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Congregation Information Night

Monday, May 14, at 7 p.m.
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Please join miriam treger and members of the Board of Trustees for a congregational meeting. We will share up-to-date information on all that is happening at TBZ, including some initial results from the congregational survey. The TBZ Trustees want to hear from you - listen to what is on your mind and hear your questions - so that we can plan for the years ahead.

Come for Shabbat

Shabbat Halimud - Honoring Our Teachers
Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware

Sisterhood Shabbat
Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware

Remembering Our Veterans
Friday, May 25, at 6 p.m.
805 Delaware

TBZ Has Pride



Pride Service
Friday, June 1, at 6 p.m.
805 Delaware

Please plan to attend this wonderful welcoming service and to share in the celebration of our diversity.

Community Pride Parade
Sunday, June 3
Elmwood Avenue

TBZ and marchers from the WNY Jewish Community will again carry the banner with our theme "B'etzelem Elohim" - "We are all created in the image of God."

See details for both events on page 5.



Monday, August 6
Transit Valley Country Club

Mark your calendar now for the premier social event of the year.

Come, bring your friends and make new friends.

Interested in being a part of the planning?
Call Julie at (716) 836-6565.



Letter from the President

We have turned the corner into spring 2018. Temple Beth Zion has so much going on, and we are hoping the hear what interests you.

We were able to relax and rock out with the BBC Band. Our auditorium and chapel are amazing venues for an event! Do you have ideas to bring our generations together for social gatherings? We can help!

Many of you have participated in the data collection process (via email) for the URJ Assessment. We have been assigned a mentor for the next step and will connect with our leadership team to have a constructive session to review the feedback and a board workshop. Thank you to all who responded to the sampling of emails and surveys. As we move into the next generation of Jewish organizations, we will be well prepared and able to benchmark with other large Reform congregations across North America. We really are in this together.

Our Congregation Information Night is scheduled for May 14. We will provide an update on staffing and other changes that occurred this year. I look forward to hearing your ideas and concerns so that we may better serve you, the Temple Beth Zion Family.

As the school year comes to an end, don't forget that our children can enjoy seeing their classmates over the summer as well. Make plans for Shabbat dinner. Come to Shabbat Friday or Saturday. Have a Havdalah dinner and bonfire. Let's keep the relationships growing and solid for our selves and our next generation. With technology the norm and face-to-face time at a premium, let's take a few hours with each other to enjoy the blessings that we all share.

The discussions at the Congregation Information Meeting will help us shape the Annual Meeting on June 15. We are open to different ways to communicate to better hear you. Working with the URJ, and our greater Jewish Community, can only make us stronger in our mission to be what we all need in today's world. A community that cares for and about each other with strong Jewish and human values. Our service following the meeting is a special one to honor Rabbi Adam Scheldt, so be sure to join us for the 6 p.m. meeting, followed by the 7 p.m. Shabbat Service.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and, of course, in the community.

b'shalom
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, May 3 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 4 Shabbat Halimud Service Birthdays and Anniversary Blessings	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 5 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Eli Noble	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 10 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 11 Sisterhood Shabbat Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 12 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Corrinne Myers	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 17 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 18 Tot Shabbat Service Classical Service	5:45 p.m. 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 19 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Eva Horst Erev Shavout Service Confirmation Service	10:30a.m. 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 24 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25 Shabbat Evening Service Bat Mitzvah of Ava Sadkin	6 p.m.
Saturday, May 26 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 31 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.



Letter from the Cantor

Our Bond With G-d

Penny: "Siri, do you pray?"

Siri: "I don't have an answer for that."

Many believe that prayer and belief in Hashem (G-d) are only reserved for emergency situations. These are times we face that are perceived as "life or death." Moreover, these same folks may be compelled to recite an improvised prayer during such times of severe illness or when they find themselves in other situations of emotional duress or physical danger.

I remember a time I met with someone interested in converting to Judaism. She declared to me that she didn't believe in G-d. Many people have admitted their skepticism of a "higher power" or G-d. My salty reply to her was: "Tell me about this G-d you don't believe in?" Lingering in that brief silence was a shared level of trust and respect. I wouldn't push further, at least not yet, until I gained a deeper understanding of this young woman.

As we progressed in the conversation, she admitted that her final exam that morning had been postponed, followed by a "Thank G-d." I thought this contradiction was very interesting.

Why is it we only have a need for G-d during times of insecurity? Why is it some people can dismiss the notion that G-d exists - but praise G-d or pray to G-d when we need something? Or thank G-d when things go as we hoped?

Thus, I feel this is the entire nature of the human experience: When we feel out of control, we are ever humbled by the impending "danger" and then cling to the notion of G-d to "take care of us" when we find ourselves in these precarious situations.

Our relationship with G-d and prayer doesn't need to be reserved for difficult times, but rather it is a bond that can be nurtured and nourished with mindful attention that will provide an unbreakable bond as our spiritual journeys grow deeper into our spiritual foundations.

Siri doesn't pray, but we do. Try a little more, channel your thoughts deeper, immerse yourself in our worship and trust in G-d. G-d is with you at every moment of every day.

May you continue to recognize the power and majesty of Hashem when you are not faced with a difficult situation.

May Hahsem help you find shalom-peace. Shalom uvrachah peace and blessings

Cantor Penny Myers

Shabbat Remembrance



During our Friday evening Shabbat Service on May 25, which starts at 6 p.m., we will remember and honor our veterans.

Here are some words from President Franklin D. Roosevelt in honor of Memorial Day:

“On this day, we call to mind those who gave their lives that our nation might live. Alas that its preservation should have entailed the loss of so much treasure, should have brought so much suffering, should have demanded so many young and promising lives! The only fitting memorial to those sacrifices is our self-dedication to the task of abolishing all inner strife, hatred and bitterness from among us.

“May the remembrance of the price we paid for our life as a nation impel us to seek justice, to foster freedom and to pursue the ways of peace. May our nation be a source of blessing to all its people and to the rest of humankind.”

Special Invitation From the Myers Family

With great joy and pride we invite our entire Temple Beth Zion family to share in the simcha as our daughter

Corrinne Emmy

*is called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah
Please join Penny, Bennett, Hunter and Saul for
this sacred occasion*

*Saturday, May 12
805 Delaware Avenue
Ten-thirty in the morning*

Kiddush Luncheon to follow in the Rabbi Fink Auditorium

*Kindly RSVP by MAY 4
to: bflobm@gmail.com or
Call Cantor Myers at 836-6565, Ext. 130*



The Music of Richard Rodgers

**Featuring Lindsey Holland and
The Buffalo Jazz Collective
Repertory Ensemble**

Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

Richard Rogers, an American composer of more than 900 songs, was born into a prosperous German Jewish family in Arverne, Queens. He is best known for his songwriting partnerships with the lyricists Lorenz Hart and Oscar Hammerstein II. Rogers was the first person to win what are considered the top show business awards in television, recording, movies and Broadway - an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony.

The Buffalo Jazz Collective Repertory Ensemble, featuring Lindsey Holland, includes Jacob Jay, trumpet; Nelson Rivera, tenor sax; Jared Tinkham, guitar; Ed Croft, bass; Alec Dube, drums.

\$10 donation at the door is appreciated.

Library Notes

This school year your children may have visited the library to hear holiday stories, to celebrate Shabbat or to research class projects for Religious School. You, or someone you know, may have seen and enjoyed a book you never thought of, relaxed while your kids were in class or just sat and gabbed with friends. Either way, without even trying, you helped make our TBZ library a vibrant part of synagogue life.

A key to our library's success is making sure that our collection is clearly labeled, organized and attractively displayed. This is an ongoing process that demands time and commitment from all of us. As a congregant, as a library patron, as a parent, please accept your role in helping keep our TBZ library orderly and inviting. As Religious School finishes for the year, please make sure that books borrowed by you or your child get returned by May 6.

Finally, our library budget is dependent on donations, either monetary or books, and we welcome and appreciate either.

Service to Honor Rabbi Scheldt

Friday, June 15, at 7 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue



Please join us at Temple Beth Zion as we say "Y'hitraot" to Rabbi Adam Scheldt. He served Temple Beth Zion from June 2013 through February 2018. One of his strengths is his ability to connect with others on a spiritual level, making him an excellent choice in his new role as Director

of Pastoral Care for Hospice Buffalo.

Please join us as we wish him well!

TBZ Has Pride!

Our annual Pride Service will be Friday, June 1, at 6 p.m. in the Delaware building. Please plan to attend this wonderful, welcoming service, and to share in the celebration of our diversity. This year we hope to have a special speaker address the theme of engagement of the Buffalo LGBTQ Jewish community. Please check the Temple's website and watch for more information in the weekly email blasts.



Once again, TBZ will proudly march in the community's Pride Parade on Sunday, June 3. We will join with other marchers from the Jewish community. At the time of this writing, we welcome Temple Beth Tzedek, Nickel City Jews and the Jewish Community Center's contingents. This year, TBZ will again march under our "B'etzelem Elohim" ("We are all created in the image of God") banners. Our theme expresses in two words our Jewish commitment to embracing and supporting all of our diverse members, as well as the Biblical inspiration for that commitment.

We assemble at the college beginning at 10 a.m. The parade steps off from Buffalo State College at noon and marches down Elmwood Avenue to Allen Street. The festival happens at Canalside, from 1 to 7 p.m., and will feature music, other entertainment, and exhibitors. If you are planning to march in the parade, please register in advance on the Jewish Pride of Western New York website: <http://www.jewishpridewny.org/pride>, where you can find more details and a map. There is no registration fee to march. If you don't have internet access, call the Temple office at 836-6565 to register by phone.

The beautiful TBZ Pride T-shirts (and hats, buttons and flip-flops!) with the rainbow logo displayed here are again available for purchase. You can go to www.zazzle.com/templebethzion to buy yours.

If you'd rather not march, come and cheer from anywhere along Elmwood Avenue. It should be a beautiful day; spend part of it with TBZ.

Erev Shavuot and Confirmation

Saturday, May 19

805 Delaware Avenue

7 p.m. Shavuot Evening and Confirmation Service

Please join our TBZ Shavuot Service, celebrating the giving of Torah on Mount Sinai, with a lively service, holiday liturgy and Confirmation student reflections as our Confirmands show their dedication to Judaism. Sacred music, reading of the Ten Commandments, and more – please plan to join us. An oneg in honor of the Confirmands will follow the service.

Mazel Tov to Confirmands and Graduates

There is no finer way to honor the occasions of Confirmation and Graduation than by sending a congratulatory message in honor of the students. The students listed below are members of the 2018 Confirmation and Graduation classes.

Please circle the name of the student(s) you wish to congratulate, and mail this form with your donation check made payable to Temple Beth Zion to: Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Buffalo, NY 14226. If you prefer to make the donation by credit card, contact Ann Marie in the Temple office at (716) 836-6565, Ext. 111.

The students and their parents will be notified, and your donation in their honor will be included in the TBZ Bulletin as well.

Confirmand

Haley Boehnlein
Nicole Heffter
Samantha Kane
Ira Mylchreest
Kaitlyn Stapleton

Parent(s)

Monica Boehnlein
Steve and Maria Heffter
Sean and Kara Kane
Richard and Lori Mylchreest
Timothy and Sheryl Stapleton

Graduate

Drew Boehnlein
Charlotte Long
Elliot Snitzer

Parent(s)

Monica Boehnlein
Patrick Long and Sandra Block
Eric and Ellen Snitzer

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for the (circle one) Religious School Fund/Youth Scholarship Fund. Please include your name as you would like it to appear on the notification, your phone number and your email (optional).

Graduates' Names Needed

If you have a family member who is graduating this year from high school or college, please email Jennelle Torrey at Jennelle@tbz.org or call her at 836-6565, Ext. 132, with their name and where they are graduating from. We plan to honor and congratulate them in June.

May Happenings

The service to honor our teachers, Shabbat Halimud, is at 7 p.m. Friday, May 4 at 805 Delaware. We hope you will join us to celebrate the women and men who have given so much of themselves in teaching your children about our Jewish heritage and the Hebrew language.

Our annual Flower Sale is Sunday, May 6 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. All the money raised helps support our school and all the Mitzvot we do throughout the year.

The last day of Religious School is Thursday, May 10, and what a year we have had! So many great new initiatives took place, and we are thrilled with what we've accomplished and where we are headed.

Each month we took on a Tzedakah project that we completed with every grade participating. We are looking for new charitable organizations to give of ourselves for next year. If you have any suggestions please send them to Education@tbz.org or kara@tbz.org. We would love to continue "Tikkun Olam," repairing the world, by helping one charitable organization at a time.



Several TBZ Religious School students attended the Intergenerational Women's Seder on Sunday, March 18.

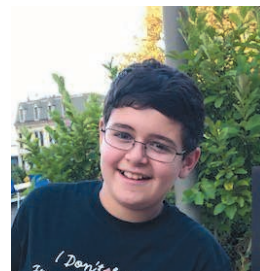
Religious School Calendar

- May 4 Shabbat Halimud - Service Honoring our Teachers at 805 Delaware, 7 p.m.
- May 6 Flower Sale – 8:45 to noon, Broder parking lot
Last Sunday for Religious School classes
- May 8 Last Tuesday Religious School class at Delaware
- May 10 Last Thursday Religious School class at Broder
- May 19 Confirmation Service at 805 Delaware, 7 p.m.

Mitzvah Projects

Theo Bellavia-Frank

For my mitzvah project, I did a poetry workshop with residents of Weinberg Campus, helping them write some poetry. With their permission, I put their poems together into an anthology, or collection, along with some of my own. I will be selling these anthologies before and after Hebrew school on May 6.



All proceeds benefit the Rollin' Athletic Club Inclusion Network (RACIN), a nonprofit that improves the physical, social and emotional lives of people with developmental disabilities through regular physical activity and involvement in the local racing scene. The anthologies make a great Mother's Day gift!

Theo

Ava Sadkin



My Bat Mitzvah is coming up on May 25. For my mitzvah project, I am donating supplies and my time to the SPCA Serving Erie County. The SPCA is always in need of pet supplies, including food, beds, toys, treats, blankets, grooming tools, etc. I would greatly appreciate any donations you could make toward this effort. A bin will be set up in the Broder Center lobby to collect any supplies you wish to donate. The bin will be available for donations

until Friday, May 25.

Thank you for helping the SPCA Serving Erie County.
Ava Sadkin

Lucas Weiss - update

Lucas, who became Bar Mitzvah on December 30, chose A Purr-fect Fit for his mitzvah project. A Purr-fect Fit is a no-kill shelter that relies entirely on donations and donated supplies. A Purr-fect Fit sent a note to TBZ to let us know how thrilled and appreciative they were with Lucas' efforts. Great job, Lucas!



Tzedekah of the Month for May

Our Tzedakah for the Month of May will be donations to three charitable organizations voted on by the classes that raised the most Tzedakah throughout the entire year.

Gearing Up for Elections

Shalom!

March and April were busy months for our youth group on a regional level. Ten to fifteen youths traveled to two NEL events, and we are pleased to announce that Madeline Weinmann, our current TBaZY President, was elected to serve as the NFTY-NEL Regional President for next year. Mazel Tov to Madi!

As we gear up for hopefully warmer weather, we are now starting to focus on electing a new TBaZY Board. Elections will be held before services at the Delaware Sanctuary on Friday, June 1, beginning promptly at 5 p.m. For individuals interested in running, please contact us or Madi Weinmann for additional information.

Be on the lookout for emails about volunteering to place flags at the cemetery to remember our Jewish war veterans on Memorial Day as well as dates for our closing program and installations in June.

We are always available to provide information about all of our youth groups and are happy to chat about our youth engagement opportunities. Please feel free to call us at 867-8541 or email us at Youth@tbz.org

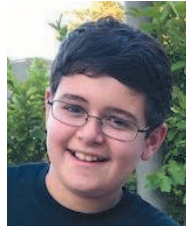
Beth and Tammy

Congratulations to all the TBaZY kids who ran for office at the regional elections in Ottawa. They were amazing and represented Buffalo, TBZ and their families as well.

Congratulations to Madi Weinmann (*far right*), who has been elected as the next NFTY-NEL Regional President for next year. Samantha Kane is under consideration for regional song leader, and she will know before the next event if she has been selected.

We are very proud of the amazing effort by Hannah Maxick for the position of Membership Vice President.

Mazel Tov to Gretchen and Gordon Gross, who were presented with the National Federation for Just Communities 2018 Citation Award. Through their leadership and philanthropy, they make Buffalo a better place to live. The list of programs and organizations that Gordon and Gretchen have supported through the years is long and distinguished. Temple Beth Zion is fortunate to be counted among those organizations.



Theo Bellavia-Frank
Saturday, April 28

Son of: Eric Frank & Gina Bellavia
Mitzvah Project: Poetry Workshop
at Weinberg Campus
Donating to: Rollin' Athletic Club
Inclusion Network (RACIN!)



Eli Noble
Saturday, May 5

Son of: Cara and David Noble



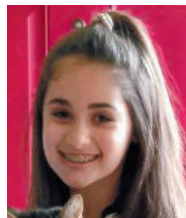
Corrinne Myers
Saturday, May 12

Daughter of: Penny and Bennett Myers
Mitzvah Project: Purim Shpiel 2018



Eva Horst
Saturday, May 19

Daughter of: Risa and Larry Horst



Ava Sadkin
Friday, May 25

Daughter of: Wendy and Guy Sadkin
Mitzvah Project and Donating to:
SPCA Serving Erie County

Honorable Menschen

To Kaarsten Wisnock for chairing this year's Passover Seder. The Seder took place at Transit Valley Country Club and was attended by more than 100 people.

To Larry Rubin for sponsoring refreshments for Torah Study.

To Kenneth Graber and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for conducting tours of our spiritual home at 805 Delaware.

To Leslie Garfinkel, Jody Goldstein and Louise Ruslander for volunteering at Friends of Night People in April.

Sisterhood Shabbat Is May 11

The new Sisterhood year does not begin until July, when the new Board becomes effective. But we would like to give a special thank-you to Sharon Winer for being an important part of our leadership team for the past five years. She is stepping down as a Co-president but will continue to be an important member of our Sisterhood Board.

Please join us at 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, when Sisterhood members will take part in Shabbat services, followed by a special Oneg Shabbat.

Officers for 2018-19 are:

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Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757

Sharon Winer 741-4200

Susan Bruckheimer 982-2099

39th Annual Merrill Molien Haven House Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, July 17, Noon

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Join us for a delicious lunch, interesting speaker and our fabulous basket auction. All proceeds to benefit an educational scholarship for victims of domestic violence.

If you can participate helping on the day of the event, donating items for the basket auction or by bringing a dish or dessert for the luncheon, contact Lynn Klein at 689-9207 or Sharon Winer at 741-4200.

Watch your June Bulletin for RSVP information and a wish list of items needed at Haven House. Even if you are unable to attend the luncheon, we welcome donations for Haven House.



Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

May Special

End of Religious School Year

50% off most items in shop

Passover, Chanukah, Rosh Hashana, Mezuzahs, Shabbat,

Tzedakah Boxes and Select Jewelry

Some exceptions apply - see signs in shop

** TBZ members receive 20% discount on tallits for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah child.

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.*

Sisterhood Onegs

Members of Sisterhood prepared an outstanding Oneg in March. We had an amazing variety of delicious desserts. My thank-you to Julie Feldman, Donna Dickman, Dee Block, Marilyn Schillroth, Susan Bruckheimer, Susan Nadler, Claire Goldberg, Becky Schiefer and Helen Weintraub. We can always use more bakers. If you do not bake, you might consider purchasing some items for us to use. To be part of this group please contact me at swiner4@gmail.com.

Sharon Winer

Walk With Us

Members of Sisterhood meet once a week to get exercise and (as weather allows) fresh air. Anyone is welcome to come! We meet on Sunday mornings. If we are indoors, we meet at the Boulevard Mall at the entrance on Niagara Falls Boulevard across from Macy's. If the weather is good, we meet on the bike path at North Forest Road.

New walkers are always welcome to join us. Email Carole at weincsw@verizon.net to sign up for the weekly Sisterhood email so you know in advance where and when the walkers are meeting that week. If you plan to join us for the first time, please email Carole so the group can watch for you.



Intergenerational Women's Seder

The Annual Women's Seder was a terrific afternoon. Thank-you to Cantor Penny Myers who led the Seder, and especially to Julie Newberger, who co-chaired, and all those who helped plan this wonderful afternoon.



PALS-Kadimah Registration Open

Registration is open for the 2018-19 Preschool year. Limited spots are available.

For a tour and/or more information, contact PALS-Kadimah Director Melissa Milch at (716) 836-6565 or via email to pals@tbz.org.

Dinosaurs - Roar!

Our paleontologists worked hard in April. The Shefanim (2-year-olds) cracked open eggs made from baking soda. They used utensils and then vinegar to finish the process. They were so surprised to find baby dinosaurs inside! After that, they made their own fossils and then helped make "moon sand" by mixing sand, soap and corn starch for the dinosaurs to live in for the week.



Counting the Omer

The Tziporim (4-year-olds) are shown counting the omer. *The omer* refers to the 49-day period between the second night of Passover (Pesach) and the holiday of Shavuot.



Planning for the Future

We have just survived one of the more scary tax seasons in many years. The tax changes had all of us wondering how we would be affected. It made 2017 a difficult year for financial planning.

In addition to the tax changes, some events that may have occurred in your life in recent years can affect your financial plans for the future: a change in family, a change of assets, a change of needs and desires, a change of job or business, or perhaps a change of residence. Sound advice from a reputable attorney, tax accountant or financial planner can help determine options that best suit your situation and goals.

When planning for the long-term future, the will is the most common estate-planning tool. When properly drafted, it will specify how you want your assets distributed and specify donations to charitable causes. Yet less than half of all Americans have a will. If you die without a will, state laws will determine how your assets are distributed. The state has no way to know how much you want to leave to the important people in your life, or which charitable organizations you want to support with bequests.

Thousands of charitable organizations, including Temple Beth Zion, are helped each year by bequests. As you go through the next year of preparing yourself and your finances for the tax season, please also remember to plan for the future. Please help insure the future of Temple Beth Zion by calling Amy Schaefer at 836-6565 or Peter Fleischmann at the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies at 204-1133.

Dr. Taublieb to Address Achim

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion is pleased to announce that their May Achim program will be held at 10 a.m. May 6 in the Meadows Lounge, located on the second floor at the Weinberg Campus, 2650 North Forest Road, Getzville. The program is held in the building across from the rear entrance to the Jewish Community Center Benderson Building.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Amy Beth Taublieb. She will be addressing the residents and their guests on the topic "Aging With Psychological Grace."

Dr. Taublieb is a licensed psychologist who has been in private practice for more than twenty-five years in the Amherst area.

Achim is a monthly program of learning for the benefit of the residents, and their guests, at the Weinberg Campus and is open to the public at no cost.

Discussing, Dining, and More!

Talmud Talk

Wednesday, May 2

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.

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 and cookies provided.

Simchas

We relish the opportunity to offer Mazel Tov! for the simchas and achievements in the lives of our community members. Our Bulletin often includes notes of congratulations on births, special birthdays, weddings, awards and various other noteworthy events. We are counting on you to share your good news with us so we can share with the community. Simply send an e-mail to Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org or call her at 836-6565 ext. 134.

In March, TBZ's own Rabbi Jonathan Freirich spoke from the dais to hundreds of New York's faith leaders as a part of the first New York State Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Rabbi Freirich appeared with Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, whom he introduced, and the Rev. Jim Wallis, the founder and director of Sojourners. Gov. Andrew Cuomo then received and addressed the assembled dignitaries at the Executive Mansion in Albany.



Mitzvah Opportunities

We hope you will consider these opportunities to help out alongside other members of your TBZ family:



Family Promise

Helping people who cannot take care of themselves is probably the greatest mitzvah we can do. On Thursday, March 22, we assisted St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ. They were housing two homeless families consisting of two adults, two teenagers and four younger children. We shared a wonderful dinner that we had prepared with them. After dinner we played games and relaxed with them.

This wonderful team of volunteers consisted of Carla Bernhardt, Amy Heumann, Amy Freedman, Jody Goldstein and Matthew Eichhorn. We had a wonderful evening, one that is hard to forget. If you would like to join us when we assist next time, please get in touch with me at swiner4@gmail.com. This is an opportunity that you will remember for a long time.

Sharon Winer

Friends of Night People

TBZ coordinates 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.

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

Call Leslie at 839-0079 or Ann Marie at 836-6565 or via email to 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. The next dates will be May 8 and June 12.

Parking for the Festival

The Allentown Art Festival will take place the weekend of June 9 and 10. We are in need of volunteers to staff the parking lot, direct traffic and assist those using the lot. You don't have to come all day – just sign up for a two hour shift. If you plan to attend the festival, plan to park at TBZ! Parking is just \$5, and we're in a great spot convenient to the festival. Please keep in mind that your parking fee is actually a contribution to support the Temple.

If you would like to sign up for a shift and assist this year, please contact the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.

Temple Beth Zion 168th Annual Meeting

Friday, June 15, at 6 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

Watch your mailbox later this month for complete details and plan to attend.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 28. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.

Food Pantry Request

The Town Square Food Pantry is located on the Weinberg Campus and serves those in need who live in Getzville and Williamsville. The Pantry is a collaborative effort of Catholic Charities and TBZ.

The Town Square Food Pantry is need of donations all year long. Paper products (particularly toilet tissue, tissues and paper towels), jelly and jam, soup and sardines are always at the top of our list of needs.

If you are able to donate these or any other non-perishable items, please drop them off at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, during office hours.

Attention, gardeners! As you plan your garden for this year, know that we welcome donations of fresh vegetables and fruit on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please call the Food Pantry at (716) 391-2921, if you are interested in sharing your bounty. Food Pantry volunteers (some pictured below) would love to answer your questions.



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The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion uses this fund for the support of youth service programs and the mezuzahs given to each student at their B'Nai Mitzvah.

TOWN SQUARE FOOD PANTRY

In Honor of:

Jonathan Wojcik's Bar Mitzvah, by Herman & Peggy Stone

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Temple Beth Zion

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Beth Zion is a Reform congregation that enriches Jewish lives, promotes Jewish values, strengthens Jewish bonds and fosters lifelong learning. Our congregation celebrates the rich diversity of our Jewish community, preserves sacred traditions while encouraging innovation, and affirms our Judaism through words and deeds.

Adopted by the congregation on June 8, 2012

OUR SHARED FUTURE

Our spiritual and cultural ties to Judaism will strengthen us as individuals, as a community and as a people. We will be as welcoming in our congregation as we are in our homes and will honor our sacred covenant with God in caring for both our members and the greater community.

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The Caring Community Committee would like to thank all members of the Temple who have contributed generously to our fund. It has enabled us to provide Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Purim baskets to members who are in nursing homes or in other situations. We also deliver wine and challah to members who have lost loved ones. In addition, we provide gifts for new parents when they are naming their baby in Temple.

The Caring Community provides many other services. In doing so we hope that our projects are beneficial and help to make everyone feel that they are part of the Temple family.

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Leslie Garfinkel

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Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

May 11 & 12

May 18 & 19

May 4 & 5

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Alfred A. Bomberg	Arthur A. Kaliska	Anna Bookbinder	Arthur E. Lyon	Peggy Wile	Newman
Hattie C. Brock	Vera Silverstein	Nancy J. Borins	Bertha P. Munsell	Gunzburger	Marian M.
Estella G. Cohen	Lichtman	Sophie Burg	Dr. Mathew Podolin	Altman	Newman
Harry S. Cohen	Celia Norman	Lucille Sherris	Rebecca Thompson	Theodore Bergman	Sarah Pack
Doris Goldman	Malin	Cole	Ritchie	Lydia M. Block	George M. Raikin
Cohn	Marvin Morris	Gertrude R. Cristall	Bella Maisel Rock	Maxwell Brown	Sue B. Rosen
Rebecca G. Cohn	David Myers, MD	Benjamin Fingeret	Rose Rodman	Celia Chick	Jacob Rosenblatt
Sidney Ehrenreich	Sadie Rabin	Dr. Harry H. Goldberg	Geraldine W. Rosenberg	Dr. Reuben Cohen	David Rovall
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May 25 & 26

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	Sidney Main	Ronald Winer



Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials have been established for

Jane F. Jacobs by the Jacobs family

Ira J. Melzer by Mitzi Melzer and family

We sincerely apologize for omitting Lauren Rachlin from the Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials for the week of March 23 and 24.

We offer our condolences to the families of:

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