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Purim Madness!!

Get ready for the Purim Spiel according to...



Tuesday, March 10

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Krolick's Fish & Chips Dinner

6:30 - 7 p.m. Brief megillah reading & costume parade

7 p.m. Purim Spiel

A Purim Parody of Monty Python's 'Spamalot'!

"Shushanalot" Spiel by Adrian A. Durlerster

Come and be entertained by the TBZ performers.

Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded!

RSVP for dinner by March 2 to becky@tbz.org or 836-6565.

Dinner is \$10 per person.

NOSH AND LEARN



Sunday, February 9, at 1 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Come for a bagel nosh lunch then learn how easy it is to make delicious homemade bagels.

See details and registration information on page 8.

Busy TBaZY



For TBaZY's February and March social action project, they are collecting new and gently used books for all ages.

Community Purim Carnival

Congregation Shir Shalom

Sunday, March 8

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



See page 7 for details on these announcements and additional TBaZY activities.



2nd Annual Joint Fundraiser Congregation Shir Shalom & Temple Beth Zion

Sunday, March 15

Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m.

Plan to come for a night of food, fun and friends.

Tickets are limited and are available for purchase at www.tbz.org or by calling (716) 836-6565.

TBZ Co-Chairs Adam & Jen Field

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Letter from the President

In December, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the URJ Biennial in Chicago. This was my second Biennial, and once again, I found the experiences that were most meaningful to me were those I had not anticipated.

I attended a few gatherings of synagogue presidents, and I recognized many of the attendees as fellow participants of the Scheidt Seminar I had attended the April before I began my term. Most synagogues across the country are facing similar joys and challenges. Whether a 30-family synagogue in a small, rural community or a large synagogue in an urban area, we are all dealing with similar issues: how to remain relevant to our families, how to deal with our aging buildings, how to connect with millennials, etc.

One seminar I signed up for on a whim was called "What's Your Story? Using Personal Narratives to Build Relationships". The purpose of the workshop was to help us understand how powerful storytelling can be and how sharing stories can help bring our congregants together.

Something quite unexpected happened when we were randomly assigned to our 10-person "Group 5" by our "What's Your Story" facilitators. Our small group of strangers connected emotionally and spiritually in a way that we could not have foreseen. One group member, Larry, shared that he and his family were made homeless after the horrific events of 9/11. He and his family moved in with his in-laws in New Jersey. His family was "adopted" by his in-laws' shul, where they found spiritual comfort at a devastating time in their lives. Congregants even held a "shower" for his family to help them get back on their feet. Larry became so connected to his new congregation that he became president of the shul.

The last person to share was a beautiful woman named Davida. She shared her amazing journey of coming to understand that although she was assigned male at birth, her neshama was female. Davida shared how her rabbi led her through this process Jewishly, including going to the Mikva and doing a naming ceremony in which Davida renamed herself to match her true identity. We were all in tears at the conclusion of her emotional story. Larry collected our addresses and we have maintained contact since the conference.

I found this experience incredibly moving. We at TBZ can become a closer, stronger community through sharing our narratives. I invite you to join me in a storytelling workshop on **March 13 at 6 p.m.** at Broder before our Spirituality Shabbat service. What's your story?

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, January 31
Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 1
Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 7
Shabbat Shira Evening Service 7 p.m.
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Service at Amberleigh 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 8
Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 9
Tu Bish'vat Seder at Broder 9 a.m.

Friday, February 14
Spirituality Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 15
Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, February 21
Shabbat Evening Service at Broder 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 22
Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, February 28
Classical Reform Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 29
Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, February 17.

If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.

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The above "Events in This Issue" is a new feature of the Bulletin, and one we plan to include each month. The addition has been made so readers can see upcoming events in date order for easy checking of calendars. Thank you, Rita Fersztman, for the suggestion.

If you have any requests or suggestions pertaining to the Bulletin or TBZ emails, please contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565, ext. 134 or julie@tbz.org.

Want Company?

Carpooling is a great way to make friends and help your travel time go by quickly. It is also a wonderful mitzvah and greatly appreciated by those who may not feel comfortable venturing out by themselves.

If you are able to offer a ride or are in need of a ride to services, events or programs at Temple Beth Zion, please contact Darcie at 836-6565, Ext. 132, or darcie@tbz.org.

* In the event of inclement weather, please watch *
* WGRZ-Channel 2, WIVB-Channel 4 or WKBW- *
* Channel 7 for Temple Beth Zion events and/or *
* school closing information. Information will also *
* be available on our phone system at 836-6565. *

Spiritual Tools for Today

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

February 25, April 7, June 9, July 7

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

Kabbalah, Middot, Spiritual Practices – each of these help us manage and create more meaning and better living.

In each session we will explore current readings of practical Jewish mystical teachings and look at practices to help us better cope, find balance, and thrive, even when facing challenges.

Coffee and desserts for our bodies, reflections, learning, and inspiration for our hearts, minds, and spirits. Please RSVP to Rabbi Freirich, rabbi@tbz.org

Talmud Talk

Wednesdays, February 5, March 4, April 1

Noon – 1 p.m.

Broder Center Conference Room, 700 Sweet Home Rd.

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. Bring your own lunch.

I and Thou and Lunch

Fridays, February 21, March 20, April 17

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 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 continue to bring meaning to our twenty-first century lives.

Coffee and cookies provided.

E-mail Rabbi Jonathan Freirich (rabbi@tbz.org) if you'd like to be included in a weekly email about Jewish Learning.

Special PASS Session: World Wide Wrap 2020

Sunday February 2, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

"We're in it for the Tie!"

This is the day to try to have all Jews everywhere put on *tefillin*. Sounds crazy! No? But now it is a tradition! Picture this in the eye of your mind: It is the first week of February. The sun rises. It is time for *minyán*. Jewish families across the globe will gather together at Shul and put on *tefillin*! They will experience the mitzvah and wrap themselves in the words and spirit of holiness. Be a part of this experience!

The World Wide Wrap unites men, women and children in prayer. Cantor Myers will take you through the mitzvah and journey of laying *tefillin*. If you have a set of *tefillin* please do bring with you. If not, Cantor Myers will provide non-kosher sets to teach you the mitzvah of donning the phylacteries.

Stained Glass Thanks

Thank you to our Stained Glass Program advertisers. The generosity of these individuals and businesses allows us to offer a variety of cultural arts programming at Temple Beth Zion. Our supporters this year include: Aesthetic Associates Centre, Allasen Carpet Company, Amherst Memorial Chapel, TBZ Board of Trustees, Brotherhood of TBZ, Buffalo Jewish Federation, Buffalo Seminary, Choice Employee Benefits Group, Warren and Lynn Clark & Family, Jeff & Deb Clark, Congregation Shir Shalom, ComputerSearch, The Copy Store, Delta Sonic, Dent Neurologic Institute, Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, Rabbi Jonathan and Ginny Freirich, Gay & Lesbian Youth Services of WNY, Harris Beach PLLC, miriam treger honig & Eli Honig, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Journal of WNY, Karen Goodman Catering, Leon Komm & Son Monument Co., Lawley Insurance, Lougen, Valenti, Bookbinder & Weintraub, LLP, Mesnekoff Funeral Home, Cantor Penny and Bennett Myers, OWM Spa, Santora's, Saperston Companies, Sisterhood of TBZ, Sisterhood Judaica Shop, Speier Displays & Party Rentals, Transit Valley Country Club, Julie & Mike Weinberg, and Wolfgang & Weinmann Law Offices.

The February Achim program will be held on Sunday, February 9, 10 a.m. in the Meadows community room at Weinberg Campus. In lieu of a speaker we will have a discussion amongst the residents and guests as to past events, current events and favorite memories. This will be an opportunity for an open discussion amongst all in attendance.

Brotherhood asks for your assistance in maintaining our membership. We are looking forward to exceeding last year's membership and are working to that end. 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. Your membership dues and proceeds from Brotherhood's fund-raising programs all go back to the Temple. Please contribute and assist us in supporting the temple, our spiritual home.

Please feel free to contact the Brotherhood at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fund raising, further information on Brotherhood or any other Brotherhood issue. We are interested in your ideas on social programs to bring the men of the temple closer together.

Sincerely,
Philip Chazen



On January 12, Errol Craig Sull, local author, educator and culinary expert, provided a cake preparation demonstration for Brotherhood's Achim attendees. The residents and guests enjoyed the demonstration and especially enjoyed the beautiful and delicious dessert.

Engagement Committee News



It's February, and even though it is an historically Christian holiday, my thoughts cannot help but turn to Valentine's Day. Rabbi Benjamin Blech stated, "When I am asked as a rabbi if I think it's a good idea for Jews to celebrate Valentine's Day, my standard answer is, 'Yes, we should celebrate love... every day of the year.' As long as one day has been singled out to emphasize the meaning of love, this might be a wonderful moment for us as Jews to remind ourselves of its deeper meaning as a commandment."

Love for the major Talmudic Sages represents the ultimate mitzvah. When a non-Jew asked Hillel to "teach the entire Torah on one foot," his response was essentially the idea implicit in the verse in Leviticus (19:18), "love your neighbor as yourself." There are two instructions given here. The verse is commonly used to remind us to love others, but we ignore, at our own peril, the first necessary step that has to be taken in order to accomplish the goal of loving others. Love your neighbor, the Torah teaches, as yourself.

When I joined Temple Beth Zion, I did not feel loved by my spiritual home. I attended Shabbat and holiday services and brought my son to Religious School, but I felt a lack of connectedness. Only by loving my synagogue as I love myself, did I feel loved by and connected to it. I joined committees. I volunteered for projects. I baked cookies and visited the sick and prayed with the bereaved. Eventually, I joined the Board of Trustees, and by doing so I began to see my efforts of loving Temple Beth Zion as I love myself make a true difference.

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 find connection by stepping up and loving Temple Beth Zion as we love ourselves. I promise that the love you receive back will more than exceed your efforts.

Upcoming Engagement Committee Events:

Sunday, February 23 (10 - 11 a.m.) Bagel Brunch at Bagel Jays, 100 Plaza Drive (Hopkins and Klein). This no host meal is organized by Jody Goldstein.

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

From the Director

I am so grateful that I was able to attend the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) Biennial in Chicago in December, where "... thousands of Jews from across North America and around the world gathered to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and leaders of our Movement, reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement."

The collective energy of so many involved and enthusiastic Reform Jews can't be experienced anywhere other than at a Biennial. Biennial isn't just for clergy and other Jewish professionals. Everyone is more than welcome to attend! The next Biennial will be held December 8-11, 2021, in Washington D.C. I certainly hope to be there and it would be wonderful if you were there, too.

At Biennial I participated in several sessions devoted to Jewish education and engagement, including seminars on Transitioning from Early Childhood to Engaged Congregants, Post-B'nei Mitzvah Engagement, The Art of Gathering, Tot Shabbat: Multi-Generational Community Building, and Saving Confirmation: A Way Forward. I was exposed to incredibly meaningful worship experiences, thought-provoking speakers, and an abundance of Jewish and Israeli music. I have much to sift through and much that I look forward to putting into practice here at TBZ.

Those of you with children in Religious School may notice some minor changes to our Sunday schedules. Focusing more intently on our core mission to create a loving and caring learning environment where our students and families grow a love for Judaism, their Jewish community, and the world in which we live (*Ahava* – Love), learn Jewish traditions and blessings (*Torah* – Learning), and develop a deep bond to our Jewish history and to Jews everywhere (*Israel* - People & Land) demands that we provide our students and teachers ample time in their classrooms for deep and meaningful engagement. I have recently fine-tuned our schedules to accomplish this. In the future, I will examine other aspects of our education programs so all of our families and students feel they have a significant place in our school and our synagogue.

On a practical note I am delighted to share that we now have a Religious School bulletin board. It is located across the hall from the Conference Room at the Broder Center. Please visit and enjoy our first display - the interpretation by our 3rd Graders, expertly led by their teacher Ms. Rachel Lipman - of the *Modeh/Modah Ani* prayer. *Modeh/Modah Ani* offers thanks to God for restoring one's soul and is traditionally recited when one awakens each morning. I think you will be very impressed by their work!

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

Beth Steinberg

Sunday Snapshots

After studies were completed, it was time for Chanukah fun! Religious School students celebrated Chanukah with crafts, songs and delicious Timbits, generously provided by the TBZ Sisterhood. Students also had the opportunity to shop for Chanukah gifts at the Annual Chanukah Bazaar. Thank you to Susan Bruckheimer and members of the TBZ Sisterhood for providing this opportunity for our children and the community.



Shalom!

TBaZY youth will be headed to Cleveland from February 28 through March 1 for NFTY-NEL Spring Boards and election of the NEL regional officers. A number of TBaZY teens are running for regional office and we are proud that they want to be leaders in our community as well as regionally. I know you will join us in wishing them well on this journey.

We will be taking advantage of the winter season and ice skating on Saturday evening, February 22. 6th through 12th graders are invited to join us (skating rink/time TBD).

As we gear up for Purim, TBaZY is preparing for a busy and fun-filled season! We will be part of the planning for the annual Purim Carnival. Set-up will be at Congregation Shir Shalom, Saturday evening, March 7 (time TBD). The Purim Carnival is Sunday, March 8, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We are looking for 8th-12th graders to join us for the set-up and to run games at the carnival.

We are continuing (on Sundays) to sell TBZ hats and reusable grocery bags to help support TBaZY teens. Hats are \$12 each and bags are one for \$7 or three for \$20.

We are starting a new social action project of collecting new or gently used books for all ages. Books will be donated to Buffalo Public Schools, Buffalo Public Library and Friends of Night People. We will collect books on Sundays during Religious School in February and March. You may place your donations in the barrel in the lobby at the Broder Center at any time. Thank you for your help!

Tammy and I are always available to provide information about our youth group and are happy to chat about our youth engagement opportunities. Please feel free to call us at 867-8541 or email us at Bshapiro44@gmail.com.

Beth and Tammy



PALS-Kadimah students and their Jar of Hearts.

The Jar of Hearts



It can be so difficult to find a silver-lining in our world these days. As I write this article, I find myself desperately trying to think of goodness and kindness and, more importantly, where it can be found. It is easier to focus on negativity, but as we all know, just because something is easy does not mean it is best. So, let me pose two questions, and then we will walk through the answers together.

1. When do we teach kindness?

The simple answer to this questions is ALWAYS, but the more specific answer is during the early childhood age. Between the ages of 2 to 3, children develop an ability to understand empathy as their socio-emotional skills become more advanced. By teaching children empathy they begin to understand it is of the utmost importance. Children learn *chesed* (loving-kindness) through acts of love, such as sharing, taking turns, and maybe even hugging a friend who is sad and injured. As they perform these actions, they learn to practice kindness throughout their daily routines. There is a lovely Hebrew phrase that demonstrates this phenomenon: “*Mi'toch sheh'lo lish'ma ba lish'ma.*” In English, this translates to “By repeatedly doing something not for its own sake, one eventually does do it for its own sake.”

2. How do we teach kindness?

There are multiple ways to teach kindness to children. For example, one technique is modeling kind behavior; another is using puppets and putting on a play. In the PALS-Kadimah classroom, we have a Jar of Hearts. The Jar of Hearts is featured at the entrance of the preschool classroom, and is decorated with paper hearts that the children designed themselves. Whenever a teacher notices a child performing an act of kindness, that child is rewarded with a heart to place inside our Jar of Hearts. Once the Jar is full, the children will have a Kindness Party. Very quickly, the teachers noticed something incredible. Initially, the children were almost *excessively* kind in order to get a heart because the reward itself was exciting and the positive attention that went along with that reward was even better. Now, let's go back to the Hebrew phrase from before: “*Mi'toch sheh'lo lish'ma ba lish'ma.*” The kids wanted the hearts. They didn't initially care about being kind for their own sakes. But within a couple of weeks, we noticed the children being kinder just because they wanted to be kind. I even had a child tell me that she didn't need a heart to put in the jar, she just wanted to give a hug to a friend who missed his mommy. When she said those words to me, *my* heart melted.

I say, let's go back to preschool. Let's remember to be kind, and notice kind acts no matter how small. Perhaps by becoming more mindful of kindness, we can help our world become a kinder place.

Zahava Fried, PALS-Kadimah Director

Presidents' Message

Sisterhood has been the backbone of our Congregation for many years. Our members are all hard workers and are productive, efficient, and effective at what we do. We would like to invite all the women of temple to join us in our activities, support our goals, and become a member so we can truly represent women of all ages. Some of our ongoing accomplishments have been:

Supplying scholarships for students in Religious School and the PALS Program,

Running a Judaica Shop for the convenience of our congregants,

Participating in Community Outreach like the Food Pantry, Caring Community, and Haven House,

Planning programs, trips and events that will enhance our community,

Providing donations to people in need

These were just some of the highlights!

Upcoming events are:

February 9: Lunch and bagel making

April 11 Passover lunch and Dessert sponsored by Sisterhood after services

April 30: Accessory Exchange 7 p.m.

May 8: Sisterhood Sabbath

June 16: "Gypsy" Play in Niagara on the Lake

If you have any questions please feel free to call us.

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757 (Co-Presidents)

A Special Gift

The Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop wants to thank everyone for a successful Chanukah Bazaar. I had wonderful experience that I would like to tell you about. The reason for the Chanukah Bazaar is to provide a chance for our students to purchase gifts for their family. My granddaughter was given money by her parents to buy gifts. She went to the Bazaar with her class and purchased her gifts. During Chanukah she gave me a key chain she purchased. She was so proud to give me a gift. She told me she bought it at the Temple store special for me. After working for 2 months helping to get the Bazaar ready, I was exhausted and not sure it was worth continuing, but after receiving this gift I know the Chanukah Bazaar is worth the time and effort. I hope everyone else received a special gift from a student at our Religious School like I did.

Susan Fernandez Bruckheimer

Co- Chair Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

February SALE Specials

20% off All Children items

Baby books, Books, Crafts, Games, Key chains,
Kippahs, Stuffed animals, Tzedeka Boxes

And as always, TBZ members receive 20% off when they buy a Tallit for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child.

Gift certificates available!

For information or more hours or if you are able to volunteer, contact Susan at (716) 982-2099 or nana4susan@gmail.com

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

Nosh and Learn How to Make a Bagel

Sunday, February 9, at 1 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road



Come for a bagel nosh lunch featuring assorted homemade bagels, lox with all the fixings, coffee and tea, plus desserts. Afterward, learn how easy it is to make delicious homemade bagels. Each person will be given ingredients to make their own dough alongside the instructor, Sandy Wolchok. Participants will receive a printed recipe and instructions to finish baking at home. Please bring your own apron and liquid measuring cup.

The cost is \$18 per person. You can register by sending a check with the registration form below. Checks should be made payable to TBZ Sisterhood. Mail to: Sandy Wolchok, 6872 Forestview Drive, Lockport, NY 14072. If you have questions, contact Sandy at (716) 628-4959 or sandrawolchok@gmail.com.

NOSH AND LEARN - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Save the Date!

**Thursday, April 30
7 p.m.**

Broder Center Accessory Exchange

Watch for details in your March Bulletin
Jamie Potash and Dee Block, Co-chairs

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion's
 Sylvia Morris Theater Bus trips Presents



Niagara-on-the-Lake Tuesday, June 16
(This trip is open to the community)

A delicious buffet lunch at Niagara-on-the Lake Golf Club, followed by a matinee at the Festival Theater to see the musical "Gypsy" will take place on Tuesday, June 16.

"Gypsy" is about Gypsy Rose Lee who was the world's most famous striptease artist; Mama Rose was the ultimate stage mother. Follow their extraordinary story in Stephen Sondheim's timeless musical about sex, power and longing. With legendary songs like "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Gypsy" remains one of the greatest American Musicals!

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

The bus will leave Temple Beth Zion Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, at 10:15 a.m.. Participants must bring either a passport or enhanced license to cross the border. Wear comfortable shoes. We hope to return by 6:30ish.

Please fill in the form below, and send your check made out to "TBZ Sisterhood" (\$140 per person) to Marilyn Schillroth, 116 Hilton Blvd., Amherst, NY 14226, no later than April 30. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Any questions? Call Marilyn at 832-4757

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ tickets (\$140 per person) = ____ enclosed.

I am traveling with (name of friend(s):



The newly reconstituted Temple Beth Zion Library Committee is working to enhance the library's usefulness to the congregation. We are updating technology, updating the collection, and updating the Library's mission statement. We ask that congregants return any overdue library books (no fines are assessed) so that we can accurately inventory our collection. **Please do not donate any books to the Library at this time, as we no longer have room on our shelves.** If you have suggestions regarding the library's focus, collection or mission, or if you would like to join the Committee, contact Anna Marie Richmond at annamrichmond@msn.com, or (716) 854-1100.

Kulanu Celebration

Cantor Penny Myers and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich led Temple Beth Zion's annual Winter Kulanu service on December 20 in the Sisterhood Chapel. The service, created by Mat'an Schwartz, celebrated our diversity and honored the sacred links of love and communication among us all. Rabbi Freirich delivered a fascinating sermon in which he discussed the non-binary, non-heteronormative psalm explicit in the stories of Rebecca and Isaac, particularly in the descriptions of Rebecca in Genesis Chapter 24, where Rebecca is described five separate times as na'ar (young man). The service was followed by a special Oneg.



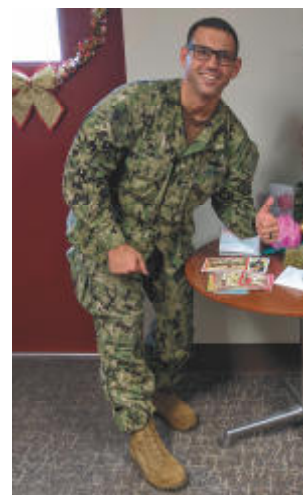
Supporting Our Troops

Our Religious School students had the opportunity to create Chanukah cards for The Jewish Soldiers Project (JSP), an effort that originated several years ago in Rochester, to send Chanukah care packages to Jewish service members serving the United States in locations all over the globe. The Temple Beth Zion Religious School was invited to participate this year for the first time. We are delighted to share the photos we received from the soldiers. The thanks is also shared with TBZ Sisterhood who became involved and made a donation of items from their Gift Shop inventory to be included in the care packages.

The photos on this page are from service members from all over the world. The first photo is from Ft. Hood, Texas. The second is Sue R., who is stationed in Syria. Next to Sue is a thumbs-up from Bahrain.

The first group photo was taken at a Chanukah Celebration at West Point with the Jewish Cadets Club. JSP has been supporting the Jewish students there and at Annapolis for many years. The final photo shows Chanukah at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait.

It is our hope that the appreciation and kindness offered by our students made Chanukah a bit brighter for these dedicated troops.



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Mazel Tov!

To Jacob and Florence Oppenheimer on the November birth of their son, Rand Kenneth Oppenheimer. Rand's grandparents are Cindy and Randy Oppenheimer.

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Honorable Menschen

To those who served at Friends of Night People on December 25: Margy Zeckhauser, Frans DeWaal, Debbie and Aaron Pieri, Jackie Korchowsky, Carole & Norm Weingarten, Leslie Garfinkel, Rita Fersztman, Alicia & Eric Bernhardt, Tina and Joey Ball.

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To Warren Clark and Howard and Karen Wiseman for leading Shiva minyan services.



TBZ Together

As 2019 came to a close, our Temple Beth Zion family had many opportunities to come together for worship, friendship and, of course, food! Below are photos from the TBZ Chanukah Service at the Broder Center, followed by the Chanukah Havdalah offered by the Engagement Committee and hosted at the home Howard Rosenhoch. Finally, the youngest and brightest lights of our family - our PALS-Kadimah students.



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Dr. Raymond R.	Harry Wile
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Marvin Bear	Hilda F. Zolte
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February 7 & 8

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January 31 & February 1

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Hilda Zolki

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*We offer our condolences
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Dr. Joseph Krasner
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February 21 & 22

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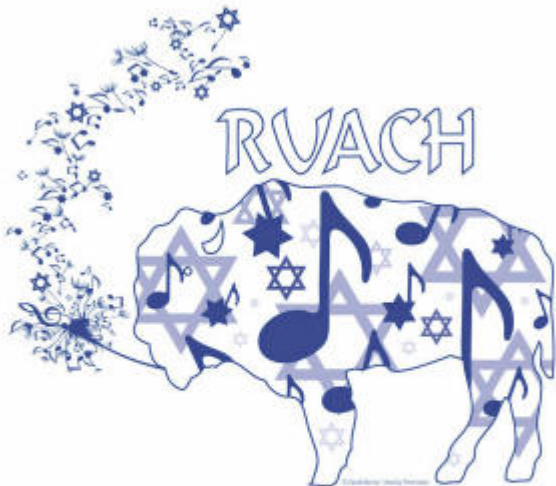
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