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Temple Beth Zion proudly presents:

## Sha-Broadway Shira

A special Musical Shabbat evening featuring music from: Hamilton, The Lion King, Les Miserables, Fiddler on the Roof and more...

Friday, January 18, at 7 p.m.  
805 Delaware Avenue  
Open to all!



To our Congregation:

Thank you for contributing so generously to the 2018-19 Kol Nidre Campaign.

Thank you also to the committee members for your dedication to our Congregation and our cause.

Next month we will publish a list of our generous donors.

If you haven't yet had the chance to make a pledge, there is still time. Please contact Julie at 836-6565 or [julie@tbz.org](mailto:julie@tbz.org) or simply mail a check to the Temple.

Happy New Year!  
Amélida & Peter Weinmann

## Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 6, at noon  
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Please join us for a presentation and congregational vote on the plan to refinance existing loan obligations.

Detailed formal notice of the meeting was mailed to members on December 18. Please return your proxy as soon as you are able. If you did not receive your mailing, please contact Julie Feldman at [julie@tbz.org](mailto:julie@tbz.org) or (716) 836-6565.

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Save February 1 for the next potluck dinner and Shabbat Service. Our fifth-graders will light the candles during the Service.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



**tbz**  
*Letter from the President*

As I write this message we're celebrating the second night of Chanukah. Now that my husband and I are "empty nesters," our celebration is rather subdued. We play our favorite Chanukah music - Erran Baron Cohen's "Songs in the Key of Hanukkah." We kindle the lights of the menorah and enjoy a quiet dinner. It's lovely in a new way.

We've also been watching our nation mourn our 41<sup>st</sup> President, George H.W. Bush. I am moved by the tributes from his family and friends. Regardless of whether you had or would have voted for him, his devotion to service to others is inspiring. Upon nomination for President of the United States, in his acceptance speech he urged people to become what he referred to as "1,000 points of light" — to celebrate people volunteering to make our country a better place. The idea was that service to community allows its members to find a "shining purpose."

A perfect example of TBZ members finding a new "shining purpose" is the heartwarming response to my request for congregants to volunteer to be a part of our newly formed Security Task Force. In the aftermath of the tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, it was clear that we needed to form a committee to objectively review the steps we are taking at TBZ to keep our congregants, tenants and visitors as safe as we can. I have been enormously gratified by the swift response from TBZ members who have an expertise in security to offer to lend a hand in modifying our security measures.

In addition, Amy Schaefer and I attended a Community Security Task Force organized by the Jewish Federation. We discussed how we can work together as a Jewish community on security matters. We discussed everything from how the local police respond to threats to Jewish agencies, to the simple idea of "if you see something, say something." I will continue to update you as we move forward.

The parsha we will read the first Shabbat of January is from the book of Exodus, Vaera. It begins with G-d telling Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the children of Israel leave Egypt. Moses complained to G-d several times that he was not the person for the job. As you know, despite Moses' self-doubt, he overcame his fear and is remembered as one of the great leaders of the Jewish people.

This makes me think that we can all rise to the occasion to be a "point of light" in our community. Please consider where your light can shine here at TBZ.

Please accept my family's wishes for good health and happiness in 2019!

Julie Dressler Weinberg



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

<b>Friday, January 4</b>	
Shabbat Evening Service at Broder	7 p.m.
Shabbat Service at Amberleigh	6:30 p.m.
<b>Birthday &amp; Anniversary Blessings</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 5</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton	10 a.m.
<b>Friday, January 11</b>	
Spirituality Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, January 12</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods	11 a.m.
<b>Friday, January 18</b>	
Tot Shabbat Service	5:45 p.m.
Congregational Potluck Dinner	6 p.m.
Shabbat Shira Broadway Service	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, January 19</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, January 22</b>	
Tu BiShvat Seder at Delaware	5:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, January 25</b>	
Classical Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, January 26</b>	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods	11 a.m.

*As we increase security at our facilities, please note that when arriving late to a service, some exterior doors may be locked and you may only be able to access the building through a single entrance. In the event that entrances are locked, signs will be posted with instructions and a phone number to call for gaining entrance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*



## Habits Instead of Resolutions

Happy New Secular Year!

The Jewish New Year doesn't ask us to make promises to ourselves; in fact, the opposite – we release ourselves from promises that we cannot fulfill.

This little piece of Jewish wisdom – start the year with fewer obligations – is one we can all take to heart as the calendar year advances.

Instead of making resolutions right now, let's offer one another, and ourselves, a little relief. Let us try to make 2019 a year of understanding instead of a year of broken resolutions.

The year might turn out to be better if two days, two weeks, or two months into it we didn't look back and say, "Wow, I couldn't stick with my resolution," and instead said, "I managed to offer a bit more sympathy this year, so far."

We have been saying this as Jews for a long time. In *Pirkei Avot*, "The Chapters of our Ancestors" (2:5), it says:

Hillel teaches:

Do not abandon community.

Do not be certain of yourself until you die.

Do not judge others until standing in their place.

Three wonderful habits to work on all year long in place of resolutions. We can even read them positively:

Stay connected with family and friends.

Embrace questions and be open to ideas from others.

Keep an open, welcoming, accepting, and curious mind about other people. Find out more.

Building good habits takes time. Let's choose good ones and work on them together.

Sending all of you wishes for blessings of health and family and friends in 2019,

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

## Talmud Talk

Wednesdays, January 9, February 13, March 13

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.

## I and Thou and Lunch

Fridays, January 18, February 22, March 22

Noon – 1 p.m.

Temple Beth Zion library, 805 Delaware Ave.

The fundamentals of relational Judaism start with the thinking of Martin Buber in his beautiful *I and Thou*.

Learn this profound text in conversation – no preparation required.

Lunch and drinks provided.

## Torah Study

Saturday mornings

9:15 – 10:15

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.

Email Rabbi Jonathan if you'd like to be included in a weekly email about Jewish Learning.

rabbifreirich@tbz.org.

## Women's Study

Wednesday, January 23, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Towne Restaurant, 186 Allen Street

Cantor Penny Myers invites women of all ages to attend. Materials provided. No host beverages.

## 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*

## TBZ Community Forum

Please join us on Thursday, January 17, at 7 p.m. at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, when the leadership shares our results of the URJ congregational assessment. We look forward to having a full discussion about the results of both the operational assessment and congregational survey collected earlier this year and what steps the professional staff and volunteer leadership are planning to take based on this important feedback.

## Ritual Committee Seeks Input

*Anna Marie Richmond was appointed Chair of the Ritual Committee by President Julie Dressler Weinberg in November. A 30-plus-year member of Temple Beth Zion, she is a long-time member of the Ritual Committee and has served in many other volunteer capacities.*

I am honored and delighted to serve as the new Chair of the Temple Beth Zion Ritual Committee. I would first like to extend a grateful "thank you" to Laurie Criden, who faithfully filled that role during the tenures of at least five Rabbis, and under whose leadership we began using both *Mishkan Tefilah* and *Mishkan HaNefesh*, our Shabbat and High Holy Day prayerbooks.

The Ritual Committee assists the Clergy in tailoring all aspects of TBZ's ritual observance to best serve our Congregation's needs, acts as a liaison between the Congregation and the Clergy with respect to matters of ritual, and (sometimes) comes up with suggestions for adaptations on our customary practice (*minhag*) to enhance our shared worship experience. We are interested in everything from Tot Shabbats to Community Seders, and from lay-led Shiva minyans to High Holy Day services.

Most of all, we are interested in helping to make our ritual practices meaningful and fulfilling for all our worshippers. To that end, I would like to hear from you! I plan to schedule a committee meeting in February or March – and meet at least quarterly thereafter.

If you have any concerns, suggestions, or ideas about our ritual practice please email me or phone me. I hope many of you will join the committee, but I want to hear what you think, even if you do not want to serve on the committee.

My email address is [annamrichmond@msn.com](mailto:annamrichmond@msn.com). My work number is (716) 854-1100, which is the best place to reach me during the weekdays, and the best place to leave a voice message.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Anna Marie Richmond

## Community Celebration

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Commemoration and Celebration

Sunday, January 20

Kleinhans Music Hall, 3 Symphony Circle

Main event: 6:00 p.m.

The Racial Equity Roundtable of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo invites us all to join the Annual Martin Luther King Celebration. This African-American community celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. King includes exciting music and dance performances from throughout Western New York. Rabbi Jonathan is a member of the Racial Equity Roundtable and encourages everyone to join him at this multi-cultural opportunity.

This year, the Racial Equity Roundtable is also sponsoring Racial Healing Circles and a special dinner preceding the event. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Jonathan for more details: rabbifreirich@tbz.org

## Engagement Committee Update

We had a lovely new member welcome at our Chanukah Shabbat service on Friday, December 7. (See photos on page 11). Our new families were called to the Bimah to receive a special welcome and gift bag. Thank you to miriam treger honig for providing items for the bags and my son, Matthew Eichhorn, for helping me write a Happy Chanukah/Welcome to TBZ note.

The next item the Engagement Committee will turn our attention to is establishing a monthly "Shabbat Dinner Club" off site.

If you are interested in participating on the Engagement Committee or have suggestions to offer, please contact me at 479-6879.

Jody Goldstein, Engagement Committee Chair

## Rob's Comedy Playhouse



**A Joint Fundraiser of  
Congregation Shir Shalom  
and Temple Beth Zion  
Sunday, March 3, at 7 PM**

Enjoy an evening of  
entertainment and friendship at  
Rob's Comedy Playhouse

- Tickets are \$25 each and include 2 drinks
- Comedy performed by Rob Lederman and Ian Sirota, who is the opening act for Jerry Seinfeld (content may be adult in nature)
- Basket and 50/50 Raffle
- Food available for purchase

Tickets available by contacting TBZ (716) 836-6565  
or Congregation Shir Shalom (716) 633-8877



## Meeting Notes

The Board of Trustees meeting was held on November 13, 2018. After the meeting was called to order, Amélida Weinmann provided an update on the total dollars pledged to the Kol Nidre Campaign, and Jody Goldstein shared an update on the current engagement initiatives underway, including a new member welcome at the December 7 Chanukah service.

The remainder of the meeting focused on discussion of the multiple aspects related to security. Amy Schaefer shared the specific tactics initiated on the morning of October 28, when staff first learned of the Tree of Life attacks, including all exterior doors being locked within minutes and the quick response by local and state law enforcement. In addition, enhanced security procedures have been put in place, and professional and volunteer leadership is evaluating short-term, mid-term and long-term actions. Julie Weinberg announced that a new Security Task Force is being implemented (*Post-meeting note: The task force has been formed under the leadership of Michael Wisnock, who is chairing the committee.*)

Evaluations will begin by both the Security Task Force and the Building Task Force working together to determine the most appropriate enhancements to our facilities. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m.

## Letter from Michael Burke

Dear Rabbi Jonathan, Cantor Penny and members of Temple Beth Zion:

I wish to announce my retirement from the Temple as organist and choir director.

I have enjoyed my 42 years as your organist. Many memories of many Rabbis and Cantors make me feel blessed to have experienced it all.

I will miss Cantor Penny most of all. She is a very talented Cantor, and we got along so very well.

When I recall the High Holy Days of the past years, I recall being nervous, but getting over it as soon as the beautiful services began.

I will miss being there since I almost felt as if I was a part of the Congregation.

It was an overwhelming feeling to be a part of so many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs throughout my 42 years.

I will miss the Classical Services as well.

It's time to say goodbye and wish you all a wonderful future.

Sincerely,  
Michael Burke



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## Food Gnomes Program

For the special program on January 27, our grades K-4 will attend school at Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Our past teacher Matt Schwartz is going to do a presentation about his community outreach program Food Gnomes.

We will be asking our families to bring some items in to help support Matt's outreach program. We are looking specifically for baby food, baby cereal, as well as adult/big kid cereal. We are very excited about partnering with CSS on this special event.

### Upcoming Events

- January 5 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton at Delaware
- January 20 No Religious School
- January 21 Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- January 22 Tu BiShvat Seder at Delaware, 5:30 p.m.
- January 27 Sunday TOTS at Broder
- Grades K-4 Food Gnomes program at Congregation Shir Shalom
- Grades 5-7 program at TBZ Broder
- Super Sunday at the JCC Benderson Building

## Religious School Happenings

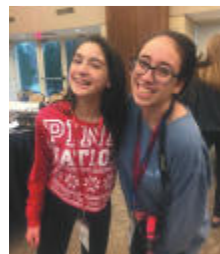
Happy New Year to all our Religious School families. We hope you got outside and explored Buffalo and enjoyed your time with your children while on winter break.

Thank you to all the families who donated toys to our December Mitzvah Project. Your generosity made the holiday memorable for someone less fortunate.

We had a busy December, celebrating Chanukah in every class and shopping at the amazing Chanukah Bazaar the Sisterhood provided. Thank you especially to Susan Bruckheimer for the dreidels and gelt, as well as making sure all our families had candles to light to commemorate the holiday.

Tzedakah of the Month for January: We will be collecting for Super Sunday as well as Pennies for Penny. More information to come via email.

Kara Kane  
Religious School Director



## Winter Kallah

*Representatives of TBaZY attended the NFTY-NEL Winter Kallah in Cleveland. Our TBZ youth were able to meet new people, reconnect with friends and enjoy fun, interactive activities. They sang their hearts out at song sessions and had the chance to voice their opinions at the Asefah (business meeting), which helps us guide our movement forward.*

## Kulanu Winter Service

The annual Kulanu Winter Service once again brought light and warmth into a dark and chilly evening. The service was dedicated to the memory of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man who was pistol-whipped, lashed to a fence and left to die in 1998. Shepard's murder, along with the murder of James Byrd, a black man who was brutally murdered by white supremacists the same year, provided the impetus for the expansion of the 1969 United States federal hate-crime law to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

Shepard and 36 transgender persons who were murdered in 2018 were recalled and honored. Despite these grim reminders of how far the United States and the world need to go to eliminate bias and hatred against LGBTQ persons, the service was a peaceful, loving celebration of the diversity of all of us who are created b'etzelem Elohim – in the image of God.

At the service, Rabbi Freirich revealed that the next major Kulanu event will take place at Purim. Stay tuned.



We hope that everyone had a delightful Chanukah and wonderful New Year. As you turn to the first page of your new calendar, why not write your new check to join Brotherhood. It's not too late to respond to your membership mailing. If you need to receive the information again, contact the Temple office, and they will send it to you.

December's Achim program, the annual visit by the Junior Choir led by Cantor Meyers, was extremely well received and very entertaining. The Weinberg residents are already looking forward to next December.

The next Achim program will be held at 10 a.m. January 13 at Weinberg Campus' Meadows second-floor lounge. The residents will enjoy an informative program by Errol Sull, a Brotherhood member and frequent presenter, local author, educator and culinary expert. A very nice community breakfast will be offered. Errol will share insights and experiences he gained as a culinary expert and baker. Why not stop by and see what Achim is all about.

Please feel free to contact us at [TBZBrotherhood@aol.com](mailto:TBZBrotherhood@aol.com) with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fundraising, or any issue or area that you think Brotherhood's involvement would be of benefit.

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

Sincerely,  
Philip Chazen



## Featuring Bob Sneider

The Buffalo Jazz Collective concerts include some of the finest musicians from Western New York and beyond. Join us on Saturday, January 26, to hear Bob Sneider. He toured as the guitarist for several years with two-time Grammy Award winner Chuck Mangione. Sneider has performed, toured and recorded with many notable performers in major festivals, concert halls and jazz clubs throughout South America, Central America, North America and Europe.



Cost is \$15 per person at the door. There is a 7 p.m. reception, followed by the concert at 7:30.

Mark your calendars and plan to be at 805 Delaware Avenue for additional Buffalo Jazz Collective events:

**Saturday, March 9: Buffalo Jazz Collective Sextet featuring trombonist James Burton III**

**Saturday, May 4: Bobby Militello Quartet**

## Secure Jewish Buffalo



After the tragic events at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh two months ago, Temple Beth Zion has joined with the Buffalo Jewish Federation and the entire Jewish community to ensure a more secure Jewish Buffalo. Together, we are raising funds to address the immediate needs of our Jewish community, which includes the installation of cameras, more modern access systems, basic training for clergy and leadership, and more. Sadly, the world has changed, and we need to be better prepared. Donations are being accepted from the community at <https://buffalojewishfederation.org/ways-to-give/secure-jewish-buffalo-fund/>.

## Mitzvah Volunteers Needed

TBZ will provide volunteers to serve at Friends of Night People on the second Tuesday of the month. We will next serve on January 8. Please contact Ann Marie at 836-6565 if you would like to help with this wonderful Mitzvah.

## From the Presidents

A very Happy New Year to all. We had a busy and successful December. We wish to thank Robin Ostrov for chairing our wonderful Family Chanukah Party (see photos below), Jo Schweitzer for chairing our Barnes & Noble gift wrap, and Susan Bruckheimer for chairing our Chanukah Bazaar. Thank you to all the generous people who helped us with all these activities.

We invite you to partake of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Demo and Dine at Webster's Bistro on Sunday, January 27. Enjoyed by all last year, it promises to be just as lovely this year. Also, save the date for our Women's Seder on Sunday, April 7; Sisterhood Sabbath on Friday, May 10; and Donors Luncheon on Sunday, June 2.

Sylvia Morris theater bus trips are being planned for "Brigadoon" in Niagara-on-the-Lake on June 5 and "Dear Evan Hansen" in Toronto on August 14.

It's never too late to join Sisterhood. You will reap many benefits when you pay only \$40 dues. You'll meet new friends, enjoy varied activities that are fun and informative, and participate in fundraising activities that help our Temple and other charities. So make out your check, payable to TBZ Sisterhood, and mail to Margy Zeckhauser, 36 Wingate Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216.

For more information about Sisterhood, call your Co-Presidents, Susan Bruckheimer (716) 982-2099 or Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757.



*There were all sorts of fun things to do at the Family Chanukah Party, including a special magic show. The day was fun for children and adults!*

## Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

**New for 2019 - Monthly in-shop specials!  
Stop by for savings and to see what's new**

### Shop Hours:

Sundays 9 a.m. - noon  
Thursdays 4:30 - 6 p.m.

### For information or more hours

Call Susan (716) 835-0421 or Dee (240) 446-1211

Or email [susan\\_b@roadrunner.com](mailto:susan_b@roadrunner.com)

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



*We are proud to have provided our children and community with items for their shopping needs. Thank you to all the volunteers and shoppers for making Chanukah Bazaar a success.*

## Save Around Buffalo Books

Sisterhood is selling the Save Around Buffalo coupon book for \$25. We know you will love it for yourself and it makes a great gift! Come into the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop to see all the special restaurants, events, dry cleaners and other items available. Please help support Sisterhood and enjoy dining out.





# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Demo & Dine Luncheon



**Webster's Kitchen**

**110 Webster Street, North Tonawanda**

**Sunday January 27 11:30 am**

Enjoy a cooking demonstration by Chef Gabrielle Thomas with a three-course lunch.

TBZ Sisterhood is hosting, but the luncheon is open to all women and men.

### **First course - Soup**

Creamy Squash Bisque

### **Second course - Entrée**

Vegetable crepe and chicken crepe

### **Third course - Dessert**

Chocolate Ganache Cake

Coffee, tea and water included.

(Wine or beer is available for an extra charge.)

Cost: \$35 per person inclusive.

The deadline for reservations is January 11.

Seating is limited, so reserve your spot today.

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

# Guests @ \$35 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

Yes, I am interested in carpooling from the Broder Center.

Mail reservation with your check made out to TBZ Sisterhood to: Sandra Wolchok, 6872 Forestview Drive, Lockport, NY 14094. If you have questions, contact Halli Glina at (716) 553-8883.



Temple Beth Zion is proud to again host

## The BBC Band

Featuring the best of the Beatles & '60s Music.

The Band has returned from London and their performances at Liverpool International Beatles Week



**Saturday, April 27**

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; Music at 7:30

**805 Delaware Avenue**

All ages will enjoy an unforgettable night! The BBC Band will have you out of your seat, dancing the night away!

**Tickets:** \$30 advance sale; \$35 at the door.

Purchase tickets at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org) or call 716-836-6565

## A Cantorial Concert Honoring the Memory of Cantor Susan Wehle and Flight #3407

Saturday, February 9, at 7 p.m.

Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive

### *Songs of Healing and Hope*

Featuring area cantors, musicians and special guests from the community

A dessert reception will follow the concert

RSVP requested to Shir Shalom at (716) 633-8877

## Bereavement Group

The TBZ Bereavement Support Group is lay-led by members of the group in an informal and warm setting. The group offers companionship and understanding from others who have experienced a similar loss and are experiencing the similar challenges of living with grief. We will next meet on Sunday, January 13, at noon in the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst. We hope you will consider joining us.

If you have questions or would like more information, contact Carol at (716) 873-2836. All members of the community are welcome.



To Leah Richmond on celebrating a special birthday on December 19.

To Deborah Goldman, on receiving the Ann Holland Cohn Community Leadership Award. Deborah received the award during the Buffalo Jewish Federation's 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on November 29.

Also, to Deborah Goldman, who placed second in her age group at the 123rd Annual Turkey Trot. Cantor Penny Myers, who also participated in the Trot, offers her congratulations.



To the volunteers who helped by baking, packing and delivering Chanukah bags: Drucy Borowitz, Ellen Capell, Charlie, Leslie & Adina Garfinkel, Dave Goldberg, Kitty Goldman, Jen Isenberg, Jack Karet, Lynn & Bob Klein, Mike Lamb, Merredith Levin, Mitch & Sophia Maxick, Debbie Pieri, Merle Pranikoff, Marilyn Schillroth, Debbie Sereno, Amélica Weinmann and Sharon Winer.

To Madeleine Weinmann for having donated her fourth foot of hair. She has donated a foot in each of the following grades: 1st (in honor of her aunt who had cancer), 4th (as part of Miranda Weiss' Bat Mitzvah Project), 7th (after her Bat Mitzvah), and 12th ("because it'll grow back"). Her hair is so thick, four separate ponytails are made.

## Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1, and Monday, January 21. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.

## Chanukah Happiness

*Celebrations of Chanukah took place on a variety of days and in a variety of ways:*

*The top photos were taken at the Chanukah Service, which included the lighting of the menorahs, third-grade Religious School Students participating in the service and a warm welcome to the newest members of TBZ.*

*The center photos show Leslie Garfinkel and the Chanukah gift bags that were delivered by the Caring Community Committee and a robust attendance at the Achim program to listen to the Jr Choir.*

*At the bottom of the page, PALS-Kadimah students make delicious latkes and paint dreidels.*

*Photos from the Family Chanukah Party and Chanukah Bazaar can be found on page 8.*



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 Betsy Stovroff  
 Corrin  
 Ruth Morris Field  
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 Daniel E.  
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 Melvin Tasman  
 Eli Tishman  
 Dora Wallach  
 Martin Warehoff  
 Eugene Warner  
 Maxine L. Witkin  
 Louis R. Wolkind  
 Abraham A.  
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**January 11 & 12**

Marshall Balter  
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 Goldman  
 Mandelcorn  
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 Jacob Setters  
 Gloria Wolkind  
 Wallens  
 Henrietta  
 Rothschild Weil  
 Sarah Rapoport  
 Weil  
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 Ilene Julie Weiss  
 Lenora L. Weiss

**January 18 & 19**

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 Regina Borg  
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