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## Fall Into Art

An Evening of Judaic Special Artwork Saturday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

> Main Exhibit by Jerry Glaser A "Bissel" Yiddish

Other artists include Susan Bergman, Philip Glick and Harold Cohen

Please join us for an opening Wine and Cheese Reception. Call the Temple office at 836-6565 to RSVP

Works will continue to be on display and available for viewing and purchase through December 11

## **Campaign Update**



The Kol Nidre Campaign is a wonderful example of how even the smallest gift counts. Your gift, no matter its size, will have a major impact on Temple Beth Zion. While no one gift can fulfill our commitment to have TBZ be accessible to everyone, our collective gifts make that a reality.

We are making progress in our goal to have 100% participation by the Congregation.

We are deeply grateful for the gifts that have been received so far. For those of you who have sent in your contribution, thank you! For those of you who have not yet pledged, please mail in your pledge as soon as possible, or contact Mark Criden or Julie Feldman at 836-6565.

Deborah Goldman and Grant Golden Marilyn and David Brock Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs

# the JEWISH SPIRITUALITY CENTER of WESTERN NEW YORK

The Jewish Spirituality Center works to spark, enrich and deepen spiritual and personal development through creative Jewish learning and practice. Some opportunities to participate are listed below. For more information on the variety of ongoing offerings, visit www.jscwny.org.

#### **Embodied Practice (Jewish Yoga)**

Sundays 9 - 10 a.m Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Yoga 55 (for ages 55 and older)

Tuesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m. 805 Delaware

#### Contemplative/Meditative Shabbat Service

November 20, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware

## **Annual Turkey Basket Project**



The Turkey Basket Project, sponsored by North Presbyterian Church in conjunction with Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Zion, has been providing turkey dinners for the less-fortunate in our community for many years. Last year, 525 baskets were distributed throughout Western New York.

See page 4 for all the details on how you can help.

You will be doing a great mitzvah!



## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

With high expectation for our future and profound regret, I must advise you that Gary Pokras, our Senior Rabbi since 2011, will be leaving Temple Beth Zion. Rabbi Pokras announced to the Board of Trustees last evening that, after difficult deliberation, he does not wish to be considered for renewal when his existing contract expires June 30, 2016.

We know this comes as unhappy news to his countless admirers, who know what a wonderful rabbi, teacher, friend and pastor Rabbi Pokras has been. His tenure has been marked with warmth, zeal and high intelligence, and has been, in so many ways, an age of renewal for our synagogue. Our High Holy Days recently showcased Rabbi Pokras, Cantor Myers, and Rabbi Scheldt as a dynamic pulpit team. Our plans to install audio and visual upgrades to our worship spaces, a critical element of Rabbi Pokras' vision, are about to be realized. Our educational and cultural programs are thriving, our caring community is active, and our social action programs, including our Food Pantry at Town Square, have flourished. Critically, we are well positioned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our wonderful Delaware Avenue facility in 2017 with the Buffalo-Niagara Medical campus burgeoning on our doorstep.

Importantly, we have built an exceptionally strong professional staff. Cantor Myers, Rabbi Scheldt, and Susan Schwartz, all of whom have been critical to our successes, are committed to remaining, sustaining and enhancing all that is wonderful here.

Understanding that Rabbis move on does not alleviate our sense of loss. Rabbi Pokras will be particularly missed; he, Shauna and their children, Stephanie and Marshall, will always have a special place in our hearts. We, of course, all want the best for Rabbi Pokras and his family, and, as he will be with us for months to come, we trust you will join us in expressing to them our love and admiration for what they have brought to our congregation

Your board of trustees is weighing our alternatives going forward. We are committed to taking the necessary steps to ensure the spiritual, educational, historical and financial strength of our congregation, and will keep you apprised of our process.

While transitions can be an opportunity and a challenge, our energetic membership, lay leadership and professional staff gives me great confidence that Temple Beth Zion has a very bright future. As we look to that future, we pledge to you that, with your ongoing participation and support, Temple Beth Zion will continue to thrive.

With all best wishes, 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, November 5                    |            |
|---|------------|
| Afternoon Service at Broder             | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Friday, November 6                      |            |
| Tot Shabbat @ Broder                    | 5:45 p.m.  |
| Shabbat Evening Service @ Delaware      | 7 p.m.     |
| Birthday / Anniversary Blessings        |            |
| Saturday, November 7                    |            |
| Shabbat Morning Service                 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Wasserman          |            |
| Thursday, November 12                   |            |
| Afternoon Service at Broder             | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Friday, November 13                     |            |
| Shabbat Alive! Service @ Broder         | 7 p.m.     |
| Saturday, November 14                   |            |
| Shabbat Morning Service                 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Canterbury Woods Service                | 11 a.m.    |
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| Thursday, November 19                   |            |
| Afternoon Service at Broder             | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Friday, November 20                     |            |
| Contemplative/Meditative Prayer Service | 7 p.m.     |
| Classical Service                       | 7 p.m.     |
| Saturday, November 21                   |            |
| Shabbat Morning Service                 | 10:30 a.m. |
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| Friday, November 27                     |            |
| Shabbat Evening Service                 | 7p.m.      |
| Saturday, November 28                   |            |
| Shabbat Morning Service                 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, December 3                    |            |
| Afternoon Service at Broder             | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Follow December 4                       | -          |
| Friday, December 4                      | E 4E       |
| Tot Shabbat @ Broder                    | 5:45 p.m.  |
| Shabbat Alive! Service @ Delaware       | 7 p.m.     |
| Birthday / Anniversary Blessings        |            |
| Saturday, December 5                    |            |
| Shabbat Marning Convice                 | 10.20 a m  |

## Office Schedule

Shabbat Morning Service

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11; Thursday, November 26; and Friday, November 27.



## Letter from the Cantor

## An Attitude of Gratitude

About a month ago we completed the book of Deuteronomy and returned to Genesis as our cycle of Torah starts anew. Throughout Deuteronomy the value of *Hakarat Hatov*, gratitude, is at the heart of what Moses conveys to the Israelites and their future in the Promised Land.

As we learn from Torah, gratitude was not our ancestors' strong suit. After all, throughout Torah they complained about lack of food and water, about manna and not having any meat and vegetables, they constantly kvetched about the danger they faced from the Egyptians as they were leaving Egypt and from the story of the 12 spies, the dwellers of the land they were about to enter.

With pessimism and spirit broken, they lacked thankfulness during those difficult and dangerous times for what G-d had provided.

Even more troubling was how our ancestors weren't thankful when their lives weren't in peril or immediate danger. Moses recognized this and declared: "When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery ... Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.'" (Deut. 8:11-17)

Moses goes on to declare to the Israelites that the worst thing that could happen would be if they were ever to forget how they came into the promised land, how G-d has promised that land to their future generations and most vividly how G-d released Israelites from slavery with the story of the Exodus.

It is in the retelling of our history, through Torah and observance of any fashion of our holidays, is what I believe to be what Moses intended when he charged the Israelites with the above passage.

When we remember and retell our stories we are expressing *Hakarat Hatov*, vis-à-vis recognition and observance.

May you all have a meaningful, blessed and gratifying Thanksgiving.

Happy Hodu (Thanksgiving) Cantor Penny S. Myers



#### **New Members**

Ari & Jamie Potash Michael Bluman & Julie Vrabel Danielle Greenberg

10:30 a.m.



## Social Action at TBZ

Great things are happening at TBZ's Religious School this year! We have formed a partnership with Jewish Family Service, and each month our wonderful religious school families will help our newest Buffalo refugee families become settled in our community.

You can help by donating any one of our upcoming campaigns. Our next donation drive with the JFS is in December as we celebrate Chanukah and ask each of our children to donate a toy for a refugee child.

Please see below the many collection drives that we will be hosting over the next few months of school. Any participation is greatly appreciated.

January and February - Kitchen and cooking items

March-Toiletries and bathroom items

April - cleaning and emergency items

May – new baby items

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 836-6565, Ext. 112.

Kara Kane, Project Coordinator

## **Turkey Basket Project**

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TBZ is again participating in this annual food drive. We will collect food items (canned fruit, canned vegetables, boxes or bags of stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce and brownie mixes) at the Broder Center from Sunday, November 1, to Tuesday, November 17. Frozen turkeys are also needed but will not be collected until Sunday, November 22.

Cash donations, Tops or Wegmans gift cards or checks made out to North Presbyterian Church are also greatly appreciated and can be left at the Broder Center, c/o Kara. A \$35 gift sponsors one family dinner. Please contact Kara Kane at kara@tbz.org, or 836-6565, Ext. 112, for more information. Thank you for your continued support.

Sharron Frommann TBZ Liaison

## Bakers, Drivers Needed

The Caring Community will be making Chanukah baskets and delivering them to our members at nursing homes and members 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 with goodies on Friday, December 4. On Sunday, December 6, the bags will be delivered after Religious School.



## P.A.S.S. – Parents At Sunday School

with Rabbi Pokras and Rabbi Scheldt Broder Center Conference Room 10:30 a.m.

Temple Beth Zion's children come to school to learn about their Jewish heritage several times a week. While your children are here on Sundays, you are invited to come and learn, too!

Join the Rabbis for a bagel and coffee as we study, learn and get to know one another as we strengthen our TBZ community. Topics of study include ethics, spirituality, holidays, Israel, Reform Judaism and more. November topics are:

November 1: Jewish Holidays in Historical Context November 8 & 22: The Evolution of Jewish Text: Spotlight on Abortion.

Next month's sessions are scheduled for December 6 and 20. Come to one or all the sessions.

## Women of the Book

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 the Jewish story and our ancient and modern texts can provide a lens for understanding our lives as Jewish women today.

Women of the Book meets monthly to learn and talk a little Torah, share our stories and enjoy a little wine and a nosh.

Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in the home of Cantor Myers.

For more information and directions, please contact Education Assistant Kara Kane, 836-6565, Ext. 112.

## **Book Club**

Participants in the Book Club are invited to attend the JCC Book and Arts Fair on Wednesday, December 2 at the JCC Benderson Building, 2640 North Forest Road, Getzville. Author and TBZ member Sandra Block will be a speaker at a 7:30 p.m. program. Sandra's two books are "Little Black Lies" and "The Girl Without A Name".

The program is \$10, and there will be a book-signing and dessert reception afterward. Tickets are available at <a href="https://www.jccbookfair.com/">www.jccbookfair.com/</a> or at the Jewish Community Center.

## Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 15, 1 - 4 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Jews from more than 400 communities in 48 countries will participate in more than 600 events in the same day. The Bureau of Jewish Education, in cooperation with local synagogues and Jewish organizations, is sponsoring this year's event. The keynote speaker, Sergey Dolgopolski, will speak on the topic of "Love: Devotion, Desire and Deception."

The program is free and open to the entire community. For more information, visit www.bjebuffalo.org or contact Jill Komm at 204-5380.



## **Achim Programs Lined Up**

Brotherhood's November Achim program will be held November 8 in the Meadows Lounge at the Weinberg Campus. We are looking forward to another enjoyable and informative program by our guest speaker, Steve Sanders, Amherst Town Board member, who will speak on the 2015 local elections and offer his perspective on the 2016 presidential race.

If you have not been able to attend Achim before, please join us for this program and see what Achim is all about. A very nice breakfast, including bagels and lox, is provided by Weinberg.

The December program will be Cantor Meyers and the TBZ Junior Choir. The Junior Choir's annual visit has been the most popular and best-attended program of the year and should again be this year.

Brotherhood again provided ushering for the High Holy Days and sponsored the community Break-the-Fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services, which is one of our traditional services to the Congregation. We wish to thank all who assisted the congregation in ushering this year and Sandy Beckman, the usher captain.

Our annual membership drive has been underway for a month. Response has been good and we are looking forward to exceeding last year's membership total. 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 and assist in our support of Temple's programming and functions such as Religious School and its scholarships for those families in need of support. Brotherhood dues can be sent in with your Temple dues to save a stamp and/or a check, or you may send them separately to the Temple, which will forward them to us.

Please feel free to contact the Brotherhood at <u>TBZBrotherhood@aol.com</u> 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 of Brotherhood, and we look forward to your continued support in this year.

Sincerely, Philip Chazen

## 77<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Kristallnacht

Sunday, November 8, 7 - 8 p.m. Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus

The Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo has planned a commemoration that will feature an interview-style presentation with witnesses to Kristallnacht, a brief video by Pieter Weinrieb, a discussion titled, "Kristallnacht: Echoes and Reflections of a Shattered World," by Dr. Howard Wolf, Professor Emeritus at UB and a musical interlude by clarinetist Amrom Chodos.

Directions to Center for Tomorrow: Enter via Flint Road entrance (off Maple Road). Make the first left (onto Service Center Road) – the Center for Tomorrow is on the corner to your left – parking is on the right.

### **Shabbat Greeters Welcome**

A Temple member recently stopped me to say something very nice about the Shabbat Greeters; he said he believes the Hospitality Initiative really helps to improve the welcome spirit of services and the warm feelings between the clergy and the congregants and guests.

After thanking him for his kind words, I asked if he and his wife might be interested in joining us as Shabbat Greeters. He suddenly changed his posture and the expression on his face, and replied that they couldn't do that because they attend Friday evening Shabbat services only occasionally. Not really wanting to argue, I politely expressed my recollection of seeing them at services maybe a half dozen times over the past six months. He thought for a moment, and guessed that between occasional B'nai Mitzvot to which they'd been invited, a couple of Yahrzeits and maybe a few other occasions when they just thought it would be good to attend, the number I mentioned was possible. But he then expressed his assumption that Greeters he'd seen at services are apparently there every week, adding that he was sure he saw the same Greeters on both of two recent times he and his wife had attended Shabbat services.

I explained that although some of our volunteers might choose to attend Shabbat services more often, they're scheduled as Shabbat Greeters no more often than once a month, and that to support that monthly rotation, we need to have a sufficient number of volunteers to meet our coverage plan for each of the four or five Fridays that occur monthly.

Noting he seemed a little doubtful, I suggested he ask any Greeter he encounters about his or her scheduling and how flexible and accommodating it is, along with what's actually involved in being a Shabbat Greeter. He could also ask any Shabbat Greeter, while he's at it, how easy and rewarding such service is. As we were both somewhat eager to head to our respective destinations, he agreed to discuss it with his wife and call me if they have any questions.

You, too, may be among those having questions about the TBZ Hospitality Initiative and our volunteer Shabbat Greeters. If so, go ahead and ask any of them about what they do, how they got involved, and/or why they're so dedicated to continue greeting.

You could also ask any of our Clergy about the Shabbat Greeters; any Temple officer or board member; Mark Criden; or any other member of the Temple administrative staff. Or you can just call my wife, Linda, and me (716-626-1084) or Madalyn Fliesler (716-392-1127) any time. We'll be happy to hear from you.

Carl Snitzer

## Save the Date

## Family Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 13 after Religious School Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road Watch future Bulletins and www.tbz.org for details. Sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood.



### **Consecration November 8**

Consecration - welcoming our newest Religious School students - will take place on Sunday, November 8, 9:45 a.m. at the Broder Center for Jewish Education. All are invited to join our Religious School students as they also share in the celebration that morning.

## Madrichim Update

Would you give up the opportunity to sleep in on a Sunday morning if you had the chance? Well, 25 teens in grades 8-12, have made the decision to get up early and continue their Jewish education, by joining our Madrichim program. Madrich in Hebrew is a guide, and our madrichim truly are wonderful guides and role models for our younger students.

## Chuggim (electives) are a Big Hit

We began our chuggim/electives on October 18. In this fourth year of our chuggim program, we have fully incorporated Chuggim into our weekly schedule. Chuggim provide our 3rd – 7th graders a great opportunity to learn outside of their traditional classroom setting, allow them to be with their friends, and make new ones. The 3rd & 4th grade students chose from a variety of options, including Bubbie's kitchen, Jews in the News, Jewpardy and Mischakim (games in Hebrew).

5th – 7th graders had the option of the Jewish Jam session (our wonderful Junior band), Bubbie's Kitchen, TBZ News, If not now, when? – a mitzvah project chug, Jews in the News and three new chuggim – Jewish Meditation, Creative Writing and Chüg Bük (a Jewish book club)

**Upcoming Events** 

| Nov 13              | Shabbat Alive! 7 p.m. at the Broder Center                               |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
|                     | Play And Learn School  |  |
| Nov 6<br>Nov 11     | Tot Shabbat 5:45pm @ Broder<br>Veterans Day - PALS closed                |  |
| Nov 24<br>Nov 26/27 | Schoolwide Thanksgiving feast @ noon<br>Thanksgiving break – PALS closed |  |
| Religious School    |  |  |
|                     |  |  |
| Nov 1               | Sunday Tots  |  |
| Nov 1               | PASS – Parents At Sunday School  |  |
| Nov 1<br>Nov 8      | 2  |  |
|                     | PASS – Parents At Sunday School<br>Consecration Family program @ 9 am    |  |

K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program @ CSS

PASS - Parents At Sunday School

Thanksgiving break - No Religious School

Nov 22

Nov 26-29

## Mishpacha (Famiy) of the Month

To help get to know our TBZ membership, each month we will highlight one of our families with children enrolled in the Religious School. This month, we want to introduce you to the Isenberg Family: Andrew & Jennifer; their kids, Aaron, Emma and Eliot; and their beloved Kerry Blue Terrier, Samson.

Andrew is the District Executive for the Eighth Judicial District of the New York State Unified Court System, where he oversees and manages day-to-day operations of the courts in the eight counties of Western New York. Andrew is active in the Jewish community, having served in many leadership roles on many different boards, and was the recipient of the Riwchun Young Leadership Award in 2012.

Jennifer has been a member of TBZ since birth! Her background is in art and design, and she currently teaches 4 year olds at the JCC. Jennifer is an active volunteer at TBZ, where she chairs the Library Committee, serves on the Lifelong Learning Committee and co-chaired the PALS Parent Committee when all of the kids were students. She is an active leader with the Jewish Federation, is a member of the Williamsville PTA and is involved with both of her sons' Scout troops.

Aaron is a 9th grader at Williamsville South. He plays saxophone, is a Boy Scout, attends Hebrew High and volunteers as a madrich on Sunday mornings. He also loves to cook and experiment in the kitchen.

Emma is a 7th grader at Mill Middle, where she plays the flute. She swims on both the Storm Team and Williamsville's Modified Team. She loves being a camper at Camp Seneca Lake and is excited to become a Bat Mitzvah in 2016.

Eliot is learning clarinet this year as a fourth grader at Maple West Elementary and like his sister, swims on the Storm Swim Team at the JCC. He is a Cub Scout, loves summer camp, attending both Boy Scout Camp with his dad and Camp Centerland.

As a family, the Isenbergs enjoy nature walks, movies and good food and are always up for a game of cards or Rummy Q. The beach is their favorite destination no matter where they are.

## Mitzvah of the Month

My name is Noah Kotzin, and I will be Bar Mitzvah in March 2016. As part of my Mitzvah Project I will be working with Jewish Family Service and its refugee resettlement programs over the next few months. Among other things, I am helping out after school at a Jewish Federation, PJ Library Barnes & Noble kickoff event on Friday November 13.

Please come to Barnes & Noble, 1565 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst on November 13 to support Jewish Family Service Immigrant and Refugee Parenting Program. In addition, if you shop at any Barnes & Noble store in the entire U.S. between November 13 to 15, use code 11699352 at the checkout and Barnes & Noble will donate a percentage of sales. You can also use Book Fair code 11699352 when making purchases online. This event is sponsored by PJ Library and aided by Lauren Califano, JFS volunteer and resource development coordinator.

The funds raised will help Jewish Family Service purchase books to give to immigrant, refugee and asylum-seeking parents enrolled in the JFS program, which encourages reading together as a way to strengthen the parent-child relationship and help both the parent and child increase English literacy.



## News from TBaZY

What an eventful beginning of the year it has been. We started off with a Hello-Goodbye "picnic," where we installed the newest members of the TBaZY board right in the outdoor classroom at the Broder Center. There were icebreakers and pizza to go around, and it was lovely to have the new board all together.



We also met for what was a very successful gathering of new and returning members to create edible Sukkot. Using graham crackers and candy, the teens created what they would want a Sukkah to look like, and let's just say there was a lot of frosting to clean up by the time the event was over! (Lexi and her awesome creation are in the photo on the left.) We had lunch and got to know our newest members, while bonding as a whole group. Overall it

was a fun and enjoyable event, and we hope to get even more people to attend our next one.

The board is busy planning our November event. Look out for fliers about that one and future events to come.

NFTY-NEL hosted a regional event in Rochester at Temple Brith Kodesh during the weekend of October 23 - 25. I accompanied many of our teens to Rochester for an engaging and informational leadership experience. It was a meaningful weekend full of learning, friendships and laughter! The next NFTY-NEL event is Ani V'Atah, hosted at Camp Fitch in Erie, Pennsylvania. I will be traveling with our teens in grades 7-12 who want to have a funfilled weekend from November 20 to 22. Please contact me if you have a teen who is interested in attending!

I am eager for the year to continue, to get to know the new teens who join TBaZY, and to see the work our leaders continue to do!

Jackie Kalter youth@tbz.org

## TBaZY Jr Update

Our opening event September 27 on Erev Sukkot was a great success. Students in Grades 3 through 7 scoured our outdoor classroom for clues and learned about Sukkot while making new friends and enjoying a pizza lunch.

November 1 is our second event – skating with Rabbi Scheldt in Northtown Center at Amherst, 1615 Amherst Manor Drive, during free skate from 1 to 2:40 p.m. Please see the flier that went out to Religious School families for details, or call (716) 308-9285: All family members are welcome.

We're also looking forward to our Jr TBaZYers participating in a wonderful congregational Chanukah party with games and lunch on December 13 after Sunday Religious School from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Watch your religious school emails for details.

To RSVP for your child or sign your child up for Jr TBaZY, please email youth@tbz.org or call (716) 308-9285.

Nancy Spector

# Mazel Tov!



#### Jonah Wasserman Saturday, November 7

Son of: Rachel and David Wasserman Mitzvah Project: U.S. Soccer Passback Program Donating to: U.S. Soccer Teams in Buffalo

## Honorable Menschen

## Thank You

To Wendee and Art Lorbeer, and Marilyn and James Schillroth for driving people to services for the High Holy Days.

To all those who served as greeters and ushers for High Holy Day services. These ambassadors go out of their way to make sure everyone gets a warm greeting, has a seat, program and prayerbook and everything necessary to have a meaningful High Holy Day experience.

To Jen Rosen, Sharon and Edward Schwartz, and Amelida Weinmann for co-chairing the Becker Farms Alternate Rosh Hashanah service. Three hundred people attended and were blessed with a beautiful and sunny day.

To our bakers for the October 9 Shabbat: Peggy Stone, Amy Freedman, Selma Morris and Errol Sull. For those at the Oneg that night, trying to guess the ingredients in Errol's delicious, intriguing dessert, here are the ingredients: a unique mixture of burnt-off bourbon, ricotta cheese, heavy cream, sour cream, vanilla bean seed pods (boiled and strained), whole milk, and agar. Our bakers will again be supplying the desserts for the oneg on November 13 at Broder for Shabbat Alive.

To the Caring Community Committee and the many volunteers who baked, packed, and/or delivered Rosh Hashanah bags. Volunteers included Amy Freedman, Hadar Borden, Jen, Adam, Melody and Marc Rosen, Elaine Klein, Susan Goldberg Schwartz, David Goldberg, Karen Wiseman, Sharon Winer, Margy Zeckhauser, Leah, Nicole and Steven Heffter, Steve Binder, Marilyn Schillroth, Sharon Meer, Ellen Capell, Arlene Steinhart, , Marcia Valente, Bradley, Leslie, Charlie and Adina Garfinkel.

To the fantastic crew who helped the Sisterhood decorate the Downtown Succahs: Elaine Higgins, Sharon Winer, Marilyn Schillroth, Jodi Goldstein, Matthew Eichhorn, Josh Coene, Max Gaynor-Coene, Joshua Feinstein, Gabriela Feinstein, Elias Feinstein, Amy Schaefer and Jonathan Wojcik.

To the volunteers who gathered in the library to give it some needed loving care. All the books and shelves were wiped down, and the group was able to organize a good portion of the stacks and check the inventory on the shelves. Thank you to the following whose help and energy are greatly appreciated: Anna Marie and Gary Richmond, Jennifer Isenberg and Aaron, Emma and Eliot Isenberg, Nadine Ryback, Deb Tanner, Bradley Garfinkel, Kaara Wisnock and Jacob Wisnock and Kara Kane.



## Presidents' Message

We have just had our Opening Luncheon, where we were so pleased to greet 90 attendees! We hope to see many of you at the following activities: On November 3 at noon, we'll have our annual "Games Galore" party. Invite your card or game group to enjoy lunch, and then play. Please buy your raffle tickets to win a Thanksgiving dinner for 10. Some of the proceeds also pay for a needy family to enjoy the same dinner. On November 8, we will participate in the "Haddassah Hannukah Happening". Kindly bring a non-perishable food item for our table. We are always looking for Judaica Shop workers on Thursday afternoons or Sunday mornings, as well as monthly bakers for the Sisterhood Oneg Shabbats. In early December, be sure to visit our Chanukah Bazaar and on December 13, please bring your family to our Sisterhood Chanukah Party. We also hope you'll join us for our annual gift-wrapping event at Barnes & Noble on Niagara Falls Boulevard. on Christmas Eve Day. Hope to see you at many of our events! Any questions? Call Marilyn at 832-4757.

Marilyn, Sharon and Susan

PS: Correction from last Bulletin: Our terrific treasurer Judy Swadron's name was misspelled. We are very sorry!

## Fun at the Opening Luncheon

If you were unable to attend our opening luncheon, you missed a delicious lunch and a fun afternoon. Our guest speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Donna Fernandes of the Buffalo Zoo who

presented an informative and fun program. A special thank-you goes out to the many Sisterhood volunteers who baked and helped in many different ways. These women are: Elaine Klein, Lynn Klein, Peggy Stone, Judy Swadron, Shellie Rutstein, Helen Weintraub, Amy Freedman, Ellen Capell, Kaaren Norman, Susan Nadler and, pictured on the right, Marilyn Schillroth and Sharon Winer. We couldn't have done the program without the valuable assistance of Sandra Wolchok.



Please join us at our future Sisterhood programs including our Games Galore and More held on election day November 3, for further information call Jane at 440-3938.

Thank you everyone. Hallie Glina and Jane Goorevich Vice Presidents Programing

## New Manager Sought

The Sisterhood is looking for two people to take over the management of the Judaica Shop starting July 1, 2016. If interested please call Marilyn Schillroth at 832-4757.

# Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center

Judaica Shop Hours Thursdays 4 - 6 p.m. Sundays 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Chanukah Bazaar!
Thursday, December 3, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Sunday, December 6, 9 a.m. - noon
Sunday, December 13, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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.



Come shop for Chanukah decorations, gifts and much more!

Please Support Your Temple Gift Shop

## **Turkey Dinner Raffle**

Get your ticket for the highly popular turkey dinner raffle! The winner receives a complete Thanksgiving dinner for 10 (from Johnny C's), AND Johnny C's will donate an additional dinner to



a family in need. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or a book of 10 for \$15. They are available in the Judaica Shop or by calling Elaine at 631-8350. They will also be available at Sunday School and at the Card Party on November 3. The winner will be selected at the card party. You need not be present to win.

## Hadassah Happening

Temple Beth Tzedek, 621 Getzville Road Sunday, November 8, at 11:30 a.m.

All temple Sisterhoods are participating in this community event. There will be a menorah and dreidel exhibit, basket raffle, vendors, food, used Judaica for purchase, children's activities, and a "Ring Master Concert." All proceeds will be used to support the Hadassah Hospital in Israel.

Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults, children age 5 to 10 are \$3, and children age 4 and under are free. Tickets for an entire family are \$12 at the door. For additional information email buffalohadassah@gmail.com or call 688-5260.

All attendees are requested to bring non-perishable food for the Town Square Food Pantry.



# JUDITH F. ALEXANDER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of:

**Yale Goldman,** by Joan & David Alexander

**James Walter Taylor,** by Joan & David Alexander

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In Memory of:

**Morton Slesinger,** by Phyllis Slesinger & Family

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The marriage of Jennifer Wilinsky & Peter Linder, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

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In Memory of:

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Eleanor Stiller, by Sharon Greenfield

#### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny Myers' minyan service during shiva for Rachel Cohen, by Cindy & Rick Stover and Nancy Cohen Cantor Penny Myers for her help preparing Kaitlyn Stapleton for her Bat Mitzvah, by Timothy & Sheryl Stapleton Cantor Penny Myers for her help preparing Nathan Noble for his Bar Mitzvah, by Cara & David Noble

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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**Evelyn Resler,** by Sara & Steven Schultz **James Walter Taylor,** by Sara & Steven Schultz

In Honor of:

The marriage of Jill Weinstein & Attila Javor, by Alan Mollot

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In Honor of:

**Marilyn Shine's** special birthday, by Liz Freedman

#### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

In Memory of:

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**Sadie Miller,** by Brian Lewis & Tracy Iacobowitz

In Honor of:

**Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Carrel,** by Sheila & Jeff Carrel

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Supports an array of opportunities for those in who are interested in Jewish spirituality and Jewish spiritual practice.

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In Honor of:

Mark & Laurie Criden, by Grant Golden & Deborah Goldman

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**In Appreciation of:** 

Rabbi Pokras, Cantor Myers & TBZ Caring Community, by Renee & David Knight

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#### LIBRARY FUND

In Honor of:

Martin Lewin's special birthday, by Janet Kibrick

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In Memory of:

**Robin Ostfeld,** by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

**Janet & Hans Mobius'** 50th wedding anniversary, by Stewart & Faye Levy

#### RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:

**Dora Gareleck,** by Marvin & Beverly Gareleck

## RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of:

The marriage of Alan Rosenhoch & Gabrielle Balderman, by Howard & Valerie Rosenhoch

The marriage of Jennifer Wilinsky & Peter Linder, by Lynn & Dick Hirsch In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Gary Pokras' service for Janet Erenstoft, by her children

Rabbi Gary Pokras' service at Forest Lawn, by Gerry Lederman

Rabbi Gary Pokras' hospital visit and minyan service for Rachel Cohen, by Cindy & Rick Stover and Nancy Cohen Rabbi Adam Scheldt's service at the unveiling for Leon S. Fields, by his family Rabbi Gary Pokras and Rabbi Adam Scheldt for their help preparing Kaitlyn Stapleton for her Bat Mitzvah, by Timothy & Sheryl Stapleton

Rabbi Gary Pokras and Rabbi Adam **Scheldt** for their help preparing Nathan Noble for his Bar Mitzvah, by Cara & David Noble

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of:

Natalie Abramson's speedy recovery, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

Benjamin Weinmann's Bar Mitzvah, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

In Appreciation of:

Susan Schwartz for helping to prepare Kaitlyn Stapleton for her Bat Mitzvah, by Timothy & Sheryl Stapleton

## **DOROTHY ROSENFELDER** CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In Memory of:

Marshall Brown, by Barbara Copley In Appreciation of:

The Caring Community Committee for the Rosh Hashanah goodie bagies, by Helane Goldfarb, Gerry Lederman, Amy Zeckhauser

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In Memory of:

Jerome (Jerry) Shine, by Marilyn Shine Herbert Grant, by Marilyn Shine Elliott Levy, by Marilyn Shine

In Honor of:

Marilyn Shine's special birthday, by Mimi Brown

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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In Honor Of:

The Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Noble, by Dr. Jody & Tomas Holmlund

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In Memory of:

Dr. Howard L. Wolfsohn, by Dr. Marina Maulucci, Bob Freedman & Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Ree & Dick Adler, Ellen & Sid Filderman

**Henry Cohen,** by Richard & Ree Adler Michael Wolfsohn, by Richard & Ree Adler

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A Donation by:

Leonard & Ellen Freed



## Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries November 27 and 28

Sarah R. Altman Isidor Victor Ament Daniel W. Barmon Frances M. Barmon Joseph B. Block Rabbi Dr. Joseph L. Fink

Edith Garfinkle Jack E. Gellman Cecile Goldberg George Goldstein Philip Goldstein, M.D Rose Goldstein John Guggenheimer Mayne Cohn Harris Saul Isenberg Anna G. Kempner Alter Levitan Leo M. Levv

Sarah (Sally) Lichtman

Nettie Ruth Lubick

Rose R. Merowit Louis Bernard Morrison Sondra Joan Oppenheimer Dr. Albert King Reis Jeanette Rosenbaum

Queenie Scheiner David Selikoff Edward Setel Jacob M. Shapiro Helen Sherman David Siegel Maurice Stiller John Swerdloff Lewis H. Walters Florence G. Weinberg Pauline Satuloff Weinberg Hannah J. Zolki

## Opportunities Abound in PALS

It would be impossible to tell you all the things our students get to do in PALS. Despite a seemingly small age difference among the students, ages 2, 3 and 4, each class is unique in their abilities and focus.

Our 2-year-olds are getting used to a new classroom and schedule. Blocks, puzzles, dress-up and Shabbat Magic, along with taking turns, sharing and communication with their peers are just the start to the year.

Fall and the High Holy Days have presented many learning opportunities for the 3-year-old class. Apples and honey were a particular favorite, and it's been great to take advantage of beautiful weather. The kids are also working on learning letters and their names and becoming more independent.

The veterans of the school - the 4-yearolds - are enjoying a creative curriculum that includes experiments and observations, painting, music, Kindermotion and Torah time. They are well on their way to Kindergartenpreparedness.

The year is off to an amazing start, and we look forward to spending each day with these smart, caring and energetic children.



PALS at the Pumpkin Farm.



The hay maze was fun!





#### Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

#### November 6 and 7

Mary Altman Joseph Anthone Hazel S. Blatt **Jack Paul Bleich** Morris L. Bookbinder Monty Boorin Beatrice R. Cohen Sarah Friedman Cowen Paul Davis Sr. John Fierstein Belle Fineberg Max I. Freed Ruth Gutfreund Gardner Oscar Garten Rose Marks Goldstein Maurice Gorbaty Edna Gross Ida Reingold Grosse Sol Grosse Ernest Gunzburger Gertrude P. Haniford Leon Hayman

Norman Israel Clarice S. Jacobs Sylvia Frey Kastoff Irene Kavinoky Anna W. Lvon Robert R. Mandelcorn Regina Michaels Esther Sapowitch Milch Else Hollander Reese Debra Remson Nathan Rosenfeld Nathan Rovner Frieda Elster Sabol Ida Sarles Jean Sherris Morton Slesinger Joseph Snitzer Dr. Arthur Weinmann Irving Weller Ida Wertheimer William T. Wolkind Dr. Samuel Yochelson

## We offer our condolences to the families of

Jean Slutsky Claire Kaminsky Yablin Richard Bruce Narins Beverly F. Goldman Joseph Roitberg **Irving Trevor Goldwater** Martin Borofsky

#### November 13 and 14

Harry Beckerman Rose Beckerman Edna Blumenstein Sara Brock **Jack Chertoff** Henry Cohen Jeffrey A. Duboff Harry Ettlinger Harry Fernandez Sarah R. Feuerstein Mary Levick Fox Jack Klein Freedman Louis Fuhn Ardeth C. Goldberg Gwendolyn A. Goldberg Esther Goldman Marjorie L. Gorbaty Sarah R. Gutman Harry Hirshberg Levi Jacobson Herman Klyn Leonard Korman Ida R. Kulick Samuel Levite Shirley Lippes George Marcus Leah Mesches Edwin N. Meyers Meyer Meyers Martin M. Morris

Lillian Kramer Morrison Hyman Oestreich Dr. Robert E. Reisman Issac Rodgers Edward Rose Frances T. Rosenberg Burton Ira Rosenblat Bruno Rosenfelder Annie Warner Rothschild Jeanne S. Ruslander Philip Sang Thelma Satuloff Carole Lesses Schwartz Harold I. Simon Fav Ann Singer Adam Reeder Sperling Bertha C. Sternberg Sophie Strauss Dr. Joseph H. Swados Helene L. Victor H. Gerald Weinberg Sid Weiss Jule White Mari Michaels White Michael D. White Raymond W. Wolff Ida D. Zeplowitz

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials **Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials** have been established for:

> Blossom E. Akst Levy, by her son Douglas J. Levy

#### November 20 and 21

Lee Gross Anthone Everett M. Barlow Anna Besso Dr. Michael B. Block Bertha Broder Freda K. Cohen Harold Bernard Cohen Hazel R. Cohen Harold A. Dautch David Davis Henrietta Dosberg Donald L. Ehrenreich, MD Charles Etkin Pauline Glaser Dr. Hyman H. Graver **Dorothy Gross** Jonathan Hall Helene B. Hochstetter Ida Schecter Holzman Fannie Horn Seymour Richard Jaffey

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**Yahrzeit Anniversaries** 

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