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"Jews in the News"



Lunch &
Learn

With Rabbi Gutmann

Lunch & Learn Returns to TBZ
Monday, January 9, from Noon to 1 PM
In the Conference Room at the Broder Center

Bring your own lunch and join the conversation!

Future dates: 2/13, 3/13, 4/17, 5/8, 6/12
For more info email beth@tbz.org or call 716-836-6565 ext. 131

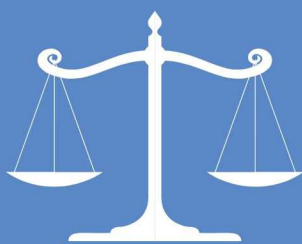
MLK Shabbat

Friday, January 13, 7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work and words continue to serve as examples of strength, compassion, and his commitment to equality, justice, and inclusion. Join us as we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.



Our guest speaker will be
Pastor Jonathan Staples
of Shiloh Baptist Church



TBZ SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

12:15pm on Sunday, January 22, 2023
@ Broder, 700 Sweet Home Rd.
Lunch will be provided.
All are welcome!

If not us, then who?
If not now, then when?

Please join Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood & Brotherhood for

HAVDALAH & BINGO!

7 PM Saturday, January 21, 2023
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.
Desserts! Prizes! Friends! Fun!
RSVP to: thestovers@gmail.com



TEMPLE BETH ZION

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Save The Dates for Installation Weekend

Friday, May 19 - Sunday May 21

Plan to join the community for a weekend of celebration, worship and community. We will come together for the joyful installation of Brent Gutmann as Temple Beth Zion's Senior Rabbi.



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Torah Study begins at 9:15 a.m. at 805 Delaware in person and via Zoom each Saturday.

Services are available via livestream. Links can be found in your weekly Temple email and at www.tbz.org.

Friday, December 30

Shabbat Evening Service via Zoom only 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom only 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 13

MLK Shabbat Service 7 p.m.
Guest Speaker Pastor Jonathan Staples

Saturday, January 14

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, January 20

Young Family Shabbat 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:15 p.m.
Classical Shabbat Evening Service 7p.m.

Saturday, January 21

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Friday, January 27

Happy Half Hour 6:30 p.m.
Shabbat Evening Service at Broder 7p.m.

Saturday, January 28

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 a.m.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Mondays, January 2 and 16. If you have a lifecycle emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



United Against Hate

Our story is woven into the American story. Jewish roots in America stretch back to when Jewish colonists such as Asser Levy arrived in 1654 and won Jews citizenship and the right to serve in defense of the fledgling colony of New Amsterdam. Or, when Polish-born Haym Salomon financed the American Revolution before attending the Continental Congress to give Jewish voice to the Declaration of Independence. Temple Beth Zion itself is 173 years old and a charter member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which became the Union for Reform Judaism, today, still the largest movement of Judaism in America. We are as one with America as the words of Emma Lazarus are on the base of the Statue of Liberty. With quiet lips she says:

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

We aspire for this country to be a beautiful, diverse collective—a mixed multitude which extends kindness, equality, and the respect that sees each person as created in the image of God. These ideals are etched into our worldview that we read “you shall love the stranger” “*v’ahavta l’reecha kamocha*” more than 36 times in Torah. And, as Jewish Americans, we share our yearning for a fair and just society with others.

We, whom God brought out of Egypt, know what it is like to endure the harsh brutality of slavery. We know what it is like to be treated as a stranger—a second-class citizen who is denied the right to participate fully in the prosperity our country has to offer. We have won equal rights in this country through hard-fought battles over ideas, ideals and the law. We have fought hard for them and we must continue to defend them. At every turn, we have sought to steer the soul of our nation towards love and fairness.

As we begin our seventh month together, I reflect on how our vision of America is being threatened—on how violent, uncivil and unequal our society remains. This month we will commemorate the first Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day since the racially motivated mass shooting at the Jefferson Ave. TOPS Market. As Jews, let alone as human beings, we empathize with the enormous pain suffered by our neighbors. This was not the vision Dr. King believed in, and this is not the America we believe in.

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Letter from the President

Responsible to Exceptional

Back in July, one of the first things I did as TBZ's president was to coordinate an orientation for the Board of Trustees. Knowing that we had a new rabbi and many new board members, I approached past president and governance committee chair Ken Rogers to assist in putting something together that would not only be important for us as board members to learn and to know, but also something that would be meaningful in its purpose.

As I look back at my first six months, one thing that stuck with me from Ken's training was a concept of moving from a "responsible" board to an "exceptional" one. Ken defined a responsible board as one that can achieve what it has set out to do, has staff with sufficient guidance to do their job well, avoids what is unacceptable to the "owners" of the congregation, and is not negligent. He continued that a responsible board shapes mission and strategic direction, ensures leadership and resources, and monitors and improves performance through policy and decision-making/oversight.

Ken then shared the responsibilities of board members, having worked not only with TBZ but other non-profit organizations around the Buffalo community. This was important information as we created bonds between new board members, but I wanted more. I wanted great. I wanted exceptional. So, what is "exceptional governance?" What does an exceptional board look like?

Ken explained that the key to moving from responsible to exceptional includes taking steps to be thoughtful and engaged leaders. With principles like intentional Board practices, strategic thinking, being mission-centered, having accountability with integrity, continuous learning and being result-oriented, an exceptional Board is one that members value and want to be a part of.

I knew back in July that this was my goal. I'm striving to have an exceptional board. A board that is thoughtful and engaged, with members that are as well. While I am not sure we are there after only six months, I do know that we are making progress every day. Rabbi Gutmann is making inroads in our community and with TBZ congregants. Our board has a seriousness of purpose, and our committees and our staff are doing meaningful work. Exciting things are happening at 805 Delaware and programming in 2023 (for young families to adult education) is being developed. We are on our way to becoming exceptional. I encourage you to join me on our journey.

Ken Polk

Coming Full Circle

Temple Beth Zion recently received a National Historic Register bronze plaque which completes a six-year quest. Realizing in 2017 that the Temple Beth Zion Sanctuary and building complex were eligible for a National Historic Register listing, Bob Skerker worked with his close friend and then SUNY Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts, Frank Kowsky, to obtain a listing at a national level. Frank Kowsky is the author of *The Best Planned City in the World: Olmsted, Vaux, and the Buffalo Park System* (2013) as well as editor of the now classic, *Buffalo Architecture: A Guide* (1981) among many other books and articles.

The process of gaining a National Historic Register listing is a major research undertaking which included using the Temple Beth Zion archives at the University at Buffalo as well as other research sources. You can find this report on the Temple Beth Zion website (www.tbz.org/about-tbz/tbz-places-spaces/) along with a photo of the plaque and official certificate. Jennifer Walkowski, the Western NY Region analyst within the Survey and National Register Unit of the Historic Preservation Program under the Parks and Historic Preservation provided guidance and issued the certificate.

Historic plaques are expensive to buy, but a special program created by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation helps fund the purchase of these plaques to organizations who meet their criteria and can demonstrate their organization's historic status. We successfully applied to the Pomeroy National Register Signage Grant Program in July 2022, following the collation of historic materials and the report of Frank Kowsky. Franklin Bronze Plaques manufactured the plaque that will be placed in the lobby of Temple Beth Zion within the sightline of the Sanctuary.

The Museum Committee is in the process of obtaining funds to re-erect the sesquicentennial historical marker in front of the building which was badly damaged by a car in 2019. This plaque was originally unveiled as part of events celebrating Temple Beth Zion's 150th anniversary in 2000 through by the work of Cofeld Museum curators, Mortimer and Harriet Spiller, and with the support of the Buffalo History Museum and the Karnofsky family.

Our deep appreciation to all of those, past and present, who have supported the recognition of Temple Beth Zion as both an architectural and spiritual gem in Buffalo. You can read more about Frank Kowsky in a recent appreciation published at the online Library of American Landscape History: <https://lalh.org/about-lalh/preservation-heroes/francis-r-kowsky-buffalo-ny-2021/> and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation at <https://www.wgpfoundation.org>.

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. at 805 Delaware on Friday, January 20 for this important and historic unveiling.

Chana R. Kotzin, PhD.
Museum Curator, Archivist and Historian.

Lifelong Learning

“Temple Beth Zion is a Reform congregation that enriches Jewish lives, promotes Jewish values, strengthens Jewish bonds and fosters lifelong learning.” This is the very first sentence of Temple Beth Zion’s Mission Statement.

As you browse this issue of the Bulletin, please note the number and variety of programs starting in January, all of which further our mission to provide you with lifelong learning opportunities. I hope you will discover something interesting and meaningful to you. (And if nothing we’re doing so far excites you? I invite you to let me know what you would like to see!)

For those with young children or grandchildren, we are introducing “Mazel Tots”. One Sunday morning each month, Jill and Rabbi Brent Gutmann will lead an hour of stories, crafts, music, fun, and friends for pre-K kids and a grown-up.

For our teens, we are offering two very special programs. L’Taken is a social justice weekend presented by the RAC (Religious Action Center of the Reform movement). Rabbi Gutmann and I will chaperone a group of teens traveling to Washington DC in late February. At L’Taken, along with other Reform Jewish teens from all across the country, our group will explore current public policy issues and learn how Jewish values guide our responses to them. The weekend includes preparing to deliver remarks on a topic of their choice to our representatives on Capitol Hill. L’Taken is known for significantly impacting Reform Jewish teens and providing them with skills that will serve them well into their futures.

The second offering for teens is Confirmation, a uniquely Reform ceremony with a long and revered history at TBZ. Following five monthly classes devoted to exploring significant issues such as Gender & Diversity, Theology, Antisemitism, Religions of the World, and Reform Judaism, our confirmands will individually and collectively affirm their commitment to the people of Judaism during services on Friday, May 26, 2023. Confirmation 2023 is open to TBZ’ers in 10th – 12th grade who haven’t yet been confirmed.

Lunch ‘n Learn returns to TBZ in January with “Jews in the News”. Bring your lunch and join the conversation! No fees – no reservations.

We are delighted to offer Jill Gutmann’s “Jewish Medical Ethics” class once a month on Thursday mornings. Jill, a bioethicist, will lead discussions on contemporary medical issues through engaging discussions while looking at science, politics, Jewish commentary, and other relevant sources. This informative and entertaining class will make you think and leave you wishing the discussion could continue long after the class has ended.

Have you ever thought about the value of having a Jewish community or what it means to be a part of a Jewish

community? Have you ever wondered about the importance of Jewish statehood in your own life? Do you think Israel is living up to the highest standard of Jewish values, morality, and democracy? If any of these questions resonate with you, consider enrolling in iEngage: Together and Apart, which Rabbi Gutmann will begin leading in January. The iEngage program seeks to establish a new narrative about the significance of Israel and Zionism to Jews in North America and across the globe, based not on crisis response, but on Jewish values and ideas. This very intriguing class is scheduled once a month on Thursday evenings, and could very well be the beginning of several years of study employing course content from the Shalom Hartman Institute’s iEngage Video Lecture Series.

No dates have yet been set, but we are also delightfully anticipating Rabbi Gutmann’s first Adult B’nei Mitzvah cohort at TBZ. Open to Jewish men and women who have not celebrated a Bat or Bar Mitzvah, the group will explore Hebrew, Torah, liturgy, and ritual as they plan to celebrate this very meaningful lifecycle event together.

As Rabbi Emily Langowitz, Jewish Engagement and Learning Manager at the Union for Reform Judaism, wrote recently, “One of the most empowering things about pursuing Jewish education as an adult is finding Jewish language for the topics you are already knowledgeable or passionate about... Finding ways to bring [their] lives to bear on Judaism, and integrate Judaism into their lives, is an incredibly meaningful process.”

Let us help you find the avenue for Jewish discovery that means the most to you!

L’Shalom,

Beth Steinberg, TBZ Director of Member Experience

Adult B’nei Mitzvah

Take the next step on your journey
of
life-long Jewish learning.



A new Adult B’nei Mitzvah cohort with Rabbi Gutmann is forming at Temple Beth Zion. Together the group will explore Hebrew, Torah, liturgy, and ritual. A celebratory date will be selected based on students’ schedules.

Interested in learning more? Please reach out to Beth Steinberg, Director of Member Experience, 716-836-6565 ext. 131 or beth@tbz.org.

Sponsor a Delightful Friday Night Oneg

Here at TBZ, an Oneg allows us the opportunity to meet, learn about, and interact with other members of our TBZ community. Hosting an Oneg is not only a Mitzvah (good deed), but a way to celebrate an event you would like to share with our congregation.

A great idea would be to host an Oneg to commemorate a loved one's birthday, anniversary, engagement, award, graduation, B'nai Mitzvah, or any other occasion. You may also wish to remember someone you have lost by hosting an Oneg on their *yahrzeit* (anniversary of passing).

We will recognize your support in our weekly service brochure and at the Oneg. Sponsorships go directly to pay for the food and beverages provided. Our Onegs will be prepared from Luscious by Lori.

Sponsorship levels are \$200, \$300, and \$400. If you would like to do something more delightful, the sky is the limit!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Field at (716) 984-5754 or Jenn@tbz.org

Jewish Medical Ethics



Interested in Jewish perspectives on modern issues in medical ethics?

Bioethicist and experienced teacher Jill Abromowitz Gutmann will guide meaningful and relevant discussions for the TBZ Community and others in Jewish Buffalo.

TBZ Broder Center (Online option available)

10-11:30 AM

Class Dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 16, April 27, May 25

\$54/series for TBZ members. \$90/series for non-members.

**Registration Link: <https://shorturl.at/dFST4>
(Minimum enrollment: 8 students)**

**Call/email Beth Steinberg, Director of Member Experience, for more info:
716-836-6565, ext 131, beth@tbz.org**

Jill Abromowitz Gutmann has worked as a Jewish bioethicist, and taught Jewish Ethics, all over the globe.



tbz *Honorable Menschen*

Congratulations to TBZ member Maryann Saccomondo Freedman, who will be the featured guest of honor on June 3 at Buffalo Stories 2023. Maryann is the first woman attorney to serve as President of the Bar Association of Erie County (1981-1982) and the New York State Bar Association (1987-1988).

Freedman was a true trailblazer. When she graduated from law school in 1958, she was one of only three women in a class of 100.

Honorable Menschen to Leslie Garfinkel, Sharon Winer and Marcia Valente, who served meals at Friends of Night People. To get involved or learn more about Friends of Night People, check out their website: <https://friendsofnightpeople.com/>.

tbz *Mazel Tov!*

To Amy Feldman and Josh Zernickel, who became engaged on November 5. Amy is a TBZ member and the daughter of Ed and Julie Feldman. A 2024 wedding is being planned.

tbz *Welcome!*

New Members

Michael Stark & Sarah Werner

Cantorial Search Update

In case you missed it, I shared in the November 18 weekly congregational email that the Board, in consultation with Rabbi Gutmann, has postponed the cantorial search until next fiscal year. In addition to being more thoughtful as Rabbi Gutmann establishes his priorities and assesses the collective needs of our members, it also gives us the chance to strategically determine the best direction for the synagogue.

Kenneth Polk, President



Mah Koreh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

CRS students are busy! December provided opportunities to learn and celebrate Chanukah, both as a school and as part of the greater Buffalo Jewish community! There was a beautiful Havdalah at TBZ for students in grades Pre-K to 2nd grade, led by Rabbi Gutmann. The Madrichim (Grades 8-12) gathered for an ice-cream social on a Sunday afternoon and had an opportunity to share how they see and express their own Jewish identity. In December, six students in our Better 2 Learn Program traveled to Brandeis (all-expense paid) and participated with teens from around the country in a 4-day intensive study.

Our Hebrew 1-1 tutors continue advancing at a great pace with their students. Yishar Koach!

Our grades 6th and 7th students are engrossed in a pottery project with Cathy Shuman Miller. They will be making mezuzot, some of which will be donated to Jewish families in our community. At CRS, we have family programs for grades 1-4 planned for January. These family education opportunities allow for parents to meet each other and learn together, alongside their children. The school-wide Tu Bishvat program on February 5th at the Niagara Power Vista with LiNK will be a new twist on celebrating the environment.

CRS is excited to partner with TBZ on January 20 and TBT on January 27 for Shabbat dinners and services. The annual Wine-Tasting Havdalah is also being revived after COVID and is scheduled for February 11th at TBT.

Thank you to the Education Committee and the Leadership group who are making this year so fantastic at CRS!!

Einav Symons
Community Religious School Director
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Check Us Out!

We invite you to use the QR code below or go to www.crsbuffalo.com to view our website.



"Mazel Tots" Temple Beth Zion

Fun on a Sunday morning for pre-K kids and a grown-up!

Led by Jill & Rabbi Brent Gutmann
@TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.
Doors open at 9:15 for FREE PLAY
Program runs from 10-11 AM
Enjoy Stories, Crafts, Music, Fun, & Friends!

2023 Dates
Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 19, April 23, May 7
\$18/Child per Session, or \$96/Child for 5 Sessions

For more info contact Beth Steinberg,
beth@tbz.org, 716-836-6565, ext. 131

Save the Date!

TBZ Tu BiSh'vat Celebration

Sunday, February 5, 2023

We'll start with a late afternoon tour of the **Botanical Gardens** (2655 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14218) followed by a special Tu BiSh'vat event at TBZ Downtown (805 Delaware Ave.)

WATCH YOUR FEBRUARY BULLETIN AND EMAILS FOR MORE INFO!

Co-Presidents Message

Happy New Year to all! We had a busy and successful December! We wish to thank Samantha White and Robin Ostrov for chairing our wonderful Sisterhood Family Chanukah Party, and Susan Bruckheimer for chairing our fabulous Chanukah Bazaar. Thank you also to all the generous people who helped us with these activities!

A new year has begun and it's time to look toward the future! Here are some great things to do:

1. Join Sisterhood. If you haven't sent in your dues check, do it today! For a basic membership, mail a \$40 check, payable to "TBZ Sisterhood", to Margy Zeckhauser, 36 Wingate Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214.

2. Come to a Sisterhood Program. See information in this Bulletin for Sisterhood/Brotherhood Havdalah, Sisterhood Book Nook, and the Dash's receipt fundraiser.

Watch for information on the following upcoming events:

*Purim Program Dinner on March 6 at 6 p.m.

*Ghost Light Theater Play, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" on Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m.

*Sisterhood Sabbath May 12.

*Platters Chocolate Tour on Tuesday, June 6, at 1 p.m. Enjoy a 20 minute tour and then a delicious treat!

*Opening Luncheon in July.

3. Volunteer in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop, especially around the holidays, before and after services and programs.

4. If you are interested in being on the Sisterhood Board for 2023-2024, please let us know.

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TBZ Sisterhood Dash's Receipt Fundraiser

Please help Sisterhood by saving your
Dash's Market receipts.

This new and ongoing fundraiser will benefit
Sisterhood sponsored activities for Temple Beth Zion.
We are happy to receive receipts of any amount.

Receipts can be dropped off at the
Broder Center or Delaware building.

Thank you in advance for your support!

SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH ZION

Book Nook

Please join TBZ's Sisterhood for
Book Nook
Thursday, January 19, 7 - 8:30 PM
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Our selection is "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. This is a thought provoking historical fiction novel about the woman who married one of the most famous scientists in history.

New members are always welcome!

Please contact Cindy at thestovers@gmail.com
or the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 to RSVP

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

Thank you for making our Chanukah Bazaar a success. We are proud to be able to provide our children and the community with items for their shopping needs. Special thanks to Community Religious School.

January 20% OFF sale on Passover items



Also, 20% off in January on:
B'nai Mitzvah Gifts
Children's books and games

We will be open before most programs and services at the Broder Center or by appointment. We can also email or text you pictures of whatever you want.

For more information or hours- Call Susan 716-982-2099
or Dee 240-446-1211 email - nana4susan@gmail.com

Funds from sales in the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop help support Sisterhood and Temple programs



Letter from the Executive Director
A Trip to Remember

Just after the High Holy Days, I joined the Buffalo Israel Experience group for my first trip to Israel. What an incredible journey it was! Over the course of 9 days we crisscrossed the country, exploring historic and modern sites in and around Jerusalem, Haifa, and Tel Aviv.



Markets in Jerusalem, alive with people buying challah in preparation for Shabbat.



At the very top of Mt. Masada where a group of Jews fled to avoid persecution from the Romans.



We met with a representative of Ethiopian Jews who made aliya with her family and shared her story and her culture, then dressed us in traditional Ethiopian attire.



The egalitarian side of the Western Wall where men and women can worship together.



A guard tower on the border wall at Gaza. It looks and feels quite a bit different from the US border with Canada!



Floating in the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth and nearly 10 times saltier than ocean water.

I am grateful to the Buffalo Jewish Federation for arranging the incredible trip and encourage everyone in our community to consider participating in future opportunities. Federation did a phenomenal job coordinating all of the arrangements, from our travel and hotel accommodations to meals, tours, and entertainment. It was fun, educational, and deeply meaningful, and I highly, highly recommend it.

Please feel free to reach out if you're considering traveling to Israel and have questions, or if you would like to trade stories about your own experiences.

Jeff Clark

Temple Beth Zion Presents...

Erev Shabbat Services & Israeli Dinner
With Our Community Friends
Friday, January 20

5:30 PM: "MAGIC & MIRACLES"

AN EREV SHABBAT SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES
SISTERHOOD CHAPEL, 805 DELAWARE AVENUE
WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM PJ LIBRARY

6:15 PM: ISRAELI-STYLE BUFFET DINNER

ALL SERVICE ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME!

7:00 PM: CLASSICAL SERVICE

SANCTUARY, 805 DELAWARE AVENUE
WITH THE 4TH - 7TH GRADE FAMILIES FROM
COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Israel Scholarships for Teens

For more than 30 years, the **Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies** has provided financial assistance for high school and college students to travel and study in Israel. Students participating in approved programs will be eligible for assistance for the upcoming summer based upon merit and/or financial need. Awards typically average \$1,000 – \$3,000.



The Israel Scholarship program will accept applications through February 1, 2023.

For full details go to <https://jewishphilanthropies.org/israel-scholarships/> or contact Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies at scholarships@jewishphilanthropies.org.

United Against Hate

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The America we believe in is not one which aligns itself with white supremacists, stands behind its white privilege or tolerates injustices. The America we believe in is the America where the blood of my fellow is more precious to me than my own and where we stand as one united against bigotry.

My friends, I am proud to share that Revered Jonathan R. Staples, the seventh Senior Pastor of First Shiloh Baptist Church in Buffalo, will address Temple Beth Zion on Friday, January 13 at our Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat service at 7 pm at 805 Delaware Avenue. I encourage you not to miss the opportunity to attend in person or online.

Furthermore, we will be providing lunch at an information meeting of the TBZ Social Action Committee at the Broder Center on 12:15 p.m. Sunday, January 22. We will share a calendar of opportunities for social action involvement through TBZ and we will be offering different levels of engagement in these activities. All are welcome to attend and learn more.

As incidents of antisemitic hate crime rise alongside hate crimes against people of color, let us renew the bonds of Black-Jewish unity in our city. Let us work to correct injustices in our homes, our communities and our nation. Together, let us sow the seeds of an America that reflects the values of our creator. Let us lend hope to each other and deliver salvation to every heart as we endeavor to keep our dream and our Founders' vision alive.

Rabbi Brent Gutmann

Sunday at Wegmans

TBZ Sisterhood organized a brunch meetup at Wegmans in November. It was a lovely gathering and great chance to catch up with friends, old and new. Thank you to Lynn Klein for putting this together!



Stay Connected, Stay Informed

Each Tuesday, Temple Beth Zion sends an email that provides information on upcoming events. Each Friday, the email contains a message from the Rabbi or one of our congregational leaders along with the service schedule and links.

If you wish to receive email notifications from TBZ, please contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org.

TBaZY Celebrated Havdalah

When high winds in early December prevented them from tackling the ropes course at Riverworks and celebrating Havdalah at the silos, an enthusiastic group of middle and high-school students from TBZ and CSS gathered for games at Dave & Buster's instead. Here is part of the group enjoying dinner afterward, followed by a rather windy Havdalah on the sidewalk outside the Galleria Mall.



Whole-ly Delicious

In November and December, Errol Sull took his amazing baking skills on the road to Whole Foods in Amherst. Errol's demonstrations include fun facts, dessert preparation, recipes and, best of all, tasting. Watch your Bulletins and emails for future demonstration dates. The programs are free and open to all!



Lighting the Path

Several TBZ members, including our own Rabbi Brent Gutmann, could be found at the Jewish Family Services' "Lighting the Path" event on November 30. Proceeds from the event benefit JFS programs that light the path towards safety and prosperity for refugees.

Attendees enjoyed traditional Jewish, Ukrainian, and Afghan culinary selections in the historic Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center.



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In Memory of:

Emily Edelstein, by Amy Wolfe

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Donations can be made using the form on the bottom of this page or by calling Ann Marie at 836-6565, Ext. 111. Secure online donations can also be made through Shulcloud or on the TBZ website at www.tbz.org by clicking on the "giving" tab.

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Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

January 6 & 7

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 Marshall Balter
 Rose Kaplan
 Belinson
 Frances Wolf
 Bergmann
 Irving H. Block Jr.
 Samuel Block
 Paul Borins
 Harold Brock
 David Brown
 Sylvia C. Cheplove
 Michael Cohen
 Ruth Morris Field
 Harold J. Fogel
 Aaron S.
 Freedman
 Leonard Geran
 Phyllis Maidy
 Goldberg
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 Richard S.
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 Shirley Gromer
 Albert A. Haniford
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 Haniford
 Alvin M. Hyman
 Lena Michaels
 Jaffey
 Adolph Kelemen
 Abraham
 Kirschenbaum
 Siegfried Levi

David B. Levi Jr.
 Elmer I. Levy
 Sol J. Levy
 Carolyn P. Lewin
 Rachel R. Marks
 Melvin I. Meyer
 Theresa Henschel
 Meyers
 Lenore Miller
 Nathan Neiman
 Naomi Presant
 Frances Rosenfeld
 Lee N. Ruslander
 Nathaniel Scheur
 Florence Cohen
 Serrins
 Lester S. Simon
 Charles Simons
 Daniel E.
 Skudwick
 Rose Kellner
 Sluizer
 Max Spector
 Clifford M.
 Swadron
 Melvin Tasman
 Eli Tishman
 Dora Wallach
 Martin Warehoff
 Sarah Rappeport
 Weil
 Lenora L. Weiss
 Louis R. Wolkind

January 13 & 14

Louis N. Blatt
 Dr. Bruce Block
 Jeannette Block
 Miriam Cohen
 Sherwood Draman
 Bessie M. Ettlinger
 Harry R. Fierstein
 Marvin J.
 Freedman
 Abraham
 Goldberg
 Sadie Goodman
 Esther B. Haber
 Lillian G Hirsch
 Dr. Marvin Israel
 Marvin Jacobs
 Rena Frank
 Jellinek

Cynthia S. Katz
 Max Koren
 Ruth Rae
 Lawrence
 Sarah "Ty"
 Goldman
 Mandelcorn
 Sarah Nathan
 Annette I. Ray
 Eugene Roblin
 Ida Rodenberg
 Jacob Setters
 Belle F. Smith
 Henrietta
 Rothschild Weill
 Murray Weinberg
 Ilene Julie Weiss
 Fannie S. Wile

January 28 & 29

Jeanette Bialosky
 Abzug
 Fanny Abrams
 Bergman
 Samuel H. Berman
 Dr. Robert Blum
 Henry D. Boodson
 Dorothy Clayman
 Rev. Bernard Cohn
 John F.
 Desbecker Sr.
 Clara Goodman
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 Friedman
 Ruth B. Gafter
 Helen Ehrlich
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 Isidore Harris
 Max Harrison
 Lillian Wolff
 Jacobson
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 Kavinoky

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 Belle Sigman
 Kutzman
 Evelyn Gerstman
 Leff
 Yetta G. Levy
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 Jacob Morrison
 Delia J. Neafach
 Eugene Pack
 Joseph J. Rizzuto
 Max Robins
 Rosella F. Rosen
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 Nathan Slotkin
 Cary M. Speier
 Bertha F. Sperling
 Leo M. Sterin
 Michael Stern
 Mina Tiede
 Frances Barlow
 Vogel
 Gloria Wolkind
 Wallens
 Mildred Brooks
 Weckslers
 Alfred D. Wiener
 Edna Cutler
 Wiener

January 20 & 21

Charles Beck
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 Bertha Chernoff
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We offer our condolences to the family of:

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