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Tu biShvat Seder and Potluck Dinner: Celebrate the Jewish New Year of the Trees



Tuesday, January 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sisterhood Chapel, 805 Delaware Avenue

Join students from our Religious School for a multi-generational dip into the traditions of the New Year of the Trees – a mystical journey into our connections to nature. Fruit, juice, wine, potluck dinner, and fun for everyone.

Please RSVP to Kara Kane: kara@tbz.org

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Turn to page 4 to learn more about Mr. Razvozov.

Winter Kulanu Service

Friday, February 9, 7 p.m.

805 Delaware

All members of the community are invited to the Winter Kulanu Service. This year's service will incorporate elements of a spirituality service as we "bend the arc" toward ever-increasing celebration of our diversity.

We will also hear from a special guest speaker who will address his experience growing up in Temple Beth Zion.

Please join us under a "sukkat shalom" – a shelter of peace and community – as we once again bring light and warmth into the winter.



Megillah & Tequila (An evening for adults)

Wednesday, February 28, at 8 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

The Book of Esther is a hilarious and ribald read – really! Join in the celebration as we imbibe in the spirit of Purim and read the whole Megillah (in English, with a little Hebrew).

While beverages, soft and hard, will be served, please feel free to BYOB.

This is an event for those of at least legal drinking age. We strongly encourage designated drivers for those planning to consume alcoholic beverages.



Letter from the President

Framing Our Future

We are so incredibly energized at TBZ. There are so many opportunities for education and gathering. In the past, the synagogue was the core of social life for Jewish individuals. Single, married, young children, older children, no children... it was the shul that was the center of the community. So much has changed, and life takes us in so many directions. We at TBZ are still part of the social and educational equation. The weekly emails, monthly Bulletin, website and Facebook page are great ways to get a glimpse. We wish to make sure that you are aware of the events and know that you and your friends are always welcome!

In December, Rabbi Jonathan and I, along with other TBZers, attended the URJ Biennial Convention in Boston. We are excited to bring what we learned back to TBZ to evolve our community. We are not alone in our challenges. At the URJ Biennial we learned that the synagogue world looks different now and will continue to change. In 2050...while it seems so far away...we must ask ourselves where will we fit in? What do we need to secure our financial future? Are we a staff driven organization? How can we, individually, be more invested so that TBZ is a volunteer driven organization?

There are many cool ideas being discussed at a national level, including how to:

- Create a culture where it is okay to experiment.
- Help our TBZ family re-imagine Jewish life.
- Empower ourselves to have Jewish traditions in the home, in the synagogue, and wherever we gather.
- Be the hub for the central community and have a Jewish voice that matters.

We begin to answer these questions with our participation in the Congregational Benchmarking Study. A key part will be the survey each member of our congregation will receive this month. This is your opportunity to provide feedback. It is important to share your thoughts. Responses will help provide a full picture to TBZ leadership.

We will also compare our results to other congregations and seek guidance from those that have best practices. Assisted by a dedicated URJ mentor and those who specialize in understanding survey results, we can focus our efforts on meeting our congregational needs and thriving together.

I look forward to seeing you at events, at services and in my email with questions. Membership is about connecting. Please don't be shy... let's work together to preserve our heritage and create new traditions for our families and friends.

miriam



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Worship Opportunities

All Shabbat services, except as noted,
are held at 805 Delaware Avenue.
Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, February 1 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, February 2 Shabbat Jews in Jeans at Broder with Congregation Beth Abraham Birthday / Anniversary Blessings	7 p.m.
Saturday, February 3 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 8 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, February 9 Kulanu Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, February 10 Shabbat Morning Service Canterbury Woods Service	10:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
Thursday, February 15 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, February 16 Classical Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, February 17 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Noah Wisnock	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 22 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, February 23 Meditative Prayer Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, February 24 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, February 19. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



Letter from the Rabbi

**Tu biShvat and Purim –
Winter and Agriculture**

Two minor holidays punctuate our winter with celebrations – the Fifteenth of Shevat (Tu biShvat in Hebrew), the New Year of the Trees, and Purim, the festival celebrating the story of the Book of Esther. Both of these remind us of our connections to the natural world, to lands that Jews have always held as important, and to the need for positive energy in dark and cold months.

The New Year of the Trees was originally a tax day, used to calculate the age of trees for tithing.

Now, without the offering system of the Temple, on Tu biShvat we rejoice with fruit, celebrating the splendid, abundant gifts of the natural world. In the Seventeenth Century, a Tu biShvat Seder featuring mystical ideas and the wine and fruit of Israel was developed by Rabbi Isaac Luria, a Jewish mystic, in the beautiful town of Tzvat in Northern Galilee. Like the Passover Seder, there are four symbolic cups of wine or grape juice. The Tree of Life, a Jewish mystical symbol, is sustained by our ethical behavior, and we are sustained by caring well for the earth.

Purim is the Jewish Mardi Gras. These two holidays celebrate the approaching spring, the buds emerging on our grape vines, which allow us to drink plenty of wine knowing that there will be more in the season ahead.

Yes, we have the story of the Book of Esther – how she and her uncle Mordechai triumphed over the evil Haman, and the timing that coincides with the casting of lots, “purim” in Hebrew, that gave us the excuse to create funny plays, or “shpiels,” and celebrate our reversal of fortunes by playfully mocking authority figures. All of that gives us a good reason to break out the grape products, knowing that spring and future harvests are just around the corner.

The natural cycle of the Jewish year follows the ecological seasons in Israel, reminding us of our homeland.

Celebrating trees and harvests in the winter reminds us that we receive inspiration from our connection to the sustaining physical world even during the darkest times of year.

Please come for the Tu biShvat Seder on January 30, and enjoy the Purim events that start on February 28.

May this winter be a time of warmth in the cold, celebrations of connections, and give us glimpses of the seasons ahead that sustain us in the present.

Happy Winter!
Jonathan

More Purim...

Purim Time Machine Set for the '80s

Friday March 2

6 p.m. Potluck dinner

7 p.m. Service and Homemade Megillah by our own Cantor Penny Myers

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Come for an epic Purim Celebration! Temple Beth Zion clergy and congregants will be the players in this rad Megillah.

There will be a special photo booth, so dust off your leg warmers, get your jelly bracelets, wear your acid washed jeans because...you don't want to miss this event!

RSVP for dinner by calling the Temple office at 836-6565.

Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive

Get your costume and groggers ready for an afternoon of fun and games. The Community Purim Carnival is the place to be! Watch your mail and email



New Members

Joe C. Czarnecki

Judith Bluestone & Grace Bluestone

Shepard Goldberg

Jazz at TBZ

The Music of George Gershwin
Featuring Rebecca Filsinger

Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

Gershwin's compositions spanned both popular and classical genres, and his most popular melodies are widely known. Among his best-known works are the orchestral compositions "Rhapsody in Blue" (1924) and "An American in Paris" (1928) as well as the opera "Porgy and Bess" (1935).

Israeli Knesset Member to Speak

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Born Konstantin Razvozov in Birobidzhan in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast of the Soviet Union, Razvozov began training in judo at age 6. His family immigrated to Israel when he was 11. He joined the Israeli judo team and became an Israeli judo champion at the age of 16.

In the 2003 Judo World Championships, Razvozov finished seventh. He finished second at the European Championships the following year and represented Israel at the 2004 Summer Olympics. In the final of the European Championships in 2005, he won a silver medal in the 73 kilogram weight category.

Razvozov then entered politics, becoming a member of the Netanya City Council. He also became a member of the Israel Olympic Committee. He joined *Yesh Atid* and was placed eighth on its list for the 2013 Knesset elections. He was elected to the Knesset as the party won 19 seats. He was placed ninth on the party's list for the 2015 elections and was re-elected as the party won 11 seats.

Razvozov said: "As a Russian Israeli and because of my representation of diverse immigrant populations in Israel who have returned to the Land of Israel from all corners of the world. I feel both honored and uniquely capable of representing the populations of new Israelis in the Israeli Knesset. I have been further honored to represent Israel in my capacity as an Olympic athlete, where I have done my best to ensure that our flag is proudly waved and our anthem is loudly heard at international sporting events all over the world."

We are grateful to Temple member Andrew Shaevel and the Buffalo law firm of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP for bringing Yoel Razvozov to Buffalo and to TBZ.

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

February Sale Specials

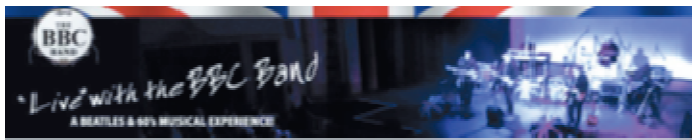
Mention you saw this article and receive 20% off 1 item

Open during Religious School Hours

Thursdays 4 - 6 p.m., Sundays 9 a.m. - noon

For information or to help out, call Susan at (716) 835-0421 or email susan_b@roadrunner.com

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



Temple Beth Zion is proud to host

The BBC Band

Featuring music from the British Invasion Era.
The band has played sold-out shows across
Western New York.



Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

All ages will enjoy an unforgettable night.
The BBC Band will have you out of your seat,
dancing the night away!
Beer, wine and food concessions will be available.

Ticket Prices

\$30 advance sale; \$35 at the door
Call (716) 836-6565 to purchase tickets.



www.tbz.org / www.thebbcband.com

Achim to Present Radio Journalist



The February Achim program will be held on Sunday, February 11, at 11 a.m. in the Meadows Community Room at Weinberg Campus. Our guest speaker will be Allan Harris, traffic and news reporter at WBEN Radio. Mr. Harris is a well-known and respected

radio journalist who has interviewed many political and sports figures. He will speak about his profession and experiences. The Weinberg residents always make us and the speakers feel welcome, and as a bonus enjoy a wonderful 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.

Days Are Full at PALS-Kadimah

When many parents think of the concept of curriculum, they focus on units of study that include shapes, colors, transportation, the seasons or bugs. Here at PALS-Kadimah, topics like those are included in our secular curriculum, while the study of Jewish holidays, customs and traditions also are components of our Judaic curriculum.

When woven together, these two strands of our curriculum fill each day with wonder, discovery and learning. The early years in your child's education are also pivotal in developing character and life-long values, another vital strand in the PALS-Kadimah curriculum. Each day our teachers impart and model positive values and practices, laying the ground work for children not only to learn by example but to "live what they learn."



The most familiar of these values for many families is *tzedakah*, or charity. Every Friday during Shabbat Magic, we encourage our children to bring in coins for the class *tzedakah* box.

The word *tzedek* means justice and righteousness. Giving *tzedakah* is the just and right thing to do. It's giving back. It can include giving money, clothing, food or time in doing good deeds. The kindness, generosity and empathy that PALS-Kadimah students show others and their delight in the world around them warms our hearts and brings smiles to our faces. It is this generosity that raised \$100 to provide those less fortunate with Thanksgiving turkeys and food through the Turkey Basket Project.



As hard as it is to believe, plans are already underway for the 2018-2019 school year. If you would like to schedule a tour to meet the teachers and see what sets PALS-Kadimah apart from other early childhood programs, please contact Melissa Milch at 836-6565, Ext. 139, or pals@tbz.org.

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Consecration Celebration



On Sunday, December 17, Isaac Waks, Arlen Connolly, Parker Reich, Benjamin Potash, Levi Waks, Archer Levin and Simon Waks were consecrated at Temple Beth Zion. Consecration is the ceremony that celebrates our children's Jewish learning as a holy endeavor and dedicates the students to Jewish learning for all time.

The Religious School community prayed, sang and witnessed our youngest students and their parents declare the Shema and dedicate themselves to the study of Judaism. The consecrants were welcomed to the beginning of their studies by seventh-grade students.



Save the Date!

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11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Taking TBaZY on the Road

TBaZY members are on their way to the NFTY-NEL Winter Kallah in Cleveland. If you are interested in these events, give us a shout, and we'd love to talk about our Teen Travels.

TBaZY Jr. (Grade 3-5): Join us for a Lazer-Tron event that'll knock your socks off. Sunday, February 11, time to be announced. Watch your email and Religious School news for more information and to sign up.

TBaZY Sr. (Grades 6-12): We are putting a call out for volunteers at the ShuShan Purim/Alive Service at Temple on Friday, March 2, starting at 6:30 p.m. Contact us for more information.

As always, for any of the above listed events, to be added to our email or to chat about youth-related activities you would like to participate in, give us a call or email.

Tammy 716-867-8541 tamaravanwey@gmail.com

Beth 716-609-2450 bshapiro44@gmail.com

Mitzvah Updates

The blessing bags the Religious School students assembled have been a great hit. The items collected from TBZ and others have helped fill the desperate need on the West Side of Buffalo, as the blessing bags are picked up faster than they can be filled. The collaboration with D'Youville College has been highly successful, and we can look forward to many more years working together.



On February 11, we will make fleece blankets for our Tzedakah of the Month. Thank you to the TBZ Sisterhood for the generous donation toward this Mitzvah. The blankets will be distributed to Family Promise to help the families stay warm during this chilly winter.

Religious School Calendar

Feb 2 - 4	NFTY-NEL Winter Kallah
Feb 11	Mitzvah of the Month
Feb 18 - 25	February Break - No Religious School

Discussing, Dining, and More

Talmud Talk

Wednesday, February 7

Noon – 1 p.m.

Milos, 5877 Main St., Williamsville

All our Judaism, especially Reform Judaism, starts in the Talmud.

Everyone welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning.

Materials provided.

No host lunch.

Jolt of Judaism

Wednesday, February 28

Noon – 1 p.m.

The Daily Planet, 1862 Hertel Ave.

Have a burning Jewish question and a midday need for caffeine?

Join the Jolt of Judaism and discuss any and all topics from a Jewish perspective over wake-up beverages and light lunches.

Send questions and topics for discussion to Rabbi Jonathan.

Open to all.

No host refreshments.

Torah Study

Saturday mornings

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave.

TBZ's clergy delve into the week's reading from Torah, the Five Books of Moses. Learned and open-ended, join this group and discuss how our ancient texts still bring meaning to our Twenty-First Century lives.

Coffee provided.

Looking for something you don't see here? Let us know by emailing Rabbi Jonathan (rabbifreirich@tbz.org).

Volunteer Opportunity

TBZ will coordinate volunteers to serve at Friends of Night People on the second Tuesday of each month. We won't need to cook the meal, only serve it.

Ten volunteers are needed from 4 to 7:15 p.m. (Minimum age is 14 - minors must be accompanied by parents.)

Due to limited availability of parking, we plan to carpool.

Call Leslie at 839-0079 or email Ann Marie at annmarie@tbz.org for more details and/or to put your name on the list of volunteers. You can volunteer once or on multiple Tuesdays.

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Mazel Tov!



Noah Wisnock
Saturday, February 17

Son of: Kaarsten & Michael Wisnock

Thank You

To all those who baked and helped deliver the Caring Community Chanukah Bags: Jessica Meyers Altman, Ellen Capell, Betty Collins, Amanda Fennell, Adam Field, David Goldberg, Jack & Joan Karet, Kaaren Norman, Debbie Pieri, Allison Pieri, Jennifer & Marc Rosen, Amy Schaefer, Jonathan Wojcik, Jennifer Schulefand, Marilyn Schillroth, Arlene Steinhart, Amélida Weinmann, Sharon Winer, Karen Wiseman, Noah & Kaarsten Wisnock, Marjorie Zeckhauser. You help to put smiles on the faces of so many.

Excerpt from a note to the Caring Community regarding the Chanukah gift bags:

"What would Chanukah be without these? More importantly, what would Chanukah be without the light cast by generous members of our TBZ community?"

To those who helped at Friends of Night People on December 25: Eric & Bryna Snyder, Leslie Garfinkel, Jackie Korchowsky, Kathy & Marc Lippman, Elaine Rubenstein, Mindy, Kevin & Evan Shine, Margery Zeckhauser & Frans De Waal and Sharon Winer. A wonderful night was had by all of those who volunteered and for those they served.

Please contact Ann Marie at Annmarie@tbz.org if you would like to help at Friends of Night People on Tuesday February 13, or Tuesday March 13.

To our excellent bakers, who did a marvelous job at the last Oneg: Elaine Klein, Judy Swadron, Susan Nadler, Halli Glina, Marilyn Schillroth, Debbi Coniglio and Helen Weintraub. We would love to have some new people join us. If you are interested please get in touch with Sharon Winer at swiner4@gmail.com or 741-4200.

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, February 20, at 7:15 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

The TBZ Bereavement Support Group is lay-led by members of the group in an informal and warm setting. All members of the community are welcome.

If you would like more information, call Carol Caserta at (716) 873-2836.

Presidents' Message

The Sisterhood Service Fund was established more than 40 years ago. It is one of the many ways Sisterhood raises money to help achieve our financial goals. We use the fund for programming, which is open to the Temple community. We also fund Religious School and PALS scholarships, B'nai Mitzvah gifts, books for confirmands and High School graduates, Mitzvah Fair, TBaZY, and Broder Center and Delaware Building improvements.



You can make a contribution to the Sisterhood Service Fund for various life-cycle occasions. Make your check payable to TBZ Sisterhood and send it to Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14226. Please note on a paper or on the Temple contribution form what fund it is for and whom you are honoring, with their address so a note can be sent to them. Include your name and the address. Your contribution will also be acknowledged in the Temple Bulletin.

Call us for more information about this important fund.

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757

Sharon Winer 741-4200

Susan Bruckheimer 982-2099

Intergenerational Women's Seder

Temple Beth Zion Broder Center

Sunday, March 18

3:45 p.m.

Join us for a Women's Seder with Cantor Penny Myers leading our service. The Seder will be followed by dinner of matzoh ball soup, roasted chicken, potato and vegetables.

Reserve your spot today! **RSVP by March 10.** \$18.50 for adults, \$14 for girls 13-16, girls under 12 are free.

Intergenerational Women's Seder Reservation

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Adults _____ x 18.50 = _____

Girls 13-16 _____ x \$14 = _____

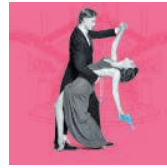
12 and under _____ no fee

Total enclosed _____

Make your check out to the TBZ Sisterhood and send to: Susan Bruckheimer, 472 Orchard Drive, Buffalo, NY 14223

If you have any questions or want to help with the event please contact Julie Newberger at Juliebn26@gmail.com

Sylvia Morris Theater Bus Trips



'Grand Hotel'

June 28

Festival Theatre

Niagara-on-the-Lake

A delicious buffet lunch at Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, followed by a matinee at the Festival Theater to see the glamorous musical comedy "Grand Hotel."

The winner of five Tony Awards, "Grand Hotel" tells the story of 10 hotel guests in Roaring Twenties Berlin who collide over one unforgettable night.

The cost, which includes the bus trip, a buffet lunch and the matinee, is \$135.

'Come From Away'

August 15

Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto

"Come From Away" is a remarkable true story of the small town that welcomed the world. It is set in the week following the September 11 attacks and tells what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, and Labrador. The characters are based on real Gander residents and some of the 7000 stranded travelers they housed and fed. When booking this play, the saleswoman said "This will be the best 100 minutes of your life!"

The cost of the trip is \$160 and includes the bus, play and a buffet dinner at Tuckers Marketplace Restaurant in Burlington, Ontario.

For both trips: The luxury coach will leave the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, at 10 a.m. Your canceled check is your reservation. Reservations are not confirmed until your payment is received. All participants must have proper identification (either an enhanced license or a passport) to cross the border.



Theater Bus Trips Reservation

_____ tickets for "Grand Hotel" on June 28 at \$135 per person. **(Reservation deadline June 1)**

_____ tickets for "Come From Away" on August 15 at \$160 per person **(Reservation deadline May 15)**

Total enclosed _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Mail to: Marilyn Schillroth, 116 Hilton Blvd, Amherst, NY 14226. Any questions? Contact Marilyn at 832-4757.

SPEND THE FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER WITH YOUR TBZ FAMILY!



24th ANNUAL SEDER



Friday, March 30

6 p.m.

Transit Valley Country Club
8920 Transit Road, East Amherst

Please return this form with your check by **March 12** to:
Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Buffalo, NY 14226

We can only accept phone reservations with credit card payment.

_____ plates at \$45 for adult members and children 13 years and over** \$ _____

_____ plates at \$50 for adult non-members and children 13 years and over \$ _____

_____ plates at \$20 for children ages 4 - 12 \$ _____

_____ plates for children under 3 years of age no charge

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to request vegetarian plates for any of the above, please let us know. Number of vegetarian meals _____

The fee includes a special afikomen surprise for each child

_____ We/I cannot attend, but in the spirit of honoring our Jewish tradition of offering all who are hungry a place at our table, we/I wish to donate \$ _____ to defray the cost of the Seder.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

MC/VISA/DISCOVER # _____ EXP. Date _____

INTERESTED IN HELPING SET UP OR HOSTING A TABLE? PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Please seat me with _____

****In keeping with our Jewish tradition of "All who are hungry come and eat," we encourage everyone to attend the Seder regardless of financial circumstances. Please call Amy Schaefer, our Temple Administrator, at 836-6565 if you have concerns about the fee.**



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"Way Back When," a trio of biblical farces, will take the stage at the New Phoenix Theatre (95 Johnson Park, Buffalo) in February. These three one-acts, written by local playwrights Grant Golden and Rebecca Ritchie, take a decidedly different look at stories and characters drawn from the Bible.

For "Way Back When," Golden reimagines the Creation and the Binding of Isaac, with Mrs. God trying hard in both cases to keep her husband in line. Ritchie deals with an Eve/Lilith confrontation long after Adam's passing. All three pieces take a light-hearted, warmly humorous approach. They are all a bit silly, but surprisingly thoughtful.

Golden, who has written scores for a number of locally produced shows, has provided a signature song ("Ages Ago") for the evening.

Betsy Bittar directs a cast of six: David Lundy, Pamela Rose Mangus, Kathleen Rooney, Jon Summers and Todd Fuller.

"Way Back When" runs Thursdays through Saturdays, February 2 - 24, at 8 p.m. General admission is \$30, with a special \$20 rate for students, seniors and theater professionals. Admission is only \$10 for groups of 20 or more. The Thursday, February 1 preview performance is "Pay What You Can" night, sponsored by M&T Bank.

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich of Temple Beth Zion will lead an after-show discussion on Saturday, February 3.

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