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Spotlight

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response we received on last month's Staff Spotlight section, this month we have provided a Board Spotlight.

Turn to page 9 to learn a little more about some of the members of the Temple Beth Zion Board. The Board of Trustees continues their work on behalf of our temple family during these challenging times.

We're Here For You

Although our buildings are closed due to NYS requirements, our clergy and staff are available to you. You can call the Temple office number at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message and your call will be returned. You can also reach members of the staff by leaving a message on their extension numbers or by sending email. The list of staff email addresses and voicemail extensions can be found on page 2.

If you would like to add the name of a family member in need of healing to our prayer list, please contact Darcie at darcie@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, Ext.132. In order to respect people's privacy, we will only accept names from members of the immediate family.

Additionally, if you will be observing the Yahrzeit Anniversary of a loved one and would like their name added to the Yahrzeit list, please contact Darcie.

BBC Band Concert Postponed



Originally scheduled for June 19, the BBC Band concert will be rescheduled.

Watch your emails and bulletins for updates on this fun event!

Coming Soon!



ShulCloud is software designed to help synagogues, their staff and members to connect with each other. In addition it helps with management of dues, tuition and donations.

TBZ members will receive an email that will allow you to establish access to your account. If you are unsure whether we have your current email address or wish to let us know your preferred email address, please email shulcloud@tbz.org to let us know.



Letter from the President

Dear Friends:

In "No Shul, No Problem: Synagogues Navigate Coronavirus," Ryan Torok discussed how synagogues all over the world are adapting to our current reality. Rabbi Jonathan Aaron of Temple Emanuel in California stated, "just as the Rabbis of the first century had to discover what community can look like without the Temple, we are discovering what community can look like without places to gather." We at Temple Beth Zion have found ways to take care of our congregation during this once in a generation world health crisis.

Buffalo Jewish Federation has been holding weekly Zoom meetings for agency executives, clergy, and lay leaders to ensure that the Jewish community is up to date on what is happening in Erie County. Our clergy, staff, and volunteers will continue to reach out to our members throughout this public health crisis. If there is something you need, please let us know. We pray that you and your family come through this unscathed. We mourn with our members who have been touched by this dreadful virus. We are in this together.

Sadly, the beginning and end of my time as President of the Board of Trustees were marked by significantly dreadful events in the world. The shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh occurred at the beginning of my term and our current situation marks the end. Neither episode could have been predicted or planned for. What I have seen in each instance is the beautiful way TBZ and the greater Jewish community pulled together. The Tree of Life shooting occurred while my husband and I were on a Federation organized trip to Israel. Those of us in Israel immediately began reaching out to our synagogues and agencies to do what we could to manage the crisis. TBZ member and Governance Committee Chair, Andy Shaevel, was instrumental in developing a coordinated community response immediately after the shooting.

This crisis led to the formation of the Council of Synagogue Presidents. The group has met once a quarter for the past two years to share ideas and challenges. While each shul has their own personality, we all face similar issues.

Naso, the parsha we will read the first Shabbat of June is from the book of Numbers. Ira Youdovin, in "The Priestly Blessing," shared that the focal point of the parsha is the

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Shabbat services are available via Zoom.
Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.
Zoom links can be found at www.tbz.org.

Tuesday, June 2 Healing Service	5 p.m.
Friday, June 5 Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, June 6 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 9 Healing Service	5 p.m.
Friday, June 12 Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, June 13 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 16 Healing Service	5 p.m.
Friday, June 19 Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, June 20 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 23 Healing Service	5 p.m.
Friday, June 26 Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, June 27 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Weiss	10:30 a.m.

Stay Connected, Stay Informed
Each week, Temple Beth Zion sends an email that provides information and highlights opportunities. Additionally, when requested by the immediate family, we share news of the passing of a congregant or family member of a congregant. If you wish to receive email notifications from TBZ, please contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org.



Letter from the Rabbi

Learning From These Times

At the time of this writing, we are already over two and a half months into the “New York Pause” and it looks like we have at least a week or two more before Phase One of any reopening happens here in Western New York.

As Jews, we learn from all situations. Viktor Frankl, the famous Holocaust survivor and Psychiatrist, wrote that one of the central sources of meaning in our lives is suffering. Living through difficulties helps us find meaning.

What have these immensely difficult, tragic, and strange times taught us?

In our community, we have learned the value of connections via phone and Zoom and other ways. Temple Beth Zion family members continue to “show up” for each other in important ways. As far away as we may feel from each other, so many of you have done such a good job reaching out to one another.

We as a community thank our wonderful team in our office – Jeff Clark, Darcie Beattie, Julie Feldman, Judy Henn, Kara Kane, Ann Marie Randall, Becky Schiefer, Beth Steinberg – all of them have coordinated keeping us close to one another even as we cannot visit or congregate together.

We mourn the losses that we have suffered during this time – loved ones who have succumbed to Covid-19 and the terrible prices that our entire society is paying in lives lost. The numbers are staggering and as Jews we know more than most that in each digit of these numbers are individuals and families bereft. We look forward to a time when we can comfort each other in person and emphasize more and more that we must do a better job being “there” for each other at a distance.

We do our best to create new celebrations – parties and rituals via Zoom, car parades, and remembering not to forget the little moments worth noticing in one another’s lives every day. We are more conscious than ever of the creative power of communications. As a people who imagines God speaking the world into being, we know that words in any form, spoken and sent with our hearts and souls, can transform.

Thank you for being a loving and compassionate community. As we take care of each other, we aim to set a model for caretaking for Western New York, and the world.

Wishing each and every one of you health and safety,
Rabbi Freirich

Letter from the President

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“Birkat Kohanim.” I am sure many of you have a clear memory of Rabbi Goldberg raising his hands above his head and chanting:

Ye’varecheha Adonai ve’yishmirecha...May G-d bless you and keep you.

Ya’er Adonai panav elecha vichuneka...May G-d’s countenance shine on you and be gracious to you.

Yisa Adonai panav elecha ve’yasem lecha shalom...

May G-d be gracious to you and grant you peace.

This is my blessing to each of you as my term as temple President comes to an end.

We have many challenges ahead of us at TBZ; I know that I leave you in the very good hands of our next President, David Goldberg.

It has been one of the great honors of my life being the President of the temple where I grew up.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Julie Dressler Weinberg

Congregant Outreach Continues

In an effort to make sure that everyone in our Temple Beth Zion community is ok during this period of physical distancing, we began a TBZ Congregant Outreach. What started out with a few volunteers quickly became a mission for more than 40 volunteers and staff.

Our mission was to reach every single TBZ household and we have done our very best to leave no congregant behind. Did we miss you? Perhaps you didn’t answer your phone because you didn’t recognize the number. Maybe your phone number has changed and we don’t have your current one. If we missed you, we promise it was not through lack of effort!

We will continue to reach out and, if you need assistance or just to have a chat, please reach out to either the Temple office (836-6565 - leave a message) or email julie@tbz.org.

Caring for Our Temple Family

Often, we do not know who in our congregation is ill or in need of our prayers. During Shabbat services we ask our temple family to focus their thoughts and prayers on those in need of healing. If you would like our clergy to read the name of a family member in need of healing, please contact Darcie at Darcie@tbz.org or by phone at 836-6565, Ext.132, with the name by Thursday at noon.

In order to respect people's privacy, we will only accept names from members of the immediate family.

Engagement Update



As I write this monthly column, we are over eight weeks into the Covid-19 pandemic. Over eight weeks of social isolation which to me means over eight weeks of not being with my friends or going out for dinner or traveling or going to the movies or the theater or a concert. I have pretty much adapted to this new reality. I read more, and play board games and cook and bake. I look forward to nice days so I can go for a walk or ride my bike (wearing the requisite mask). I “Zoom” with family and friends, and with fellow board members as we continue meeting to do the work for our synagogue. Life is slower. I wonder though, aside from the devastating toll this virus has taken on the health of members of our community and our world, can there possibly be a “silver lining”?

As discussed in their article, “What Jewish Mysticism Can Teach us about the Coronavirus” Phillip and Michael Wexler state, “As we enter the no-longer-novel phase of this novel virus, we are discovering other cures for social, environmental or personal ailments. We are learning the interconnectedness of humanity in the most immediate, profound and, tragic way. As a side effect of that isolation, we are coming to realize our deep dependency upon one another. We are learning that our illusions of safety were just that: illusions. We are discovering how little we actually need. Our priorities are getting set straight. We are learning about respecting our neighbors because of the brave and essential work they do, work we previously had overlooked or even disrespected. Ordinary people are finding themselves as heroes. No one is immune because of their money or social status. When we glance outside from our quarantine we note that the air is cleaner. A medical cure is waiting to be discovered, but there is another cure going on to an ailment that we did not even notice. That cure is the salve of love, fellowship and reciprocity that the world has so desperately craved. It has been hiding dormant this entire time. In awakening this cure from the depths of its slumber, a transformation of society and self is taking place, that is offering us a glimpse of a new and better social vision”.

So, I say let’s not “socially distance”, but instead “physically distance” as we remain socially connected within our Temple Beth Zion community. Our community is looking for connection, and although in-person monthly events will not be planned until this pandemic is over, let’s continue to form and strengthen our connections in new ways. What will make you feel more connected to your Temple Beth Zion family, and to each other? Please contact me at any time with your questions, comments, suggestions or just to say, “hi.” I want to connect with and support each and every one of you. We will get through this... together.

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)

JAGoldstein827@gmail.com

Zoom links are provided in the TBZ weekly email and can be found at www.tbz.org/education/adult-education.

Talmud Talk and More

Weekly and at a new time

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Live via Zoom

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

Everyone welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning.

All topics open for discussion – Talmud is only the beginning!

Torah Study

Saturday mornings

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Live Via Zoom

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.

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



Healing Service

Safety and Comfort Through Prayer

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16 and 23

5 - 5:30 p.m.

Join Cantor Myers as she hosts a weekly healing service.

Join via computer, smart phone, tablet or telephone.

Via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87378454874>

By phone: (929) 436-2866

Meeting id: 873 7845 4784

Password: 600514

Links and information are also available at www.tbz.org.

Zoom Instructions for Participants

Many of us had never heard of Zoom until a couple of months ago. Zoom has become a highly valued internet tool, enabling us to continue to provide Shabbat Services and other opportunities for learning and interacting. Zoom links to services, Torah Study, and other opportunities are provided in the weekly TBZ email and on the Temple website: www.tbz.org. We hope you find the following instructions and standards for Zoom to be useful.

Before an event:

You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones.

To join a Zoom event:

At the start time of the service or event, click on the link provided on the TBZ website or your weekly email. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.

You may also join a service or event by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided.

To join by phone:

If you prefer to attend via your phone: Dial the teleconferencing number provided for the service or event. Enter the Meeting ID number when prompted using your phone keypad.

Zoom Etiquette

- Please mute your audio unless you are the speaker.
- Unless your appearance or background is distracting, turn on your video. A simple background - plain wall, potted plant, or a bookshelf works perfectly. Position yourself so that light is coming from in front of you (behind the monitor) rather than behind you.
- Look at the camera. This takes a bit of getting used to since you want to look at the other participants faces, but try to look at the camera.
- Adjust your camera if it is too low or high. Your camera should be at eye level.
- If you can, connect to the internet via an ethernet cable. Zoom works well on wireless, but the quality is best on a solid wired internet connection.
- If you can, hold off on eating during the videoconference.
- Even though it's tempting, try not to multitask.
- Try to arrive at the start of the service or event.
- Refrain from private behavior – we can see you!

2020 Confirmation Class



Joshua Garson



Shoshanna Ford Hertz



Jordan Rose Wolffe Levine



Emily Steinberg



Nathan Wallens



Rayna Wallens



Aaron Weinmann



Jacob Wisnock

Congratulations Confirmands

The students listed below are members of the 2020 Confirmation class. There is no finer way of honoring the occasion than making a donation in their honor to the Religious School Fund.

Please circle the name of the Confirmand(s) you wish to congratulate and mail this form with your check to: Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Buffalo, NY 14226. The Confirmand(s) you select will receive notification of your donation.

Confirmand

Joshua Garson
 Shoshanna Ford Hertz
 Jordan Levine
 Emily Steinberg
 Nathan Wallens
 Rayna Wallens
 Aaron Weinmann
 Jacob Wisnock

Parents

David and Wendy Garson
 Matthew Hertz and Sarah Ford
 Bruce Levine and
 Corey Wolffe-Levine
 Stephen Steinberg and
 Sharon Steinberg
 Jay and Lisa Wallens
 Jay and Lisa Wallens
 Amelida and Peter Weinmann
 Michael and Kaarsten Wisnock

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ Payable to: Temple Beth Zion. (\$10 minimum per honoree would be appreciated)

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Please do not list in Bulletin.



PALS Celebrates Shabbat

The highlight of my week now occurs at 1 in the afternoon on Fridays. The day prior, I send out a Zoom link to every member of the PALS-Kadimah community for the next day so that we can gather for Zoom Shabbat. As the minutes tick down to 1 p.m. on Fridays, I see the virtual meeting room grow as more families prepare to join the video call and celebrate Shabbat. I can't help but to smile.

When school was still in session, Shabbat on Friday Mornings was also the highlight of my week, but now this new Zoom format has almost made it even more special than it was before. Siblings of our students, some of whom are former PALS kiddos, are joining in on the calls and singing along to favorite songs with their siblings. Parents who did not normally have the opportunity to join us for Shabbat due to work obligations are now able to experience the excitement. Zoom Shabbat has become more than a school activity- it is now a full family affair. Now that we are not constrained to a small area, but rather are spread out in the comfort of our homes, the children are able to fully express themselves by dancing and singing at the top of their lungs as we go through familiar rituals and traditions. The enthusiasm is contagious, and the joy is almost tangible.

There is a saying that "as the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." For all of us at PALS-Kadimah, keeping our weekly Zoom Shabbat has allowed us to continue to be the close-knit community that we are. For that, I am immensely grateful.

Zahavah Fried, PALS-Kadimah Director

Resource for Families

We don't have to tell you it's a challenge to keep children busy, active, connected and well. Getting tired of the same old stuff and want some new material? We are happy to let you know about a resource to help with at least some of that.

Reform Judaism.org has a section for parenting that offers family activities and videos. For parents, the site has parenting podcasts, children's book reviews, and guidance for answering the tough questions your child is or will be asking. This resource for Jewish learning can be found at <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-life/family/parenting>.



Aaron Weiss
Saturday, June 27

Son of: Jeffrey and Sharon Weiss
Mitzvah Project: Honoring
Community Helpers (see below)

Please join Aaron as he leads the Morning Shabbat Service for his Temple community via Zoom. The link can be found at www.tbz.org.

Aaron's Bar Mitzvah Project and How You Can Help

Dear Temple Beth Zion Family,

I hope you are doing well. I'd like to ask for your help with my Bar Mitzvah project. My idea is to honor all of the helpers in our community who are working to keep us healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. I intend to do this through creating a video that highlights the essential workers in the TBZ community, and invite everyone to share words, pictures, or even short videos that I will incorporate as part of my video.

I'd like to ask you to help contribute to the video in a few different ways:

1. Write a short note of thanks, or send a picture of yourself with a sign, or even a short video clip of your appreciation for all of the people who are helping during this time. This would include doctors, nurses, other medical workers, police, grocery store workers, sanitation workers, delivery drivers - basically everyone who is out working to help keep essential services functioning. We know that people are risking their health and safety to do this, and this gives the opportunity for everyone to say thanks.

2. You can also name a specific person you would like to honor for helping the community as an essential worker, with their name and a little bit about them. You could include a photo as well.

I would ask that you send your tributes by email to aaronweiss062720@gmail.com. I appreciate your help. I'm hoping that this video will convey the thanks of our whole community, honor those who are helping, and create pride and togetherness at a time when we all have to be apart. If you have any questions, please email me. I really appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Aaron Weiss

From the Director

(These remarks were delivered by Beth Steinberg during the Shabbat HaLimud Service held via Zoom on May 1.)

At the beginning of each session of Religious School, I call together our clergy, parents, teachers, and students and together we recite “La’asok B’divrei Torah”:

“Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’zivanu laasok b’divrei Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has made us holy through mitzvot and commanded us to engage with words of Torah.”

“To engage with words of Torah...” not merely to read or memorize Torah, but to engage... to struggle, to question, process, to debate, to interpret, and then to figure out how what we have learned applies to our lives.

That is what we strive to do in Religious School here at Temple Beth Zion, to teach our students how to engage with Torah. We teach them about Jewish history, laws, holidays, God, language, values, customs, and practices. We do this at every grade level through stories and songs, the arts, poetry, cooking, games, the Hebrew language, and the people and land of Israel.

As a former classroom teacher, I place a very high value on creating a compassionate and respectful environment for all of our students, and then providing learning experiences for them that are engaging and rewarding. I have been nothing but impressed by the warmth, dedication, and creativity of our teachers. I am blessed to have a faculty that is committed to making every child feel welcome and safe, and then to present their material in ways that captivate the interest and imaginations of their students. I thank all of our teachers on this Shabbat HaLimud, for your deep commitment to the children of this synagogue.

I also want to recognize the contributions of our Madrichim. We have almost 30 remarkable young men and women who serve in our Religious School. Some of these high schoolers assist at the Front Desk and elsewhere in the building, helping to make sure that things run smoothly on Sunday mornings. Their work is greatly appreciated.

They all look half asleep when they arrive at 8:30 on Sunday mornings, but their faces light up when they see their students — as do the faces of their students when they spot “their” Madrichim! This Religious School couldn’t run without our Madrichim.

To all of our Teachers and Madrichim, please accept our deep appreciation.

Beth Steinberg
Religious School Director
beth@tbz.org

Madrichim Graduates

Our Madrichim provide all sorts of assistance to teachers and students. They help manage supplies, work with small groups of learners, provide one-on-one assistance to students with unique needs, they play, they hug, they read stories, they tell jokes and engage in important conversations, and they offer comfort to those with hurt feelings or who aren’t feeling well.

Our staff, teachers and especially our students will miss these graduating Madrichim. They have given of themselves for years for our Religious School and our students are better for their efforts. We congratulate them and wish them well as they begin the next chapter of their stories.



Niki Heffter
Graduating: Williamsville North
Attending: Daemen College
Major: BSN Nursing



Samantha Kane
Graduating: Buffalo Seminary
Attending: SUNY Oneonta
Major: Education

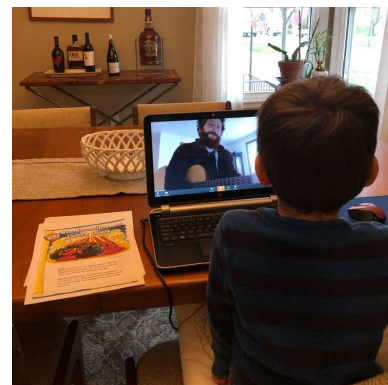


Kaitlyn Stapleton
Graduating: Kenmore West
Attending: ECC North
Major: Environmental Conservation

Thank You!

To our Religious School families who Zoomed with us on Sundays.

Thank you for continuing to make your child’s Jewish education a priority and for continuing their connection to their TBZ community.



Board Spotlight

Due to the popularity of the Staff Spotlight in the May Bulletin, we decided to share a Board Spotlight. We hope you enjoy reading some personal insights into the people who represent our Temple community on the Board of Trustees. Board members were invited to answer 5 of a selection of questions.

Susan Bruckheimer

- * Favorite part of being a member of the TBZ family: Being a member of the Sisterhood and helping to run the Judaica Shop
- * Three words which best describe me: Nana, Friend, Temple
- * Dream Vacation: Sitting at the beach watching the grandkids and trying to read a book
- * First Job: The Sample Shop at the Boulevard Mall
- * Thing most grateful for today: My family and being able to homeschool two of my grandchildren



Adam Field

- * Favorite part of being in TBZ community: The growth and learning we get from connecting to others
- * Favorite food: Sushi
- * Favorite pastime: Exercise
- * Dream vacation: Involves a house on the ocean
- * Most grateful for today: The health of my family



David Goldberg

- * Favorite part of being a member of the TBZ family: Sharing the high holidays
- * Three words which best describe me are: Competitive, supportive, caring
- * One thing people don't know about me: I used to be a line cook
- * Dream Vacation: Taking my wife to Israel
- * What is something you learned in the last week?: Working from home is not that bad
- * "I'd Rather Be...": Golfing



Jody Goldstein

- * Favorite Part of Being a Member of the TBZ Family: The fact that we truly are like a family.
- * Three Words That Describe Me: Smart, Organized, Fun-Loving
- * Favorite Food: Ice Cream
- * Favorite Pastime: Playing board games with my family and friends
- * Thing Most Grateful For Today: Health



Kenneth Graber

- * Favorite part of being a member of the TBZ family: I get to see and communicate with friends I have known for many years.
- * First job: Sattler's department Store
- * My favorite pastime: Watching the Yankees, Bills and Sabres.
- * Three words that describe me: dedicated, persistent and fair.
- * My dream vacation: Going back to England and London.



Michael Komm

- * One thing people don't know about me: I have a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture
- * Dream Vacation: Scenic road trip through Norway
- * First Job: Leon Komm & Son Monument Company
- * My Favorite Pastime is: Running, Tennis & Drawing
- * Thing most grateful for today: My wonderful family



Sharon J. Schwartz

- * Favorite part of being a member of the TBZ family: The strong sense of community shared among a wonderful and warm group of people.
- * Three words which best describe me: Dedicated, Reliable, Organized
- * One thing people don't know about me: I have an extensive collection of pigs – glass, wood, paper, plastic, stone – no live ones!
- * What Makes me Laugh: My daughter
- * First Job: Summer camp bus counselor



Julie Weinberg

- * Favorite part of being a part of the TBZ family: The wonderful, kind, caring, compassionate people I have had the honor to work with. Board members, congregants and staff.
- * Dream Vacation: Right now, ANYWHERE!!!!
- * What's one thing you can't live without: My family and white wine
- * First job: Carvel Ice Cream
- * Thing most grateful for: My health and the health of my loved ones.



Presidents' Message

Sisterhood hopes everyone is well and safe. We miss seeing your smiling faces at our programs and around Temple. As we cope with what has happened and will continue to happen, **we want you to know that the Sisterhood Board is always available if you need someone to talk to.** By now we hope most businesses are open and it is safer to go out. We are waiting to hear the Temple is open and we can start bringing programs to you. In the meantime, we hope you have been able to use your phone, computer or tablet to join Temple at Friday or Saturday services on Zoom. If you need help to do this, we will try to help or find someone who can.

We are pleased to announce the TBZ Sisterhood Intergenerational Women's Seder 2019 received a WRJ Or Ami Honorable Mention Award. This award was established in 1973, the WRJ Or Ami "Light of My People" Award recognizes exemplary social justice, community service, and educational programming that serves as a model for other WRJ Districts and Sisterhoods.

The Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood Intergenerational Women's Seder Committee, led by Program Chairs Julie Newberger and Cindy Stover, planned and implemented the event. Cantor Penny Myers and Clergy Associate Judy Henn led the Seder with meaningful readings and prayers from "Welcoming Miriam to Our Table A Passover Haggadah" which is an adaptation from "The Spring of our Freedom." We invited Congregation Shir Shalom, the other Reform/Reconstructionist Congregation in Western New York, as well as other friends of ours, Jewish and non-Jewish. Through engaging stories, songs, guitar playing and dancing we had a lovey spiritual afternoon. It was an opportunity for all generations of women to come together as a community for the telling of the Passover story as it related to women in history and enjoy a traditional Passover meal.

We had a candle lighting area, where each guest was able to say their own prayers and light a tea light candle in honor or memory of a special/significant woman in their life. We shared prayers, stories, songs, music and dancing during the Seder service. Our Sisterhood felt a sense of pride and community as we shared the day celebrating Passover. It created real sense of comradery among those involved.

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421
Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757 (Co-Presidents)

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

Hopefully, June finds you able to go out more often. We are hoping the Broder Center will open soon, even if it is on a limited basis. Once the Broder Center is open, we will be able to help you with your Judaica needs, for Confirmation, Wedding, B'nai Mitzvahs or just personal items. We are happy to show you pictures of what we currently have in stock. Call us with your requests. .

But....until we can open we wanted you to know we care about you, and hope you are well. If there is anything we can do to help you, Dee and I are only a phone call or email away. Call us even if you just want to chat.

Susan 716-982-2099, nana4susan@gmail.com

Dee 240-446-1211 omegapress@aol.com

Stay safe Stay healthy Stay put
Warmly,

Dee and Susan, TBZ Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Sisterhood Updates

Our **walking group** is not meeting until further notice. However, we have all been in touch with one another and are happy to report that everyone is doing well, and continuing to walk on their own when weather permits. We encourage EVERYONE to take a walk outside when you can, and make every attempt to stay physically active as much as you can. We cannot wait till we can once again walk together!

If you know of a Sisterhood member who is ill, has had surgery, or an accident or a death in her family, please take a moment to notify our Corresponding Secretary Susan Ward Nadler by calling her at 689-4682 or sending her an email at: shoshana37@yahoo.com so she can send a note on behalf of Sisterhood. We'd like to let our members know that we are thinking of them, so please help us do that by letting Susan know.

Please know that we are thinking about all our Sisterhood members. We hope you are able to watch Shabbat services as they are live streamed or on Zoom. Face-Time with family and friends, call one another. Deliver a treat to a friend, or shop for someone you know who cannot or should not be out. And remember, you are not alone!

Stay Home Stay Safe Stay Well

Jewish Family Service
 We face this unprecedented emergency together. JFS is here to help.

PHONE 716.883.1914
EMAIL info@jfsbuffalo.org
LOCATION 70 Barker St., Buffalo, NY 14209

Counseling Services
 TeleMental Health Therapy

JFS Clinical Services are open and accepting new clients! Both online and phone based services are available. Call our intake department today to be connected with our compassionate licensed clinical staff.

Career Services
 Job Placement, Tele-Career Counselings

JFS is accepting new clients and can support you as you transition to a new job. We are working actively with employers for job placement services and our Career Services staff are here to support you. Call JFS and ask for Career Services to be directed to the appropriate provider. **FOR PLACEMENT:** jmilazzo@jfsbuffalo.org

Navigating Benefits
 JFS can help you work through questions about SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Unemployment, and Blue Card

JFS can help you navigate and connect to available resources and benefits during this difficult time. Call JFS and ask for Benefits Support to be directed to the appropriate provider. **EMAIL:** mstewart@jfsbuffalo.org

Volunteer Opportunities
 Community engagement, Remote Volunteering

During a time when many feel helpless, we offer safe opportunities for remote volunteers. Help is needed! This includes (and more):

- Phone calls to isolated homebound seniors
- Purchasing emergency supplies for vulnerable families
- **EMAIL:** sjohnston@jfsbuffalo.org

Learn more at jfsbuffalo.org

COVID-19 Resources

Below is a list of just some of the many resources available. If you have a need that does not fit one of the organizations or descriptions below, please call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message or contact a member of the staff directly using the email addresses provided on page 2.

- * **Crisis Services:** 24-hour Hotline 834-3131
 Addiction Hotline 716-831-7007
 Kid's Helpline 716-834-1144
- * **JDC for Kosher Meals-on-Wheels:** 639-7600
- * **Erie County Department of Health:** 858-7690
- * **Erie County Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline:** 1 (888) 364-3065
- * **Jewish Federation:** www.buffalojewishfederation.org
- * **Hillel at Home:** <https://welcome.hillel.org/hillelathome/>
- * **Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association:** is offering interest-free, confidential loans to those with a need, especially recognizing the financial hardship brought about by COVID-19. Email info@wnyhbla.org or call (716) 204-0542 for more information.

Fund Donations

Would you like to honor a birthday or an 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 an area or areas that are most meaningful to you or to those you are honoring. Donations can be made by using the form below. You can also call 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.

Our staff continues to process donations, so rest assured your tribute will be acknowledged in a timely manner.

PLEASE PRINT

In honor of _____ on the occasion of _____

In memory of _____

Enclosed please find a check for \$ _____

Payable to:
Temple Beth Zion

Please notify: Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

(YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

Please place my contribution in the _____ Fund.
Your gift will be placed in the Kol Nidre Fund unless you designate otherwise.

Please do not list in Bulletin.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

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FIGHT HUNGER & POVERTY FUND

A Donation by:

Michelle Lawson

ADELMAN GORBATY CONCERT FUND

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Susan Adelman

In Honor of:

Julie Feldman receiving Sisterhood Woman of the Year Award, by Susan Adelman & Richard Merlo

Jacob Wisnock's confirmation, by Susan Adelman & Richard Merlo
Joshua Garson's confirmation, by Susan Adelman & Richard Merlo

JUDITH F. ALEXANDER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Joan & David Alexander

ART FUND

In Memory of:

Nina Freudenheim, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

HAROLD & CECELE DAUTCH FUND

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Carri & Phil Milch

ENGAGEMENT FUND

In Honor of:

Laurence Rubin being named Distinguished Alumnus for Community Service by the University at Buffalo law School Alumni Association, by Howard Rosenhoch & Jody Goldstein

Julie Feldman receiving Sisterhood Woman of the Year Award, by Howard Rosenhoch & Jody Goldstein

FIGHT HUNGER & POVERTY FUND

Donations by:

Hillary Jacobson, Michelle Lawson

In Memory of:

Mina Roblin Neidrauer, by Sally Teibel

Paul Leff, by Linda & Lenny Cohen, Laurie Sedlmayr & Alfred Cumming

Robert Lipman, by Norma Adel

Anita Rothschild, by Norma Adel & Jane Adel Lebofsky

FLORAL FUND

In Memory of:

Ellen Markel, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

RABBI JONATHAN FREIRICH'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Dana Bulan, June Hesch, Dr. Howard & Shirley Wilinsky
Berta Cole & in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, by Dr. Terry Beerman, Nina Ruth Wright, Dr. Kathy Beerman, Sr. Stephen McGeehan

Irving Braun & in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, by Arlene Braun

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Harvey Gross, by his family
Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Paul Leff, by Sharon Leff & Family
Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Janet Dimet, by her family
Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service for Berta S. Cole, by Debora S. Cole-Duffy

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

A Donation by:

Rebecca C. Krause

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Leonard & Phyllis Rosokoff

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Mina Roblin Neidrauer, by Charlotte Gendler

Robert "Bob" Lipman, by Charlotte Gendler

RABBI MARTIN L. GOLDBERG ENDOWMENT FUND

In Honor of:

Claire Goldberg's special birthday, by Norma Adel

ARTHUR & MYRON B. GROSS B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

In Memory of:

Anita Rothschild, by Adrienne Gross
Irving Braun, by Adrienne Gross

In Honor of:

Roz Algase's special birthday, by Adrienne Gross

JUDY HENN DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation of:

Judy Henn for the many acts of kindness during my husband, Paul Leff's illness, by Sharon Leff

KOL NIDRE FUND

In Memory of:

Samuel W. Snitzer, by Carl & Linda Snitzer

Janet Dimet, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

Mina Roblin Neidrauer, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel, Roberta Handel
Paul Leff, by Jay Wallens, Diana Lerman Jacobson Frank, Roz & Herb Weiss, Harriett & Stuart Lerman, Holly & Jordan Levy, Kaaren & David Norman, Erwin & Barbara Weinstein, Marvin & Marcia Frankel, Phillip & Judy Brothman, Sheila Trossman, Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Alan Konovitz, Sue & Alan Carrel, Sharron & David Frommann, Marvin & Joy Cohan, Sanford & Sharon Beckman
Phyllis Kramer, by Marge & Hy Scheff

Robert Lipman, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel, Phillip & Judy Brothman, Roberta Handel

Lorraine Stern, by Phillip & Judy Brothman

Sheldon Benatovich, by Amy J. Habib

Donald Barish, by Barbara Abelson
Irving Braun, by Amy & Eduardo Heumann

KOL NIDRE FUND

In Memory of:

Chester Rothenberg, by Barbara Rothenberg

Joseph Rothenberg, by Barbara Rothenberg

Leonard Rothenberg, by Barbara Rothenberg

Harvey Gross, by Marvin & Joy Cohan

Arthur E. Lewin, by Michael & Dene Lewin

In Honor of:

Mel Livingston's 100th birthday, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

The TBZ Clergy for streaming services, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

Roz Algase's special birthday, by Bernadine Strauss, Adrienne Gross

Julie Feldman receiving Sisterhood Woman of the Year award, by Kathy Cahill

In Appreciation of:

Acts of kindness from the TBZ staff, members & friends, by Constance Lesold

DAVID KURLAND YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of:

Donald Barish, by Susan Steinhaus

Amy Kennedy, by Susan Steinhaus

KULANU FUND

In Honor of:

Anna Marie Richmond, receiving award for her Pro Bono work, by Kathleen & Kenneth Rogers

INEZ & SUSAN MILLER CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES FUND

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Virginia Kaufman & Harold Macoff

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CANTOR PENNY S. MYERS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:

Irving Braun, by Iris & Phil Leifer, Myrna Rosen

My Beloved Husband David H. Knight, by Renee A. Knight

Paul Leff, by Arnold Zimmer & Peggy Kulick

In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny S. Myers, by the Robert Biltekoff Family

Cantor Penny S. Myers' service for Phyllis Kramer, by her family

Cantor Penny S. Myers, the Robert Biltekoff Family

In Honor of:

Anna Marie Richmond in honor of her Pro Bono legal work, by Lindy Korn

PRAYERBOOK FUND

In Memory of:

Sidney S. Siegel, by Faye Levy

Bonny Levy Vitali, by Faye Levy

Benjamin L. Kulick, by Faye Levy

RESTORATION FUND

In Appreciation of:

TBZ for Opening our doors for

Explore Buffalo Tours, by Suzanne Ernst

DOROTHY ROSENFELDER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In Appreciation of:

Caring Community Fund, by Getelle Rein, Kenneth Rogers, Pauline Rogers, Ethel & Richard Melzer, Elizabeth & Marty Lewin

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Carol Caserta

In Honor of:

Julie Feldman receiving Sisterhood Woman of the Year award, by Marcia Valente, Carol Caserta

Selma Morris' special birthday, by Ethel & Dick Melzer

Jude Freirich's Bar Mitzvah, by Lynn & Dick Hirsch

Ethel & Dick Melzer's 70th

anniversary, by Lynn & Dick Hirsch

SISTERHOOD SERVICE FUND

In Memory of:

Paul Leff, by Harold & Diane Lyons

Irving Braun, by Cindy, Rick, Taylor & Josh Stover, Nancy Cohen

In Honor of:

Bobby Klein's speedy recovery, by Getelle Rein

Julie Feldman receiving Sisterhood Woman of the Year award, by David & Bette Davidson, the Schiefer family, Kathleen & Kenneth Rogers

MIRIAM & MAURICE S. TABOR MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of:

Dr. Stephen Goldstein, by Kaaren & David Norman

TORAH PRESERVATION FUND

In Honor of:

Laurence Rubin for his outstanding volunteer community leadership, by Holly & Jordan Levy

MICHAEL D. WOLFSOHN MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL FUND

In Memory of:

Mina Neidrauer, by JoAnne Goldfarb

Share Your Simchas

Now more than ever, we relish the opportunity to offer Mazel Tov for the simchas and achievements in the lives of our community members. Our Bulletin often includes notes of congratulations on births, special birthdays, weddings, awards and various other noteworthy events.

We are counting on you to share your good news with us so we can share with the community. Simply send an e-mail to julie@tbz.org or leave a voice message for Julie Feldman at 836-6565 ext. 134.



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

June 5 & 6

Arthur Ball	Selma Mallon
Dora Benderson	Etta Markel
Golda A. Berger	Gertrude Meyers
Abe Blum	Nettie Morris
Melburn L. Brizdle	Isadore Morrison
Bernie Clement	Solomon Morrison
Julia Beck Cohen	Marvin D.
Ruth Freedman	Mossmoond
Diamond	Elsie G. Myers
Chester M. Fogel	Camille Fleishman
Bertha Collins	Neafach
Freed	Georgia Barmon
Norman M.	Reynolds
Freedman	Lawrence Rizzuto
Morris Greenberg	Alan Sagar
Sarah Gutman	Esther Seena Sull
Edward G.	Alice Summer
Hochstetter	Gertrude Goodman
Tillie A. Horwitz	Swados
Eliane Knopp	Dorothy Barmon
Ricky Kohn	Wile
Isadore D. Levitsky	Sarah Wright
Milton Levy	

June 12 & 13

Lawrence E.	Jennie Loonsk
Biltekoff	Dr. Joseph Manch
Lena Rovner	Minnie P. Pohl
Bronstein	Neil J. Posmantur
Dr. George Altman	Carl Pratter
Cohn	Abraham Louis
John Warner	Roblin
Desbecker	Herman R.
Dr. Samuel	Rodenberg
Erenstoff	Roni Sue Rubinstein
Sarah Feldman	Paula K. Saltzman
Sarah Balber	Lois B. Satuloff
Feldman	Nathan M. Serns
Edwin J. Gerzman	Haskell I. Stovroff
Irene Goldstein	Mendel Susman
Lillian R. Greene	Joan Harris
Jacob G. Israel	Swerdloff
Elise Drefus Kahn	Herbert Their
Israel Z. Lenzner	Emma A. Victor
Nettie Levitan	Morris Wiener
Warner H. Lewin	Daniel Ryan
Hilda I. Lichtman	Wolfberg

June 19 & 20

Jennye Alperin	Gerald Melton
Howard R. Berman	Ira J. Melzer
Rosemary Bilsky	Miriam "Mimi" Katz
Allen J. Brown	Florence Morris
Harris M. Cohen	Abraham I. Okun
Cecele Dautch	Franklin Pack
Dora Ullman	Albert A. Pierce
Dosberg	Maurice J. Powsner
Max Fierstein	Miriam Berger
Martha Freedman	Rashman
Rose S. Gerstenfeld	Mathilda Weil
Carl Glaser	Reisman
Joseph Goldstein	Edward J. Ruslander
Helen Goorevich	Jean Spivack
Jacob Harris	Franziska (Fanny)
Joseph Bernard	Steinberg
Harris	Olive D. Stern
Seymour Hesch	Louis Sternberg
Frieda K. Kriegler	Geraldine Stone
Harry Lapides	Margaret "Peggy"
Marie iRma Lazarus	Stone
John Siegfried Levi	Tillie Strom
Bernard Levin	A1C Taylorson
David I. Levy	Lilian Wallens
Alfred M. Lewin	Isaac Wile
Florence Rosenthal	Hilda Lee Super
Lieberman	Zatell
Nancy Maislin	Sam Zemsky
Estelle Holender	
Marcus	

June 26 & 27

Jacob Belinson	Morry Goldstein
Louis L. Berger Sr.	Alvin H. Gutman
Hon. Robert Arnold	Louis Karnofsky
Bergman	Emanuel Katz
Dr. Robert S.	Lena Warner
Berkson	Kempner
Jay E. Brett	Sally Kalet Lerman
Dr. Edgar R. Cofeld	Mollie Levy
Sheridan M. Cristall	Mollie M. Milch
I. Larry Dopkins	Samuel Milstein
Rhoda G. Estry	Orpha O. Newman
Anna Brook Etkin	Joan C. Perelman
Irving S. Feuerstein	Morris G. Perlstein
Julia Goldberg	Elyse Jill Polk
Fisher	Dr. Harold M.
Leonard H. Frank	Robins
Max Freedman	Joseph Silber
Sally Joseph Glasser	Samuel Sillmaan
Dorothy L.	Max Silverstein
Goldberg	Edward P. Tragash
Emanuel Goldstein	Lenore Weinstein
Goldie S. Goldstein	



Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials

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have been established for

Louis G. Rogers
by Pauline J. Rogers

Phyllis Kramer and Julius Kramer
by Kathy Cahill

*We offer our condolences
to the families of:*

Bertha Ader
Irving Braun
Joel Marcus
Susan Yasgur Trott

TBZ Virtual Art Exhibit

INFINITE

Kathleen Corff Rogers
PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST

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Temple Beth Zion 170th Annual Meeting

New Date!
Tuesday, June 30, at 7 p.m.
Live via Zoom

Information on the TBZ Annual Meeting will arrive in your mailbox next week. Please take the time to review the information and also to return your proxy by mail. A return envelope will be included for your convenience.

If you do not receive the information by June 15, contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, ext 134.

For instructions regarding Zoom, see page 5.