



**Purim Potluck Dinner  
and Shabbat Service**  
with Congregation Beth Abraham  
**Friday, March 6**  
**805 Delaware Avenue**  
**Potluck dinner at 6 p.m.**  
**Shabbat Service at 7 p.m.**  
**Spiel at 8 p.m., followed by Oneg**

**Community Purim Carnival**  
**Sunday, March 8, at 11 a.m.**  
**Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive**

Games, food and fun for all!  
Watch your weekly emails and  
March Bulletin for all the details.

## Join Us on the First Night of Passover!

### 20th Annual Seder

**Laurie Criden & Jennifer Patrick, Co-Chairs**



**Friday, April 3**  
**Brookfield Country Club**  
**5141 Shimerville Road, Clarence**  
**5:45 p.m. Service, 6 p.m. Seder**

Watch your March Bulletin  
for a special insert.

**Reservations will be  
required by March 20.**



## Letter from the President

### Let Us Hear From You

What do you want from your membership at Temple Beth Zion?

You probably don't think about that question - except maybe when the membership contribution invoice arrives. And we don't ask very often. But I'm asking now.

Your Board of Trustees deliberates regularly to guide the congregation—carefully considering finances and what we believe congregants want and need. Part of our task is to create an environment and programs/services that are meaningful to a membership of some 900 households.

We all have personal needs and wants from our Temple. And they vary with what happens in our day-to-day lives. There are “predictable” times we engage with the synagogue: births and baby namings; pre-school and religious school; b'nai mitzvahs; weddings; sicknesses and deaths. My “re-engagement” with TBZ followed the deaths of my parents three months apart just over a decade ago. While attending regular Saturday morning services in their memory, I was asked to serve on the Ritual Committee - and I was hooked!

The synagogue may not be the center of our daily lives the way it was 50 years ago; but we want it here when situations arise. We can also engage with the synagogue to fulfill our needs and desires to give to our community at large—and to teach our children the value of volunteerism. Twenty-five or 30 years ago, TBZ didn't offer much in the way of social action and giving. But today we have numerous opportunities and are always open to more. We offer first-class educational opportunities; from pre-school to adult.

So what would you like to do or see? I cannot promise to meet all your requests; but I will promise to bring them forward and discuss them. Email me at: [president@tbz.org](mailto:president@tbz.org). I really hope to hear from you.

L' shalom  
Warren E. Clark

### Kol Nidre Campaign

While the Kol Nidre Campaign is “always open,” and donations can be sent at any time and for any reason, we are very close to meeting our goal of \$118,500. The funds that have been raised allow us to provide the opportunity to welcome with open arms any who wishes to be a part of the TBZ community.

The success of this annual effort is due to the generosity of our members and the hard work and dedication of our Kol Nidre Committee. I gratefully and humbly thank the many donors (see a complete list on the enclosed insert), committee members and tireless Committee Co-Chairs, Lawrence Rubin and Debra Chernoff, Grant Golden and Deborah Goldman.

If you sent in a donation, thank you. If you have been meaning to and just haven't gotten around to it, I encourage you to please do so now. Thank you!

Warren Clark

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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, February 5

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, February 6

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Service

7 p.m.

**Birthday / Anniversary Blessings**

### Saturday, February 7

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Zeplowitz**

### Thursday, February 12

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, February 13

Shabbat Evening Service @ Broder

7 p.m.

### Saturday, February 14

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

### Thursday, February 19

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, February 20

Shabbat Evening Service

7 p.m.

### Saturday, February 21

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Canterbury Woods Service

11 a.m.

### Thursday, February 26

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, February 27

Shabbat Evening Service

7 p.m.

Classical Service

7 p.m.

### Saturday, February 28

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

**Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Kane**

## Things to Know About Services

### For Those Observing Yartzheit

If you plan to attend services and wish to add the name of a loved one to the Yartzheit list, call Ann Marie in the Temple Office at 836-6565, Ext. 111.

### For Those Who Need Hearing Assistance

Hearing Assistance headphones are available for any service throughout the year in both the Sanctuary and the Sisterhood Chapel. To request use of the headphones, please see an usher or member of the maintenance staff.



Letter from the  
Director of Lifelong Learning

## Embracing Winter Through Mussar

It is winter in Buffalo, and it is cold outside. Not just cold, but frigid! Outside my window, heavy snow is falling, and according to my weather app, the wind chill is -3 degrees. Buffalo-born, I tend to take winter here for granted and just get through it. But for many others, this time of year can be both physically and emotionally challenging. So how can we get through these cold, often dreary months? That I can tell you with one word – Mussar!

In his book Everyday Holiness, Alan Morinis states, "The starting point for understanding Mussar is the verse in the Torah that tells us: 'You shall be holy'.... In essence, we are here on earth for no other purpose than to grow and blossom spiritually." Mussar provides a Jewish path of personal spiritual development to help overcome challenges we all face. Through different Mussar *middot* or soul-traits, looking at winter in Western New York can actually become a spiritually enriching experience.

Winter began early for many of us with "Snowvember." People were snowed in under 7 feet of snow, cars were stranded on the Thruway for hours, roads were impassable, and most area schools were closed. Mussar helped me find meaning within this storm, through the following *middot*:

**Courage/Ometz lev** and **Trust/Bitachon**: Rabbi Bahya Ibn Paquda said, "The essence of trust is the tranquility of the soul enjoyed by the one who trusts." The people stranded for hours on the highway unable to get home and unable to leave their vehicles needed courage and trust that they would make it home once the storm ended.

**Patience /Savlanut** and **Gratitude/Hakarat Hatov**: With schools closed and driving bans posted, people's patience was definitely tested! Yet what I heard from those with whom I spoke was a strong sense of gratitude knowing that they were safe at home with their families, and still had power, heat and enough food.

**Kindness/Chesed**, **Generosity/Nedivut** and **Alacrity/Zerizut**: Kindness through Mussar understanding is not about what you feel, but what you do. Alacrity teaches us to take a further step, by doing with enthusiasm. The response of our community and from outside of the local area was immediate and compassionate. The many volunteers, businesses and institutions that helped organize shovel brigades, drive emergency vehicles and open and staff shelters showed genuine kindness and generosity.

**Awe/Yirah** and **Humility/Anavah**: Rabbi Eliyahu de Vidas said, "Of all the ways of awakening inner reverence, the best is the contemplation of the works of God. Their transcendent greatness must inspire awe." Mussar can help us appreciate the wonders of nature while understanding our place in the world.

Judaism provides ethical rules and laws and a set of values to live a meaningful and fulfilling life. Mussar takes those values to a personal level, guiding us on a spiritual path. Even through the challenges of winter snowstorms, we can all realize a higher spiritual connection.

If you are interested in beginning your spiritual journey, see page 5 for information about Mussar classes beginning in March.

Susan Goldberg Schwartz



## Stock the Shelves

The Town Square Food Pantry is now open at Weinberg Campus. The pantry will primarily serve senior citizens, but will serve any eligible residents from the 14068 ZIP code. The food pantry will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., but will be closed for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The pantry will be on ongoing interfaith social action project, and we welcome your participation in the following ways:

- \* Donations of non-perishable foods can be dropped off at either of the TBZ buildings during office or school hours.

- \* Volunteers are vital to the continued success of the project. If you are over age 16 and available on Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30 and 2:30, we would love to have you come and volunteer when the pantry opens. And if you're younger than 16, you can help by getting donations, learning about social action and coming to some great social action opportunities that are also in the works!

Volunteers can sign up on the TBZ website ([www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org)) under the social action tab, email [socialaction@tbz.org](mailto:socialaction@tbz.org) or call the Temple office at 836-6565.

Watch your weekly emails and service programs for the announcement of the official grand opening ceremony for the Town Square Food Pantry.



## Shabbat Greeters at TBZ Receive Special Coaching

Temple members and guests will benefit from a new collaboration between the TBZ Hospitality Initiative and Yad B'Yad, the program of the Bureau of Jewish Education that provides outreach, advocacy and program support to assist people with disabilities in achieving full participation in Jewish and secular life in Western New York.

Starting with the January TBZ Un-matched Hospitality Greeter Schedule, greeters received "TidBitZ," a brief memo contributed by Matthew Schwartz, the new director of Yad B'Yad and a new member of TBZ. TidBitZ informs greeters of better approaches to meeting the needs of congregation members and guests who may have some condition that limits their worship experience in some way. The first TidBitZ memo informed greeters of the importance of TBZ continuing to provide a more inclusive environment, which we want well known that we do accommodate, and that having that reputation will encourage those having a need to feel comfortable in asking for the accommodations they need.

If you would like to receive a copy of TidBitZ, or have questions about TBZ inclusiveness at Friday evening Shabbat services, or if you may be interested in becoming a Shabbat Greeter, please contact Linda Snitzer ([lindasnitzer@gmail.com](mailto:lindasnitzer@gmail.com)) or Madalyn Fliesler ([madfliesler@gmail.com](mailto:madfliesler@gmail.com)).

## Consecration December 19, 2014/5775



Congratulations to the following children (and their families), who were welcomed into their formal Jewish education: In photo: Leah Boone, Talia Cerrato, Evan Collins, Lucas Collins, Elias Feinstein, Gabrielle Feinstein, Keira Feuerstein, Noah Feuerstein, Zoe Feuerstein, Bella Goldman, Amos Klaiman, Phoenix Oppenheimer. Not pictured: Aidan Connolly, Jack Fine, Drew Katzman, Myles Katzman, Bryce Kokin, Ryan Leifer, Aaron Ostrov, Isabella Vigna.

## Achim Turns Focus to Sports

The February Achim program will be held Sunday, February 8, at the Meadows community room at Weinberg Campus. Our guest speaker will be Shawn Stepner, Sports Anchor at WKBW-TV, Ch. 7. Please join us for what will be a very entertaining program on the state of sports in Buffalo, the Bills and Sabres in particular, and meet the Weinberg residents who always make us and our speakers feel welcome and enjoy breakfast with all who are there.



January's program featuring Errol Sull was well received, and his program was a welcome change of pace for the residents attending. Breakfast, as always, was generously provided by Weinberg. As you can guess from the photo, the highlight was the amazing cake Errol prepared.

Brotherhood asks for your assistance in maintaining our membership. We are looking forward to exceeding last year's membership and are working to that end. Annual membership is still only \$25, but we have two additional levels of membership at \$36 and \$50 for those who wish to contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs. What does your membership do? It helps underwrite scholarships for the Religious School and to the pre-school program, Brotherhood's annual support of youth programs and capital contributions to the Temple. Between your membership dues and Brotherhood's fund-raising programs, all our funds go back to the Temple. Please contribute and assist us in supporting the Temple, our spiritual home.

Feel free to contact Brotherhood at [TBZBrotherhood@aol.com](mailto:TBZBrotherhood@aol.com) with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fund-raising, further information on Brotherhood or any other Brotherhood issue. We are interested in your ideas on social programs to bring the men of the Temple closer together.

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

Philip Chazen

## Stained Glass Concert Series Presents It Takes a Village to Raise a Cantor

Sunday, March 29, at 7 p.m.  
805 Delaware Avenue

Save the date for an evening with the Cantors who have influenced the journey of our own Cantor Penny Myers. **Cantors David Goldstein** (Chicago), **Benjamin Maissner** (Toronto), **Audrey Kaufman** (Toronto), **Mark Horowitz** (New York City), **Barbara Ostfeld** (Buffalo) and **Irwin Gelman** (Buffalo) join Cantor Myers to provide a concert of traditional chazzanut and Broadway music.

Watch future Bulletins, emails and the website for more details.

## Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, February 16

## Volunteer to Be a Cofeld Cataloguer

Are you interested in the museum? To become a Cofeld Cataloguer, you'll need to know how to use excel and have a few hours to spare. A "best try" is all that is required. Come and join us. Our goal is to "crowd convert" several hundred cards into a massive spreadsheet that we can sort, categorize and use more quickly.

If you want to participate, all you need to do is pick up an envelope from the front desk at the Broder Center from the Cofeld Cataloguers box. Inside each envelope there will be copied museum cards with easy instructions. To obtain the catalogue spreadsheet, simply email Chana Kotzin, Cofeld Museum Chair, at [cofelcats@gmail.com](mailto:cofelcats@gmail.com). All you need to do is retype the card information and send back to the same [cofelcats@gmail.com](mailto:cofelcats@gmail.com) email.

If you have any questions, contact Chana Kotzin at [cofelcats@gmail.com](mailto:cofelcats@gmail.com). Join the team of Cofeld Cataloguers today!

## Photographs Needed

Archival photographs are needed for the Temple Beth Zion archives and the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project! Do you have early internal photographs from 599 Delaware Avenue, which tragically burned in 1961? We are particularly looking forward to photos of the windows.

If you have photos, please contact Chana Kotzin, Ph.D., at the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project [archivesproject@bjebuffalo.org](mailto:archivesproject@bjebuffalo.org) or 204-5388.

## New Season of Mussar Groups Forming

Sessions will begin in March. Dates and times  
will be determined by the potential participants  
Facilitators: Susan G. Schwartz & Evie Weinstein

Life comes with tests – often in the relationships with the people we love the most. Those tests try us. They also reveal the places where we have the potential to grow spiritually. The Jewish tradition of Mussar offers wisdom for facing and making the most of life's challenges, to help you find peace, love and fulfillment in heart and soul.

This 13-week program will guide participants in active engagement with Mussar as a spiritual tradition and a discipline, in order to learn and transform.

If you are interested in taking this course, please contact Susan Goldberg Schwartz at [education@tbz.org](mailto:education@tbz.org) or 836-6565

## PASS: Parents At Sunday School

Join Rabbi Pokras and Rabbi Scheldt at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the Broder Center for coffee, bagel and discussion on the following topics:

February 1 – Parshanut: The Study of Torah

February 8 – What do I do with Troubling Texts? (in Torah, not on your phone)



## Ethics of Mussar Through Artistic Creation

In Religious School art classes this year, I will meet three or four times with each grade to guide the creation of a work of art to represent the study of Mussar, which focuses on mindful actions and the discovery of everyday holiness by focusing on individual character traits. Originally developed by 19<sup>th</sup> century Lithuanian Jews, Mussar can currently be studied through the practices and tools developed by the nationally known Mussar Institute ([www.mussarinstitute.org](http://www.mussarinstitute.org)).

I have been taking an adult Mussar course here at Temple Beth Zion in which I have focused on one Mussar trait for two weeks at a time, working both individually, with a partner and with a group. This practice has guided me in helping my art students to understand that these traits develop into ethical action when we talk about them, think about them and express them through art. Exploring how to visually express Mussar deepens understandings, and I am always amazed at my students' thoughtful verbal and visual responses. Students in each grade work both individually and in groups to develop imagery that represents their grade's Mussar theme, discovering that learning comes not only from individual efforts, but also from the strength of connection with others.

Ask kindergartners about what they have done while learning about Zerizut (enthusiasm) during January. The other grades will all be finishing their final artworks as the rest of the year progresses. First graders have learned about Nedivut (generosity); second graders about Hakarot Hatov (gratitude); third graders about Achrayut (responsibility); fourth graders about Kavod (honor) and how it can help prevent bullying; fifth graders about Chesed (kindness); sixth graders about Anavah (humility); and seventh graders are focusing on Emet (truth).

Look for the final works to be displayed in the Broder Center Auditorium at the end of the Religious School year.

Nancy Spector

### A MUSSAR THOUGHT...

Do a different kind of generous act each day: one day with money, one day with time, one day with caring and one day with possessions.

*"A person cannot be considered generous unless willing to give, regardless of the season of the year or the time of day.*

*(Orchot Tzaddikim – 1540)*

### Religious School Families

Check us out on Facebook for up-to-date information, school happenings, Jewish trivia, quotes from our students and more!  
[www.facebook.com/TBZRS](http://www.facebook.com/TBZRS)

## Highlights From Religious School



*Learning takes place in non-traditional ways – Teacher Rachel Pierce works on the floor with two students, playing a Hebrew letter/word game.*



*After a session learning about how people learn through multiple intelligences, our madrichim put their learning to action. 8<sup>th</sup> grader Michael Newberger shares a story with some 1<sup>st</sup> graders.*

### Upcoming Events

#### Play And Learn School

Feb 4	Tu B'shevat Seder
Feb 16 – 20	February Break – PALS closed

#### Religious School

Jan 1 – 4	Winter break – No classes
Feb 1	P.A.S.S. – Parents at Sunday School
	Jewish Camping Info Session
Feb 8	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Family Day
	Sunday Tots
	P.A.S.S. – Parents at Sunday School
Feb 15 – 22	February Break – No Religious School
March 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Family Day – rescheduled from November



**Welcoming children 2-4 years of age for the 2015-2016 school year.**

**A PALS Education prepares our youngest learners through:**

- Creative & developmentally appropriate learning
- Kindergarten readiness curriculum
- Nurturing and enthusiastic teachers
- Jewish enrichment
- Unique and BRAND NEW Outdoor Classroom

## Early Bird Special!



**Register in February and receive \$100 credit toward the first month of tuition.**

**Call Melissa Milch-Klein at 836-6565, Ext. 139 or email [pals@tbz.org](mailto:pals@tbz.org) for registration materials and information.**



Mazel tov to Deny and Aliesa Adelman on the addition of their son, Rhode Joseph, to the family. Big sister, Lyric, and grandparents Susan Adelman, Rebecca and Albert Hemming and Ed Burke are all thrilled and enjoying time with Rhode.



### Honorable Menschen

Thank you to Jody Goldstein, Philip Glick, Drucy Borowitz, Ellen Capell, Sharon Winer, Jo Anne Goldfarb, Steven Binder, Kristen Segebarth, Steven Piver, and Charlie and Leslie Garfinkel for all your help at Friends of Night People on December 25.

The Caring Community Committee thanks Jessica Meyers Altman, Frank, Sophia and Samuel Altman, Jen Rosen, Steven Binder, Lynn Klein, Clareanne Silver, Adina Garfinkel, Ellen Capell, Amelida Weinmann, Peggy Stone, Marilyn Schillroth, Susan and Steven Schwartz, Warren Clark, Jack and Joan Karet, Larry and Lucille Sherlick, Bambii Brody, Kitty Goldman, Sharon Winer, Marcie Frankel, Karen and Howard Wiseman, and Leslie and Charlie Garfinkel for all your help with packing and delivering the Chanukah baskets.



*Mazel Tov!*



**Tyler Zeplovitz  
Saturday, February 7**

Son of: Scott & Allison Zeplovitz  
Mitzvah Project: Volunteering at SPCA  
Donating to: SPCA



**Samantha Faith Kane  
Saturday, February 28**

Daughter of: Sean & Kara Kane  
Mitzvah Project: Swim-a-thon to benefit Carly's Club  
Donating to: Carly's Club



*Youth Groups*

## New Year Off to a Fast Start

The winter break was welcome, but TBaZY youth got right back to being busy! On January 10, members of TBaZY Sr got together at Niagara Climbing Center. After bringing Shabbat to a close with a Havdalah service led by Religious and Cultural Vice President Alex Kane, everyone had a good time rock climbing and meeting new friends. Social Action Vice President Eva Muir, Communications Vice President Sophia Kaplan and member Nobi Fried kicked off TBaZY's leadership participation in Coolanu, a program for Jewish individuals with special needs at the Jewish Community Center by facilitating a January 12 program to make and decorate snacks and watch the popular movie *Frozen*. Throughout January, TBaZY collected used cellphones, iPods, PDAs and tablets to raise money for the American Friends of The Open University of Israel.

Six TBaZY members attended NFTY-NEL's Winter Kallah event in Toronto from January 30 to February 1, housed by local family members of Temple Emanu-El and accompanied by advisor Jackie Kalter. TBaZY Sr Membership Vice President Andrew Oestreicher has been learning about Israel through several webinars and will attend the NFTY National Convention in Atlanta on February 13-17.

TBaZY Jr's next event will be on February 1 to celebrate Tu B'Shevat by making treats from root vegetables and also bird feeders to hang in the trees of our outdoor classroom. Temple Beth Zion will also welcome representatives from area overnight and day camps February 1. Parents, don't miss this opportunity to explore Jewish camping opportunities for this summer. Please email or call if you were unable to attend, and I will get you in touch with the wonderful people who run those camps.

In February, we will be recruiting volunteers from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up to volunteer at our Purim Carnival, taking place this year at Shir Shalom on March 8 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Watch for more information about this fun family celebration in Susan Goldberg Schwartz's weekly email to our Religious School families.

I regret I won't be around during Hebrew High this spring, but I am always available at phone number (716) 308-9285 or by email at [youth@tbz.org](mailto:youth@tbz.org)

Nancy Spector, Youth Engagement Director

## Presidents' Message

We hope everyone has been staying warm and cozy. There is a great deal going on in Sisterhood. We have had some very successful new programs. We are looking forward to many more. Our membership drive has been successful, but it could be better. These are dangerous times for us as Jews and as women. Our national organization, Women of Reform Judaism, is recognized internationally for the work it has done in the field of Human Rights and Women's Rights. WRJ is successful because of the numbers of women who belong. Please consider joining Sisterhood and being counted as one of the women who care. We look forward to hearing from you.

Marilyn, Sharon, Shellie and Kaaren

## Passover Candy Sale

We are conducting our annual Passover Candy Sale until February 8. We will be selling Barton's kosher for Passover confections. Every package bears the U seal of Kashruth. We will also have a candy catalogue of Kosher candy and gifts.

**All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Temple Beth Zion Religious School and PALS Scholarship funds.**

If you are interested in purchasing Passover candy, macaroons, etc., please pick up an order form at Temple either at Delaware Avenue or the Broder Center and mail it back to: Temple Beth Zion Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14226 with the correct payment by February 8. Please make checks payable to TBZ Sisterhood.

If you have any questions, call Susan Bruckheimer, 982-2099, after 4 p.m. or email at [susan\\_b@roadrunner.com](mailto:susan_b@roadrunner.com)

## Intergenerational Women's Seder

Co-sponsored by Sisterhoods of  
Temple Beth Zion and Congregation Shir Shalom  
Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m.

Broder Center for Jewish Education, 700 Sweet Home Road

Watch your mailbox for your invitation. Call Ellen Capell at 636-0166 with questions.

## Oneg Bakers

On the fourth Friday of each month, Sisterhood supplies the baked goods for the Oneg Shabbat. We are always looking for people to bake or help us to set up. If you have wanted to volunteer and have not done so, this is a perfect opportunity. If you do not bake, but would like to help set up, that would be appreciated. If you are at Temple that night please stop in to say hello. My sincere thank-you to Helen Weintraub, Gitelle Rein and Julie Feldman for baking last month.

Sharon Winer  
[swiner4@gmail.com](mailto:swiner4@gmail.com)

## Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center

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Thank you to our wonderful gift wrappers! (left to right above) Shellie Rutstein, Marilyn Schillroth, Patti Fruet-Freeman, Ellen Capell and Suzanne Grossman. In addition, Ruth Geldres, Ann Fey, Amy Heumann, Sharon Winer, Marci Frankel, Janet Frankel, Leslie Garfinkel, Donna Yablin, Jody Goldstein and Matthew Eichhorn also wrapped during the day. All the wrappers braved the busy December 24 parking lot at the Barnes and Noble location on Niagara Falls Boulevard for our gift wrap fund-raiser.

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Tuesday, June 16

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Ted Kahn's special birthday, by Brandon Fink

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Kahn

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Dr. Marvin Kurlan, by Eleanor Kurlan

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### In Honor of:

Rabbi Pokras' birthday, by Channell Daniels

Marshall Pokras' Bar Mitzvah, by the Tombak

Family, Ethel & Dick Melzer, Mary Ann Ellis

### In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Adam Scheldt's service at the naming of

Graham Weinstein, by Dan & Jamie Weinstein

Rabbi Adam Scheldt's service for Leon S.

Fields, by Lawrence Franco & Family

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**Rabbi Adam Scheldt** for the honor of Aliyah for Rosh Hashanah, by Ellen Weintraub

**Rabbi Adam Scheldt** for teaching and guiding Natalie Pearl Tombak throughout her preparation for Bat Mitzvah, by Howard & Danielle Tombak

**Rabbi Gary Pokras** for teaching and guiding Natalie Pearl Tombak throughout her preparation for Bat Mitzvah, by Howard & Danielle Tombak

**Rabbi Gary Pokras** for leading the Classical service December 26, by Margaret Makowski-Greenky

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**Cantor Penny Myers & Rabbi Gary Pokras** for leading the service at the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Bloom, by the Burstein Bloom Family

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### In Honor of:

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**Bar Mitzvah of Marshall Pokras**, by Steven & Susan Schwartz

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**Julian S. Morrison**, by Sandra Morrison

### In Honor of:

**Eugene Setel's** recovery, by Sally Teibel



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**February 27 and 28**

Leo A. Beir  
Ruth Levi Bernhardt  
Dr. Herbert L. Bikoff

Lenore Boasberg  
Sidney Wile Bock

Sadie Bregger  
Alfred F. Cohen

Becky Cohen  
Shirley Broder Davis

Ilona Dean  
Brian P. Edelman

Henry Feldman  
Ann Hanf Fleck

Barbara Gelman  
Flora F. Gerstman

Melta Fleishman  
Goldstein

Jacob B. Greenberg  
Regina Kirsch

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David Marvin Mason

Evelyn I. Meyers  
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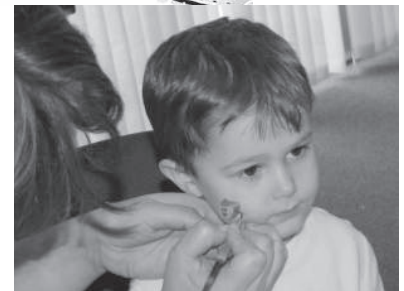
Dorothy R. Stovroff  
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Sidney I. Weinberg  
Harry Wile

Sidonie B. Wile  
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*The Sisterhood-sponsored Family Chanukah Party was a huge success! Thank you to Co-chairs Nina Lukin, Heather Chick, Amy Pecora, Robin Ostrov and Marnie Cerrato. We greatly appreciate their efforts and hard work! As you can see from the photos, the children had a wonderful time.*





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Floyd S. Blisky	Blanche S. Levi
George Bladen	Max Lewis
Rosalind Blanke	Elise Meyer
Milton Brown	Mendleson
Benjamion C. Cofeld	Barnet B. Mogerman
Bertha Strauss Cofeld	Ray M. Morris
Donald Cohen	Manuel Norman
Lillian W. Cohen	Abram Pugash
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Jerome R. Ellis	Edward Warner
Harry A. Freedman	Dr. Sigmund P. Zobel
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Sandra Zolte Honig	Minnie Zolte
Dennis Alan Kahn	

#### February 13 and 14

Richard Joseph	Rita H. Mattis
Adelman	Abraham Mesches
Lucile Heimberger	Napoleon Meyers
Block	Ben Michelson
Leona Michaels	Annette Miller
Bryman	Rebecca Milstein
Esther K. Cohen	Sylvia L. Morris
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Etta F. Levy	Rae M. Warner
Rhea Levy	Nettie Fass White
Elizabeth Reich	Richard H. Wile
Mariam	

#### February 20 and 21

Tillie White Beck	Norman Joseph
Sarah R. Berens	Marvin L. Kahn
Hyman H. Berghash	Suzanne Kahn
Max Bergman	Kathryn Hirsch
Harry Bilsky	Klopfers
Irma Metzger Block	Morris J. Kranitz
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**Dr. Allen L. Goldfarb** by his family  
**Nancy P. Golden** by her son and daughters

### *We offer our condolences to the families of*

Ida D. Schaer  
Jeffrey H. Blonstein  
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Thelma Abel Fisher  
Vivian Most  
Ilene Praechtl

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