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Love,
Opportunity
and Challenge

Join Rabbi Sharon Sobel on Zoom for the next session of the four-part Lunch and Learn series.

June 16 at noon

"I Am in the West, My Heart is In the East":

How do we express our *ahavat Zion* –
love of Zion/Israel in modern times?

Can people with different political ideologies
both express *ahavat Zion* if they disagree
with how Israel deals with certain situations?

Advance registration is required. For more details
on this and future sessions and registration, go to:
www.tbz.org/education/adult-education/

Temple Beth Zion 171st Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 29, at 7 p.m.

Live via Zoom

Information on the TBZ Annual Meeting will
arrive in your mailbox soon. Please review the
information and return your proxy by mail.

If you do not receive the information by June 11,
contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org or
(716) 836-6565, Ext 134.

The Summer Celebration is Back!

August 2, 2021

Co-chairs Kenneth Polk
and Tom Lansing

Mark your calendar to
join us on the links!

If you are interested in being a
sponsor or participating,
call Julie at (716) 836-6565, ext. 134.



Cantor Ted Labow Engaged for High Holy Day Services



We are thrilled to announce that Cantor Labow has been
engaged to join Rabbi Sharon Sobel and Judy Henn in
leading our congregation at High Holy Days this year.

Turn to page 4 to learn more about Cantor Labow.

TEMPLE BETH ZION



Letter from the President

As we enter the summer season, it is hard to believe that it has been over a year already since our world has so drastically changed. A year of missed events. A year of missing each other. And yes, even a year of turmoil. There is a saying that G-d doesn't give you more than you can handle. I believe there is something to that, as we now look at things re-opening. I guess we could say we survived the year.

Temple Beth Zion has also persevered through the last year and we did it together. We supported each other. We did outreach. We continued to have services. We all learned how to Zoom together. Of course, there were hiccups and diversions. But I truly believe that our shared goals and our shared sense of community pulled us through.

Our Temple family is comprised of many different stories and many different legacies. We have multi-generational families. We have families that are just starting on their TBZ journey. Yet we all share our dedication to our beloved synagogue.

This diverse Temple community is our strength. You all have special skills, talents, and likes that can make us even stronger. While it is easier at times to look backward, I would suggest that now is the time to look forward. Just as our city and country is "re-opening", our Temple is moving forward, and looking forward. We are working hard to get us open and get us together.

Now is a great time to get more involved and share your talents with us. Now is a great time to re-establish our standing in the community. Now is a great time write a new chapter in our almost 160-year history. We can start with the new Community Religious School for the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to High Holy Days that are, at least partially, together in person. As you saw on the cover of this issue, we have engaged the services of Cantor Ted Labow to help lead us for the Holy Days. We are looking forward to a continuing relationship with Jewish Family Services.

But most importantly, we look forward to doing it together. As a family.

Wishing you a great summer!

David Goldberg



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Zoom links are included in the TBZ Friday email and can also be found at www.tbz.org.

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

Friday, June 4

Pride Shabbat Service **6 p.m.**

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 10

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

Bat Mitzvah of Mia Koessler

Friday, June 11

Erev Shabbat Service **6 p.m.**

Saturday, June 12

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

Friday, June 18

Classical Shabbat Evening Service **6 p.m.**

Saturday, June 19

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

Friday, June 25

Erev Shabbat Service **6 p.m.**

Saturday, June 26

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

Home Sweet Pride

June 1 - 6

Buffalo Pride Week encourages the community to deck out their homes, businesses and even sidewalks in colorful and jubilant Pride decorations to remind our beautiful community that Pride week is here.



In this "reverse parade" (instead of floats going by houses, decorate the houses as we would floats!), show support for the LGBTQ+ community during Buffalo Pride Week. "Home Sweet Pride" is in place of the annual Pride Parade.

For Pride events and information, check out their calendar at: <https://buffaloprideweek.com/events/>.



Letter from the Rabbi

Blessing #2 of 6: The Blessing of Celebrating Each Other's Gifts

In the May bulletin, I gave an overview of the biblical concept of "kehillah" – community. This biblical notion of "community" will serve as our guide as I explore six different lessons of how to strengthen our relationships to create a strong, vibrant Temple Beth Zion community.

In the May bulletin, I outlined Blessing Number 1: The Blessing of Great Strength in Community: There is great power, strength and love in community coming together for a common purpose.

This month, I would like to highlight Blessing Number 2: The Blessing of Recognizing, Encouraging and Celebrating Each Other's Unique Gifts.

There's a beautiful story in the Talmud that also exemplifies this: God wanted to bring together the most talented musicians of all kinds to create a celestial symphony. Each musician was so skilled in his or her own right at his or her own instrument. When they each sat down and played, however, the noise they produced was the most discordant cacophony. It took a skilled conductor, a talented musical arranger, a beautiful composition and the ability of the musicians to work together in harmony – listening to each other and knowing just when and how to play together to produce the most heavenly, divine music. It is the same for us. When we gather together as a *kehillah kedosha*, it's about the power that comes from each of us taking our own individual gifts and joining them with those of others to create something that is sacred, beautiful and unique – that will enhance the lives of those in our midst. All of us together must decide what we will create communally with our combined gifts. This will not be an easy task, as each of us joins Temple Beth Zion with our own hopes, our own dreams, our own frailties and our own fears. What we do together as a *k'hillah kedosha* is meant to shape a world of holiness, dignity and equality for God's children everywhere.

Sometimes, this means putting aside our own personal needs for the sake of the common good. It might mean recognizing that someone else has a unique gift that might be better suited for the work that needs to be done. This requires patience (*savlanut*), understanding (*bina*), deep listening (*hakshava amuka*) and working together in coordinated partnership (*shutafut*) on many different levels.

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Cantor Ted Labow and High Holy Day Services

TBZ President David Goldberg has announced that the Temple has secured the services of Cantor Ted Labow to officiate at the 2021 High Holy Day services. "While the Cantorial Search Committee continues its work to select and retain a full-time Cantor, we are very pleased to announce that Cantor Labow will be working with Rabbi Sobel and Judy Henn for the upcoming High Holy Days," Goldberg stated.



A Toronto native, Cantor Labow has served congregations from Alabama to Ontario and New Jersey to Australia. He is also a professional opera singer and a visual artist, a composer, and an instrumental musician, and a teacher. "I am delighted to be working with Cantor Labow," said Rabbi Sobel. "I have known him for decades. He is remarkably talented, and will bring beauty and *ruach* to TBZ's High Holydays."

We invite you to go to Cantor Labow's web page (www.cantorlabow.com) where you can listen to him singing traditional liturgical music and some of his own compositions.

High Holy Day Planning is Underway

TBZ's Ritual Committee has begun planning for the 2021 High Holy Days. The Committee is exploring ways to enable both in-person and remote participation in services. More information will be provided as plans are put in place.

If you would like to assist in developing High Holy Day plans, please contact Rabbi Sobel at RabbiSobel@tbz.org.

Cantorial Search

Dear Friends:

It is our pleasure to give you a brief update on our process. We were very gratified that so many of you took the time to complete our survey. Your input is highly valued and we thank you for sharing your insights. We have a subcommittee that is currently analyzing the data and will report back to the larger committee soon.

Our focus remains to find a "settled" Cantor who will meet the needs of our diverse community.

We pray that you have a safe and healthy June.

Michael Komm & Julie Dressler Weinberg
Co-Chairs, Cantorial Search Committee
cantorsearch@tbz.org

Cofeld's Corner

"Images of the past in our present and in our future."

In 1984, Paul Pasquarello took more than one hundred photographs for a catalogue published by Temple Beth Zion that provided a record of many of the artifacts in the museum. Last year, he kindly located his negatives, and gave them to the temple.



These were recently put into digital form so that we can utilize them for online exhibitions. The images are in black and white and are evocative renditions of a range of ritual and historical items, and art and sculpture pieces.



Capturing much of the collection as it was in 1984, these photographs also represent a time capsule of how far the museum had grown to that point. In a program that will build out in stages from June, we will be adding a section to the temple website, so that we can showcase specific collections featured in these photographs, beginning with an online display of Havdalah *besamim*

or spice "boxes".

What was also a wonderful surprise were additional negative strips that showed new internal images of the sanctuary of Temple Beth Zion. The sanctuary as a worship space has intimate connection for members and it has been the inspiration for poetry by visitors including Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Soviet-Russian poet and novelist, and members like Dr. Joseph Manch, who was a former Buffalo school superintendent. But most of the artistry connected with the sanctuary is photographic, including images produced by Dr. Manch to accompany his poem. In pre-pandemic times, the sanctuary was a sought-after place for photographers to visit, with images published in journals, books and articles. Our hope, with the help of volunteers in the future, is to document these images across publications and media, and with permission, reproduce some of these for another online exhibition. Check back for more updates on the progression of these projects!

Chana Revell Kotzin, Ph.D.
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We Are Family

Temple Beth Zion has such a rich history, going all the way back to its founding in 1851. We want to learn the stories of TBZ congregants (whether that story dates back for generations, or if it is new) because each member of TBZ has a history that is worth telling. Beginning this month, our family stories will be on our website at www.tbz.org under the "Community" tab.

Please see our website for this month's story about the **Steinberg family**.



The previously printed stories about Kathy Ellis, Roberta Faxstein Handel, and Susan Fernandez Bruckheimer have also been uploaded to our website. All family stories can be found by clicking on the "Community" tab.

We look forward to learning more about our congregants and their (long or short) history with Temple Beth Zion. Please send your stories to jagoldstein827@gmail.com. **We are family!**



Honorable Menschen

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Spring Craft Fair. Maria Blackburn, Warren and Lynn Clark, Jody Goldstein, Ethan Kane and Griffin McNamara helped all day long in welcoming visitors to our back lot, helping with parking and setting up and breaking down the event. Staff members Kara Kane, Jeff Clark and Ahmed Salih were essential to the success of this fun event.



See more photos on page 10.

Engagement Committee News

As the calendar turns to June, we realize that Father's Day is on the way. My relationship with my father had mostly fluctuated between distant and difficult, eventually mellowing to a point of acceptance over the past decade or so. Fathers' Day memories, both from my childhood and during my time of being married include home-made cards... neckties.... and steak cookouts. And later, when I was divorced, it was a time for my children to go to their father's house while I got together with other divorced moms for a relaxing afternoon at the movies.... or a pedicure.... or a ladies-only lunch.



We know that G-d commanded us to "Honor your (mother and) father" but translating this into action may not always be easy. Rabbi Daniel Brenner from The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership has stated, "On Father's Day, we honor our fathers not by comparing them to some ideal but by acknowledging them for who they really are. We pause to reflect on their history, remember the challenges they faced, and meditate on what they taught us along the way."

One of the happiest times I shared with my father was during Thanksgiving, 2016. My son and I spent five wonderful days in Delray Beach getting to know him as a person in a way that had never happened before. It was the first time (seriously!) that my father ever let me borrow his car (and I thanked him with a surprise trip to the supermarket to pick up some of his favorite ice cream). And it was the time that my son outgrew (literally!) my "giant" of a father.



What does this have to do with "Engagement"? There are many in our Temple Beth Zion family without fathers or grandfathers...and those who due to distance (and now Covid) cannot frequently see their families. Maybe we can reach out and form relationships with those we would not ordinarily think of. A phone call, a Zoom call, a walk, a card, or a shared meal can be something that may enrich the lives of all participating. Please contact me at any time with your questions, comments, suggestions or just to say, "hi." I want to connect with every one of you.... on Fathers' Day and every day.

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



Mazel Tov to 2021 Graduates

We are thrilled to offer our congratulations to the following Graduates and their families:

High School Graduates and their plans for fall:

Noah Ryan Block, son of Neil and Stacey Block, Ithaca College.

Aidan Donahue, son of Thomas and Stacey Donahue, Northeastern University.

Perryn Field, daughter of Adam Field and Jennifer Field, Marist College.

Andrew Henry Grant, son of Dr. Joshua Grant and Dr. Shane Grant, University at Buffalo.

Emma Isenberg, daughter of Andrew and Jennifer Isenberg, University of Pittsburgh.

Bradley Kantor, son of Steven and Kristie Kantor, Purdue University.

Noah I. Kotzin, son of Daniel and Chana Kotzin, Bard College.

Saul Geddy Myers, son of Cantor Penny and Dr. Bennett Myers, Colgate University.

Nathan Wallens, son of Jay and Lisa Wallens, Syracuse University.

Benjamin Weinmann, son of Peter and Amelida Weinmann, Babson College.

Daniel Ethan Weiss, son of Rachel Weiss, SUNY Cortland.

Jacob Wisnock, son of Michael and Kaarsten Wisnock, SUNY Binghamton.

Ariella Eden Yonaty, daughter of Stephen and Kim Yonaty, SUNY Geneseo

College Graduates:

Zachary Bloom, son of Gale Burstein and Peter Bloom, George Washington University - BA.

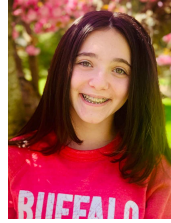
Jeff Clark, son of Warren and Lynn Clark, University of Wyoming - MBA.

Alex Kane, daughter of Kara and Sean Kane, University at Buffalo - BS, Architecture (cum laude).

Samantha Wojcik, daughter of Amy Schaefer, Johnson and Wales University (dual major) BS, Baking and Pastry Arts, BS, Food Service Entrepreneurship.

We wish all the graduates continued success in all their endeavors.

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Mazel Tov!



Mia Koessler

Thursday, June 10

Daughter of: Lisa & Greg Koessler

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To Lynn and Robert Klein, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Lynn and Bob, both lifelong TBZ members, were married by Rabbi Goldberg on June 5, 1971. They are proud parents of two sets of identical twin sons and have nine grandchildren.

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Youth Groups

TBaZY is moving full steam ahead even through these unusual and tough times. Congratulations to our new TBaZY board:

President - Eli VanWey-Shapiro

Programming Vice President - Lewis Shaevel

Social Action Vice President - Ari Klein

Religious and Cultural Vice President - Elliot Borden

Membership Vice President - Lillian Weinmann

Communications Vice President - Nathan Weiss

Financial Vice President - Sofia Reisman

We are looking forward to our Installation Hello/Goodbye picnic on June 5.

To our outgoing TBaZY board members Emma Rothkopf and Aaron Weinmann, we thank you for all you have done for TBaZY and TBZ and we were proud to work with you.

For more information about TBaZY or teen programs, please feel free to reach out to either of us.

Beth Shapiro (bshapiro44@gmail.com)

Tammy VanWey (tamaravanwey@gmail.com)

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class did not meet this year due to many factors. The 2021-2022 Confirmation Class will include both the 10th and 11th grade Temple Beth Zion students. We look forward to the upcoming year!



From the Director

And that's a wrap! Twenty-four sessions of Religious School from September 2020 to May 2021 — *all online*.

While I was planning last summer for this recently completed school year, nobody had any decent idea how, or for how long, COVID would continue to affect us all. The only choice that felt appropriate to me was to rely on the advice of pandemic scientists and medical experts who stressed the importance of remaining vigilant in our efforts to protect ourselves and each other. With the support of our TBZ leadership, I determined that we would act, as demanded by our Jewish values, in the safest manner possible.

As I wrote in this column, "We may wish it were otherwise, but this virus doesn't care about economics, mental health, or any other of our human concerns. Opening Religious School at Broder in September — even partially — has the potential to endanger the health and well-being of students, teachers, and families. These are not risks that I, or the leadership of TBZ, are willing to take."

But, how would it all work? The questions were overwhelming...

- ★ Would our students stay enrolled in Religious School? Would they feel welcomed and engaged with their teachers and peers? Would they benefit from attending Religious School online? Would their understandings of Jewish concepts increase and their levels of Hebrew competency improve?
- ★ Would my faculty be willing and able to adopt new curricula and new styles of teaching? Would I keep the same curricula that we had used in person or make changes to our content?
- ★ Would parents appreciate or resent us being fully online? Would we be able to return to our classrooms at some point during the year? How would materials be distributed to students?
- ★ And how could we foster the community aspect of worship... of singing, praying, and learning together in a *k'hillah*?

It was time to re-evaluate and re-invent almost everything we knew about Religious School. Many parents just couldn't put their kids in front of a screen on Sunday mornings. (As I've written before, this was disappointing to me, but I understand. Parents must make the best decisions they can for their children. There isn't always a "right" or "wrong" choice.)

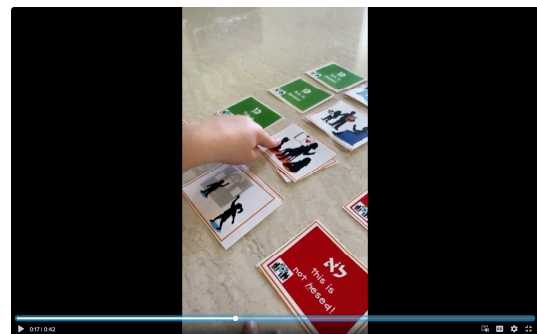
Most of my faculty was open and willing to trying new things, and I commend them for growing each week in their abilities. Most students attended most sessions, and many of them grew to embrace the weekly La-Bri'ut Activities and Challenges. Some of them even learned to post their mini-videos on our Flipgrid!

I admit we had a rocky start technologically. I was so embarrassed at the time, but my wounded ego found comfort in having since experienced many other Zooms led by experienced, capable professionals where *their* tech didn't work the way they'd planned. (Not that I would wish that embarrassment on anyone else, but it was a relief to know that no matter how smart you are or how well you prepare, the tech can fail you at any time!)

Bottom line? We made it through. And we did so with many successes. As I popped in and out of breakout rooms (the online equivalent of the school principal meandering up and down the hallway, poking in and out of classrooms to see how things are going) I saw most of our students responding positively to their teachers' prompts, engaging in thought-provoking conversations, sharing their enthusiasm and ideas, and developing great Hebrew fluency. And smiling! (Never underestimate the power of a smile on Zoom.)

And now we look towards the future! The leadership of TBZ, Congregation Shir Shalom, and Temple Beth Tzedek are working to make the new Community Religious School a reality come next fall. There are countless logistical and financial elements still in flux, but we all continue to pursue the vision of a combined school that provides all of our students and families a rich and valuable experience. Please watch your emails and this column for Registration and other information — I promise it will be shared with you as soon as it can be!

L'shalom,
Beth Steinberg



The above photo shows a student's Hesed Game Cards - illustrations of actions for her to determine and explain whether the action is or is not an example of lovingkindness.

See page 13 for more photos of our Religious School students.

Presidents' Message

Sisterhood has had a very different year due to the Pandemic. However, we have had many supporters, especially our 20 dedicated board members. We currently have 164 Sisterhood members!

We have continued to have regular monthly Zoom board meetings; the first ones just finding out how everyone was doing, to the present where we actually have been conducting business!

In October, we had our Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk. About 16 of us walked in the neighborhood of the Broder Center and brought in many donations to this wonderful charity.

In December Sisterhood gave a \$500 check to Family Promise, a worthy organization that provides food and shelter to needy families.

Our gift shop has been busy; in December, along with a "curbside" Chanukah Bazaar, we participated in "Chanukah in a Box", and for Passover we participated in the "Passover Soldiers Project".

As the New year approached, we began to make more plans:

In January our board participated in a Zoom "Meet and Greet" with Rabbi Sobel, where we learned all about our new Rabbi, and she met us!

In May, we celebrated Sisterhood Sabbath and were finally able to celebrate our Woman of the Year, Julie Feldman!

We have made plans for an outdoor "Opening Luncheon" on August 17 at Banchetti's covered grove. This will be a paid up party, which means if you pay your dues for the 2021-2022 season, the lunch is free!

In June at our temple meeting, we will present a \$1000 check to the Sylvia and Alvin Small Scholarship Fund. We have also contributed to this year's Summer Celebration which will take place in August.

Finally, we have scheduled a very exciting Zoom Program for September 23 at 7 p.m. Sarah Hurwitz, who was the speechwriter for the Obama administration and the author of the book "Here All Along," is going to speak about her book on Zoom. This will be open to all of our Sisterhood members!

Sisterhood is alive and strong and always looking for more members to join our Sisterhood Family! There are so many ways to have fun, socialize, get educated, and to give!

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757
Susan Bruckheimer 982-2099
Co-Presidents

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

June 2021 Special
20% off everything in the shop

Look for pictures of the Judaica Shop
on Temple Beth Zion Facebook page
The shop is not open for in-person sales
but we will take pictures and send to you
We will make arrangements for curbside delivery

Susan (716) 982-2099 or nana4susan@gmail.com
Dee (240) 446-1211 or omegapress@aol.com

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop this past year. Due to your support, we will be able present a check for \$1,000 for the Sylvia and Alvin Small Youth Scholarship Fund. Without your support this would not be possible.



Save the Date!

Sisterhood Opening Luncheon

Tuesday, August 17
The Grove at Banchetti
North French Road, Amherst

Watch your mail and email for Sisterhood membership information and details on this much anticipated event!

Board Notes

The Board of Trustees met via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Attendees included Board Members Susan Bruckheimer, Adam Field, Philip Glick, David Goldberg, Jody Goldstein, Kenneth Graber, Daniel Kotzin, Toby Laping, Robin Ostrov, Kenneth Polk, Sharon Schwartz, Lewis Shaevel, Julie Dressler Weinberg, Kaarsten Wisnock and Stephen Yonaty. Also present were Jeff Clark, Judy Henn, Irv Levy, Rabbi Sharon Sobel, and Beth Steinberg.

After the Prayer Before a Meeting, various news including a report from Jeff Clark that the roof repair project at Broder is underway. Jeff also provided an update on our buildings and grant opportunities.

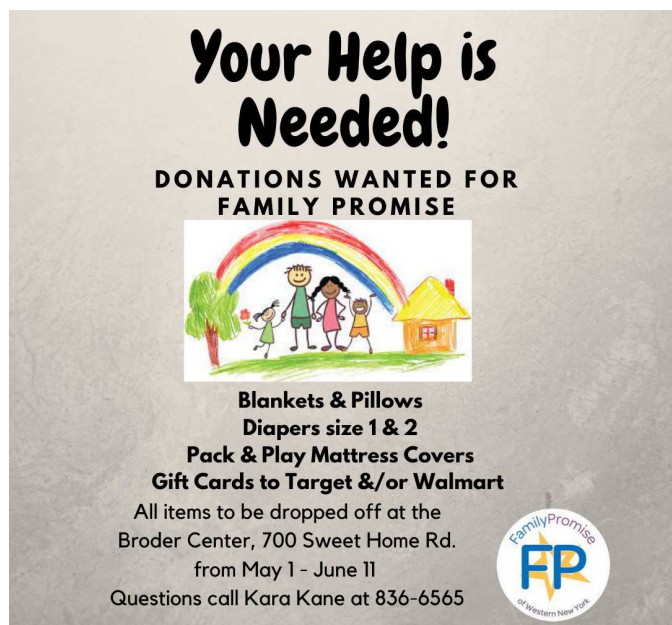
Summer Celebration Co-Chair, Ken Polk, updated the Board on plans for the August 2 event.

The membership report provided by Jeff Clark shows that we currently have 704 member households, vs. 748 at the beginning of the fiscal year 7/1/20, representing a drop of 5.9%. Our reduction from 12/31/19 to present is 7.1% and is comparable to many congregations of similar size also impacted by Covid.

Jeff Clark provided an update of the current year finances. It has been a challenging year, but there have been opportunities for savings and also funding through PPP loans. Ken Graber, Board Treasurer, reminded all board members of their fiduciary duty and responsibility to review the financials in depth.

Irv Levy of the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies presented on the Grinspoon Foundation's Life and Legacy Program.

Minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved. The meeting continued in Executive Session.



Your Help is Needed!

DONATIONS WANTED FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Blankets & Pillows
Diapers size 1 & 2
Pack & Play Mattress Covers
Gift Cards to Target &/or Walmart

All items to be dropped off at the
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.
from May 1 - June 11
Questions call Kara Kane at 836-6565

Family Promise
FP
of Western New York



Red Cross Bloodmobile
Tuesday, June 22
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
TBZ Broder Center
700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org,
Find A Drive: TBZSH, or call Kara at (716) 836-6565.

Appointments & ID Required

Special offer from our partners at Amazon: To thank you for coming to give, we'll send you a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions, terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/together.

Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.

Blessing #2 of 6: The Blessing of Celebrating Each Other's Gifts (continued from page 3)

When we celebrate each other's unique gifts, we learn that when a goal is reached, it's an accomplishment for each of us, for all of us as a community. When we celebrate each other's unique gifts, we create strong and lasting bonds of heart, mind and spirit. We lift each other up, support each other and elevate who we are as a *k'hillah kedosha*. We'll be on our way toward accomplishing the most important mission towards which Temple Beth Zion can and must strive – *creating a sacred community that truly matters.*

If we follow these six steps, we will find that we'll be well on our way toward accomplishing the most important mission towards which Temple Beth Zion can and must strive – *creating a sacred community that truly matters.*

Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel

April Showers

The Temple Beth Zion Spring Fair was held on Sunday, April 25. Like many spring days in Western New York, we started with showers and ended with sunshine. Thank you to our hearty and wonderful volunteers, vendors and attendees.



Congratulations to Marilyn Schillroth who won a gift basket from Oh Goodie! Bags & Gift Baskets!



Sisterhood Co-President Susan Bruckheimer presented a beautiful certificate to Julie Feldman, TBZ Sisterhood's Nancy J. Borins Woman of the Year.



May Flowers

The flowers for the Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale were beautiful! Thank you to all those who placed orders and picked them up on Mother's Day. Thank you also to Elaine Higgins, Sue Stone and Kara Kane who sorted the orders and loaded the cars.





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Marvin Gareleck, by Joan & David Alexander

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In Honor of:

The marriage of Tyler Stone, by Paula & Barbara Rosen

Fund Focus

Brotherhood Youth Service Fund

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion uses this fund for the books given to each student on completion of their B'nai Mitzvah and for the support of youth service programs.

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In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Sharon Sobel for leading the service for Margot Halpern, by Sue Chazen

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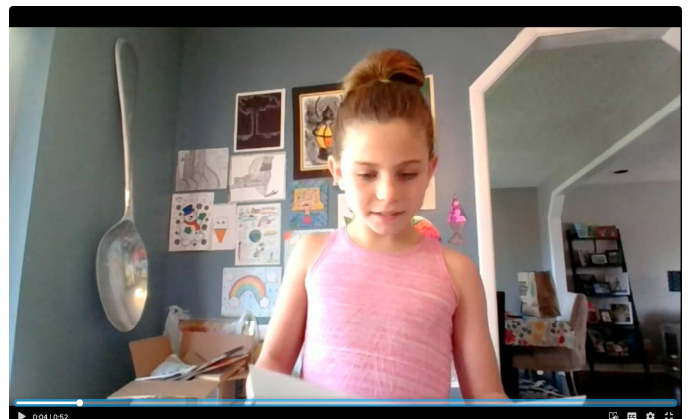
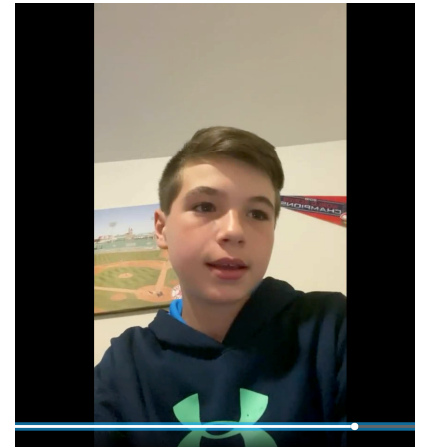
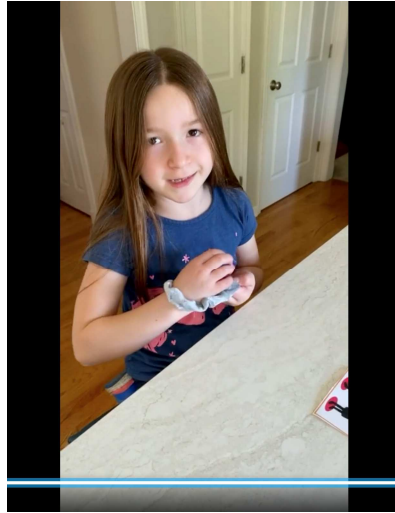
Looking for a way to honor a friend's birthday? Trying to think of a gift for a special anniversary for a couple that has no room for more tchotchkes? Please consider making a tribute donation in honor, memory or appreciation of that special person or event.

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 using the form on page 12 or by calling Ann Marie at 836-6565, Ext. 111. Secure online donations can be made on the TBZ website at www.tbz.org by clicking on the "Giving" tab.

Religious School Sharing

These pictures were captured from our Religious School Flipgrid - an online video tool that allows students to respond to prompts or share their work with their teachers and classmates.

Most of the students pictured here were talking about the interviews they conducted with family members and others about their experiences fulfilling the Jewish values of K'hillah/Community and Hesed/Lovingkindness.





Permanent Yearzeit Anniversaries

June 4 & 5

Arthur Ball	Julius Mayer, Jr.
Dora Benderson	Gertrude Meyers
Golda A. Berger	Nettie Morris
Melburn L. Brizdle	Isadore Morrison
Julia Beck Cohen	Solomon Morrison
Ruth Freedman	Marvin D.
Diamond	Mossmund
Marilyn Jane	Camille Fleishman
Ettlinger	Neafach
Chester M. Fogel	Lawrence Rizzuto
Max Goldberg	Esther Seena Sull
Morris Greenberg	Gertrude
Sarah Gutman	Goodman
Edward G.	Swados
Hochstetter	Mildred Wallens
Tillie A. Horwitz	Ilja Weinrieb
Ricky Kohn	Dorothy Barmon
Isadore D.	Wile
Levitsky	Daniel Ryan
Milton Levy	Wolfberg
Selma Mallon	Sarah Wright
Etta Markel	

June 25 & 26

Louis L. Berger Sr.	Frieda K. Kriegler
Hon. Robert	Sally Kalet Lerman
Arnold Bergman	John Siegfried Levi
Dr. Robert S.	Mollie Levy
Berkson	Gerald Melton
Jay E. Brett	Mollie M. Milch
Dr. Edgar R.	Samuel Milstein
Cofeld	Orpha O. Newman
Sheridan M.	Joan C. Perelman
Cristall	Morris G. Perlstein
I. Larry Dopkins	Elyse Jill Polk
Anna Brook Etkin	Maurice J. Powsner
Irving S. Feuerstein	Mathilda Weil
Leonard H. Frank	Reisman
Martha Freedman	Dr. Harold M.
Max Freedman	Robins
Sally Joseph	Copel S.
Glasser	Rubenstein
Dorothy L.	Joseph Silber
Goldberg	Max Silverstein
Morry Goldstein	Olive D. Stern
Alvin H. Gutman	Tillie Strom
Louis Karnofsky	AIC Taylorson
Emanuel Katz	Edward P. Tragash
Lena Warner	Lenore Weinstein
Kempner	Iris Brock Yellen

June 11 & 12

Jacob Belinson	Hilda I. Lichtman
Lawrence E.	Jennie Loonsk
Biltekoff	Dr. Joseph Manch
Abe Blum	Minnie P. Pohl
Lena Rovner	Neil J. Posmantur
Bronstein	Carl Pratter
Dr. George Altman	Georgia Barmon
Cohn	Reynolds
John Warner	Abraham Louis
Desbecker	Roblin
Dr. Samuel	Herman R.
Erenstoff	Rodenberg
Sarah Feldman	Roni Sue
Sarah Balber	Rubinstein
Feldman	Alan Sagar
Edwin J. Gerstman	Paula K. Saltzman
Seymour Hesch	Lois B. Satuloff
Jacob G. Israel	Nathan M. Serns
Elise Dreyfus Kahn	Alice Summer
Eliane Knopp	Mendel Susman
Harry Lapides	Joan Harris
Israel Z. Lenzner	Swerdloff
Nettie Levitan	Emma A. Victor
Warner H. Lewin	

June 18 & 19

Jennye Alperin	Estelle Holender
Howard R. Berman	Marcus
Rosemary Bilsky	Ira J. Melzer
Allen J. Brown	Florence Morris
Harris M. Cohen	Abraham I. Okun
Abraham Cohn	Franklin Pack
Cecele Dautch	Albert A. Pierce
Israel Day	Miriam Berger
Dora Ullman	Rashman
Dosberg	Jack M. Robins
Max Fierstein	Edward J.
Hannah Frank	Ruslander
Rose S. Gerstenfeld	J. Bruce Siff
Carl Glaser	Samuel Sillman
Joseph Goldstein	Jean Spivack
Helen Goorevich	Franziska (Fanny)
Benjamin Gutman	Steinberg
Jacob Harris	Louis Sternberg
Joseph Bernard	Geraldine Stone
Harris	Margaret "Peggy"
Miriam "Mimi"	Stone
Katz	Haskell I. Stovroff
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Lazarus	Jack H. Treger
Bernard Levin	Lillian Wallens
David I. Levy	Morris Wiener
Alfred M. Lewin	Isaac Wile
Florence Rosenthal	Hilda Lee Super
Lieberman	Zatell
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We offer our condolences to the families of:

Madeline Davis
 Marvin Gareleck
 Yetta Rubin
 Edith Schaefer
 Robert Sommerstein
 Ray Sylvia Stern



CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN BBQ

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
3 - 6:30 PM
OR UNTIL SOLD OUT**

PRE-SALE PRICING UNTIL JUNE 1

DINNER \$10
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Pride Shabbat

**Friday, June 4
6 PM
Via Zoom**

All are invited to Temple Beth Zion's annual Pride Shabbat.

Plan to join Rabbi Sobel and Judy Henn for a service celebrating our LGBTQ+ members, and celebrating TBZ's long-standing commitment to advocacy on behalf of our LGBTQ+ family and friends.

Watch your weekly email for the service link.

