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Temple Beth Zion invites you to attend

Second Night Seder

6 PM, Tuesday, April 23 In the Fink Auditorium at TBZ, 805 Delaware Ave.



Join us for a lively, engaging, and meaningful celebration! Members & non-members are welcome, as are adults and children of all ages.

Adults \$70, Children (age 4-12) \$35 N/C for 3 yrs and younger Vegetarian Meals Available

For More Info & to Register: bit.ly/TBZ2ndNightSeder2024 Registration Deadline is Monday, April 8





April Events:

Lunch & Learn April 4

"The People's Painter"
April 7

Congregational Town Hall Meetings April 7, 9 & 16

Serving at Friends of Night People April 9

Freedom Seder April 11

Sisterhood Miriam's Cup Luncheon April 14

> Mazel Tots April 21

Second Night Seder April 23

Earth Day Shabbat Service April 26



Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that on March 5, the congregation confirmed the appointment of Cantor Susan Lewis Friedman to become the Cantor of Temple Beth Zion starting in July 2024. Cantor Susie and Rabbi Gutmann have already begun to lay the groundwork for a close partnership to support our temple.

Now that we have completed this important hire of a new clergy partner for Rabbi Brent, we turn our attention to other important conversations. On behalf of the Temple Beth Zion Board of Trustees, I invite you to a series of congregational "Town Hall" meetings in April that we will hold in partnership with Executive Director Mark Hayman and Senior Rabbi Brent Gutmann. We will share information, welcome questions, and engage in important discussions about our future.

Topics will include:

- Meeting the needs of our families at High Holy Days
- Supporting the suburban presence that our temple wants and needs
- Recent, planned and proposed improvements at 805 Delaware
- And more...

While all three town halls will cover the same topics, discussions will vary. I strongly encourage you to come, listen, and share your thoughts. I will be sure to summarize key takeaways from these meetings in a future Bulletin column.

Town Halls are scheduled as follows - please note the new date for the Zoom meeting:

- Sunday, April 7th from 1 2:30 PM at 805 Delaware
- ◆ Tuesday, April 9th from 7 8:30 PM at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road
- ♦ (New date) Tuesday, April 16th from 7 8:30 PM via Zoom. Watch your email for the Zoom link. If you would like to sign up to receive emails from TBZ, contact Julie at julie@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565.

It is an honor to serve as president during this pivotal moment in the life of our congregation. As we seek to guide our temple, we feel that transparency is essential to our partnership. Please take advantage of one of these opportunities to hear directly from your Board, Executive Director, and Rabbi. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Kenneth Polk president@tbz.org



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Worship Opportunities

Services below are held at 805 Delaware Avenue unless noted otherwise. Services are also available via livestream. Links can be found at www.tbz.org.

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

Friday, April 5	Fri	day	. A	pril	5
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Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, April 6

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM

Friday, April 12

Classical Shabbat Service 7 PM

Saturday, April 13

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Service at Canterbury Woods 11 AM

Friday, April 19

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM

Saturday, April 20

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Parker Dax Reich
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 AM

Tuesday, April 23

Passover Festival Service 10:30AM

Friday, April 26

Earth Day Shabbat Service at Broder 7 PM
Guest speaker Sara Schultz: "Facing the Climate Crises with Chutzpah and Hope"

Saturday, April 27

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM
Service at Canterbury Woods 11 AM

Monday, April 29

Community Passover/Yizkor Service at Congregation Shir Shalom Light Lunch to follow

Passover Festival Service

Join us at 805 Delaware, at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, April 23 for a sweet, short, Passover Festival Service to mark the first day of the holiday, followed by a light Passover nosh.



Letter from the Rabbi

Find Your Voice this Passover

The first Seder took place on the night of the tenth plague. Still slaves in Egypt, our ancestors sat and shared their dream of a world where every single person experienced dignity and freedom. For thousands of years, that story has inspired us in myriad ways.

The first printed Haggadah was published in 1482 in Guadalajara, Spain, just ten years before the inquisition and expulsion. Today, countless versions of the Haggadah have been published: the Liberated Haggadah, the Holocaust Survivors Haggadah, the Zionist Haggadah, the Illustrated Haggadah and the 30-Second Haggadah. They fill a shelf in my office!

One of the most usual haggadot, called the "Bird's Head Haggadah," emerged out of medieval Germany. It's called that because all the images of people's heads have been replaced with birds. Each of us yearns to tell this story in their own voice.

Finding that voice is especially important in challenging political and social times. We seek ways to tell stories that keep alive our dream of a better world. This year, especially while hostages are still being held in Gaza and Israel is at war, it is important we come together to tell this story of freedom.

There are two principal haggadot we will use at temple to tell this story this year. The first we will use on the evening of April 11 at our Freedom Seder with our friends from First Shiloh Baptist Church. We will tell stories of slavery and liberation from Jewish and Black perspectives and enjoy a fusion of traditional Passover and soul food. And, on the night of April 23, we will use a second haggadah in a fun, interactive, and casual second night Seder.

This is only a portion of what is happening in April. We are excited to welcome award-winning children's book author Cynthia Levinson on the morning of April 7 for a special program of the Blum Jewish Education Project celebrating Jewish immigrant artist, Ben Shahn, who created Temple Beth Zion's stained-glass windows and fought for social justice through art.

We are on the cusp of realizing many important dreams for a stronger TBZ, a better Buffalo, and a more dignified, safe, just and free world. Wherever you find your voice in our people's story this year, may you have a happy, healthy and meaningful Passover.

Rabbi Brent Gutmann

10:30 AM

Learn with Rabbi Brent...



Pirkei Avot, Wisdom of the Fathers

Members and friends of TBZ are warmly invited to study Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Brent Gutmann on the 6 Wednesday mornings between Passover and Shavuot.

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And, if I am for myself alone, then what am I? And, if not now, when?"



"There are three crowns: the crown of Torah; the crown of priesthood and the crown of royalty.

However, the crown of a good name is greater than all of them."

10-11:30 AM at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & June 5
No Fee. No Registration Required.

For more information contact:

Beth Steinberg, Director of Member Engagement & Programming
716-836-6565, ext. 131, beth@tbz.org



Docent Training

Temple Beth Zion is fortunate to be the home of the Cofeld Judaic Museum, the largest Judaic museum in Western New York, and our magnificent sanctuary, both listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Various types of community groups and organizations contact us for tours of the museum and sanctuary, and we are in the process of setting up training sessions for those interested in leading tours and becoming a docent.

You don't have to be an expert to become a tour leader and docent. Training is provided for volunteers who are: comfortable in speaking to small groups; able to escort groups throughout the sanctuary and museum; have a flexible schedule – days or early evenings are often most requested; are interested in (and have a love for) the 805 Delaware building.

We are planning to conduct several docent training sessions the week of May 13, 2024.

If you are interested in becoming a docent or would like any additional information, please email Susan Adelman at: susan.adelman@gmail.com.

Leadership Roles

The Governance Committee is encouraging all TBZ members in good standing to consider leadership roles for the 2024-25 year. We are looking for potential new board members and committee members/chairs. We want to make sure that anyone who is interested is given the opportunity to submit their name for consideration. It is the Governance Committee's charge to match interested individuals to our current and projected needs. If you have a particular interest or experience, please let us know.

Please email inquiries to me at plankar@aol.com.

Ken Rogers, Governance Committee Chair

Office Schedule

The Broder Center and Delaware building will be closed Monday, April 8. The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Tuesday, April 23 and Monday, April 29. If you have a lifecycle emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



Stained Glass Series Returns to Temple Beth Zion!

Inaugural 2024 concert

BPO String Quartet

Sunday, May 5, at 3 PM 805 Delaware Avenue

This uplifting program is designed to inspire the spirit on Yom HaShoah with the BPO String Quartet led by BPO Principal Cellist and TBZ Member Roman Mekinulov.

Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.

Enjoy a beautiful classical string quartet program by members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in the glorious Sanctuary of Temple Beth Zion, re-launching the Stained Glass Series.

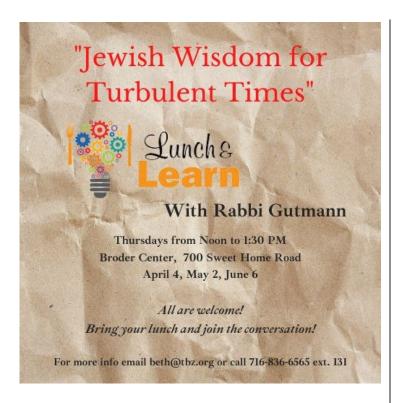
Next concert in the Series: Israeli pianist Ran Dank on Sunday, June 9 at 3 PM.

Special Scroll Dedication

In anticipation of Yom HaShoah, join us on Friday, May 3 for a Happy Half Hour at 6:30 PM as we dedicate a new plaque celebrating TBZ's Czech Holocaust Torah Scroll.

Our Torah is one of 1,564 Czech Memorial Torahs which was saved by being collected in Prague during the Nazi occupation of 1939-1945 from the desolated Jewish communities of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia. Learn more about this Torah Scroll, at: https://www.tbz.org/about-tbz/holocaust-memorial-scroll/.





Parking at TBZ for the Allentown Art Festival

The annual Allentown Art Festival is on June 8 & 9. We need volunteers to staff the parking lot and direct traffic at our Delaware building. It's a fun fundraiser! You don't have to come all day - just sign up for a shift.

If you would like to sign up for a shift and assist this year, please contact Warren Clark at wec@wareclark.com or Julie at (716) 836-6565, ext. 134.

If you attend the festival, plan to park at TBZ. We're in a great spot, convenient to the festival.

'Lights Camera Auction!'

The TELLL Fund, a fund though The Buffalo Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies in memory of Joan and Samuel Shatkin, is excited to announce its upcoming art auction event. 'Lights Camera Auction!', with support of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, will be held at Temple Beth Zion, Sunday, May 19 from 4 - 6 PM in the Rabbi Joseph L. Fink Auditorium. Enjoy the thrill of live bidding, silent auction, refreshments and entertainment. For more information, contact Cindy Oppenheimer, (716) 308-4843, ceoppenheimer@gmail.com

Culinary Committee

The Temple Beth Zion Culinary Committee prepares Shabbat dinner in February. Always a delicious meal!



Social Action Collects Donations

The Temple Beth Zion Social Action Committee collected luggage for the Fostering Greatness "Luggage of Love" drive. Thank you to all who donated for this worthy cause!



TBZ in Florida

March was the perfect time for Rabbi Brent Gutmann and Jill Gutmann to visit with TBZers in Florida. This group got together in sunny Sarasota.





Mah Koreh B'CRS?

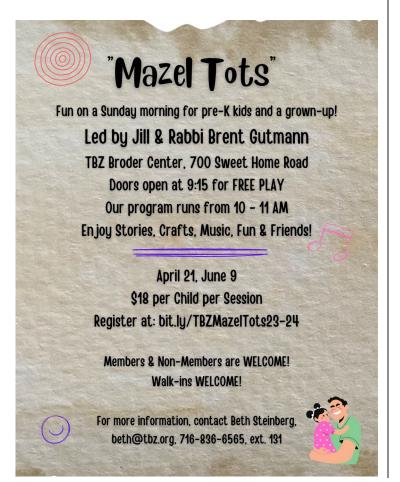
(What's Happening at CRS)

Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and unaffiliated families. One community, one community school. CRS provides engaging curriculum which includes Holidays, Israel, Torah, Ethics/Values, Life cycle, History, Food/Cooking, Art and Music. The Hebrew curriculum is taught as private, remote lessons to students from 1st through 7th grade. Hebrew is reinforced during inclass T'fillah time on Sundays. Family programs are scheduled for each grade to follow this year's theme of M'dor L'dor.

For more information on our academic program for students Pre-K through 7th, our Madrichim program for 8th-12th graders, or to become a supporter, please contact Einav Symons, the CRS Director at (716)574-6016.

Please check out our website <u>www.crsbuffalo.com</u> for registration and updates.

Einav Symons buffalocrs@gmail.com or (716) 574-6016







Bar Mitzvah Parker Dax Reich

Saturday, April 20 Son of Eric & Cara Reich



To Loretta Kaminsky and Robert "Bob" Chick on their marriage.



New Members

Bryan & Krystal Daniels Edward and Ivy Jolton David Wagner & Sarah Appleton

Simchas

We relish the opportunity to offer Mazel Tov! for the simchas and achievements in the lives of our community members. We often include notes of congratulations on graduations, 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. Please contact Julie at julie@tbz.org or 836-6565 ext. 134.

Bagel Brunch

Sisterhood hosted a lovely Bagel Brunch at Wegmans in March. Thank you to Lynn Klein for organizing this great get-together.



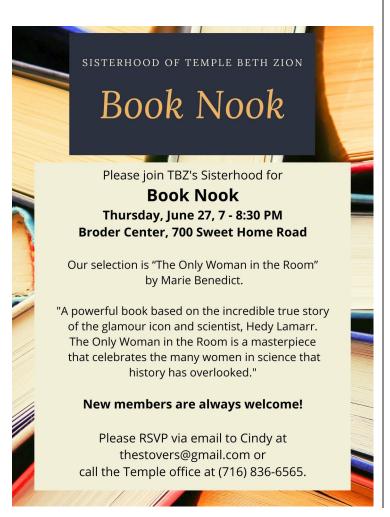


Sisterhood to Honor Judy Henn at Sisterhood Shabbat



Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue and via livestream

Sisterhood invites you to attend our Annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service. During the service, we will honor Judy Henn with the Nancy J. Borins Woman of the Year Award. Please join us for a wonderful celebration.



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Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

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For your table: Seder plates, matzah plates, charoset dishes, salt water dishes, matzah covers, afikoman bags, Miriam Cups, Elijah Cups, tablecloths and runners from Israel.



For the kids: afikomen prizes, books, finger puppets and frogs





We are not open without an appointment

For an appointment, text, call or email Susan (716) 982-2099,
nana4susan@gmail.com or Dee (240) 446-1211

By supporting the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop you support the TBZ programs and projects





TBZ Sisterhood Dash's Receipt Fundraiser

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

Receipts can be dropped off at the Broder Center or Delaware building. Ask your friends and neighbors to help too!

Thank you in advance for your support!



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