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The 2019-20 Kol Nidre Campaign is off to a great start! The success of the Campaign depends on each of you and we thank those who have already pledged their support.

If you have not yet done so, please take a minute to make your pledge. Use your Kol Nidre envelope or call the Temple at (716) 836-6565.

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

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

Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 17



TBZ brings Dr. Rachel Korazim from Israel to Buffalo. See page 4 to learn more about this innovative and inspiring speaker and teacher and your opportunity to be a part of the Global Day of Jewish Learning.



Veterans Day Shabbat

Friday, November 8, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

We will honor the service of our Veterans with a special message and an acknowledgment during Mourners Kaddish. If you are a veteran or would like to remember a veteran, please come to our service.

*We don't know them all
but we owe them all.*

TBZ Sisterhood Presents 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.

See more details on page 8.

If you plan to join us, we'd love to know.
Call Halli at (716) 553-8883.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



tbz Letter from the President

Temple Beth Zion has a long history of encouraging congregants to exercise their civic responsibility and be a part of the political process by going to their polling places and casting their ballots.

I discovered that Rabbi Dr. Joseph L. Fink also encouraged people to vote. In a transcript of a November 1942 Radio Address, "The Measure of a Man," Rabbi Fink called Election Day "the most important day of the year for our democratic way of life. It is a sacred day in the tradition of human liberty." Regardless of your political leanings, I believe that Rabbi Fink's assessment is still relevant 77 years later. Please take the time to vote.

Rabbi Fink was also famous for his active involvement in the greater Jewish and secular community. I think he'd be pleased to welcome Jewish Federation to our Shabbat service on Friday November 15 at 805 Delaware. Howard Rosenhoch, Federation's General Campaign Chair, will be offering a D'Var Torah. Over the course of the new Jewish year, Jewish Federation will be sending representatives to offer a few words at each of our area synagogues, and to host an Oneg Shabbat.

The timing of Federation's visit is particularly meaningful to me. The Torah portion for that week is the same one I studied when my husband and I were in Israel last October. We were in Jerusalem for Shabbat. That morning, a small group of TBZ members (Jody Goldstein, Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Ellen and Steven Weiss and I) walked to a progressive shul - Kol HaNeshama. The walk itself was really magical, quiet and spiritual. The congregants were incredibly kind and welcoming. The parsha for that Shabbat was Vayeira. We Buffalonians were given the honor of the third Aliyah. After the Torah reading, we separated into small groups to discuss a portion of that week's Torah reading. We were discussing the despair that Hagar experienced after Sarah cast Hagar out of the community with her infant son, Ishmael. She was sure she and her baby would perish. She cried out for help and heard the voice of an angel. The angel encouraged her to open her eyes, saying the source of your hope will be clear to you if you only look around you. Hagar opened her eyes and saw a source of water. She then realized that she would survive this crisis.

I think of the message conveyed by that parsha quite often. It is so easy to become overwhelmed by life's many challenges. It reminds me to take a breath, and open my eyes to all of the possibilities.

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, November 1	
Tailgate Shabbat Alive Service	7 p.m.
 Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Service at Amberleigh	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 2	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
 Bar Mitzvah of Ariel Raab	
Friday, November 8	
Veterans Day Shabbat Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, November 9	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
 Bat Mitzvah of Lillian Weinmann	
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
Friday, November 15	
Tot Shabbat at Broder	5:45 p.m.
Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, November 16	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
 Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Steinberg	
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
Friday, November 22	
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Saturday, November 23	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
 Bat Mitzvah of Phoebe Oppenheimer	
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.
Friday, November 29	
Shabbat Evening Service at Broder	7 p.m.
Saturday, November 30	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods, main building	11 a.m.



Letter from the Cantor

“The ‘H’ Word Has No Place in My Vocabulary”

- Rabbi/Hazzan Jeffrey Myers , Tree of Life Synagogue

There are no words of consolation or comfort to provide us with the bulletproof blanket of protection that we need as our nation wrestles its way through mass shootings. Taking a page from my friend and colleague, let us focus on a different ‘h’ word: *hope*.

As I returned the travelling Torah mantle to its future home in Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life Synagogue, I spent the Shabbat in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with Jeff, his wonderful wife Janice and their community.

Dubbed by CNN as “America’s Rabbi” you should know how deeply uncomfortable he is with this moniker, or any attention. He’s a very quiet man with a calming presence, beautiful voice, and gentle disposition. He is the person who would rather be on the sidelines of anything else than be center of attention, contrary to his new reality of being thrust into unwanted celebrity.

The building is still an active crime scene and is fenced off. Except for a few, including Jeff, no one has access to the building. The door and windows that had been shot are still boarded up. In the following months after October 27, 2018, blue tarps, metal fences and crime scene tape dressed the exterior of the building, exposing it as an eyesore and painful reminder of the world we live in among the hills and lush trees of Squirrel Hill. As this community found some semblance of strength, they recognized that, as it stood, the empty building, tape, fences and tarps didn’t reflect the spirit of who this community really is, the lives that this community lost, but more profoundly, the message that they wish the world would receive.

A campaign was launched #HeartsTogether: The Art of Rebuilding. Artwork was submitted from children all over the world that would be chosen to be displayed against the fence that surrounds the building instead of the huge blue tarps that residents and visitors could experience that would provide them with hope. As Jeff took me and our friend, Cantor Matt Axelrod (Scotch Plains NJ) on a tour of “The Tree” what they call the synagogue, I immersed myself in the artwork and the accompanying credits to the young artists when I was overcome with emotion. Accompanying names were geographic locations of the artists: Columbine High School, Newtown Massachusetts,

Kulanu Winter Service
 Friday, December 20, at 7 p.m.
 805 Delaware Avenue
 Please mark your calendar now for this warm and welcoming community service that has long been a TBZ favorite.

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Spiritual Recharge at Temple Beth Zion for 5780

Each of the following evenings will include coffee and desserts, a spiritual practice, and a chance to learn and share.

Resources will be available ahead of time – please contact Rabbi Jonathan Freirich: rabbifreirich@tbz.org with questions and to RSVP.

“Look Ahead”

Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m.

Following the Tenth of Tevet we will “raise our eyes” and heed the signs, seeking new perspectives that inspire and energize our minds, hearts, and spirits.

“Think Big”

Sunday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Esther’s Fast reminds us that not even the sky is the limit. Let us expand our sense of what is possible, both within ourselves, and in the world.

“Break Through”

Thursday, July 9, 7 p.m.

The Walls of Jerusalem fell and on this Seventeenth of Tamuz we will evaluate all the barriers around us – those that protect and those that limit.

Letter from the Cantor

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Parkland Florida, Auckland New Zealand. Many of these artists survived school shootings or live in a community that endures despite the terrible scar that remains.

Jeff put his arms around me as I sobbed. I thought- I should be comforting my friend not the other way around. He said “Penny, we are all victims.” Once I was able to pull myself together, I observed other people walking around this makeshift gallery with messages of peace, love, hope that surrounds a physical building where peaceful people were in their safe place in the synagogue and an unthinkable horror occurred.

I asked him how he handles all of this and he said very simply in his genteel, soft spoken way, “I have hope.”

Let us continue to have hope and work for a peaceful world where we know we are safe and blind hatred will be no more.

Cantor Penny S. Myers

Global Day of Jewish Learning Features Dr. Rachel Korazim

Sunday, November 17

Dr. Korazim is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. She engages audiences worldwide through innovative presentations built around the stories, poems and songs of Israel’s best writers. Her thought-provoking talks open a window into Israeli society, inviting listeners to engage with the country and its history in new ways.

The entire community is welcome to participate in the following learning opportunities:

9:15 – 11 a.m., Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Dr. Korazim joins the Religious School of Temple Beth Zion for learning with parents and 6th and 7th Graders. Her topic will be “Challenging Torah.”

12:30 - 2 p.m., Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Dr. Korazim speaks about “Israel Diaspora Relations – Changing Narratives.” Everyone in the Western New York community is welcome - RSVP is required.

Lunch will be provided, please consider a \$10 donation per person. RSVP to Darcie, (716) 836-6565, darcie@tbz.org

Talmud Talk

Wednesdays, November 6, December 4, noon - 1 p.m.

Sheridan Family Restaurant, 3901 Sheridan Dr.

All our Judaism, especially Reform Judaism, starts in the Talmud.

Everyone is welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning. Materials provided. No host lunch.

I and Thou and Lunch

Fridays, November 15, December 20, noon - 1 p.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave., in the library

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

Learn this profound text in conversation – no preparation required.

Lunch and drinks are provided. Please RSVP to rabbifreirich@tbz.org.

Torah Study

Saturday mornings, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave.

TBZ’s clergy delve into the week’s reading from Torah, the Five Books of Moses. Learned and open-ended, join this group and discuss how our ancient texts still bring meaning to our Twenty-First Century lives.

Coffee and cookies provided.

Email Rabbi Jonathan (rabbifreirich@tbz.org) if you’d like to be included in a weekly email about Jewish Learning.

Many Thanks

There are so many of you to thank for helping to make the precious time we spent as a Congregation during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur such a success. From the Shofar blowers who practice for weeks so they can sound the call that wakes us from our spiritual slumber, to our Brotherhood, which generously sponsors Break the Fast at the end of our day on Yom Kippur.

Thank you to those who served as greeters, ushers, service participants, musicians, our choir, soloists, Torah and Haftarah chanters and readers. Thank you to our sound and technology volunteers who enable those present and those virtually present to see and hear our services. We appreciate help with mailings, proofreading materials and the update of our Yahrzeit Scroll. Thank you to all who planned and participated in the Alternate Service at Becker Farms. Thank you also to TBaZY for running another successful Yom Kippur food drive and to all of you for bringing in your donations for the Town Square Food Pantry.

Keeping our TBZ family and guests safe is always a priority. We are grateful to all those who were present to ensure the security of our services. Speaking of safety, we are thrilled with the new railings to the Bimah and the support they provide on the steps.

Finally, to each of our congregants for joining together in renewal and prayer this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and for being the most important part of our TBZ community. Your compliments, and especially your suggestions as to how we may improve, are not only welcome, they are the hallmark of what makes us such a wonderful community. It is you whom we serve. You are the essence of TBZ.

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich
Cantor Penny Myers
Judy Henn, Clergy Associate
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And More Thanks

To all the people who helped with the Rosh Hashanah bags: Steve Steinberg, Julie Weinberg, Cindy Gradl, Susan Lasky, Ginny and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Amèlida Weinmann, Jeff Clark, Sharon Winer, Tammy VanWey and Beth Shapiro, Jack Karet, Jason and Betty Collins, Marilyn Schillroth, Arlene Steinhart, Nancy Spector, Susan Bruckheimer, and Lucille Sherlick.

To Barbara and Alan Mollot for the donation of the beautiful flower arrangements that graced the Bimah during the Holy Days.

Engagement Committee News

I love the rhythm of the Jewish year.... the holidays.... the music.... the feasts.... and the fasts. I also love the rhythm of the secular year with autumn being my favorite season. Cool crisp days and even cooler nights.... colored leaves.... and apples.... and pumpkins. The festival of Sukkot is closely followed by our quintessential American holiday of Thanksgiving. There are many parallels between the two, with many historians believing that the Pilgrims modeled this festive day on the biblical holiday of Sukkot.

Sukkot is a holiday where we pause to enjoy our bounty. We move out of our comfortable homes to dwell (at least somewhat) in a Sukkah. Doing so heightens our sense of vulnerability and at the same time, helps us appreciate what we have even without sturdy walls. Thanksgiving also serves to focus attention on appreciating gratitude for abundance, inclusivity in our society and around our table, open hands, open arms, and open hearts.

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us consider donating to the Turkey Basket Project or buying a raffle ticket from Sisterhood for the Turkey dinner. Both will help families in need have a festive meal. Another idea is to invite someone you wouldn't ordinarily ask to join your Thanksgiving table. 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, and let's be thankful for the connections we are currently making.

Upcoming Engagement Committee Events:

Bagel Brunch - Sunday, November 24, 10 - 11 a.m. "Bagel Jays" 100 Plaza Drive (Hopkins and Klein). This no host meal is organized by Jody Goldstein.

New Member Shabbat Service - Plans are currently being made for a New Member Shabbat Service with a possible date of Friday, December 6. Help with planning and implementation is appreciated.

Please contact me at any time with questions, comments, or just to say, "hi." I want to connect with, and I am thankful for, each and every one of you!

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)
JAGoldstein827@gmail.com.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, November 11, Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.

From the Director

One of my children, at some point prior to turning 16, thought she already knew most of what she would be learning in Driver's Ed. "That thing, Mom," she confidently announced from the passenger seat, pointing towards the top of the windshield, "that's the review mirror." Literally, she was wrong. But, really, isn't the rearview mirror a review mirror? So, as the first weeks of the 2019-20 school year recede in the rearview mirror, I will take a moment to review what's been happening in Religious School!

Our Sunday mornings begin with a gathering of parents, teachers, and students in the front foyer and lobby. These few minutes of welcome, announcements, waving Israeli flags while singing Hatikvah, and reciting La'asok B'divrei Torah (the blessing before studying Torah) are rich with *ruach* (spirit) and *kehillah* (community). Thank you to the members of the TBZ Board who have also been on hand to meet and greet! And thank you to our new Music Specialist Zack Steinberg for his delightful accompaniment on guitar.

Students then follow their teachers to classrooms. In my visits through the education wing, I have been greatly impressed by the engagement and curiosity of our students, the warmth and professionalism of our faculty, and the eagerness of our Madrichim (teen classroom assistants) to be helpful to all. I look forward to getting to know your kids better and better each week. I have already seen a lot of creativity and inquisitiveness! From Kindergarten to 7th grade, students are connecting with one another and with their teachers in meaningful ways.

The entire Religious School joins together for Tefillah at 11 a.m. Rabbi Freirich and Zack combine their talents to educate, inspire, and involve all of our students in a meaningful, musical service. Cantor Myers provides a delightful, enthusiastic presence when she is able to attend. Parents and others are always welcome to join us!

When our younger students are dismissed at 11:30, our 3rd – 7th graders stay for Snacktime/Breaktime and then move on to their Hebrew classes. Our emphasis is on learning the language of prayer and understanding the meaning of our worship. Of course, this requires a basic knowledge of the Alef-Bet in preparation to read, and is augmented by the casual and comfortable use of Hebrew words and phrases all morning long at Religious School.

On our very first day of Religious School, however, these classes were preempted by our first Hebrew Ploozza! The 3rd – 7th graders remained in the Social Hall for a wide variety of games and activities designed to refresh their Hebrew memories in fun and challenging ways. Each student was able to select what most appealed to them: coloring SHALOM graffiti, folding cootie catchers,

practicing Hebrew tongue twisters, playing "Go Fish" in Hebrew, following directions for Shimon Omer (Simon Says), listening carefully to know what goes where in Hebrew Twister, and lots more.

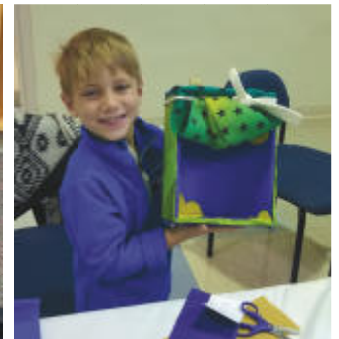
Early in the week following each Religious School session, I publish a new edition of the TBZ Religious School Weekly Letter. This little bulletin includes news and photos from the most recent Sunday's activities. It is emailed to all Religious School parents. In addition, for each grade level, I include a 1-page "This Week in ___ Grade" which is the Sunday Summary from each grade's teachers. These are emailed to the parents of children in that grade. Parents, please let me know if you are not receiving these emails!

Our weekly schedules are greatly enhanced by Art, Library, Poetry, Chuggim (electives), Mitzvot-of-the-Month and more. Stay tuned to read more about everything that is happening at Religious School!

L'Shalom, may all your journeys be towards peace,

Beth Steinberg

Sunday Snapshots



Turkey Basket Project

Fall is in the air and our thoughts return once again to the annual "Turkey Basket Project" which began as an ecumenical project under the leadership of North Presbyterian Church. This will be Temple Beth Zion's 15th year helping out with this project.

Every year we get more and more requests for help from different agencies around the area. We now serve 13 agencies, and last year we accomplished our goal of 525 complete dinners, serving approximately 2100 people. This allowed families to have dinner in their own homes and not have to go to a shelter.



Each family receives a frozen turkey, cranberry sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, stuffing mix, brownie mix, fresh potatoes, and fresh bread. Our greatest need is funding to purchase the turkeys. Last year we spent over \$5,000 on turkeys.

Without the generosity of our religious schools collecting food for us, and our congregants helping with monetary donations, we would not be as successful. Most of us are lucky enough to not have to worry about putting food on the table, but there are so many in need. It would be a mitzvah to help with this project. Donations are greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to North Presbyterian Church and either dropped in the labeled boxes at our Delaware and Broder Buildings, or mailed to: Sharron Frommann, 18 Palmdale Drive, Williamsville, NY, 14221. Gift cards to Tops and/or Wegmans would also be appreciated. We need to receive your donation no later than November 20.

If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact Sharron at 634-3495 (after noon) or email her at: mommafro457@gmail.com.



To the October 8 Friends of Night People volunteers Sharon Chapman, Leslie Garfinkel, Adina Garfinkel, Dan and Jackie Korchowsky.

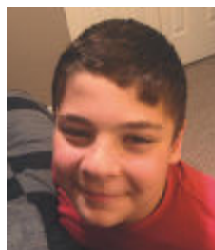
To Cindy Oppenheimer for her generous donation and work in providing lovely mums for the Delaware Avenue Building.

To Dee Block and Jamie Potash (pictured here) for their generosity of time, energy and materials to beautify our Broder Center. In a matter of hours, they turned barren piles of dirt into bright, festive, welcoming spaces we can all enjoy.



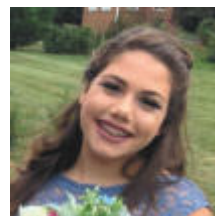
Lillian Simone Weinmann
Saturday, November 9

Daughter of: Peter & Amélica Weinmann
Mitzvah Project: Refugee & migrant services in WNY



Maxwell J. Steinberg
Saturday, November 16

Son of: Sharon Steinberg and Stephen Steinberg
Mitzvah Project: Collecting for families with babies in neonatal intensive care.
Donating to: Sister's Hospital NICU



Phoebe Alexis Oppenheimer
Saturday, November 23

Daughter of: Julie Kagan and Benjamin Oppenheimer



To Alison Diana & Benjamin Oppenheimer, who announced the birth of their daughter, Piper Rose Oppenheimer, born on September 13. The proud grandparents are Cindy & Tom Diana and Cindy & Randy Oppenheimer.

To Sandra Rifkin, who was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from EPIC - Every Person Influences Children. Sandy dedicated her adult life as a volunteer, president, board member and long-time advocate of EPIC, which helps families, schools and communities raise children to become responsible and successful adults. Sandy will be celebrated at the EPIC Heroes Awards Reception on November 7.

To our own Cantor Penny Myers, who will be inducted to the Williamsville Honored Alumni Wall of Fame.

Honorees will be inducted during the annual Awards Breakfast. Following the breakfast, Cantor Myers will return to her alma mater, Williamsville North, to address students during a special school assembly.

The Williamsville Wall of Fame recognizes distinguished alumni of the Williamsville Central School District who serve as role models for today's students, demonstrating the importance of school and the power of learning.

Presidents' Message

We hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays. There were plenty of activities to participate in at Temple. Some of us went to Becker Farms, many decorated sukkahs at Temple. Some went to recognize our newest religious school students at Consecration and some helped to unroll the Torah during Simchat Torah Services. We also donated to the American Breast Cancer Society and marched in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

It is now November and we hope to see you at the Sisterhood programs described in this issue.

I've been looking at Facebook and there are a lot of people and organizations asking you for money or to sign a petition. How do you decide what to support? What supports your values?

We recently received a brochure from Women of Reform Judaism, titled WRJ Priorities promoting sisterhood, spirituality and social good: strengthening Reform Jewish women around the globe.

Some of the Social Justice issues WRJ supports though your Sisterhood dues are: immigration reform, refugee reform, reproductive rights, human trafficking, economic justice, labor rights, violence against women, Israel and Religious Pluralism. Learn more about how WRJ promotes social good at www.wrj.org/womenact.

Please feel free to call us about any of the things you're interested in.

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757 (Co-Presidents)

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

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.

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.

Liza is a member of the Sisterhood of Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester where she is past Vice President of membership and current Vice President of education. She is very active in Social Action, serving as the co-chair of her temple's annual Thanksgiving Basket drive providing a holiday meal for over 100 food insecure families in Rochester, co-chairing her temple's involvement in RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) and numerous other committees. She sits on the WRJ Northeast District's Board. She is completing her first term as Area Director and also is on the Marketing and Communication Committee. In October she is coordinating the Social Action portion for Kallah.

Liza works as a phlebotomist for Rochester Regional Health Care. She resides in Penfield with her husband John and son Ben. She also has a son Alex and daughter-in-law Sarah who reside in Massachusetts.

If you plan to join us, we'd love to know. Call Halli at (716) 553-8883.



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. If you are interested in supporting this effort but have other plans for your Thanksgiving meal, you can write "donate" on your raffle ticket and an additional family in need will be selected by our 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.

Demo and Dine

At the home of Lynn Klein
Sunday, November 24, at 11 a.m.

Come for a light lunch followed by a dessert demonstration and tasting. The demonstration will be provided by professionally trained baker, Robin Kurss.

There are only 20 spots for this program, so reserve now! Send your check, made out to TBZ Sisterhood, to Lynn Klein, 117 Cheshire Lane, East Amherst, NY 14051. If you have any questions, call Lynn at 689-9207.

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 or purchase one to give as a gift.



Susan Case DeMari (left) was the featured guest speaker for the TBZ Sisterhood Opening Luncheon in October. Ms. DeMari is Buffalo Jewish Federation's Community Security Coordinator. The luncheon was organized by Sisterhood member Sandra Wolchok (right)



It was a chilly day for the annual Breast Cancer Walk. The hearty souls pictured above include: Margy Zeckhauser, Sandy Wolchok, Marilyn Schillroth, Carole Weingarten, Sarah Reiter, and Samantha, Eric, Lillian, and Alicia Bernhardt. Frans DeWaal (not in photo) participated as a runner. Many others participated by making donations.

School Year Services at Broder

The Religious School focuses on an extended and vibrant Sunday program without any Thursday sessions. The Ritual Committee met in September to discuss alternatives to the Thursday afternoon service that had been led for many years by Dr. Herman Stone. After deliberating this, the Committee enthusiastically invites all interested Congregants to an inclusive, all-ages service at the Broder Center during Sunday morning Religious School Tefilah at approximately 11 a.m. All members of the TBZ community are welcome to join our school students for services on all Sundays when Religious School is in session. (Please check the Temple Calendar or call the office to determine whether School is in session.)



Achim to Host Councilmember

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion is pleased to announce that their next Achim program will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 10, at the Meadows Lounge, located on the second floor at the Weinberg Campus, 2650 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068.

The featured speaker will be the Hon. Jacqueline Berger, Town Councilmember for the Town of Amherst. Ms. Berger, who is well known in the community, will be discussing the 2019 local election results. There will also be comments on national and state politics. All in attendance will have an opportunity for discussion. Questions and answers being encouraged. This is expected to be an enlightening and invigorating program.



Achim is a monthly program for the benefit of the residents, and their guests, at the Weinberg Campus and is open to the public is free of charge.

Sisterhood Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

Tuesday, December 24
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Volunteer for this wonderful and fun fundraiser. Jo Schweitzer is our chair for this program. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers for each 1.5 hour shift beginning at 9 a.m.

Please contact Jo at joschweitzer1580@gmail.com or (716) 838-3794. Please provide your name, phone number, email address and availability and Jo will contact you about your scheduled time to volunteer.



Do you play a musical instrument?
Can you read a lead sheet or easy
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Our TBZ house band wants to jam with you!
Please contact Cantor Myers for more
information.

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All skill levels welcome

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All musical abilities welcome.

If you have questions or would like to join,
email Kathy Ellis at kkeedd2156@yahoo.com

It was a beautiful day for Sukkah decorating at 805 Delaware! Thank you to the TBZ Sisterhood, especially Susan Bruckheimer and Donna Yablin, for coordinating and providing all the gourds and decorations.



Ritual Committee High Holy Day Report

For the first time ever, the TBZ Ritual Committee assisted the Clergy and Staff in identifying honorees for the High Holyday services. More than 122 congregants participated in the seven services, including some who had never participated in the past and some who have participated for years. Special thanks to the mafkatzot (service coordinators) who pulled the effort together: Julie Dressler Weinberg (Erev Rosh Hashana), Karen Wiseman (Becker Farms), Mat'an Schwartz (Rosh Hashana at Delaware), Kathy Ellis (Erev Yom Kippur), Toby Laping (Yom Kippur afternoon), and Anna M. Richmond (the two Yom Kippur morning services).

Thanks to ideas generated at the Engagement Conference in September, the Ritual Committee recommended to the Clergy that they include a structured opportunity for people to meet and greet each other at High Holy Day services - especially at Delaware. The opportunity was well received. That opportunity, along with the honey sticks distributed on Rosh Hashana, and the lovely booklets describing TBZ's architecture that were distributed throughout the Holiday season, contributed to our efforts to build a more engaged Congregation.



Library Committee Reorganizing

The Library Committee, currently consisting of Leslie Garfinkel, Joan Taulbee, and Anna Marie Richmond is seeking new members. We will schedule a meeting in late November or early December. Our agenda will include an examination of the Library's mission to determine how best we can serve the needs and interests of the TBZ community. If you are interested in participating, or have suggestions about what the Library should be doing, please contact Anna Marie Richmond at (716) 854-1100 or annamrichmond@msn.com.

In the meantime, we respectfully request that Temple members refrain from donating used books to the Library. We currently have more donations than can fit on our shelves. Finally, we are in the process of inventorying our collection to determine what books have been lost. We ask that if you have any books from the Temple Beth Zion Library (you can identify them by the circulation slip on the inside back cover) that you please return them so that they can be counted.



Listening Ears and Happy Hearts

A few times a day, I like to pop into the PALS-Kadimah classrooms to observe the magic of the day; it is a surprise every time. What games are the children playing? What is the art project of the day? What made them giggle? Who was being a kind friend? By stepping into those classrooms, the answers to those questions are immediately made apparent.

But as the Director, sometimes I have obligations outside of the classroom and I am not able to pop in to get my PALS-Kadimah fix. For two days this past month, I was in an intense 15-hour Director training that happened to occur over the course of two Mondays. Although I was absent for those two days, I was confident that when I returned from my training that I would come across something amazing. Well, amazing doesn't begin to describe what has to be my favorite art piece that I have come across in my career as a teacher.

For the High Holidays, the children learned about the shofar, and came away with the message that when we hear the shofar we need to remember to have listening ears - and more importantly - happy hearts. The incredible PALS-Kadimah teachers chose to translate this message into a piece of collaborative art (photo below) where every child participated. They cut out a massive shofar, and the children beautified this plain, brown shofar with pom-poms, tissue paper, and glitter. This perfect shofar is framed by the children's handprints, and the message: "We promise to have listening ears and happy hearts."

I was so moved by the teamwork and creativity that went into fashioning this art project. It truly made my heart so happy that all of my friends came b'yachad (together) to make something that resonates so completely with the High Holiday season. Furthermore, this mural reminded me of that all-important lesson that when we work together and listen to each other, we all will have happy hearts.

Zahava Fried



We promise to have listening ears and happy hearts!

Tot Shabbat

Friday, November 15, at 5:45 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Join us for the next TBZ Tot Shabbat! This family-friendly service will be held at the Broder Center at 5:45 p.m. There will be a craft for the children and storytime. Dinner will be provided for all. The theme for this Tot Shabbat will be *Hakarat Hatov*, or gratitude, in honor of the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other families with young children from around the community and make new friends.

Please RSVP to Kara at kara@tbz.org by November 13.

PALS-Kadimah Happy Hearts



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. School closing decisions are made independent of local school districts.

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Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for officiating at our wedding, by Aleksander Murshteyn & Rachel Sampson

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In Memory of:

Milt Joffe, by The Board of Directors of Temple Beth Zion Brotherhood, Wendee & Art Lorbeer, Joseph & Joan Murray, Toby & Harold Bulan, Betsy & Bruce Goldstein, Mark & Laurie Criden, David & Janet Desmon, Mary Bonato, Marilyn & Fred Kay, Janice & Louis Siegel, Laura & Larry Abate, Buffalo Psychiatric Center, Sandra & Bernie Weinstein, Jerry & Judy Carrel, Marilyn Wilson, Ronald Luczak

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Nancy & Harvey Schiller's 70th anniversary, by Linda & Carl Snitzer

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In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny S. Myers & Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, for the beautiful Rosh Hashanah service, by Morton & Nancy Hodin

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Cantor Penny S. Myers for her patience, guidance & caring ways as she prepared our daughter, Angelica, for her Bat Mitzvah, by Donna & Irv Levy

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Established to enable Irv's legacy of anonymous giving to continue. Individuals can donate funds that will be used to provide financial support to families or individuals who are in great need due to unforeseen circumstances, such as sickness, death, or job loss.

In the highest tradition of Jewish giving, Irv often would contribute to the Rabbi's discretionary fund with specific instruction for the Rabbi to pass along the contributed amount to provide financial support to a TBZ family who was in great need.

Fund Donations

Looking for a way to honor a friend's birthday? Trying to think of a gift for a special anniversary? Please consider making a tribute donation in honor, memory or appreciation of that special person or event.

When you select a particular fund, your gift is targeted toward and area or areas that are most meaningful to you or to those you are honoring. Donations can be made using the form on the reverse side of this page or by calling Ann Marie at 836-6565, Ext. 111. Secure online donations can be made on the TBZ website at www.tbz.org by clicking on the "giving" tab



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

November 29 & 30

Sarah R. Altman	Rose Lightman
Daniel W. Barmon	Ruth R.
F. Lulu Barmon	Mendelson
Frances M. Barmon	Rose R. Merowitz
Joseph B. Block	Louis Bernard
Rabbi Dr.	Morrison
Joseph L. Fink	Dr. Robert E. Reisman
Dr. Erwin Friede	Jeannette G. Rivo
Cecile Goldberg	Isaac Rodgers
Philip Goldstein, M.D	Jeanette Rosenbaum
Rose Goldstein	Queenie Scheiner
John Guggenheimer	David Seilkoff
Mayme Cohn	Edward Setel
Harris	Jacob M. Shapiro
Michael M. Harris	Emauel Silberberg
Charlotte Leah Hollander	Fay Ann Singer
Anna G. Kempner	Maurice Stiller
Leonard Korman	John Swerdloff
Alter Levitan	Lewis H. Walters
Leo M. Levy	Florence G. Weinberg
Sarah(Sally) Lichtman	Michael D. Wolfsohn
Beatrice W. Liebling	Ida D. Zeplovitz
	Hannah J. Zolki

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.

November 1 & 2

Louis Isaac Baker	Norman Israel
Carrie Barmon	Ida Panimo Latz
Hannah Benderson	Harry J.
Ann Bronstein	Lehman Sr.
Berkson	Samuel Lessner
Gertrude Beck	M. Robert Levin
Bilsky	Regina Michaels
Hazel S. Blatt	Jennie Morrison
Irving H. Block Sr.	Belle Raikin
Morris L.	Margaret Bisland
Bookbinder	Roblin
Monty Boorin	Sadie Roblin
Aaron Broder	Mary Lou Sherris
Elizabeth Cohen	Rosenblat
Cofeld	Emil H. Rubenstein
Frank L. Cohen	Harold S.
Paul Davis Sr.	Ruslander
Thomas M. Dean	Richard M.
Miriam Doran	Ruslander
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Albert B. Feirman	Morton Slesinger
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Anna Green	Julius Steinhardt
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Goldstein	Betty Troyan
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Evelyn Levy	Henry J. Weil
Heilbrun	David B. Weiss
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Beatrice R. Cohen	Esther Sapowitch
Henry Cohen	Milch
Sarah Friedman	Martin M. Morris
Cowen	Else Hollander
Belle Fineberg	Reese
Max I. Freed	Debra Remson
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Gardner	Bruno Rosenfelder
Abraham Gareleck	Nathan Rovner
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Marjorie L.	Ida Sarles
Gorbaty	Carole Lesses
Maurice Gorbaty	Schwartz
Ida Reingold	Jean Sherris
Grosse	Harold I. Simon
Sol Grosse	Joseph Snitzer
Ernest Gunzburger	H. Gerald
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Shirley Lapides	White
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George Marcus	Raymond E. Wolf
David Markel	Dr. Samuel
Leah Mesches	Yochelson

**Yahrzeit Anniversaries
for November 29 & 30
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November 22 & 23

Ellis M. Adel	Charles Etkin	Mae Perlmutter
Isidor Victor Ament	John Fierstein	Dr. Albert King Reis
Joseph Anthone	Jack E. Gellman	Nathan Rosenfeld
Lee Gross Anthone	Pauline Glaser	Edwin W. Roth
Everett M. Barlow	Dr. Hyman H. Graver	Maxwell A.
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Freda K. Cohen	Fannie Horn	Betty B. Schuster
Harold Bernard Cohen	Harry Hart Kaufman	Dr. Harold T.
Hazel R. Cohen	Alvin M. Kianof	Schweitzer
Harold A. Dautch	Marjorie Helene Kohn	Helen Sherman
David Davis	Nettie Ruth Lubick	David Siegel
Henrietta Dosberg	Anna W. Lyon	Irving Weller
Donald L.	Sondra Joan	Rosa Wiener
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**Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials
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Thank you for showing us that we are one Community - one Jewish, one interfaith, one Pittsburgh, one country, and one world. We are truly stronger together.

With love from the families of:

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