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## Decorate the Sukkah

Saturday, October 12

805 Delaware Avenue

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

12:15 p.m. pizza lunch

12:45 p.m. Sukkah decorating



Lunch is free, but we need your reservation.

Call Susan at (716) 835-0421 and leave a message to make your reservation for lunch.

Adults and children welcome!

## Afro-Semitic Shabbat Service

Hosted in partnership with Canisius College

Friday, October 25, 7 - 9 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue



This special ensemble joins Cantor Myers for an experience of passionate worship like no other! This evening is free and open to the community.



## 2019-2020 Campaign

In early October, we sent all members of the Temple Beth Zion community a request to support the 2019 Kol Nidre Campaign.

The success of the Campaign depends upon each of you.

Please send in your pledge today.

Thank you for your support for our Temple Beth Zion community.

2019 - 2020 Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs,  
Edward and Sharon Schwartz

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*Letter from the President*

In "The Importance of Community in Judaism," Rabbi Jill Jacobs stated, "It is no accident that the Jewish people call themselves "Am Yisrael" - "the people of Israel" - rather than "Dat Yisrael," or the religious of Israel. A sense of peoplehood has long been the defining characteristic of the Jewish people." She cited a Talmudic text that stated a Jewish community is commanded to provide for all of its members' spiritual and physical needs.

This month at Temple Beth Zion we are working very hard to meet those needs. There are so many opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal in this very special month. From the solemnity and introspection of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to the unbridled joy of Simchat Torah, these holidays are bursting with symbolism and meaning.

In my column this time last year, I included the last two stanzas of a poem by Marge Piercy that feel even more meaningful to me now than they did a year ago.

The New Year is a great door  
that stands across the evening  
and Yom Kippur is the second door.  
Between them are song and silence,  
stone and clay pot to be filled from within myself.

I will find there both ripeness and rot,  
what I have done and undone,  
what I must let go with the waning days  
and what I must take in.

With the last tomatoes, we harvest the fruit of our lives.

It is not a coincidence that, while we are commanded on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to look inward, on Sukkot we are expected to look well beyond ourselves.

In "What We Can Learn from the Rich Symbolism of Sukkot," Rabbi Andrew Sacks discussed the meaning of the festival. "During the 7 days of Sukkot, observant Jews live - or at least eat their meals - surrounded by the walls of a fragile hut with a roof covered in branches sparse enough to allow a glimpse of the heavens and an expanded field of vision." He goes on to say that "The sukkah invites the Jewish community to effect the way it treats all people... Those on the outside are invited inside and welcome to join the community..."

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Worship Opportunities

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, October 4

Shabbat Evening Service at Broder 6 p.m.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 5

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 6

Tishrei Memorial Service at Forest Lawn Cemetery Noon

Tuesday, October 8

Kol Nidre - Erev Yom Kippur 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9

Yom Kippur Tot Service, Chapel 9 a.m.

Yom Kippur Family Service, Sanctuary 9 a.m.

Yom Kippur Main Service 11:30 a.m.

Learning or Music 2 p.m.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Service 3:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur Yizkor Service 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 11

Spirituality Shabbat Service 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 12

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Sunday, October 13

Erev Sukkot at Broder 6 p.m.

Monday, October 14

Sukkot Morning at Congregation Shir Shalom 10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 18

Tot Shabbat Service at Broder 5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.



Letter from the Clergy Associate

Aaahh...it's October, the time of transition. The leaves are changing color, the birds are flying south and the air is getting cooler. It is a time of transition for us, as well.

This year, as October begins, we have just finished celebrating Rosh Hashanah and are in the middle of the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe, leading up to Yom Kippur. Traditionally, we're supposed to spend this time (and, in fact, the whole month leading up to it) in reflection and soul-searching, looking back at the year which is ending and looking ahead to the promises of the future. We think about the things we did well and resolve to do more of them in the future. We also think about those times we "missed the mark" and acted in ways we regret. We ask forgiveness, we repent and promise to do better next year because it's never too late to make a fresh start. We forgive those who wronged us and, hopefully, find it within us to forgive ourselves as well. Sometimes, that's the hardest part.

We're not finished when Yom Kippur ends. We still have Sukkot and Simchat Torah to enjoy. Someone far cleverer than I am once said that observing Yom Kippur but neglecting to celebrate Sukkot was like eating your broccoli and forgetting to have the chocolate cake! Sukkot brings with it the joy of the fall harvest, the emphasis on spiritual rather than material possessions and a keen sense of the transition that is taking place as our fall holidays draw to a close.

As we go through these very busy days, let's make the most of this time of new beginnings. Let's reach out to each other with kindness, with compassion and with love. Resolve to make time for those people who are most important and those activities which you find meaningful. Do your share of tikkun olam, the repair of the world, because the world could certainly use our help these days!

There is a prayer in Gates of Forgiveness, a prayerbook for S'lichot, which says: "God, help us to turn - from callousness to sensitivity, from hostility to love, from pettiness to purpose, from envy to contentment, from carelessness to discipline, from fear to faith...And turn us toward each other, God, for in isolation there is no life."

L'shana tovah, with hopes for a good, sweet year,

Judy Henn

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## A Sad Farewell

In September, we lost a treasured and long-time TBZ volunteer. Milt Joffe served as the editor of the Temple Beth Zion Bulletin for more than four decades. He took his role very seriously and with a diligence that is legendary.

We learned a great deal from Milt and he was happy to share his expertise with us. He always came in with a funny joke or observation. He shared his weather updates (always a watcher of the weather), news of his children and grandchildren and his love of the San Francisco Giants.

Milt was a gentle soul and a mensch of the first order. Our entire office staff was very fond of him and will miss him greatly.

We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Susan, Milt's family and to the many friends he had in the community. His memory is a blessing.



### Worship Opportunities

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#### Sunday, October 20

Erev Simchat Torah and Consecration 6 p.m.

#### Monday, October 21

Joint Simchat Torah at Canterbury Woods 10:30 a.m.

#### Friday, October 25

Afro-Semitic Shabbat Service 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 26

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

#### Bar Mitzvah of Solomon Siegel

Canterbury Woods Service 11 a.m.

#### Friday, November 1

Tailgate Shabbat Alive Service 7 p.m.

#### Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 2

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

#### Bar Mitzvah of Ari Raab

*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 are posted with instructions and a phone number to call for gaining entrance. Thank you for your understanding and patience.*

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From there, it will travel throughout the country and Canada weaving dialogue and connections just as each loving thread was woven in memory of those innocent lives that were taken too soon. The sacred task is now ours, let us complete the work of those who are no longer able to.

Below is a beautiful description of the meaning and representation in the design of this loving tribute.



**In memoriam of the innocent victims  
Within the Tree of Life synagogue**

**The theme is the prayer for the New Hebrew Month. The 11 black and gold stars (the colors of the city's professional sports teams) signify the 11 lives lost.**

**The 25 silver stars represent the many 'angels' who responded that day.**

**The colored 'river' nourishes the tree of life which Grows from the word (Tova) goodness).**

**The first word of the text is Chayim (life), the Hebrew name of one of the victims. Cecil Rosenthal regularly carried the Torah for the congregation.**

**May our hearts and lives be filled with goodness.**

Torah Cover Design: Steven Stoehr  
Creative Artist: Jeannette Kuvin Oren  
Sponsor: The Cantors Assembly

## Joint Simchat Torah Service

Monday, October 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Canterbury Woods, 705 Renaissance Drive

This is a joint service of Congregation Shir Shalom, Temple Beth Zion, and Congregation Havurah. A dutch treat lunch will follow.

## Celebrate Sukkot!

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Sukkah Decorating, Erev Sukkot Service and Dinner

Sunday, October 13

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.

4:30 p.m. Decorate the Sukkah

5 p.m. Celebratory Family Dinner

6 p.m. Sukkot Service in our Sukkah

Join us for a cook-out style dinner followed by our family-friendly celebration of the holiday of Sukkot in our Sukkah, inside or outside, rain or shine!

Dinner is \$10 per person, \$20 per family. RSVP by October 7 to Darcie at darcie@tbz.org or (716)836-6565.

Joint Sukkot Service

Monday, October 14, at 10:30 a.m.

Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive

Lunch to follow the service.

## Engagement Committee News

According to a recent study in "The New Republic" more than 30 percent of Americans report feeling chronically lonely. Loneliness is considered a public health crisis. We now communicate through social media. We have "friends" and "followers" on Facebook and Twitter, but this communication lacks connection. True companionship is not achieved. In Genesis 2:18 G-d says, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make him a help-mate...." Not all of us have a help-mate, but that does not mean that we are alone. We are a religious community. We are a family of families. But sometimes our families are spread out.... or small.... or gone. Sometimes members of our community need a ride to an event, or someone to sit with at services.... or someone to share a holiday meal with. As we approach the High Holidays I am going to concentrate on the ways that I have "missed the mark" in being welcoming and inclusive to others in our community. I am going to plan on making more phone calls, offering more rides, sitting with those at services that I do not know, inviting those who may not have someone with whom to share a festive (or everyday) meal with to my table. I urge you to do the same. Our community is looking for connection. And, connection will continue through monthly events. But let's not wait for these events to form connections. Let's focus on making connection a priority in the coming year.

### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 8 (5 - 7 p.m.) "Feast Before the Fast" at Chef's on Seneca Street. Let's carbo-load and enjoy each other's company before the Erev Yom Kippur service. This no-host meal is organized by Jody Goldstein. Reservations must be made by emailing Jody before October 1.

Saturday, October 19 (Noon - 1 p.m.) Shabbat Lunch in the Sukkah. This fun and festive light meal will be generously funded by Rabbi Freirich. Reservations must be made by emailing Jody before October 12.

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.



*Our clergy, staff, board of trustees, and committee chairs participated in an Engagement Workshop in September. Jody Goldstein organized the event that was facilitated by Jay Lewis from Hillel International. Our aim is to make TBZ a more welcoming and inclusive place for all of our members.*

Temple Beth Zion  
proudly presents:

# KOLISHAH

An evening of Sisterhood &  
Song

**Cantors:**

Debbie Katchko,  
Audrey Kaufman,  
Penny Myers  
Barbara Ostfeld  
Susan Schwartz  
Bonnie Zakarin

**Sunday  
November 3rd  
7 pm  
805 Delaware  
FREE**

## From the Director

I adore the beginning of a new school year! I love all the new school supplies...the smell of fresh crayons, markers, and pencils, the promise of notebooks not yet written in, the information and mysteries waiting to be discovered in textbooks not yet opened. As a teacher, I felt such excitement in rearranging the furniture in my classroom, putting up new posters, creating name tags and other items for my students, and taking care of so many tasks before the first day school. The New Year that begins on January 1 never fills me with as much joy and anticipation as the beginning of school.

Lucky for me, the Jewish calendar offers a New Year at this same season. As the hot and humid days of summer give way to clearer skies and crisp breezes, the High Holidays provide a time to reflect on the events of the previous year and to anticipate the pleasures of the coming one. And they usher in a season rich in celebration.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are followed quickly by Sukkot, a joyous thanksgiving for the fall harvest and commemoration of the days our ancestors wandered in the desert. Sukkot, sometimes called Z'man Simchateinu, literally "the Season of Our Rejoicing," is celebrated with delicious sights, smells, and experiences as we share meals in the sukkah with our families and friends, wave the lulav, inhale the perfume of the etrog, and gaze up at the stars through the roof of the sukkah.

We mark the final day of Sukkot with Simchat Torah, "Rejoicing in the Torah." On Simchat Torah we celebrate completing one cycle of reading the Torah and beginning a new cycle by dancing around the synagogue holding the Torah aloft, singing songs, and waving flags. At TBZ, as in most Reform congregations, the ceremony of Consecration happens simultaneously with Simchat Torah. This is a special moment for our newest students – kindergarteners and any 1st – 3rd graders who are just beginning their Jewish education. We honor and bless them during our Simchat Torah celebration, making the beginning of their journey of Jewish learning a sacred occasion. Our young students witness the importance of Torah to our community and participate in a worship experience that is festive, fun, and filled with music and dancing.

I invite all of our families to participate in the fall holiday observances at Temple Beth Zion this year. The students in our Religious School will have learned about and participated in activities connected to these significant moments of celebration in our calendar. Make it real for them by celebrating with our community!

*L'Shalom*, may all your journeys be towards peace,  
Beth Steinberg

## Consecration 2019/5780

Sunday, October 20

805 Delaware Avenue

The evening begins with a 5 p.m. dinner followed by our Simchat Torah service. The entire congregation is welcome! As Consecration recognizes the beginning of our youngest students' formal Jewish education, they will help to light the festival candles and recite the Shema. They and their parents will be called to the Bimah for a special blessing, and each student will receive a small replica of a Torah to symbolize the start of their own study of Torah.

To join us for dinner before the Consecration Service, contact Kara by October 16 at kara@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, Ext. 112 to RSVP. Dinner (kid-friendly menu) will be \$10 per person, \$20 per family (parents and their children).

## October Mitzvah-of-the-Month: Blessing Bags

Mitzvah-of-the-Month is an opportunity for all of our students and their families to participate in *Tikkun Olam*, acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world. Our first Mitzvah-of-the-Month will take place during Religious School hours on Sunday, October 27, when we prepare Blessing Bags for the Pride Alliance Group at D'Youville College.

Pride Alliance collects warm coats, scarves, hats, and mittens and places them in plastic bags which they hang on clotheslines placed outside so those less fortunate can easily take what they need to protect themselves from the winter temperatures in Buffalo. This is a very real, tangible way to help people in our community to meet some of their most basic immediate, physical needs.

Our students will contribute to this project by preparing quart-size plastic bags of toiletries and necessary items. Prior to October 27, we will be happy to accept your donations of NEW gloves, socks, and travel-sized soaps, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, tissues, and band aids.

## Chuggim!

The word *Chug* in Hebrew means "elective" or "group activity." We use the plural form of the word, pronounced "choo-geem" (with a soft ch and a soft g), to refer to the wildly popular elective classes offered once a month during Religious School to students in grades 3-7. Perennial favorites include Bubbie's Kitchen, Jews in the News, Jews Got Talent, and more. New offerings such as Shalom Yoga, Crocheting Kippot, Hebrew Calligraphy, and A.R.T. (Art Recycled from Trash) might be added to our line-up depending on student interest. Our first session this year will be on Sunday, October 20.

## TBaZY Events

Shalom,  
TBaZY is off to a great start this New Year! Our opening Havdalah and S'mores program at Camp Centerland was tons of fun!

We are gearing up for our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive on Wednesday, October 9. If you would like to contribute a bag of food, please bring your non-perishable donation with you to services and our teens will assist in taking your bag and loading it onto the truck for the Town Square Food Pantry.

We will celebrate Fall on October 13 with a hayride, apple/pumpkin picking and more from 1 to 4 p.m. Details to be determined, so be on the lookout for more information.

We round out October by traveling to NFTY Camp George for our first NFTY-NEL event of the season. Teens in 9th-12th grade will head to Canada for this leadership event on the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

Should you have questions about any of our youth programs, please feel free to contact us at Tamaravanwey@gmail.com or Bshapiro44@gmail.com

L'Shana Tova,  
Beth Shapiro and Tammy VanWey  
TBZ Youth Engagement Coordinators

## Welcome, New Members

Arlen & Amanda Brickman  
Yaakov & Zahava Fried  
Joanna & Michael Thompson  
Richard & Beth Steinberg

## tbz Honorable Menschen

To Marilyn Schillroth, Shellie Rutstein, Judith Zeckhauser, Margery Zeckhauser, Fraans DeWal, Jody Goldstein and Suzanne Grossman, who stuffed the High Holy Day ticket mailing.

## tbz Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Parisa Mazaheri, MD and Daniel Corey Oppenheimer, MD who were married on September 14. Parisa is the daughter of Parvin & Parviz Mazaheri. Daniel is the son of Cindy and Randy Oppenheimer. The wedding ceremony, officiated by Rabbi Laurie Green, was in Leesburg, Virginia. The couple enjoyed their honeymoon in San Juan, Puerto Rico and reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

## tbz Mazel Tov!



**Solomon Siegel**  
**Saturday, October 26**  
Son of: Shana Siegel



**Ari Raab**  
**Saturday, November 2**  
Son of: Michael & JoAnne Raab  
Mitzvah Projects: Refugee assistance  
through Jewish Family Service

## Confirmation 2019-2020/5780

Confirmation Year 2019-2020/5780 promises to be amazing. Here are most of the details for the entire year.

- o Confirmation will meet two Wednesdays every month.
- o We will plan three social action projects together. These dates will be determined in our early sessions.
- o We will create and learn about Jewish community together in a collaborative curriculum.
- o Confirmation students will learn about Jewish communal values and then assert and act on them.
- o The year will culminate with our Confirmation Service on Friday evening, May 29, 2020.

Confirmation goes to Washington, DC, February 28 – March 2, 2020, to participate in the Religious Action Committee's L'Taken program. This weekend is open to Jewish Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Graders in Western New York – details can be found at:

<https://rac.org/ltaken-social-justice-seminars-home>.  
Registration for students starts here:  
<https://urjrjac.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/camper/App>

Our Confirmation students will contribute ideas and organizational efforts to Mitzvah Day, scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2020.

Please RSVP directly to me for "Confirmation and Donuts", on Wednesday, September 18, at 8 p.m. at the Broder Center of Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road.

Costs for the year will be for the trip on its own AND a suggested donation (\$180) for participation in the Confirmation programs.

Rabbi Jonathan

## Presidents' Message

Happy New Year! October is a busy month for Sisterhood! We have our "Paid-up Opening Lunch" on Sunday, October 6, the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" walk on Saturday, October 12, and our first knitting group meeting on Wednesday evening, October 23. Our membership drive is still going on and we hope you will support us, and in turn support our temple! We pay for a great many things, and lend our support and effort to many others. There is strength in numbers and we need you to be counted! Please support us by sending in your dues and attending our events! Some of our upcoming events are the "Games Galore" card party on Election Day where we pick our Turkey Dinner Raffle winner, and a baking demonstration on Sunday, November 24.

Please feel free to call us for information on any of the things you're interested in, or if you have ideas for us!

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421 (Co-Presidents)

### Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

#### October Special

15% off all Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur themed items. Apple & honey dishes, cookie cutters, books, stuffed Shofars, High Holiday toys, and much more.

TBZ members receive 20% off when they buy a Tallit for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child. Stop in and check out our terrific selection!

Judaica Shop Broder Center Hours:  
Sundays, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For information or more hours or if you are able to volunteer, contact Susan (716) 835-0421 or susan\_b@roadrunner.com or Dee (240) 446-1211

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

## Save Around Buffalo Book

Sisterhood is again selling "Save Around Buffalo" Coupon Books for \$25. We know you will love it. It will be available at all Sisterhood functions and in the Judaica Shop. Come into the shop to see all the special restaurants, events, dry cleaners and other items available. Please help Support Sisterhood and enjoy dining out.



**WRJ Sisterhood of  
Temple Beth Zion  
invites you to**



**G A M E S  
G A L O R E**

**Tuesday, November 5, at noon  
TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road**

Bring your game and your group for a fun afternoon. Mahjong, Scrabble and cards are some of the games enjoyed during this annual Election Day event.

In addition to games, there will be a delicious lunch, dessert, raffle prizes and more!



Proceeds from the event will support Temple projects.



### Games Galore Reservation

(due by October 31)

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) I would be happy to bring to share with the group:  a salad  a dessert

Player names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\$15 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Please make checks payable to: TBZ Sisterhood and mail to: Kaaren Norman, 228 Culpepper Road, Williamsville, NY 14221. Call Kaaren at (716) 983-1300 with any questions.



## Turkey Dinner Raffle



It's time for our highly popular Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Raffle. The winner receives a complete Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people catered by Jonny C's. In addition, a second turkey dinner for 10 will be donated by Jonny C's to a congregational family in need who will be selected by TBZ Clergy.

Tickets are only \$3 each, 3 for \$5, or a book of 10 for \$15. Tickets are available in the Judaica shop, Sunday mornings during Religious School, and at all Sisterhood functions. The winner will be selected at the Sisterhood Games Galore Party on Tuesday, November 5. You do not need to be present to win. Ticket sales support Sisterhood and its many projects for TBZ.

## Special Guest Speaker on Women's Reproductive Rights

Sunday, November 3, at 9 a.m.

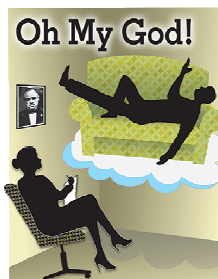
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion is pleased to host guest speaker Liza Robbins Theuman. Ms. Theuman is a representative of the Women of Reform Judaism from Rochester, New York, and she will speak on Women's Reproductive Rights. Please bring a friend for this informative talk.

## "Oh My God!"

TBZ Sisterhood invites everyone to join them at Jewish Repertory Theatre, Jewish Community Center, Getzville, on Thursday, November 7, for the 7:30 p.m. performance of "Oh My God!"

Tickets are \$25 each and money must be received by October 31. Please send checks, payable to "TBZ Sisterhood" to Susan Bergman, 36 Rolling Meadow, East Amherst, NY 14051.



## Sisterhood Walks

Sisterhood will again gather a team for the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk.

We hope many of you will join our team; this year's walk is the morning of October 12 at the "new" Outer Harbor Lakeside Bike Park! All are welcome (men too!). We will carpool that morning from the Broder Center.



Registration is open online at [MakingStridesWalk.org](http://MakingStridesWalk.org). Call Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757 if you wish to join us or if you want to make a donation! We hope to make this year the biggest yet in terms of money collected! Checks can be made out to The American Cancer Society.

## tbz Brotherhood

Brotherhood's annual membership drive is underway. We are looking forward to one of our most successful drives in many years. Annual membership is still only \$25 but we have two additional levels of membership at \$36 and \$50 for those who wish to contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs. If you are a Brotherhood member, please continue your membership and if you are not, what are you waiting for? This is the perfect time to join.

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to assist the congregation by ushering during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Your assistance and cooperation helps provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our members and their guests and to those new to our community. We would also like to thank Sandy Beckman for again serving as this year's ushering captain and recruiting this year's volunteers.

The October Achim program will be held in the Meadows second-floor meeting area, Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Our guest speaker is Dr. Samuel Helfer. Dr. Helfer's topic will be "Fall prevention and aging gracefully by maintaining independence through physical function in later years." This is a topic that touches more of us all the time. Dr. Helfer is a well-qualified expert on this topic as he holds a doctorate in Physical Therapy and a Masters in Exercise Science from UB.

Feel free to contact the us at [TBZBrotherhood@aol.com](mailto:TBZBrotherhood@aol.com) with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fundraising, further information on Brotherhood or any Brotherhood issue.

Thank you for your previous support of Brotherhood and we look forward to your continued support.

Philip Chazen



## Yom Kippur Food Drive

Once again, our youth group, TBaZY, is collecting food for our Town Square Food Pantry. The food pantry feeds many families and households in need, and since its opening has seen that need rise. On Yom Kippur, the most important fast day of the Jewish Year, we make a powerful statement to help those who have no choice about hunger and need assistance.

The Town Square Food Pantry welcomes donations of non-perishable foods of any kind as long as the items are not past their expiration date. Items most often requested include jam and jelly, pasta, soup, canned fish and toiletries.

The Food Pantry doors are open year-round because the need exists year-round. Thank you for your donations on Yom Kippur and any time throughout the year.

## Special Blessing for Spouses, Parents Who Happen Not to Be Jewish

We will recognize the extraordinary efforts non-Jews at Temple Beth Zion make in order to create Jewish families and raise Jewish children by offering a special blessing for them during the traditional Yom Kippur Morning Service when the Torah is chanted. If you are one of these wonderful people, we hope that you will plan to attend so that we can call you up to the *bimah* to honor and bless you before the Congregation. The traditional Morning Service will begin at 11:30 on Wednesday, October 9, in the Sanctuary.

## Tishrei Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 6, at noon at Forest Lawn (section Z). Rabbi Jonathan Freirich will lead a brief service in memory of beloved members of our families. This service offers comfort to the living while strengthening ties to our departed loved ones.

## Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, October 9 and Mondays, October 14 and 21. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.

## How We Worship at TBZ Why are the Holy Days late this year?

*This is the third installment in an on-going series prepared by the Ritual Committee.*

This year, Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of Sunday, September 29, and Yom Kippur ends late in the afternoon of October 9. Last year, Rosh Hashanah began on the evening of September 9, and Yom Kippur ended late in the afternoon of September 19. What's going on?

Our civil calendar is the Gregorian calendar (named after a 16<sup>th</sup> century pope). The Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar; the Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar – with adjustments. The earth takes approximately 365.25 days to rotate around the sun, so the Gregorian calendar established a year of 365 days, with a leap year every four years to “catch up” with the extra quarter day. The Jewish calendar is based primarily on the moon's orbit around the earth (a 29.5-day period), adjusted to keep the months consistent with the solar seasons.

The Jewish calendar is comprised of 12 months, each 29 days long. Because  $29.5 \times 12 = 354$ , there is an 11-day difference between a true lunar calendar (such as the Muslim calendar) and the Gregorian solar calendar. To ensure that the Jewish holidays always fall in the proper season, an extra month is added to the Jewish calendar seven times out of every nineteen years. That extra month is a second Adar, the month in which Purim falls. Thus, although Ramadan can fall during any season of the year, the Fall harvest festival of Sukkot always occurs in the Fall, and the Spring holidays of Purim and Passover always fall in the Spring.

The Jewish calendar is based upon a Babylonian calendar, and a variation of the current calendar has been in operation since approximately the first century of the Common Era. The mathematical algorithm that we use today was codified by the great scholar Maimonides in the 12<sup>th</sup> century – more than 400 years before Pope Gregory.

The year that is now ending (5779) was a Jewish leap year – there were two Adars, beginning on February 5 and March 6, although Purim happened only once – on March 21. However, last year, this year and every year, Rosh Hashanah falls on Tishri 1, Yom Kippur falls on Tishri 10, and Purim falls on Adar 14.

Finally, Jewish days begin and end at sunset, rather than midnight. This is based upon Chapter 1 of Bereishit (Genesis). As the description of each day's creation ends, the text recites: "And there was evening and there was morning, Day one. . ." The ancient rabbis concluded that the text signified that each day began in the evening, and that morning followed the evening.

If you have any questions you would like answered about how we worship at TBZ, please submit them to any Clergy member so they can be answered in this column.



## Off to a Great Start

On September 4, all of our wonderful PALS-Kadimah students returned to the Broder building for the first day of preschool 2019! The children had an absolutely fabulous day. It was beautiful and sunny outside, so our kiddos played in the sandbox, ran through the grass, and went down the slide over...and over...and over again! Most importantly, they made new friends as demonstrated by our new mural. All PALS-Kadimah classes read *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister and then came together to create a schoolwide mural of the rainbow fish in the deep blue sea. Feel free to come down the PALS-Kadimah hallway to see our beautiful and meaningful piece of art. Our first week of school was simply amazing, and I cannot wait to see how our children will grow, what they will create, and how they will explore as they play throughout the year!

During October, the children will learn about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah through music and movement, arts and crafts, and sensory play. Some of the amazing activities that our teachers are looking forward to are making decorations for and decorating the sukkah in the Shatkin Outdoor Classroom, graphing our favorite color of apples, dancing with the Torah, and learning what sounds the shofar makes!

If you have any questions about the PALS-Kadimah preschool program, please reach out to Zahava Fried at [pals@tbz.org](mailto:pals@tbz.org) or 716-836-6565.

# Tot Shabbat

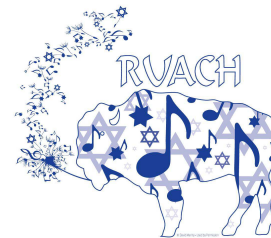
Friday, October 18, at 5:45 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

We would love for you to join for a child-friendly Tot Shabbat service, snack, crafts and story. The theme for October's Tot Shabbat will be Simchat Torah, the holiday where we celebrate completing the yearly reading of the Torah. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other families with young children from around the community and make new friends! The entire community is welcome!

Please call or email Zahava Fried for more information: (716)-836-6565 x139 or [pals@tbz.org](mailto:pals@tbz.org).

## Ruach Buffalo (Spirit of Buffalo)



A new Jewish community choir is happening but we are missing one thing: YOU!

Come be part of this wonderful, new, and fun experience through Jewish music. All musical abilities welcome.

If you have questions or would like to join, email Kathy Ellis at [kkeedd2156@yahoo.com](mailto:kkeedd2156@yahoo.com)



Do you play a musical instrument?  
Can you read a lead sheet or easy melody/harmony line?

Our TBZ house band wants to jam with you!  
Please contact Cantor Myers for more information.

[cantor@tbz.org](mailto:cantor@tbz.org)  
\*\*All skill levels welcome\*\*



## Mussar for Teens

Attention 8th and 9th graders! You are invited to be part of Teen Mussar. Mussar is a Jewish path of contemplative practices and exercises that have evolved over the past thousand years.

Sounds old, right?

Well, Mussar is ancient but super real and now. It is a great tool to help us deal with the pressures and stresses of school and life -- through a Jewish lens. We will learn and read and create with our awesome facilitator, Evie Weinstein.

Cost: Free, thanks to a generous donor.

For more information, dates and registration: <http://bit.ly/teenmussar>.

## Buffalo Jewish Teen Fellowship

Apply to become a Buffalo Jewish Teen Leadership Fellow! The Fellowship is an experiential 9-month long leadership program for teens in grades 10, 11 and 12. Fellows meet monthly (Sunday afternoon/evening) to explore Buffalo, learn leadership and life skills with community leaders, and explore their connection to Judaism.

Cost: \$540 (Scholarships are available, contact Mike Steklhof for more information)

For more information, dates, and application, go to: <http://bit.ly/buffaloteenleadership>

If you have any questions, contact Mike Steklhof, Director of Teen Engagement and Inclusion at the Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning, via text or call to (585) 200-2161 or email [mike@buffalojewishfederation.org](mailto:mike@buffalojewishfederation.org).

## Milton Zeckhauser Grassroots Community Garden

Jewish Family Service is looking for a few TBZ volunteers to support the community vegetable garden located on TBZ grounds at 805 Delaware Avenue. This project is headed and staffed by Jewish Family Service and Grassroots Gardens WNY.

Volunteers are needed from April through October of 2020. Each volunteer will support the garden on a schedule throughout the growing season, probably for one or two hours per month. The vegetables will be donated to needy families. If you are interested in volunteering please send an email as soon as possible to Molly Carr, Executive Director of Jewish Family Service, [mcarr@jfsbuffalo.org](mailto:mcarr@jfsbuffalo.org)

## Your Donations Appreciated

The Caring Community Committee would like to thank all members of the Temple who have contributed generously to our fund. It has enabled us to provide Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Purim baskets to members who are in nursing homes or in other situations. We also deliver wine and challah to members who have lost loved ones.

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

We would greatly appreciate donations because we are completely funded by members' generosity.

Thank you,  
Leslie Garfinkel

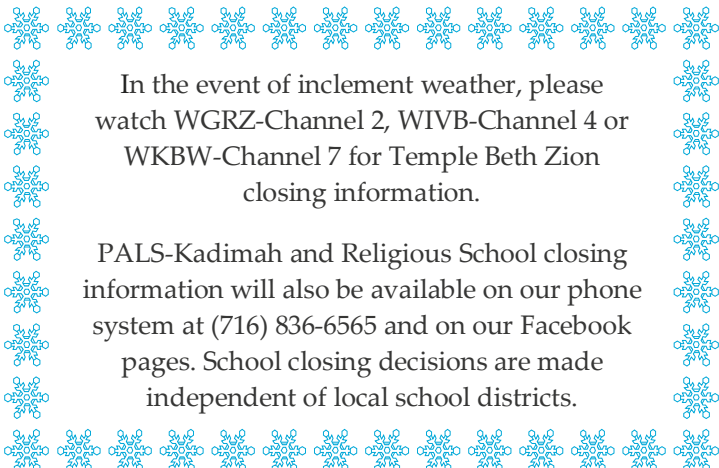
## Letter from the President

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For those in our community who feel in any way on the "outside" TBZ is here for you. If you are unable to spend the holidays with friends or family, please know that your TBZ family can help. If you need help getting to services, please call the temple office and we will make every effort to find a congregant with room in their car. If you are already planning to attend services and have some space in your car, please let us know. Additionally, our Engagement Committee continues to work diligently to create opportunities for more and more congregants to feel connected to TBZ.

I remain deeply honored to serve you as the President of the Board of Trustees. I look forward to seeing you at services. My family and I wish for you, your families and our community "Shana Tova U'Metukah", a Happy and sweet New Year.

Julie Dressler Weinberg



In the event of inclement weather, please watch WGRZ-Channel 2, WIVB-Channel 4 or WKBW-Channel 7 for Temple Beth Zion closing information.

PALS-Kadimah and Religious School closing information will also be available on our phone system at (716) 836-6565 and on our Facebook pages. School closing decisions are made independent of local school districts.

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MEMORIAL FUND**

In Memory of:

Herb Cohen, by Marjorie & Gary  
Abelson

**FIGHT HUNGER & POVERTY  
FUND**

In Memory of:

Jack Dorfman, by Linda & Leonard  
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**MAX & MOLLY FREEDMAN  
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In Honor of:

Hy Scheff's special birthday, by  
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**RABBI FREIRICH'S  
DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In Memory of:

Marilyn Goldman, by June Iris Hesch

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for  
officiating at the service of Sam  
Zemsky, by Michael Zemsky

**GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

In Memory of:

Evelyn Gerstman, by Randy Cole  
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In Memory of:

Sam Zemsky, by Patricia Haughton,  
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In Honor of:

Jeff Clark being appointed Executive  
Director of Temple Beth Zion, by  
Warren & Lynn Clark, Phillip & Judy  
Brothman, Sanford Clark & Bonnie  
Redder

Sanford Clark's speedy recovery, by  
Phillip & Judy Brothman

**M. ROBERT LEVIN FUND  
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In Memory of:

The Brother of Cynthia Helfman, by  
Beverly Levin

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In Memory of:

Max Cheplove, MD, by Beth  
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**CANTOR PENNY S. MYERS'  
DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny S. Myers, by Michael  
Zemsky

Cantor Penny S. Myers' service for  
Adelle Yosim, by her family

**RICHARD & MARJORIE  
NEAFACH PRAYER BOOK  
FUND**

In Memory of:

Stewart Levy, by Faye Levy

In Honor of:

Audre Bunis' birthday, by Faye Levy  
Mitchell Levy's birthday by Faye  
Levy

**DOROTHY ROSENFELDER  
CARING COMMUNITY FUND**

In Memory of:

Milt Joffe, by Julie & Ed Feldman

In Appreciation of:

The Caring Community, for their  
kindness following the passing of my  
father, Sam Zemsky, by Michael  
Zemsky

In Honor of:

The birth of Keith Goldberg,  
1<sup>st</sup> grandchild of Susan & David  
Goldberg, by Marcia Valente

**JEROME AND MARILYN SHINE  
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

In Memory of:

Lillian Palanker, by Ron Shore &  
Ricki Shine

Marilyn Goldman, by Marilyn Shine

The Yahrzeit of Jerome Shine, by  
Marilyn Shine

**SISTERHOOD SERVICE FUND**

In Memory of:

Evelyn Gerstman, by Keith & Sharon  
Bookbinder

Peggy Stone, by Kaaren & David  
Norman, Judy Zeckhauser

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In Memory of:

Peggy Stone, by Sheila Trossman

**Bereavement  
Support**

Support and companionship are available to you. TBZ Bereavement Support is lay-led by members in an informal and warm setting. Meet with others who have experienced a recent loss and are experiencing the similar challenges of living with grief. To indicate your interest, please contact our Clergy Assistant, Darcie, (716) 836-6565, Ext. 132. All members of the community are welcome.

**FUND FOCUS  
Religious School Fund**

Supports the needs of  
Religious School through the  
purchase of classroom equipment  
and sponsorship of special  
education programs.

**October 4 & 5**

Samuel J. Abelson	Jerome Michel
David Abrams	Anna Moss
Robert L. Algase	Bernice Wels
Herman Alperin	Novick
Ernestine Ament	Arnold Rickler
Brian F. Berger	Norman Risman
Eugene S. Berman	Leo J. Rosen
Ruth M. Bloch	Ralph J. Rosen
Howard T.	Natalie D.
Boasberg	Rosenberg
Leo Chapin	Levi Ruslander
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Bertha Douglas	Schwartz
Dudnik	Harry Siegel
Leah Ehrenreich	Bernard Skerker
Esther Angert	H. Robert
Fingeret	Steinberg
Samuel H. Frank	Sophy Siegel
Dora Gareleck	Sherris
Jacob B. Goldberg	Jeanette Leonore
Nellie Goldberg	Oppenheim Siff
Bella Goldman	Helene G. Smith
Julius Goldman	Sylvia Snitzer
Minnie G. Harris	Dr. Albert Spitzer
Irma Goldberg	Edwin O.
Klein	Weinberg
Neil David Kugel	Cecelia Cohn
Max Levy	Weisberg
Irving Liberman	Baldy Wertheimer
Rose Farber	Minnie Reisman
Marcus	Wertheimer

**October 11 & 12**

I. Lewis Alexander	Jacob
Hyman	Jacobson, Esq.
Benatovich	Max Katz
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Clothilde Block	Evelyn Mossmond
Jerome D. Block	Lenzner
Harry Brock	Harry Lewin
Marshall J. Brown	Bertha T. Levitsky
Nat L. Cohen	William T. Levy
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Lester Sidney	Samuel V. Lyon
Desbecker	Lester S. Miller
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Libbie Elster	Hattie B. Serns
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Birdie M.	Sherris
Freedman	Jerry Shine
Ethel Garfinkle	Alma Slotkin
Dr. Samuel	Minnie Steinfeld
Goldfarb	Gerald S. Stern
Isador Goorevich	James I. Stovroff
Lewis Gorbaty	Herman
Sadie W. Gordon	Weinheimer
Frances Cohen	Milton S. Weisberg
Gross	Maxine R.
Bertram Charles	Weissman
Hoffman	Dr. Franklin
Regina S. Holland	Zeplovitz

**October 18 & 19**

Lillian C. Beir	William H.
Jerome Bergman	Hartzberg
Dr. Ruben	Nathan H. Jacobs
Billowitz	George Kass
Karen R. Block	Benjamin Klein
Abraham N.	Irving Korn
Carrel	Dr. Sidney H. Levy
Isadore Cohen	Jacob Lichtman
Ruth Cohn	Murray B. Light
Dora Bergman	Joseph Markel
Cowen	Mary Sugarman
Dr. Alan N. Davis	Natas
Alymena Meyers	Eva Maisel
Desmon	Sapowitch
David Ellis	Edith Shatkin
Paul S. Feinstein	Miriam G. Tabor
Albert Fierstein	Robert G. Tabor
Edward M. Freed	Libbie Tishman
Hattie Freedman	Susan Kranitz
Goldie Goldstein	Treger
Ralph Greenberg	Harry Wallens
Arthur T. Gross	Frances G.
Tony Beer	Weinberg
Gunzburger	Joseph Wiener
Nathan Gutman	Frances Zolki

**October 25 & 26**

Meyer Belinson	Mary Greenberg	Bernard Rosen
Isaac Benderson	Carolyn Greenfield	Ida Saran
Max Mordecai	Myron Gross	Marvin Sarles, M.D.
Benderson	Dr. Melvin L. Israel	Bessie S. Schaefer
Anne G. Berger	Ruth Kantor	Lillian Adler Schaeffer
Barbara W. Bernheim	Harold M. Karet	Dr. Alex M. Shapiro
Dr. Robert E. Carrel	Inez Morrison Kass	Evelyn Silvert
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Irwin B. Cohen	Rosa Goldstein Lasser	Dr. Eugene Singer
Rebecca Cohen	Rose Michel Melzer	Abraham Snitzer
Henry I. Criden	Dolores Desmon Meyers	Ruth Kahn Stovroff
Isaac Dosberg	Inez Rosenfeld Miller	Armin Strauss
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David Flintrowitz	Bernard Rashkin	Blanche Wallens
Rose Heller Frank	Bella V. Reinauer	Nat Weinberg
Jacob Fruchtb Baum	Moses Reisman	Henry Siegfried Wile
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*Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials*

**A Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial has been established for**

**Mona W. Skerker** by Joan Skerker, Larry Skerker and Robert Skerker

*We offer our condolences to the families of:*

Frances C. Henn  
 Rabbi Peter S. Knobel  
 Raphael A. Scherr  
 Sarah Loretta Schechter  
 Milton Lewis Joffe



## Games Galore!

Tuesday, November 5, at noon  
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road



Bring your game and your group for a fun afternoon. Mahjong, Scrabble and cards are some of the games enjoyed during this annual Election Day event. In addition to games, there will be a delicious lunch, including dessert, raffle prizes and more! Proceeds from the event will support Temple projects.

Details and the RSVP form can be found on page 8.

## DO YOU HAVE SPIRIT?

SHOW YOUR TEAM PRIDE & WEAR  
YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY TO OUR  
TAILGATE SHABBAT ALIVE SERVICE

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**Tailgate with  
your friends  
@ TBZ**

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