

# tbz Bulletin

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## Rak Shalom Comes to TBZ

Saturday, March 16, at 8 p.m.  
805 Delaware Avenue



*Rak Shalom* is an award-winning Jewish a cappella group from the University of Maryland. They sing for both public and private audiences in a wide variety of venues and locations across the country. Admission is \$10 for adults and free for students.

## Upcoming Opportunities

Your Temple Beth Zion Engagement Committee has planned the following fun and interesting events.

### Shabbat Dinner Club - Friday, March 15

Pano's will be the place to meet after the Friday Shabbat Evening Service

### Tour of the Buffalo Zoo - Sunday, March 31

Tikkun Olam and Animal Conservation Efforts

### After Passover Pizza Meet-Up - Sunday, April 28

Zetti's Pizza tastes great - especially following Passover

Events are open to all TBZ members and all are welcome.

See page 5 for details and RSVP information.

Have you noticed that each month we include the Temple Beth Zion Mission Statement in the Bulletin? Quite often it gets assigned to some random available spot after we include all the "current events." We have included it here on the front page because it is who we strive to be, and that should always be our most current event.

## 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*



## Classic Purim Spiel

Friday, March 22

805 Delaware Avenue

Shabbat Service at 7 p.m., followed by the classic Grant Golden Purim Spiel

Broadway tunes are the highlight of this highly entertaining adult evening.

See page 5 for the details.



## tbz Letter from the President

The absolute highlight of being involved with Temple Beth Zion is the truly remarkable people I have had the pleasure of getting to know. There is something very special about the people who choose to make their careers at a synagogue. One of those people, Ed Feldman, has recently announced that he will retire, effective June 30, from his position as temple accountant after 23 years of dedicated service.

Ed was born in Connecticut. He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS in Accounting in 1970. In April of 1996, two years after relocating to Buffalo, Ed took a temp job with TBZ, filling in for two bookkeepers who were leaving their positions. Mark Criden started as Executive Director a few months later, and the rest is history. It is hard to overstate how valuable Ed has been to TBZ over these many years.



I asked Mark to share a few words about Ed for this column. He said, "Ed Feldman is one of the finest, honest and hardworking persons I ever had the pleasure of working with. I knew that whatever assignment Ed undertook, it would be handled carefully, thoroughly, and professionally. Ed has dedicated almost two and a half decades of his life to Temple Beth Zion, and for most of that time, I had the great pleasure and honor of being his co-worker. His shoes will be most difficult to fill. Of course, like all of us, I will miss Ed as a fixture in the Temple office, but I wish him peace and happiness in his well-deserved retirement." I know you will join Mark and me in wishing Ed all the best as he winds down his career at TBZ.

In other TBZ news, the first weekend of March is an exciting one for our Congregation. Our TBZ youth group, under the leadership of Beth Shapiro and Tammy Van Wey, is hosting teens from all over the Northeast Lakes Region. Approximately 60 kids will attend regional board elections. In addition, they will participate in all kinds of programming over the weekend. Our TBaZy Board (President, Samantha Kane; Programing VP, Nathan Kaplan; Social Acton VP, Nathan Wallens; Religious and Cultural VP, Emma Rothkopf; Membership VP, Hannah Maxick; Communication VP, Perryn Field; and our NYFTY NEL President, Madeline Weinmann) have done all the planning for this event - including programming, the Friday Shabbat service and a Saturday evening Havdalah service. I hope you can join me by taking part in this incredible weekend. It is truly something for us to kvell about.

Julie Dressler Weinberg

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Shabbat services, except as noted,  
are held at 805 Delaware Avenue.

All services are open to the community.

Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

**Friday, March 1**

Shabbat Alive Service at Broder 7 p.m.

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 2**

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, March 8**

Spirituality Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 9**

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Noah Potash**

Service at Canterbury Woods, main building 11 a.m.

**Friday, March 15**

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 16**

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Service at Canterbury Woods, main building 11 a.m.

**Friday, March 22**

Tot Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 23**

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

**Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Schwartz**

Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

**Friday, March 29**

Classical Reform Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 30**

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Service at Canterbury Woods, main building 11 a.m.

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.



“Just because you’re paranoid doesn’t mean they aren’t after you.”

Joseph Heller, *Catch-22*

The celebration of Purim and the Book of Esther, including the heinous anti-Jewish villain, Haman, reminds us every year that irrational hatred towards Jews is both ancient and not finished.

I prefer a slightly less alarmist approach to Joseph Heller’s observation: Don’t panic and be vigilant.

Recent national and international politics has shown a clear rise in both right-wing and left-wing anti-Jewish expressions, and we must take note.

On the right, the slow renewal of Jewish life and culture in Europe takes place among advancing populism that has plummeted toward ethnocentrism, anti-immigrant fervor, and right-wing nationalism, all of which raises the specter of anti-Semitism.

The rise of American brands of white supremacy and right-wing nationalism causes drastic alarm.

Meanwhile, the left in both Europe and at home continues to embrace a narrative that makes Israel into the colonialist villain and paints Jews as behind-the-scenes manipulators of the powers-that-be for Israel’s benefit.

Esther’s own reluctance to come out of the closet as a Jew in the ancient story of Purim shows that publicly owning our Jewish identity has always been risky. Still, Esther’s reluctance reminds us that in order to share a truth about ourselves, we need to build trust and familiarity.

We sway people with the hard work of building connections. We must call out anti-Jewish expressions in the public sphere. We must create a better narrative about who we are as Jews and supporters of Israel. And to do this we must spend the time and effort to reach out to those around us, to be the good friends and neighbors that we are in as many ways as possible, so that others will trust that what we say about who we are comes from a place of integrity and compassion.

“How to win friends and influence people” is a single piece of advice from Dale Carnegie. We have more influence with our friends.

Wishing all of you a joyous Purim, and joining with you to work on a world filled with more friends,

Jonathan



## URJ Survey Results

In January, a meeting was held to present the results from the URJ congregational assessment. Our goal for this project was to identify the things we do well and where we need to improve based on your feedback.

The assessment included a congregational survey, sent via email in February 2018, a Board assessment, and an evaluation of TBZ's operations and staffing. TBZ's results were compared with other congregations of similar size and location.

In total, 206 members responded out of the 800+ members who were emailed the survey. This represents a small glimpse into our Congregation. Overall, our results show that compared with other congregations nationally, fewer of TBZ's members are strongly engaged and active within the TBZ community. Results also show some uncertainty within our Congregation over the last several years due to the frequent changes in staff and clergy. We recognize that these changes have impacted many of the relationships, often making it difficult to connect with TBZ spiritually and Jewishly.

Results show that the number of legacy families is a strength as many of our members are and will continue to be members because "they have always been members of TBZ." While this is an attribute of TBZ which many other congregations do not have, for those members without long family connections or who are new to Buffalo it can be difficult to build connections. Sometimes this can lead some to feel like they are "outsiders" within the TBZ community. The results do show that a majority of those responding feel welcomed by the professional staff, yet fewer feel the same sense of welcome from lay leadership and others. We are confident it is our members' intention to make everyone feel welcome whether they have been a part of TBZ for years or months and we can all make a conscious effort to include everyone.

Financially, TBZ is both collecting less per member for dues and spending less per individual. Yet TBZ is more reliant on dues and contributions vs. fundraising. Nationally, in other congregations 54% of revenue is from dues and 22% from fundraising, compared with TBZ collecting 62% and 15%, respectively. Additionally, these congregations spend \$460 more per member than they collect, whereas TBZ spends \$129 more than collected. This indicates that the changes made since 2016 have made TBZ more financially stable. While we continue to spend within our means, we recognize that our reduced spending can impact the services provided. We must identify additional revenue so that we are able to fulfill our mission and care for our TBZ families.

Board members and professional staff take this feedback seriously. We commit to making the changes needed to strengthen our TBZ community. Over the past several months, we have identified three key priorities and have already taken steps toward them.

### 1. Engagement

Our office staff and clergy continue to dedicate themselves to our TBZ families with an effort to offer opportunities for learning and programs. We began an Engagement Committee, led by Jody Goldstein. The committee has already offered welcome gifts to new members and is developing a Shabbat Dinner Club. There are monthly potluck dinners before Friday services with participation from each Religious School class. Over the summer and fall Havdalah services were held throughout Buffalo, which was a success, and we will schedule them again. Many committees are re-engaged, whether it is Building/Facilities, Security, Social Action, Ritual, Membership Engagement or something we haven't thought of yet. We can try any idea. If you have something of interest, let us know!

### 2. Financial Awareness

This year more information was provided during and after the Annual Meeting about the budget. Revenue and expenses are closely monitored so adjustments can be made if actual numbers are tracking off the plan. Board meeting summaries are included in the Bulletin, and quarterly Congregational Forums are held so you can ask questions of the leadership. We are committed to share this information. We took action to refinance and pay off old debt. There is a plan to re-energize planned giving through the Fink Legacy Society.

### 3. Buildings and Security

New task forces were created to focus on buildings/facilities and security. These groups are working independently but collaboratively to assess physical structures to identify necessary maintenance and enhance the security of Delaware and Broder buildings. The Building Task Force is looking beyond what is needed to maintain our facilities to ensure our facilities meet the needs of our members. The Security Task Force is assessing our physical spaces and working with staff to update our safety procedures.

Our goal is to work with you to build a healthy and welcoming TBZ community where we come together to learn and support our individual Jewish identities. We cannot do this without your participation. We will continue to try new things; some will be successful and some will not. Please let us know how we are doing – we value your feedback. If you have a question, contact Julie Weinberg at [president@tbz.org](mailto:president@tbz.org).

## Meeting Notes

The January Board meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order and Miriam Treger provided the month's D'var Torah.

Rabbi Jonathan provided a report detailing the numerous lifecycle events from 2018 as well as providing an overview of the variety of programs and learning opportunities that had been available during 2018 with a goal of continuing on what has been successful into 2019. The focus continues to be outreach to individuals within the Congregation and building one-on-one relationships among the community.

Phil Glick provided an update on Kulanu's activities, including the wonderful Winter Shabbat service held December 14.

There was discussion about the presentation to the Congregation of the URJ survey results and the steps taken by the Board and professional leadership based on these results. There was also discussion about re-energizing development and planned giving initiatives such as the Fink Legacy Society. Announcements were made about the Comedy Night on March 3 and the BBC Band Concert on April 27.

Motions were approved for the Board minutes from the December meeting and clergy parsonage allocations for 2019.

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12. If there are questions or concerns you would like discussed, please contact either Amy Schaefer ([amyschaefer@tbz.org](mailto:amyschaefer@tbz.org)) or Julie Weinberg ([president@tbz.org](mailto:president@tbz.org)).

## Temple Beth Zion Community Forum

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

Please join Julie Dressler Weinberg and members of the Board of Trustees for a congregational forum. Start the evening with our President and share your ideas, concerns and thoughts.

The forum will be followed by the 7 p.m. Shabbat service. In addition, see the Engagement Committee article on this page for details about a new and fun Supper Club opportunity following the service.

## Engagement Committee News

Your Engagement Committee has been discussing the best ways to make all of our members feel welcome and connected to Temple Beth Zion and to each other. We are working to improve communication, accessibility and programming. A few programs have been scheduled.

- ★ **Shabbat Dinner Club** - Friday, March 15, following Shabbat service at the Delaware building. Pano's Restaurant (1081 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo). No host dinner organized by Jody Goldstein. RSVP to Jody at [JAGoldstein827@gmail.com](mailto:JAGoldstein827@gmail.com) by Tuesday, March 12.
- ★ **Tour of the Buffalo Zoo** - linking Tikkun Olam and animal conservation efforts. Sunday, March 31, 1 - 3 p.m. Organized by Matt Schwartz. Purchase your entry to the zoo and meet Matt just inside the zoo gate at 1 p.m.
- ★ **After Passover Pizza Meet-Up** - Sunday, April 28, 1-3 p.m., Zetti's Pizza (4621 Maple Road, Amherst). No host meet-up organized by Matt Schwartz.

All of the events are open to all TBZ members and all are welcome. These events have also been posted on the TBZ Facebook page. Please watch your weekly emails for more information. We hope to see many of you there!

If you have any ideas about Engagement at TBZ, please contact Jody Goldstein at [JAGoldstein827@gmail.com](mailto:JAGoldstein827@gmail.com) or (716) 479-6879.



## Classic Purim Spiel

On Friday, March 22, the classic Grant Golden Purim Spiel will be performed, right after services, in the chapel at TBZ, 805 Delaware Avenue. This year's edition is a co-production of Temple Beth Zion and Congregation Beth Abraham. Cantor Penny Myers, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Drs Grant Golden, Phillip Glick and Yonina Foster, Shelly Kerker and Michael Bruckheimer have principal roles. Marty Kerker plays the score of interpolated, re-lyricized Broadway tunes.

In case you have never seen it, this is the Purim Spiel that sticks close to the Book of Esther (no Cowboys and First People or any other such nonsense), is entirely in *iambic pentameter* (except, of course, for the songs), and is R-rated. (Teens love the innuendo, but this is not really appropriate for grade-schoolers.) A reception, including some adult beverages, follows shortly in the Rabbi Fink Auditorium. If you plan to get so plotzed that you can no longer tell Haman from Mordechai (or is it Esther?), please bring along a designated driver.



## Lots of Learning and Fun

March is a full month with no scheduled breaks! I can promise you there will be lots of learning going on as well as some fun. We are planning for our last remaining weeks of school and our year-end celebration for Lag B'Omer on May 19.

As the year has flown by, watching how our students adapted to our updated Hebrew program and the learning they have completed confirms for both Sue Goldberg and me that we are on the right path with this new curriculum. Our staff is constantly looking at ways to make learning engaging and fun, and still get down to business to help each student succeed. The combined classroom learning of Hebrew is working because we all weren't on the same level. We look forward to sharing the progress and success stories.

Kara Kane, Religious School Director



## March-aroni

Our next Tzedakah Project will be a collection of pasta and mac-n-cheese for the Food Bank of WNY as well as a need most people don't think about – toiletries. Now we know what you're thinking, "Why toiletries for the Food Bank?" The Food Bank receives a lot of food and beverage donations. Both are readily needed; however, toiletries are their lowest intake for donations. All sorts of toiletries will be accepted. Donations must be unused and can range in size. Donations include, but are not limited to: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant, combs and brushes. There will be two bins for collection in the lobby at the Broder Center - one for the toiletries and one for the pasta and mac-n-cheese. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Upcoming Events

- Mar 1-3 TBZ and TBaZY hosting NFTY NEL Spring Boards
- Mar 1 Congregational Dinner and 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation in Shabbat service. (Dinner reservations required)
- Mar 3 Sunday TOTS.
- Mar 21 Purim Fun, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Broder Center.
- Mar 24 Sunday TOTS and Community Purim Carnival.  
School dismissed at 11 a.m.
- Mar 22 PJ Library TOT Shabbat at TBZ Delaware.

## Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 24

Watch your Religious School communications for information on how our students and their families can support and participate in the Carnival.



Food Gnomes  
If You're Hungry We Feed You



On January 27, Matt Schwartz presented a program to describe "Food Gnomes." Food Gnomes is a mobile food pantry serving the Greater Buffalo Area. The program was presented for Temple Beth Zion and Congregation Shir Shalom Geshur School grades K-4.

## Blanket Tzedakah

On February 10, we had a schoolwide fun day. Our students, still in their jammies, worked together making more than 20 blankets for the Friends of Night People. Many in our Congregation volunteer at Friends of Night monthly, and we were excited to help this worthwhile organization.

Thank you to Leslie Garfinkel, who organizes the Friends of Night volunteers and gave us the idea. In addition, thank you to the wonderful ladies of the TBZ Sisterhood for helping with and supporting this endeavor. We couldn't have done it without you.





Join TBaZY for our Annual Purim Carnival on Sunday March 24, at 11 a.m. in the Broder Center. If you would like to make a donation to our gift card wall for the Purim Carnival, contact us at 867-8541, bshapiro44@gmail.com, tamarvanwey@gmail.com or contact any TBaZY member.

Moving on into spring, watch this spot for an exciting Social Action Youth Program coming in April.

Beth Sharpiro and Tammy VanWey, TBaZY Advisors

## Achim Features Dr. Davidson

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion is pleased to announce that the next Achim program will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 10, in the Meadows Lounge, located on the second floor at the Weinberg Campus, 2650 North Forest Road, Getzville.

The featured speaker will be Dr. David M. Davidson. He is a renowned local podiatrist and educator who will present a program on the health of the feet and legs. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Achim is a monthly program for the benefit of the residents and their guests and is free and open to the public.

## Mitzvah Opportunity

The Caring Community Committee will be making Purim bags and delivering them to our members at nursing homes and members who find it hard to get around in the winter months.

Please consider helping by baking Hamentaschen or other baked goods or by delivering bags. Baked goods are needed on Friday, March 22, and bags will be delivered on Sunday, March 24.

Individuals and/or families are welcome to participate in this wonderful and worthwhile project. Contact Leslie at 839-0079 or Ann Marie at annmarie@tbz.org, if you are able to help.

## Corrections

In the February Bulletin, an error was made in identifying two contributors to the Kol Nidre Campaign. Their names should have been included as Tereffe Asrat & Lois Weis. We apologize for our error and appreciate their understanding and participation in the Kol Nidre Campaign.

We regret the omission of Leonard A. Greenfield from the February 8 Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversary list.



## Noah Asher Potash Saturday, March 9

Son of: Ari & Jamie Potash  
Mitzvah Project and donating to:  
WNY PetsAlive



## Sophie Carole Schwartz Saturday, March 23

Daughter of: Edward & Sharon Schwartz  
Mitzvah Project: Teaching tennis to  
underprivileged children  
Donating to: SPCA Serving Erie County



## Featuring James Burton III

The Buffalo Jazz Collective Sextet includes some of the finest musicians from Western New York and beyond. Come to 805 Delaware on Saturday, March 9, for the next concert in the Jazz Series.

Featured musician James Burton is a NYC-based trombonist. For this concert, Burton will join the BJC Sextet for an exciting evening of world-class jazz.

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

Plan to be at the final event in this season's jazz series on Saturday, May 4. The Bobby Militello Quartet will close out the series with a wonderful program at 805 Delaware.

## Thank you

To Jackie and Dan Korchowsky, Allison Kupferman, Margery Nobel, Halli Glina, Linda Hankinson and Leslie Garfinkel for volunteering at Friends of Night People on February 12. Please contact Ann Marie at 836-6565 if you would like to help with this wonderful Mitzvah.

To all those who contributed money and gift cards for those affected by the government shutdown. Your anonymous mitzvah to help others is the highest level of tzedakah.

To Dr. Grant Golden for sharing his time, energy and talent for the annual Purim Spiel.

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

**Or email susan\_b@roadrunner.com**

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

**Intergenerational  
Women's Seder**

**Temple Beth Zion Broder Center  
Sunday, April 7, 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, chicken, potato and vegetables.

Reserve your spot today. RSVP by March 22.

**Intergenerational Women's Seder  
Reservation  
(RSVP by March 22)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x 20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 13-16 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Age 12 and under \_\_\_\_\_ no fee

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check out to the TBZ Sisterhood and send to: Cindy Stover, 185 Arcadian Drive, Amherst, NY 14228.

If you have any questions or want to help with the event, please contact Cindy Stover at thestovers@gmail.com or Susan Bruckheimer at (716) 982-2099.

**The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion  
Sylvia Morris Theater Bus Trips  
Presents ...**



Join us on Wednesday, June 5, for a delicious buffet lunch at Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, followed by a matinee at the Festival Theatre to see the musical "Brigadoon."

Brigadoon is a magical village that appears out of the Scottish mist for one day every century. Tommy, a modern boy, meets Fiona, a girl from the past. Should he stay with her in Brigadoon, or return to the world he knows and never see her again? Lerner and Loewe wrote the score, which includes the classic song "Almost Like Being in Love."

The cost, which includes the bus trip, the buffet lunch and the matinee, is \$140 per person.

The bus will leave Temple Beth Zion Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, at 10:15 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes. See reservation details below.



Don't miss out on this chance to see "Dear Evan Hansen" on Wednesday, August 14. We will see the 1:30 matinee of this smash hit musical at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto.

The New York Times calls "Dear Evan Hansen" a gorgeous new musical for anyone with a beating heart. A letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told, a life he never dreamed he could have: Evan Hansen is about to get the one thing he's always wanted, a chance to finally fit in.

We will leave from the TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, at 10 a.m. Bring a lunch to eat on the bus. After the play we will all enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at The Hot House Café in Toronto.

The cost of the trip, which includes the bus, play and dinner is \$170 per person.

**Information for trips:**

\* Both trips have limited space available. To place a reservation, call Marilyn Schillroth at 832-4757. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received.

\* Participants must bring either a passport or enhanced license to cross the border.

\* Trips are open to the community.



*A lovely Sunday afternoon was spent at Webster's Kitchen for the Sisterhood Demo & Dine luncheon. The food and the company were both wonderful. Thank you, Halli Glina, for organizing this wonderful event!*



## Ritual Committee

The Ritual Committee, chaired by Anna Marie Richmond, met on Saturday, February 2, after services. We reviewed suggestions and comments received by Anna Marie and other members. These included such topics as Shabbat services, music, the Seder and High Holy Day services. The goals of the committee for 2019 will be to address ritual practices during services including, but not limited to:

1. Music.
2. Texts of prayers.
3. Media of liturgy (books, ephemeral printed materials, video projections.
4. Who does what.
5. Time management including: starting times, duration of services and location of services.

The committee also identified priorities to discuss at future meetings, as well as how often we should meet. Due to the fact that there are many items that have been brought to the attention of the members, and we want to evaluate our progress, we decided to hold our next meeting in March. The date and location will be determined. From there, we will meet as often as issues require.

While discussing our first agenda, it has come to our attention that the High Holy Day services, as per the request of the clergy, require utmost attention at this time. However, as Anna Marie said in her article in the January Bulletin, we want to hear from you. We want the Ritual Committee to assist the clergy in meeting the spiritual needs of all of our members as much as possible. Our ultimate goal is to make worship services fulfilling and meaningful for our members.

If there are any concerns about ritual practices, or suggestions or ideas that you would like addressed by the Ritual Committee, please don't hesitate to email either Anna Marie or myself. My email address is doxiemom33@verizon.net. Anna Marie can be reached at annamrichmond@msn.com. We welcome your ideas.

Karen Wiseman

**Coming Soon!**

**Donor's Luncheon  
Sunday, June 2  
Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

**Check your April Bulletin for details.**

## 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.

For information on the next meeting, or if you have questions, contact Carol at (716) 873-2836. All members of the community are welcome.

**Talmud Talk**

Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12

Noon – 1 p.m.

Milos, 5877 Main St., Williamsville

No host lunch.

**I and Thou and Lunch**

Fridays, March 22, April 12, May 24, June 28

Noon – 1 p.m.

Temple Beth Zion library, 805 Delaware Ave.

Lunch and drinks provided. Please RSVP to Rabbi Jonathan at rabbifreirich@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565.

**Torah Study**

Saturday mornings

9:15 – 10:15

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At PALS-Kadimah, we spent time in January learning all about snow and ice, hibernation and Arctic animals. What color would you think a polar bear is? It's white, right? Well, if you attend PALS-Kadimah, you know it's just not that simple. We just completed an experiment to find out why polar bears don't get cold in the frigid temperatures of the Arctic. Truth be told, their fur is actually transparent and holds no color. It only appears white because it reflects light. Polar bear skin, however, is black and absorbs heat from the sun.

As you see in these pictures, the children first dipped their hands in our "Arctic Coastal waters," which were extremely cold. The next step was to encase their gloved hands in a bag filled with vegetable shortening (also known as fat). Amazingly enough, the ice water was not cold anymore. Why? To keep them warm, under their skin, polar bears have a thick layer of fat that can measure up to 11.4 centimeters, or 4.49 inches. We refer to it as blubber.





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_____ plates at \$20 or children ages 4- 12	\$ _____
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Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

*If you would like to request vegetarian plates for any of the above, please let us know. # 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 # \_\_\_\_\_ 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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Hirshberg	Charles Wallens
Rose Frumess	Dorothy Wolf
Hornbein	

### March 29 & 30

Herman Lewis	Rubin Levy
Barney	Richard Maier
Michael B. Brooks	Dorothy Mitchell
Philip Ehrlich	Nettie S. Morris
Esther Faxstein	Siegfried Natowitz
Charles Feldman	Irma Stovroff Ross
Max Fingeret	Chester
Rabbi Arnold G.	Rothenberg
Fink	David Shine
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Freeman	Silverstein
Irving Fried	Dr. Allen G.
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Mary Harrison	
LeVine	

## Observing Yahrzeit

If you plan to honor a loved one's memory by attending services and wish to add their name to the Yahrzeit list, call Ann Marie in the Temple office at 836-6565, Ext. 111. Please call before Wednesday if you would like their name to appear on the printed list in the service booklet.

## Fund Donations

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 Richard Bernard  
 Sanford S. Bloch  
 Barbara S. Bradin  
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 Gertrude Solomon  
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 Mildred Cohen  
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**March 15 & 16**

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 Abeles  
 Evelyn Altman  
 Esther Abrams  
 Ament  
 Seymour Beck  
 Rachel Friend  
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