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## 2020-2021 Campaign

The request to support the 2020-2021 Kol Nidre Campaign has been sent to all TBZ members.

The success of the Campaign depends upon the individuals and families in our TBZ community.

Please turn to page 4 for a special message from Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs Edward and Sharon Schwartz

## Sukkot Shabbat

Friday, October 2, at 6 p.m.

Via Zoom



Judy Henn, Beth Steinberg, Zack Steinberg, and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich join together for celebratory Shabbat and Sukkot services.

Whether or not you have a Sukkah, join in for this fun and meaningful celebration of Shabbat and the First Night of Sukkot.

Zoom meeting ID: 824 3587 0464

Passcode: 537661

By phone: 1 (646) 558 8656

## Simchat Torah

Friday, October 9, at 6 p.m.

In person at Camp Centerland  
(next to the Benderson JCC in Getzville)

And on Zoom



Dance with the Torah, sing, wear a mask, and spread out over safe distances for a brief, fun, celebration of our Torah!

Masks required; physical distances will be maintained as well. Bring your spirit for joy! Limited seating, please bring your own chair.

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## Walk With Sisterhood

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

We hope many of you will join our team!  
This year's walk is the morning of October 17.

All are welcome (men too!).

We plan to walk the Broder Center neighborhood.

See more details on page 8.



## tbz Letter from the President

The temperature is cooling. The leaves are starting to turn color and fall. Our children are back to school in some form or another. The fall season is fast approaching. And we are on our way in the year 5781.

Once again, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of Anna Marie Richmond and members of the Ritual committee, Cantor Myers, Rabbi Freirich, Judy Henn, Jeff Clark, our dedicated office staff, and Candlelight Productions for their outstanding efforts to make this High Holy Day experience as meaningful as it was. I know it was difficult for many to be home watching but this is the world we are currently living in.

One of my goals coming in to this position was to hold some type of event every month. We continue to find ways to stay active and engage our congregation. We have had our first success in holding a Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ that generated additional revenue for us. We utilized our parking lot in September for a multi program afternoon. We accepted donations for the food pantry. We handed out High Holiday prayer books. We took your can and bottle donations that needed to be returned and also added additional revenue for the temple.

And as you read this, we are completing plans for an October Chiavetta's event at our Delaware building. Another fundraising event is already being planned for the month of November. But, this is not about me! This is about you, our congregants. If you have an idea for a program or a fundraiser, we would love to hear from you!

As I mentioned on Yom Kippur, we are joining with our neighboring congregations to form a community Religious School (details on page 6) with more collaborations to follow.

Looking forward to a wonderful year.  
David Goldberg

### Returning Prayerbooks

If you are one of the many Congregants who picked up High Holy Day prayerbooks from the Broder Center, we ask that you please return them on October 1st or 2nd. A tote will be at the entrance to the building. Please make sure there is a piece of paper included with your name on it so we know who has returned their books.

If you have any questions or need to make alternate arrangements for the return of books, please email Becky at [becky@tbz.org](mailto:becky@tbz.org), or call the Temple Office at 836-6565.

## tbz General Information

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## Worship Opportunities

Zoom links are provided in the TBZ weekly email and can be found at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).

Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.

Instructions for using Zoom can be found on page 11.

### Friday, October 2

Erev Sukkot Service **6 p.m.**

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

### Saturday, October 3

Sukkot Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**

### Friday, October 9

Erev Simchat Torah **6 p.m.**

### Saturday, October 10

Simchat Torah and Yizkor **10:30 a.m.**

### Friday, October 16

Shabbat Evening Service **7 p.m.**

### Saturday, October 17

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**

### Friday, October 23

Shabbat Evening Service **7 p.m.**

### Saturday, October 24

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**

### Friday, October 30

Shabbat Evening Service **7 p.m.**

### Saturday, October 31

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 a.m.**

## Worship Schedule Change

Please note that beginning on Friday, October 16, our Friday Evening Shabbat Services begin at 7 p.m.

## Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, October 12.

If you have an emergency and you need to reach a member of our staff, call 836-6565 and press 4 once the recording begins.



## Letter from the Executive Director

Shalom TBZ Family,

Happy New Year! I have enjoyed some time for reflection and a spiritual fresh start and hope you have as well.

For the last 7 months, you've seen TBZ remain committed to protecting our community from the transmission of COVID-19, while at the same time presenting a variety of quality programs through creative new channels. I am grateful to the staff, Clergy, lay-leadership, and volunteers who circled the wagons and delivered extraordinary results.

Our Reopening Task Force continues to meet regularly to ensure all TBZ functions are taking place safely. For now, our buildings remain closed to visitors, and services will remain remote into 2021. We hope to begin congregating in the spring and will communicate those plans as they develop.

When it is safe to reopen our doors, you'll notice:

- \* Plenty of signage reminding us to wear masks and practice safe hygiene habits.
- \* Sanitizer everywhere! We've installed new dispenser stands and placed bottles all around.
- \* Plexi-glass dividers around the reception desk, down the center of the conference room table, and elsewhere around the buildings.
- \* Masks, gloves, and thermometers available as needed.

In the meantime, if you drive through the parking lot at either building during the week, you will see a number of cars. Our office staff has returned to Broder, in shifts, while otherwise working from home. We do our best to answer phones and respond to inquiries from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center has resumed in-person classes for their students, operating under highly detailed COVID guidelines facilitated by the Office of Children and Family Services.

At the Delaware building, our tenant, Jewish Family Service, was deemed an essential business, so they have a handful of team members in the building daily.

Both facilities have maintenance teams to clean and sanitize daily.

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Kol Nidre Co-chairs Sharon and Edward Schwartz delivered the following message to our congregation during High Holy Day Services. We include their wonderful message below in case you missed it.

L'Shana Tova to you and yours.

2020 is a year of firsts.

This is the first global pandemic most of us have experienced.

This is the first time we have used words like "cohort" and "synchronous" to discuss our children's education.

This is probably the first time that Wegmans has run out of dishwasher detergent, flour and pasta sauce.

And this is surely the first time your Kol Nidre chairs will not request 100% participation from you, our congregation.

Please do not misunderstand our message: Temple Beth Zion still relies upon additional financial assistance from its members – we still have two buildings to maintain, salaries to pay and programming to implement. We still have congregants who are unable to pay their dues and religious school tuition because they were in financial distress prior to the arrival of COVID-19.

Please understand that we empathize with those congregants for whom it is not possible to donate to this year's campaign. We hope that next year, everyone's outlook is brighter and, God willing, next year's Kol Nidre chairs will stand before you and once again ask for 100% participation.

For those of us who are financially able, as members of TBZ, and as Jews, it is our responsibility to take care of our fellow congregants. It is our mission to ensure that everyone who wishes to worship, to celebrate, to mourn – has a place at TBZ. The Kol Nidre Campaign has always provided the funds which enable us to make ends meet, to ensure that no TBZ congregant is left behind.

No gift is too large, no gift is too small. All gifts are encouraged and welcomed.

You should have already received the initial Kol Nidre mailing - please send in your check as soon as you can. You may also contribute through ShulCloud or the TBZ website or use the form below to send with your check.

Thank you in advance for participating in this important and meaningful congregational effort.

**Please print:**

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Kol Nidre 2020 donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: TBZ, 700 Sweet Home Road, Buffalo, NY 14226.

## Multi-Faith Welcoming – Beloved Community in the Making Sukkot Havdalah



**Saturday, October 3, 7 p.m.**

**At Canalside and on Zoom**

Join a multi-faith community for welcoming one another into a Sukkah and celebrating Havdalah, the intertwining of Shabbat and the normal week, and the intertwining of our multiple cultures, as we dedicate ourselves to becoming better neighbors.

Havdalah and Sukkot blessings, inspirational words, and conversations.

Please wear a mask and respect physical distances.

Zoom Meeting ID: 824 4358 5007

By phone: 1 646 558 8656

Passcode: 542964

### Letter from the Executive Director

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While I am eager to once again spend time physically together with our TBZ friends and family, I am exceedingly proud of how well we have adapted to the virtual, contact-free environment of the day:

- The quality of our professionally-produced High Holy Day services was outstanding.
- Religious School is underway with an interesting, relevant curriculum, taking Zoom fatigue and the general stresses on our parents and students into consideration.
- We've hosted several exciting fundraising and engaging events and are planning many more.
- We've signed up to host several of PJ Library's virtual Shabbat ShaFamily programs for tots.

There is so much going on and a great energy and enthusiasm growing within our community. I look forward to sharing these experiences with you in the months ahead.

Warm Regards,  
Jeff Clark

## This Year's High Holy Days Brought to You by Candlelight Productions!

In most years, the High Holy Days at Temple Beth Zion follow a familiar pattern that has changed only incrementally over the years. Sanctuary Services are held using the Machzor (prayer book) of the day, the Clergy lead from the Bimah, the Choir and organ fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, and the Congregation participates from the pews. When it became clear that the Covid-19 pandemic would require TBZ (like most other synagogues) to completely change the way the High Holy Days would happen, Ritual Committee Member, Rob Rothkopf, owner of Candlelight Productions, rose to the challenge, and simultaneously challenged the Clergy and Ritual Committee to make our services not merely "good enough," but beautiful.

Rob is a longtime member of TBZ. His daughter, Emma, was born into this Congregation, named here, celebrated her bat mitzvah here, and has been active in TBaZY. Rob has been active in TBZ's cultural life for many years; he was a member of the volunteer choir under the direction of Cantor David Goldstein, and portrayed Abraham in a 2016 reading of Grant Golden's biblical farce, *Way Back When*. The recording of the 2020 (5781) High Holy Day Services is his most ambitious artistic contribution to TBZ to date.

Assisted by his wife, Maia Potter, Rob selected the Vimeo streaming platform that allowed us to watch the services with high-quality video and high-fidelity sound, provided detailed organizing schedules and templates for the Alternative Rosh Hashanah Service and the seven services held in the Sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, recorded hours of music and readings, and conducted a technical rehearsal in mid-September to orient the Clergy team to the mixed live and pre-recorded format, and to ensure that the quality of the audio and video was superb.

Maia and Rob edited those many hours of recordings, selecting the best and most interesting views, and ensuring that the transitions from one prayer to the next were seamless. The Rosh Hashanah Alternative service, as a beautiful whole, was made available for viewing on demand. The Sanctuary services combined prerecorded and live-streamed material. Rob and Maia, with help from Emma, ran the cameras during the live services in the Sanctuary, and integrated the live and pre-recorded components of the service into a continuous flow.

Rob was a constant source of creative ideas to enhance the presentation and content of the services, and a voice of reason and calm as the dates grew closer, helping to bring the 5781 High Holy Days to the Congregation in a most memorable way. Special thanks are also due to Ritual Committee members Kathy Ellis, Matan Schwartz, and Anna Marie Richmond for their work to bring this project to fruition.

Zoom links are provided in the TBZ weekly email and can be found at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).

## "Lunch" and Learn

Wednesdays,  
11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Here is our learning schedule for the coming month:  
**October 7** – The God of Maimonides, Micah Goodman  
**October 14** – Talmud – Controlling Our Anger, Rabbi Amy Scheinerman  
**October 21** – How to Fight Antisemitism, Bari Weiss  
**October 28** – Reading a Page of Talmud  
Meeting ID: 987 5537 9443  
Passcode: 898448  
By phone: 1 (646) 558 8656

## Torah Study

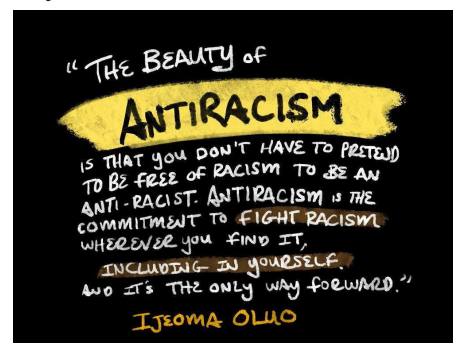
Saturday mornings  
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  
Live Via Zoom

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 ([rabbibtz.org](mailto:rabbibtz.org)) if you'd like to be included in a weekly e-mail about Jewish Learning.

## A Minister and a Rabbi Get Real About AntiRacism

Thursdays, October 15 and 29, Noon - 1:15 PM



Rev. Denise O. Walden, organizer for VOICE Buffalo, and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, meet every other week to have honest and open discussions about how to work against racism together.

Please RSVP to [rabbijonathan@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbijonathan@yahoo.com) and send any questions you have ahead of time. Thank you!  
Zoom meeting ID: 834 2616 5063  
Passcode: 245557  
To attend by phone: 1 (646) 558 8656



## From the Director

One of the unexpected blessings of my job has been the opportunity for networking within the world of Jewish education. Gathering together with others facing the same challenges provides insight, perspective, ideas, and support.

I spent hours upon hours this past summer on Zooms and webinars talking with and learning from other Religious School Directors from all across the country. Every one of us had to figure out what our school would look like this year...

Would we be holding school virtually or in person? Would we attempt a hybrid model? And what if the choices we made at the start of the year had to be changed? (And where did I put my crystal ball?)

Would parents and kids be pleased or distressed by our choices? Would they appreciate or be fearful of in-person gatherings? How comfortable would our teachers be with teaching in person or learning new technology to teach remotely? Would we use the same material as we did pre-pandemic or would we make significant changes in response to our new world?

My days (and countless nights) were filled with questions... I hope the answers I settled on for Temple Beth Zion were the right ones. I also know that oftentimes in life and work, there is no "right decision." Sometimes you have to make a decision and then make it right. (Mom taught me that tidbit of wisdom when I was deciding whether or not to marry Rick Steinberg, my husband of 38 years. It was a good decision-making strategy.)

Religious School opened online in mid-September with brand new materials and a redesigned structure. My intention is to make the Religious School experience this year one that continues our students' journeys of Jewish discovery, where everyone finds something that brings them joy and meaning, and where we continue to enhance our connections to Temple Beth Zion and to the Jewish people. All without overwhelming or further stressing anyone.

May it be so, כן יהי רצון

L'shalom,  
Beth Steinberg

## Message to Temple Beth Zion

*The following message was shared during Yom Kippur Services by the Presidents of Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Tzedek, with their respective congregations.*

We are excited to share that we are taking bold steps toward the creation of a new community school beginning in September 2021.

This is a unique moment for us at Temple Beth Zion and our partners at Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Tzedek. As the pandemic has continued - and the depth of its impact on our lives has become more acutely felt - leaders from all three congregations have embraced this unique opportunity to work together to fashion ONE school for families across Jewish Buffalo - a school dedicated to helping children become Jewishly engaged, confident and inquisitive.

Our Temple Beth Zion voice has been loud and clear as the task force leading the effort is chaired by our members and respected educators, Gretchen Gross and Evie Weinstein. Cantor Myers has been a part of the conversations about what a new school could like. Additionally, the task force has selected Einav Symons, current Religious School Director of the CSS/Gesher School and our own Beth Steinberg, TBZ Religious School Director, as co-directors for the new school. The collaborative spirit of the task force is animating creativity and fueling energy to create a dynamic school that impacts every school-aged child in our three communities.

While this is a work in progress and the logistics of the new enterprise are yet to be determined, we want you to know that in this time of uncertainty, we are coming together as one community to build for the future: to mold and experiment and create a new and engaging community school.

We need your help! If you would like to participate in a focus group or be part of our planning groups, please contact us and we will be happy to include you!

We will start sharing our vision and blueprint for the school later this fall, a video message about our progress in late November around Thanksgiving, and will unveil exciting details about the school curriculum in December during Hanukkah.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please speak directly with Evie or Gretchen.

David Goldberg, Temple Beth Zion  
Bruce Corris, Congregation Shir Shalom  
Marcia Goldstein, Temple Beth Tzedek



## Offering a Sweet New Year

Through the generosity of the Weinmann family, our members enjoyed a special gift for the High Holy Days. Assisted by Susan Bruckheimer, Amérida Weinmann purchased toy shofars, honey, and other goodies, and assembled gift bags which were presented to each car that arrived at the Broder Center parking lot for TBZ's Sunday Palooza on September 13.

"It's a special birthday for me, and I can't have a party, so I'm celebrating with TBZ!" said Amérida. In addition to her 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Amérida and Peter are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Amérida and Peter thanked Susan Bruckheimer, Leslie Garfinkel, Jill and Michael Komm, Beth Steinberg, Becky Schiefer, Julie Feldman, Margit, Madeleine, Benjamin, Aaron, and Lillian Weinmann for their advice and assistance in making 'A Touch of Rosh Hashanah' gifts possible.

Thank you, Amérida and Peter! May 5781 be a good year for you and all of us!



The online membership management system, powered by ShulCloud, is used by more than 900 congregations. It allows you to easily manage your own account information, register for events, submit donations, and connect with other members who opt-in to the online membership directory.

ShulCloud is designed to provide a secure and private way to view your transaction history and set up one-time or even recurring payments. There is so much you can do!

We are thrilled that so many of our congregants have already accessed and updated their accounts.

If you have not yet accessed your account and would like the links and help, contact Kara Kane at (716) 836-6565 or [Kara@tbz.org](mailto:Kara@tbz.org).

## tbz Honorable Menschen

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped deliver materials to Religious School students! Your time and effort are greatly appreciated: Susan Bruckheimer, Julie Feldman, Susan Goldberg, Jody Goldstein, Gretchen Gross, Renee Herman, Kara Kane, Cantor Penny Myers and Julie Weinberg.

Thank you to all the "Sunday Palooza" volunteers who braved the rain and winds to be on hand to accept food donations, cans and bottles for recycling, knitted items for donation to Jewish Family Service and to hand out High Holy Day prayer books. Food Truck volunteers were Ari Klein, Leah Polk, Corrinne Myers, Emma Rothkopf, Lewis Shaevel, Eli VanWey-Shapiro, Aaron Weinmann and Ariella Yonaty. The rest of the cadre of volunteers included: Susan Bruckheimer, Lynn Clark, Warren Clark, David Goldberg, Jody Goldstein, Ken Graber, Michael Komm, Charlotte Long, Susan Nadler, Amérida Weinmann, Sharon Winer and Steve Yonaty. The volunteers were assisted by TBZ staffers Jeff Clark, Jon Doyle, Julie Feldman, Kara Kane, Cantor Penny Myers and Becky Schiefer.

Thank you to all who donated non-perishable food items for the annual Yom Kippur Food Drive and bottles and cans for recycling.

## tbz Mazel Tov!

To Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld, who has been extended Rabbi Emeritus status by Congregation Albert in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This distinction becomes effective upon the first day of his retirement, July 1, 2021.

Rabbi Rosenfeld has been a rabbi for 40 years, serving at Temple Beth Zion from 2000 - 2011, and at Congregation Albert for the past 10 years. His service to the Jewish community is recognized by the Board of Congregation Albert who thanked him for his service and wished him well in his well-deserved retirement.

## 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](mailto:julie@tbz.org) or leave a voice message for Julie Feldman at 836-6565 ext. 134.

## Presidents' Message

The goal of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) is to help our Temple, the Buffalo community and to connect to other women worldwide through WRJ.

One of the ways you can support Sisterhood's goal is to become a member of Sisterhood. Thank you if you are a Life member or have already joined or renewed. If you haven't, please join Sisterhood by using the form below. It is never too late.

We are looking forward to the day when we can all be together safely! Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or comments.

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757  
Susan Bruckheimer 982-2099

## 2020-21 Sisterhood Membership

**Miriam \$500** Life Membership. Receive a one-time 30% discount coupon for our Judaica Shop and one package of Uniongrams

**Sarah \$72** Receive one package of Uniongrams

**Rebekah \$54**

**Rachel \$40**

**Add \$5 to Rebekah or Rachel membership level to support the YES (Youth, Education, and Special needs projects) Fund.** This WRJ project provides educational and cultural programs for high school and college age youth, scholarships and grants for future Rabbis, and resources for causes of social justice, human rights, early childhood education, and human services. With your donation, you will be entitled to receive a packet of five Uniongrams.

Renewal

New membership

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make checks out to TBZ Sisterhood and mail to: Margy Zeckhauser, 36 Wingate Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14216-2135.

## Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

Did you know that by shopping at the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop you help support Temple AND Sisterhood programs?

### October 2020 Specials:

**30% off on all items with a Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur theme:**

Apple & Honey Dishes, cookie cutters, books, stuffed Shofars, High Holiday toys, and much more

### 20% off:

Shabbat, Chanukah, Passover, Mezuzahs, Tzedakah Boxes, Wedding gifts, select Jewelry  
(some exceptions apply)

TBZ members receive 20% off when they buy a Tallit, Talit clips, Yads -Torah Pointers or Kippahs for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah child.

Look for pictures on the TBZ Facebook page  
The shop is not open for in person sales but we will take pictures and e-mail or text message them to you.  
We will make arrangements for contactless delivery.

Contact Susan (716) 982-2099 or Dee (204) 446-1211  
or e-mail nana4susan@gmail.com



## Sisterhood Walks

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

We hope many of you will join our team. This year's walk is the morning of October 17. All are welcome (men too!). This year we plan to walk the Broder Center neighborhood.

If you wish to donate, you can go online to the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer Buffalo" site and then find our team "Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood." If you wish to join our team, call Marilyn Schillroth (716) 832-4757.



## TBZ's HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL TORAH



Have you ever wondered why one of the Torahs in our Ark is unadorned with a plain cover and no breast plate or crown even on the High Holidays? Here is the story.

That Torah was received by the Temple at the request of then Rabbi Martin L. Goldberg in 1968. It is on permanent loan from

Memorial Scrolls Trust based in London, England. The Torah is from a synagogue in the town of Trebic in the Vysocina Region of the Czech Republic destroyed by the Nazis.

Our Torah is one of 1,564 Czech Memorial Torahs which formed part of the treasure which were saved by being collected in Prague during the Nazi occupation 1939-1945 from the desolated Jewish communities of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia. These Scrolls were acquired by the London Westminster Synagogue in 1964. These scrolls were then distributed to synagogues throughout the world to be memorials to the Jewish tragedy and a reminder to future generations of that tragedy.

The conditions of the loan include leaving the Scroll unadorned. Thus, the Scroll has no breast plate, finials or crown. Its mantle or cover is plain. It must be retained in the Temple Ark and must be read at least once each year. TBZ has complied with these conditions over the years by leaving the Scroll unadorned and reading from it on Yom Kippur.

The Memorial Scrolls Trust has provided the history of our Memorial Torah which is identified as MST Scroll # 1527. The history of this Scroll begins in Trebic through Prague to London and then to Buffalo.

To read the detailed history of the Scroll, go to [www.tbz.org/about-tbz/tbz-places-spaces/](http://www.tbz.org/about-tbz/tbz-places-spaces/). If are interested but do not have computer access, contact Julie at 836-6565 to request a printed version of the history.

Ralph L. Halpern

## Engagement Committee News

During these days (and months) of Covid-19 our homes are more important than ever, providing our shelter, our comfort, our protection. They have been transformed from the places in which we eat and sleep and recharge after our days of learning and working...to the very places that contain every aspect of our lives. Our homes have become our workplaces, our schools, and (even) our sanctuaries.



During the festival of Sukkot, we are commanded to leave our homes and dwell in *sukkahs* which symbolize the frail huts in which the Israelites lived during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after their Exodus from Egypt. They also serve to remind Jews of the biblical account of how G-d protected us, provided for our needs in the wilderness, and by implication, still watches over us today.

Each Sukkot, it is as if G-d is reminding us: you don't need solid walls to make you feel safe. He said, "I made the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt." (Lev. 23:43) In those booths, fragile and open to the elements, the Israelites learned the courage to live with uncertainty.

We are living in extremely uncertain times. Thousands of people continue to become infected with Covid-19. There is great political and racial unrest. Our lives feel unsettled, unpredictable, and scary. That is exactly what Sukkot is about. It is a story about uncertainty. It tells us that we can know a great deal, but we will never know what tomorrow will bring. We do not know what our health will be, what turns our career or education will take, or what will happen to society.

I believe that the experience of leaving the protection of our home and entering the exposure of the *sukkah* (literally or metaphorically) is a way of taming our fear of the unknown. It says: We have been here before. We are all travelers on a journey. G-d is with us. We need not be afraid.

Your Temple Beth Zion community continues to be here for you during these uncertain times. Let's try to create a *sukkah* of peace and understanding as we continue to form and strengthen our connections in new ways. Please contact me at any time... and join me in my (metaphorical) *sukkah*.

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



## Sunday Palooza!

*Despite some wind and rain, TBZers came out in force to on September 13. It was wonderful for our members (with masks and appropriate social distancing) to reconnect with one another. Thank you to all those who participated!*







PLEASE JOIN US AT THE  
**109th ANNUAL MEETING**  
 OF THE FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES

*Honoring our Legacy  
 Celebrating our Donors  
 Envisioning our Future*

Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
 7:00 pm Live Virtual Event

Register at <https://bit.ly/fjpmeeting>

Local registrants who RSVP by October 5  
 will receive a goody bag for the event

Questions? Need help registering?

Contact Barbara Miller 716.204.1134  
[barb@jewishphilanthropies.org](mailto:barb@jewishphilanthropies.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](http://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](http://join.zoom.us) on any browser and entering the Meeting ID and password 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.

## TBZ at 805

Our Temple Beth Zion cultural and spiritual center at 805 Delaware, dedicated 53 years ago, is a magnificent and architecturally significant structure that is on The U.S. Department of Interiors National Register of Historic Places. We are its stewards; we worship and work there. At the same time, that we cannot overlook its seriously fatigued and outdated building systems.

Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County (JFS) has been a tenant there for forty years. During that time period, JFS has grown significantly, offering programs especially in the areas of behavioral health and refugee services. In recent years, Jewish Family Service has also increased its commitment to the Buffalo Jewish Community with specially targeted programs and dedicated personnel. TBZ has always been grateful for this relationship and to have significant space leased on the second floor.

The boards of both TBZ and JFS have authorized negotiations to enter into a new long-term lease. Since JFS now requires more space and certain essential upgrades in the building, a group of congregants headed by Ken Rogers, Larry Rubin, and Bob Marcus have been evaluating the present and projected needs of JFS as well as considering building upgrades motivated by a vision of a Jewish "campus" that would benefit the entire Jewish community and its umbrella organizations.

A final lease with JFS will include significant capital investments and some structural changes. An elevator will be installed at the north (Barker Street) end, and the corridor leading from that entrance and stairwell, including the board room and the Cofeld Museum, will be allocated to JFS for use as its reception and meeting area. The Cofeld Museum, which is currently undergoing an extensive cataloging process led by Chana Kotzin, will be moved to temporary space and more appropriate storage within the building. Long term plans for the Museum will be forthcoming as a part of a larger community initiative.

Stay tuned for up to date information on this very exciting and essential initiative.

Toby and John Laping  
 Co-Chairs, Building Task Force

## Temple Beth Zion Our Mission Statement

Temple Beth Zion is a Reform congregation that enriches Jewish lives, promotes Jewish values, strengthens Jewish bonds and fosters lifelong learning. Our congregation celebrates the rich diversity of our Jewish community, preserves sacred traditions while encouraging innovation, and affirms our Judaism through words and deeds.

*Adopted by the congregation on June 8, 2012*





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Dave Goldberg becoming President  
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In Honor of:

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In Honor of:

Our 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, by  
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Feldman, Janice & Bud Seidenberg,  
Ronald Cohen, Sara & Steven Schultz,  
Judy Reich, Ethel & Dick Melzer,  
Marcia & Marvin Frankel

**Fund Focus**  
  
**Prayerbook Fund**  
Established for the purchase  
and care of Temple prayerbooks.

## Fund Name Change

Donations made to Temple Beth Zion that have not been directed to a specific fund have been put into the "Kol Nidre Fund." The Fund is not the same as the annual "Kol Nidre Campaign," so this has caused some confusion.

Going forward, donations that are not designated for a particular fund will be directed toward the "Chai Fund." The purpose of the fund and donations remains the same - to support and sustain the life and mission of Temple Beth Zion.

## Donations

Donations and dues payments continue to be handled in a very timely manner. Please do not hesitate to send donations to honor an anniversary, birthday, recovery, kindness or other simcha or mitzvah. Honoree(s) will receive prompt notification of your gift.

Donations and dues payments can be mailed to: Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Buffalo, NY 14226.

You can also make secure online donations through your ShulCloud account or by clicking on the "Giving" tab at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).

If you have questions and prefer to speak with someone, call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

October 30 & 31

## Establishing a Permanent Yahrzeit

Establishing a Permanent Yahrzeit Memorial with Temple Beth Zion is a wonderful way to honor your loved one's memory and continue their legacy within our TBZ family.

Through a permanent Yahrzeit Memorial at Temple Beth Zion their name will be:

- \* Listed on the memorial scroll displayed at the entrance of the main sanctuary.
- \* Listed in the temple Bulletin each year during the month of Yahrzeit
- \* Read by the Rabbi or Cantor on the Shabbat during the week of Yahrzeit

Each of these will continue to preserve and celebrate their memory as part of the Temple Beth Zion community. In addition, family members will receive notification ten days prior to the Yahrzeit anniversary.

Permanent Yahrzeits can be established with a donation of \$700. Please call Becky at (716) 836-6565 for more information on how to establish this special honor.

Louis Altman	M. Robert Levin
Louis Isaac Baker	Morris
Carrie Barmon	Liebeskind Sr.
Meyer Belinson	Jennie Morrison
Hannah Benderson	Belle Raikin
Ann Bronstein	Bernard Rashkin
Berkson	Bella V. Reinauer
Gertrude Beck	Dr. Meyer H.
Bilsky	Riwchun
Irving H. Block Sr.	Sadie Roblin
Aaron Broder	Margaret Bisland
Dr. Robert E. Carrel	Roblin
Elizabeth Cohen	Mary Lou Sherris
Cofeld	Rosenblat
Irwin B. Cohen	Emil H. Rubenstein
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Gerson Hochstetter	Kate Tick
Edith Hyman	Ramsi P. Tick
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In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Chai Fund unless you designate otherwise.**

Please do not list in Bulletin.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



## Permanent *Yahrzeit* Anniversaries

### October 2 & 3

I. Lewis Alexander	Doris Lulu
Barbara M. Berg	Goldsmith
Ruth M. Bloch	Risman
Mina Bloom	Harold R. Risman
Howard T.	Norman Risman
Boasberg	Ralph J. Rosen
Harry Brock	Natalie D.
Leo Chapin	Rosenberg
Leah Ehrenreich	Levi Ruslander
Libbie Elster	Rhoda Weiss
Ethel Garfinkle	Schwartz
Bella Goldman	Florence Shaw
Lewis Gorbaty	H. Robert
Nathan Gordon	Sheinberg
Julius Halpern	Sophy Siegel
Bertram Charles	Sherris
Hoffman	Jeanette Leonore
Irma Goldberg	Oppenheim Siff
Klein	Helene G. Smith
Max Levy	Sylvia Snitzer
Dr. Sidney H. Levy	Dr. Albert Spitzer
Harry Lewin	Anne Swadron
Irving Liberman	E. Walter Weil
Rose Farber Marcus	Cecelia Cohn
Marvin B. Morrison	Weisberg
Bernice Wels	Baldy Wertheimer
Novick	Minnie Reisman
Ethel Liebeskind	Wertheimer
Prince	

### October 9 & 10

Samuel J. Abelson	Bertha T. Levitsky
Herman Alperin	William T. Levy
Dr. Reuben	Daphne Doran
Billowitz	Lincoff
Clothilde Block	Samuel V. Lyon
Karen R. Block	Lester S. Miller
Marshall J. Brown	Anna Moss
Solomon Daniels	Jerry Rein
Lester Sidney	Leo J. Rosen
Desbecker	Ida Saran
Sophie Dickman	Lillian Adler
Ernest Dimowitz	Schaeffer
Gilbert M. Finke	Hattie B. Serns
Dr. Samuel	Dr. Benjamin
Goldfarb	Sherris
Julius Goldman	Jerry Shine
Goldie Goldstein	Betty Levin Simon
Isador Goorevich	Alma Slotkin
Frances Cohen	Edwin O. Weinberg
Gross	Milton S. Weisberg
Harold M. Karet	Maxine R.
Max Katz	Weissman
Beatrice J. Kohn	Dr. Franklin
Neil David Kugel	Zeplovitz

### October 16 & 17

Lillian C. Beir	Benjamin Klein
Jerome E. Bergman	Irving Korn
Jerome D. Block	Evelyn Mossmond
Isadore Cohen	Lenzner
Ruth Cohn	Jacob Lichtman
Dora Bergman	Murray B. Light
Cowen	Joseph Markel
Alymena Meyers	Bernard Rosen
Desmon	Abraham Snitzer
Paul S. Feinstein	Minnie Steinfeld
Albert Fierstein	James I. Stovroff
Edward M. Freed	Miriam G. Tabor
Birdie M. Freedman	Susan Kranitz
Hattie Freedman	Treger
Sadie W. Gordon	Harry Wallens
Ralph Greenberg	Herbert Wallens
Tony Beer	Frances G.
Gunzburger	Weinberg
William H.	Herman
Hartzberg	Weinheimer
Regina S. Holland	Joseph Wiener
Nathan H. Jacobs	Michael G.
Jacob Jacobson, Esq.	Wolfgang Esq.
George Kass	

### October 23 & 24

Isaac Benderson	Mary Greenberg	Beatrice C Rosen
Max Mordecai	Carolyn Greenfield	Eva Maisel
Benderson	Arthur T. Gross	Sapowitch
Anne G. Berger	Myron Gross	Marvin Sarles, M.D.
Barbara W.	Nathan Gutman	Bessie S. Schaefer
Bernheim	Ruth Kantor	Edith Shatkin
Abraham N. Carrel	Inez Morrison Kass	Ruth Kahn Stovroff
Irving Cohen	Benjamin H. Kostick	Kate S. Susser
Dr. Alan N. Davis	Rosa Goldstein	Robert G. Tabor
Isaac Dosberg	Lasser	Libbie Tishman
David Ellis	Rose Michel Melzer	Betty Troyan
David Flintrowitz	Dolores Desmon	Nat Weisberg
Rose Heller Frank	Meyers	David B. Weiss
Anna Green	Inez Rosenfeld	Henry Siegfried
Freedman	Miller	Wile
Jacob Fruchtbaum	Mary Sugarman	Frances Zolki
Abraham Gareleck	Natas	
Lt. Norman H.	Ida Fineberg Pollack	
Goldberg	Moses Reisman	



## Permanent *Yahrzeit* Memorials

A Permanent *Yahrzeit* Memorial  
has been established for

**Dr. Ilja J. Weinrieb**  
by Pamela S. Weinrieb,  
Pieter G. Weinrieb, Daniel J.  
Weinrieb and Kate H. Weinrieb

*We offer our condolences  
to the families of:*

Paul Friedman  
Tobey Lintz  
Woolf Jeffrey Ostroff  
Ydawn Wolfsohn







**Fundraiser**  
at 805 Delaware Ave.

**Drive Thru Chiavetta's  
Chicken BBQ**

Wednesday, October 14  
3 - 7 PM

**\$10 Presale**  
Order at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org)  
**\$12 Day Of**

Dinners include:

- 1/2 Chicken
- 2 Side salads
- Roll & butter



**Social Justice**

You are invited to be a part of a new Social Justice program! You can participate in the safety of your home and on your own schedule.

The program is called "Reclaim Our Vote," and it is a nonpartisan effort. Our Reform Religious Action Center (RAC) is one of the partners of this effort.

Please contact Judith Fales for more information or, better yet, to volunteer.  
[Judith1fales@gmail.com](mailto:Judith1fales@gmail.com) or (716) 957-4253