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Never Again

Plan to attend the community Yom HaShoah Commemoration on May 5 at 11 a.m. at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue. This year's commemoration will honor our survivors and those lost in the Holocaust. By doing so, we will thoughtfully explore the continuing presence of anti-Semitism in our world. The keynote speaker for the evening is Kenneth S. Stern, Director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Reed, Holocaust Resource Center Program Coordinator, at Kelsey@hrcbuffalo.org or (716) 634-9535.

Pride Weekend

Pride Service

Friday, May 31, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware

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

Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus
Singing With Pride

Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.
805 Delaware

Community Pride Parade
Sunday, June 2

Elmwood Avenue

TBZ is among more than 14 synagogues, Jewish agencies and organizations to march together.

See details for these events on page 10.



Monday, August 5
Transit Valley Country Club

TBZ and Congregation Shir Shalom have begun planning the premier social event of the year. Golf, wine tour, dinner and auctions...there's something for everyone!

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

Edwin Feldman Is Brotherhood Man of the Year



Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, June 14, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

The entire community is invited to celebrate with Brotherhood as they present their Man of the Year Award to Ed Feldman. A special Oneg will follow the service.



tbz Letter from the President

Each month in this column it has been my goal to share some of the many positive things that have either recently taken place in our community or are scheduled to occur in the coming weeks. These past few weeks have gotten me to thinking more deeply about the role that Temple plays in our lives. I have attended more funerals and made more shiva calls over the past month than I care to remember. I am always deeply moved by the beautiful rituals of gathering to support bereaved families. We gather together, both at Temple and in our homes, to pray and comfort and help each other begin to process our grief.

Fortunately, there are a number of wonderful reasons to gather at TBZ this month. A quick look in this Bulletin issue reveals a number of really special events in May. On Friday, May 3, we will honor our dedicated teachers and volunteers during Shabbat Halimud. On Friday, May 10, come to Sisterhood Shabbat. Finally, May 17 and 18 will be our Halpern Scholar Weekend. Two rabbis will be coming to lecture, worship and learn with us.

May and June can also be a very exciting time for those of us blessed with children. Some of our children and grandchildren will soon be graduating from their schools. I have a very clear memory of my kids "graduating" from PALS; now our daughter, Hayley, is about to graduate from Boston University with a Master's Degree in Psychology, and our son, Zack, will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Binghamton University. They are both moving on to the next adventures in their young adult lives, and we are simultaneously thrilled and a little farklept. I wish all of you who have children experiencing a graduation a heartfelt mazel tov.

Finally, I wanted to share with you that the Buffalo Jewish Federation has recently established a "Council of Synagogue Presidents". We will meet once a quarter to discuss the joys and challenges of being the chair of a shul's board of trustees. At the last meeting, TBZ member and Federation Director of Social Media and Communication Jill Komm spoke to us about a project she is working on that will launch May 1. It's an eblast called, "My Jewish Buffalo." It will have information about the various activities taking place at all of our area synagogues as well as articles submitted by members of our community. The first, "Jewish Thought of the Week," is written by our own Rabbi Freirich!

I look forward to sharing more special moments together with you at Temple and in the greater Jewish community.

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.

Thursday, May 2	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 3	
Shabbat Halimud Service & Shabbat Alive	7 p.m.
Birthdays and Anniversary Blessings	
Service at Amberleigh	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 4	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Halfon	
Thursday, May 9	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 10	
Sisterhood Shabbath Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 11	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Weber	
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
Thursday, May 16	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 17	
Tot Shabbat Service at Broder	5:45 p.m.
Scholars-in-Residence Shabbat Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 18	
Shabbat Morning Service - Scholars-in-Residence	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
Friday, May 24	
Joint Service at Congregation Beth Abraham	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 25	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Keira Feuerstein	
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
Friday, May 31	
Kulanu Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Rabbi Mike Moskowitz to speak	
Saturday, June 1	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Avery Field	



"I'm more spiritual than religious."

So many of us resist the idea that organized religion has anything to offer on a regular basis. We have good excuses for not participating, since we don't often get a good return on our hopes for a "spiritual experience".

Let's freely admit that Judaism has missed the mark in terms of developing fuller access to Jewish spiritual practices. Jews have voted with their feet and decided that a few times a year is plenty as far as synagogue attendance goes.

This May we offer an opportunity to explore some new and old ways of engaging with Jewish traditions through two truly interesting Scholars-in-Residence. Thanks to the generosity of the Halpern Family, Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Evan Marcus will join us and lead prayer and learning all Shabbat and more during the weekend of May 17-19. Please check out the full program on page 11.

As a fellow Jewish seeker of meaning I can tell you that their mix of intellectual rigor, musical inspiration, and spiritual depth has enhanced all of my prayer and learning experiences with them, over and over again.

What can we expect from a Shabbat with Rabbi Barenblat and Rabbi Marcus?

Innovative, inspiring, and engaging approaches to Jewish prayer integrating the meaning behind the prayers in English and expressing that meaning through evocative music.

A depth and wide range of emotional vocabulary applying traditional Jewish ideas and texts in updated ways to contemporary issues (please check out Rabbi Barenblat's blog here: <https://velveteenrabbi.blogs.com>)

Humor, compassion, thoughtfulness, and fun!

Rabbi Barenblat and Rabbi Marcus are more than two rabbis with guitars. Rabbi Barenblat is a modern and published poet and composer of contemporary liturgy. Rabbi Marcus is a leader in Jewish innovation in the synagogue, a published scholar on the application of Jewish ethics, and an expert consultant on applying Jewish values and wisdom in our personal and communal lives (see his writings at: <https://davidvanmarkus.wordpress.com>).

Please make some time on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, May 17, 18, or 19. These two excellent rabbis are great sources of Jewish spirituality. Let us encounter some of the many ways in which Judaism can truly fulfill our spiritual paths.

Happy spring to all!
Rabbi Jonathan

Meeting Notes

The March Board meeting was held on the 12th. The meeting was called to order, and Phil Glick provided the D'var Torah, sharing from the insightful teachings by his father-in-law, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz (z'l).

Members of the Board shared information on many events; two upcoming Fundraisers, BBC Band on April 27 and Allentown Parking on Sunday June 9; and the upcoming Women's Seder on April 7; several social activities planned by the Engagement Committee; Nathan Wallens, TBaZY Representative, shared the success of the NFTY Regional Spring Boards; .

A proposal was put forward to hire an architect to design railings for the bimah stairs in both the Sanctuary and the Chapel in order to assist congregants and guests in ascending and descending the stairs. The board approved the request for the design work, and the architect was to begin work by March 13.

Motions were approved for the Board minutes from the February meeting and the terms for Amy Schaefer to remain as interim Administrator beyond June 30, 2019 if necessary, based on the status of the search for a new Executive Director.

The May Board meeting will be held on Tuesday the 7th at 7 p.m. in the Broder Center. If there are questions or concerns you would like discussed, please contact either Amy Schaefer (amyschaefer@tbz.org) or Julie Weinberg (president@tbz.org).

Shabbat Halimud

Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

Plan to come to our annual Shabbat Halimud service. We will honor and celebrate our TBZ Religious School teachers, madrichim and TBZ volunteers.

Joint Shabbat Service With Congregation Beth Abraham

Friday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m.
Congregation Beth Abraham
1073 Elmwood Avenue

A potluck dairy (no meat) dinner will follow the service. All are invited and are welcome to bring a dairy/pareve main dish, side dish, drink or dessert to pass. RSVPs are not necessary, and all are invited to partake, regardless of whether you bring anything. Details, including parking suggestions, are on the Congregation Beth Abraham website, www.congregationbethabraham.net.

Temple Beth Zion 169th Annual Meeting

Friday, June 14, at 6 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

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

March Community Forum

The spring Community Forum was held on March 15 prior to Friday Shabbat services. Questions were asked about a wide range of topics, which we will share here for those who were unable to attend.

Q. What is the status of the loan that the Congregation voted on in January? Answer: Following the congregational vote, an application was submitted to the State Attorney General for approval for TBZ to take a loan for \$200,000 with M&T Bank. Approval was granted in mid-February, and the loan was funded by the end of that month. By early March, all the outstanding debt owed to the Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies was paid off.

Q. How are Friday evening service times and locations determined? How is it decided what type of service will be held on a Friday night? Answer: Generally, services begin at 7 p.m. between Simchat Torah and Shavuot (fall to spring) and 6 p.m. between Shavuot and Simchat Torah (spring to fall). We try to schedule a Friday service monthly at Broder with a regular pattern to offer Shabbat Alive, the Spirituality (Meditative) Service, and Classical Services. Service schedules are set and confirmed regularly by Clergy and staff working around the festivals, special service events and holidays. The Ritual Committee has reconvened and will continue to work with the Clergy on setting times and locations based on what works for our TBZ family.

There was a shared discussion among Board members, Cantor Penny, Amy Schaefer, Judy Henn, and the congregants present about how important it was to create a personal connection and communicate the communal and social benefits of coming together at TBZ for worship and events. The Engagement Committee, under the leadership of Jody Goldstein, is scheduling regular dinners out after services as well as lunches and monthly potluck dinners. Havdalah services out and around Buffalo will be scheduled over the summer.

If there are questions or concerns you would like discussed at the next Community Forum, please contact either Amy Schaefer (amyschaefer@tbz.org) or Julie Weinberg (president@tbz.org).

Buffalo Jazz Collective Concert UB Faculty Quartet

805 Delaware Avenue
Saturday, May 4



Temple Beth Zion will host the final concert of the Buffalo Jazz Collective. The UB Faculty Quartet will entertain you with music from Fiddler On The Roof.

A pre-concert reception begins at 7 p.m., followed by the concert at 7:30. Admission is \$15 at the door.

Shofar Corps is 'Calling' You!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to blow the shofar? Did you receive one as a gift, and it is on your shelf gathering dust? Have you wanted to be part of our Shofar Corps who play during our Rosh Hashanah services and at the end of Neilah on Yom Kippur? If you can say "yes" to any of this, contact Cantor Myers at cantor@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, Ext. 130.

Fulfilling the mitzvah of blowing shofar with our amazing TBZ Shofar Corps can be an amazing experience. Join us - classes/rehearsals will begin in early September.

Friends of Night People

TBZ will provide volunteers to serve at Friends of Night People on the second Tuesday of the month. We will next serve on May 14. Please contact Ann Marie at (716) 836-6565 or Leslie Garfinkel at 839-0079 if you would like to help with this wonderful Mitzvah.

Thank you to Sharon Chapman, Leslie Garfinkel, Hallie Glina, Linda Henkinson, Allison Kupferman and Marjorie Noble, who served on April 9.



It was a great evening in March for the "Shabbat Dinner Club." Join the fun for the next Dinner Club on June 7.

Engagement Events

What exactly is "Engagement" and how does that pertain to Temple Beth Zion? The way I see it is first and foremost building relationships within our synagogue... relationships among congregants (prospective and existing) ...and relationships between congregants and staff.

Since the time of Abraham, Jews have been engaged in the process of embracing the guest and welcoming the traveler. It was Abraham's acts of *chesed* that brought the Jewish people into being. Today, the synagogue community needs to emulate Abraham's values of hospitality and welcoming when addressing the needs of both prospective and current members. Synagogue communities need to come together for every Jewish soul.

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

On Friday, March 15 ten of us got together for the first "Shabbat Dinner Club". We ate, drank, talked, and laughed...and eventually closed Pano's. We decided to have quarterly dinners, as well as quarterly Shabbat lunches and bagel brunches.

Upcoming Engagement Committee Events:

Saturday, May 4, 9 p.m. "May the Fourth Be With You Havdalah Service," Star Wars movie and snacks. See details on back cover of this issue.

Sunday, May 26, 10 - 11 a.m. Bagel Brunch. Bagel Jays, 100A Plaza Drive, Williamsville. No host meal. Organized by Jody Goldstein

Friday, June 7, 8:30 - 10 p.m. Shabbat Dinner. Pano's, 1081 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo. No host meal. Organized by Jody Goldstein

Saturday, July 13, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Shabbat Lunch. Bagel Jays, 2130 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. No host meal. Organized by Jody Goldstein.

Please see more information about these and other events in your Temple Beth Zion weekly email, as well as on our Facebook page.

I wish to stress that, while your Engagement Committee has planned these events, other programs and events are also being planned and carried out by other committees within Temple Beth Zion, and also should be viewed as part of the "Engagement umbrella".

Suggestions for programming and ideas to improve engagement are always appreciated. Please contact me at any time with questions, comments, or just to say, "Hi." I want to connect with each and every one of you!

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)

JAGoldstein827@gmail.com or (716) 479-6879



May Happenings

The service to honor our teachers, madrichim, and volunteers, Shabbat Halimud, is on May 3 at 7 p.m. at TBZ 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.

If you ordered flowers from the Religious School – PALS Kadimah Flower Sale, they will be available for pickup on May 9 at TBZ Broder from noon to 6 pm. There are no cash and carry sales this year. All the money raised helps support our school and all the mitzvot we do year long.

Our 6 & 7 grade students will be participating in a joint program with Congregation Shir Shalom and Kadimah Academy at TBZ Delaware for Yom Hashoah on May 5 before the Community Commemoration event. This program is in coordination with the Anne Frank Project of Buffalo State College and with the support of the Holocaust Resource Center. Local survivor, Sofia Veffer will speak of her experiences leading up to and during the Holocaust.

I cannot believe it is almost our last day of Religious School! We are very excited that on May 19 visiting rabbis will come to school as part of the Halpern Scholars-in-Residence weekend. Also on the 19th, there will be a schoolwide picnic at the end of the day – watch your email for details. We have begun planning for next year and will continue with our late Sunday session due to the overwhelming response we had.

You will receive Year End Progress Reports in June and Registration information for 2019-2020.

Thank you to all who helped with our Tzedakah Project for April and May – The Bandage Project. We sent many boxes to Sacramento in hopes that they reach their 1.5 million bandage goal in honor of Anne Frank's 90th Birthday in June.

Kara Kane, Religious School Director

Upcoming Events

May 3	Shabbat Halimud honoring our teachers
May 5	Yom HaShoah Program for 6 th & 7 th grade students - TBZ Delaware at 9 a.m.
May 5	Yom HaShoah Commemoration - 11 a.m. TBZ Delaware
May 9	Flower Sale pickup (pre-ordered flowers only)
May 12	No School
May 14	Last day of classes - Delaware
May 16	Last day of classes - Broder
May 19	Last day - school picnic



PALS-Kadimah

Register now for 2019-2020 -
we are filling up fast!
Schedule a tour today.
Contact Melissa Milch at
836-6565 or pals@tbz.org

May is for Mitzvah at PALS-Kadimah

We have an exciting new project for our PALS-Kadimah families to do together at home called the **Mitzvah Box!** Over the next few weeks, each family will have a turn to take the box home and do *mitzvot* together.

The **Mitzvah Box** contains special items:

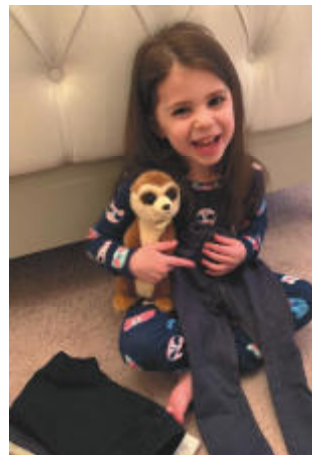
1. *It's a, It's a, It's a Mitzvah!* In this wonderful story, the main character is a Meerkat who describes different types of *mitzvot*.
2. *Tzedakah box* - Families can collect spare change and talk about various organizations that hold special meaning to them. The children will decide as a class to which organization they would like to send their donation.
3. *Mitzvah notebook* - A special journal for families to document experiences and "*Mitzvah-tunities*".
4. *A Mitzvah Meerkat* - A special mascot to take along while doing a *mitzvah*.



The **Mitzvah Box** is sent home with a different family each Friday. Here is what one family had to say about their experience:

"We had a great weekend learning about *mitzvot*! Max and Sylvie took turns making the meerkat feel welcome and comfortable in our home. We even offered Mitzvah some of our cat,

Boozer's, treats. We had lots of chats about the importance of kindness and spreading love and peace around the world. We used this opportunity to talk about what we can donate to help families in need."



Achim to Feature Mark Criden

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion is pleased to announce that their May Achim program will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Meadows Lounge, located on the second floor at the Weinberg Campus, 2650 North Forest Road, Getzville.



The featured speaker will be Mark Criden, who will talk on the subject of the history and complexities of wine.

Mr. Criden is well known as the retired Executive Director of TBZ. Prior to that he was a tax attorney, a writer and business professional. He also is a maven on wine, serving as the Chair of the International Wine and Food Society in the 1990s and was the wine columnist for Buffalo Spree magazine until 2012. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. This is certainly a program that will be enjoyed by all.

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

Parking for the Festival

The Allentown Art Festival will again take place in June. We are in need of volunteers for Sunday, June 9. It's a fun fundraiser! Volunteers staff the parking lot and direct traffic. 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.

Tikkun Olam

3rd Grade Religious School students in Rachel Lipman's class are cleaning up outdoors at the Broder Center.



Noah Wang Halfon Saturday, May 4

Son of: Eunice Wang & Marc Halfon



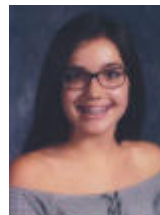
Jonah Isaac Weber Saturday, May 11

Son of: Zhanna Elberg & Joseph Weber
Mitzvah Project: Youth Sports Mentoring



Keira Feuerstein Saturday, May 25

Daughter of: Jennifer Catherine & Jesse Feuerstein
Mitzvah Project: Food Drive/Literacy
Donating to: Town Square Food Pantry and Literacy New York, Buffalo-Niagara



Avery Field Saturday, June 1

Daughter of: Jennifer & Adam Field
Mitzvah Project: Kids Variety Show
Donating to: A local, underserved youth theater company

Talmud Talk

Wednesday, May 15, Milos, 5877 Main St., Williamsville

June 12 location to be determined

Noon – 1 p.m.

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, 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.

Presidents' Message

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Passover! Our Women's Seder was very successful again. Thank you to all who helped us, especially Cantor Penny Myers, Judy Henn, Gail Lewis, Julie Newberger and Cindy Stover. We could not have done it without you.

We hope to see you at our "Sisterhood Sabbath" on Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m., where we will install new board members as well as honor our "Woman of the Year," Donna Yablin There will be a lovely Oneg afterward.

We hope you'll join us for our annual Donors Brunch on Sunday, June 2. There will be a delicious brunch, a basket auction and musical entertainment.

Mark your calendar now for our annual Haven House lunch on Tuesday, July 16. This will be our 40th year and it's such a worthy cause. We will have some upcoming summer activities; read your June Bulletin for specifics. We are always looking for new ideas for programs and new activities. We welcome you to discuss with us new ideas you may have.

Marilyn Schillroth (832-4757)
Susan Bruckheimer (982-2099)



Marilyn Schillroth, Susan Bruckheimer, Stephanie and Julie Newberger, Corey Wolffe-Levine and Ruth Geldres are among those in attendance for the Inter-generational Women's Seder.

Walk With Us

Our regular walking group usually meets on Saturday mornings at 8:30. In good weather we love to be outside, but when the weather does not cooperate, we walk in the Boulevard Mall.

New walkers are always welcome. If you would like to join us, please email Carole at weincsw@verizon.net so she can give you the time and location details and we can watch for you.



Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

High Holy Day and Shabbat items special 20% off
For a perfect holiday table or hostess gift, stop in and see our selection of challah covers, plates, knives, candles, Kiddush cups and Havdalah sets

May special 20% off silk and wool Tallit
For women, men and Bat or Bar Mitzvahs.

We are in need of volunteers to help sell in the shop. We can train you during the summer so you will be ready in September. For information, call Susan (716) 835-0421 or Dee (240) 446-1211 email susan_b@roadrunner.com.

Shop Hours for May:

Thursdays, 4:30 -6 p.m. Last day May 16
Sundays, 9 – noon. Last day May 19 (closed May 12).
In addition, if the office staff is available, they can assist you between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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



40th Annual Merrill Molien Haven House Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, July 16, 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 by helping on the day of the event, donating items for the basket auction or by bringing kugel 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.

Annual Donors Buffet Brunch

Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood
Cordially invites
you to attend
An afternoon of
fun, music &
merriment



Good food, good friends, and
our fabulous Basket Auction!

Sunday - June 2, 2019
11:30 AM

Salvatore's Italian Gardens
6461 Transit Road

Musical entertainment by
Becky Davis and Jazzbird

Questions/Special needs?
Call Susan Nadler at 689-4682

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION - RSVP BY MAY 25
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TEMPLE BETH ZION SISTERHOOD
MAIL TO: Susan Nadler 10 Hidden Ridge Common Williamsville, NY 14221

NAME: _____

TEL: _____

EMAIL: _____

___ Attending x \$40 per person = \$ _____ Total enclosed

I cannot attend but here's my donation of \$ _____ to support TBZ Sisterhood

Worship With Pride

Friday, May 31, at 7 p.m.

805 Delaware

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



We welcome Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, who will share his teachings. Rabbi Moskowitz is a deeply traditional and radically progressive advocate for trans rights and a vocal ally for LGBT inclusivity. His identity (“assigned secular, then identified as ultra-orthodox for twenty years, and now embraces a religiously non-conforming identity”) and his Jewish expertise as an ultra-orthodox and academic scholar of profound depth and

breadth, all lead Rabbi Moskowitz to be one of the most fascinating people to listen to and learn with.

As Scholar-in-Residence for Trans and Queer Jewish Studies at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in New York City, Rabbi Moskowitz studies, writes, and teaches on trans issues and Jewish sources, creating a body of work used the world over.

All members of the community are invited to kick off Pride Weekend in downtown Buffalo with a celebration of our diversity and joy.

March With Pride

Sunday, June 2



Jewish Pride of WNY is once again registered with the Pride Center of WNY as the representative bloc of the Jewish Community so that we can all march together, instead of being interspersed throughout the crowd. This lets us show the diversity of the 14+ Jewish agencies and

organizations that will be marching this year.

If you're already registered to march, and that's great! Show up on Sunday, June 2, at parking lots R13 & R14 at Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo. If you are not yet registered, please go to <http://www.jewishpridewny.org/Pride>. The website offers great information on all the logistics for the day. We also encourage you to register on the Jewish Pride of WNY site.

In addition, we encourage you to register at <https://iam.ms/JJP2019> (link is case sensitive) so the group knows to watch for you and can provide information to help you find them.

Singing with Pride Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus



Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.

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Temple Beth Zion and the BGMC have enjoyed a special relationship for many years. The beautiful music they provide in the welcoming and special setting of the Temple Beth Zion Sanctuary makes for a harmonious partnership.

Tickets are available at the door or presale at www.buffalogaymenschorus.com.

ShulCloud Coming to TBZ

We are excited to announce that this summer, TBZ will be adopting a new membership software system, ShulCloud, which will enable staff to not only better assist each of you but will enable each member to better manage their own information and payments if they choose. ShulCloud is an easy to use, established membership tool used by nearly 1,000 synagogues across the US, Canada, and many other countries.

Through a secure member portal, each family member will have access to the family account; enable members to access a membership directory, which will facilitate communication among members without staff support; easily register for events; make payments and contributions; view activities; and update information. Members will have the option of what, if any, information to share with other members as well as choosing how to receive information from TBZ, such as email or regular mail.

Our TBZ office staff will continue to assist each member as we have for many years. For those members who are not comfortable using the portal, TBZ staff will easily be able to update information, process payments and register members for events and activities. This new tool will not just help us be more efficient in supporting you, it has a potential for cost savings as we change the way we do things.

We are working closely with the personnel at ShulCloud to ensure that we do this change right. We are taking the time to have all staff well trained, and we will be hosting member sessions to show you the tools.

Stay tuned for more information and specific details on the timing. If there are questions about the software or if you are interested in making a contribution to help offset the cost of training, please contact Amy Schaefer 836-6565, Ext. 135 or amyschaefer@tbz.org.

Halpern Scholars-in-Residence May 17-19, 2019

Sacred Music, Poetry, Prayer, and Learning The Old Becomes New and the New Becomes Holy



Temple Beth Zion, with the sponsorship of the Halpern Memorial Fund, enthusiastically welcomes innovative and learned Rabbis Rachel Barenblat and David Markus for an exciting weekend of Jewish innovation for mind, heart and spirit.



All events on Friday and Saturday are at 805 Delaware Avenue, except where noted.

Friday, May 17

6:30 PM – Happy Half Hour

7 PM – Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Markus.

After services, schmooze with our scholars at a special Oneg in honor of Justice Philip Halpern sponsored by the Clergy of TBZ.

Saturday, May 18

9:15 AM – Special Torah Study with Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Markus: A Torah of Time.

Delve into Parshat Emor's wisdom on celebrating, bending and transcending time.

10:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Service led by Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Markus.

12:30 PM – Kiddush Lunch (RSVP to Becky at 836-6565 or becky@tbz.org no later than May 10).

2:30 PM – Psalms of the Heart: Voices of Tradition, Voices of Today.

Rabbi Rachel Barenblat leads a journey through ancient and contemporary Psalms, weaving the emotions and meanings of traditional Psalms from our liturgy, and offering all of us the path of the psalmist for today and tomorrow.

4:00 PM – Shul and State: Value Voters and Power in Jewish Community.

Rabbi David Markus helps us explore Judaism's "separation of powers" in history and modernity. What are "Jewish values" for voters of yesterday and today, and what are the spiritual implications for Twenty-First Century life?

7:00 PM – The Light of Transition: #BeALight Havdalah

Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Markus lead a sunset of poetry, song, and spirit.

**** We will meet at Broderick Park overlooking the Niagara River for this quick gathering. ****

Sunday, May 19 – LaG b'Omer Picnic at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road.

11:00 AM – Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Markus will help inspire our entire community as we celebrate the end of the Religious School Year and LaG b'Omer – the traditional late Spring festival.

With warmth, humor, familiarity and innovation, Rabbis Barenblat and Markus will offer Jewish forms and tools to bring new vitality and relevance to Jewish life. As Senior Builders of Bayit, a spiritual incubator for Jewish research and development across all denominations, Rabbis Barenblat and Markus use their nationally recognized Jewish leadership and their deeply lived ethics to help all of us become builders of the Jewish future.

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Nihum Avelim

Learn How to Lead a Minyan

Nihum Avelim (comforting mourners) is considered one of the classic forms of kindness in Jewish tradition. Comforting mourners is a way of showing them that they are neither abandoned nor alone.

Our TBZ Minyan-aires perform a great mitzvah by leading the Mourners Kaddish and other brief prayers during Shiva. This mitzvah is a kindness to the mourners and showing respect to the deceased.

Anyone can be a Minyan-aire. Come learn the basics of leading a Shiva minyan service or just come to learn. No experience is necessary. If, at the end of your learning, you would like to be available on occasion to lead Minyan for a fellow congregant, that would be welcome.

Classes, led by Cantor Penny Myers, will begin in the fall. If you are interested, please contact Darcie at darcie@tbz.org or 836-6565, Ext. 132

Bereavement Group

The TBZ Bereavement Support Group is lay-led by members of the group in an informal and warm setting. The group offers understanding and companionship from others who have experienced a similar loss and are experiencing the similar challenges of living with grief. All members of the community are welcome.

Our next meeting will take place in the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, on Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m.

For information, to let us know you are coming to the meeting or if you have questions, contact Carol Caserta at (716) 873-2836.



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

May 3 & 4

Pauline Bernstein	Dora Korn
Hattie C. Brock	Louis Lazar, M.D.
Alfred H. Cohen	Celia Norman
Estella G. Cohen	Malin
Harry S. Cohen	Marvin Morris
Rebecca G. Cohn	David Myers, MD
Julius Davis	Freida D. Risman
Sidney Ehrenreich	Florence R. Rosen
Theodore	Louise F.
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Rae Starsky Fink	Benjamin Seeman
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Dr. Lewis J.	Dorothy
Greenky	Tanenbaum
Harvey E. Gumins	Bonny Grace Levy
Emanuel Hirsch	Vitali
Maynard Jaffey	Charles Wallach
Arthur A. Kaliska	Bessie Weinberg
Hyman Karnofsky	

May 24 & 25

Lawrence Arnold	Manfred Lewinnek
Allen	Selma Michaels
Peggy Wile	Lewinnek
Gunzburger	Vera Silverstein
Altman	Lichtman
Mildred C.	Philip S.
Bergman	Lieberman
Reeva Roblin Block	Henry Lovitz
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Saul Glaser	Rubenstein
Mary Glickstein	Jeanette S.
Samuel Goldman	Sapowitch
Samuel Goldstein	Naomi Sarles
Jeanette Wile	Sophie F. Simon
Gunzberg	Isadore Soronson
Henry Gunzburger	Julius Strauss
Helene Horwitz	Dorothy R. Victor
Ethel C. Ingrando	George Weintraub
Sarah Kadish	Bertha Wertheimer
Benjamin L. Kulick	Ronald Winer
Sol David Leisner	

May 10 & 11

Lester Block	Anne Goldberg
Alfred A. Bomberg	Kornhaber
Anna Bookbinder	Jay Levy
Nancy J. Borins	Jacob Lindenbaum
Sophie Burg	Arthur E. Lyon
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May 30 & June 1

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Isenberg	

May 17 & 18

Dr. Israel Aaron	George M. Raikin
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Lydia M. Block	Jacob Rosenblatt
Celia Chick	David Rovall
Dr. Rueben Cohen	Israel Rumizen
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9 p.m.

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No RSVP necessary - just hover on in!

If you have questions, you can contact Matt Schwartz at matt@themattschwartz.net or (716) 533-7284.

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A full weekend of worship and learning with Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Markus.

See page 11 for the details and schedule for the weekend.