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Sukkot

*Join us for one or more
of the planned gatherings
in the Sukkah.*

*There is something
for everyone!*

See page 5 for details.

SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION

Friday, October 6

5 PM "Kid-Friendly" Dinner in the Fink Auditorium

6 PM Erev Shabbat/Simchat Torah Service
in the Sanctuary

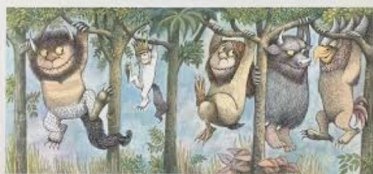
Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue

RSVP for dinner at bit.ly/TBZConsecrationDinner2023
or scan below



Temple Beth Zion presents...

"Wild Things" SHABBAT



Dress up as your
favorite WILD THING!

Friday, October 20

805 Delaware Ave.

5:30 PM Child-Friendly Shabbat Service

6:15 PM Dinner -- Reservations Required by 10/17

RSVP at bit.ly/WILDTHINGSTBZ

Early Bird Registration by 10/10

\$5/person, \$20/family of 4+

After 10/10

\$10/person, \$36/family of 4+

(Free for 2 yrs. and younger)



Temple Beth Zion Presents the Premiere Showing of...

BLUM
JEWISH EDUCATION
PROJECT



"WELCOME TO BUFFALO"

A short documentary about Judaism, the
architecture of Temple Beth Zion, & the
history of Jews in Buffalo.

7 PM Friday, October 13, 2023

During Shabbat Services in the
Sanctuary at 805 Delaware

FUNDED BY THE GENEROSITY OF
THE BLUM FAMILY, AS PART OF THE
BLUM JEWISH EDUCATION PROJECT

TEMPLE BETH ZION



Letter from the President

Last year, my term coincided with the start of a new rabbi. We had eight new board members. We were coming out of the pandemic and two years of limited programming and engagement for our members. We accomplished quite a bit from July 2022 - June 2023 but knew there was much more work ahead.

As my second year started in July, I knew that we wanted to keep our positive momentum going. We had completed another successful year as part of the Grinspoon LIFE & LEGACY Program, had launched many wonderful programs including the grand re-opening of the Cofeld Judaic Museum, and re-energized and re-engaged many congregants through our working committees. We also had a wonderful opportunity to raise funds with a matching gift to repair, restore, and refurbish our spiritual home at 805 Delaware. Oh, and we had a new Executive Director start to boot!

Through all of this, I knew there was one other major initiative coming that we had to get right – hire an additional clergy member to join the team and partner with Senior Rabbi Brent Gutmann. I’m pleased to share with you the names of the nine chosen search committee members as well as the process we’ll be following.

The committee is charged with identifying a second full-time ordained rabbi or cantor by working with both the ACC (Cantor’s Assembly) and CCAR (Rabbinic union). They will develop applications, conduct interviews, and evaluate each candidate’s strength and growth areas before making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. An on-site visit will likely be a part of this process and opportunities to meet with congregants may be planned.

Please note that after discussions with Rabbi Gutmann and others, we have found that creating an application for either a rabbi or a cantor is very commonplace and the goal will be to find the best person for TBZ, regardless of their designation as a cantor or rabbi.

Finally, here are the individuals who all eagerly agreed to serve on the search committee. They include Ann Cohen, Michael Adler, Eric Bernhardt, Stacey Block, Jeff Jolton, Kathy Ellis, Ken Graber, Aaron Mango (co-chair), and Jennifer Field (co-chair).

If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly at president@tbz.org. I look forward to sharing more information as the committee begins their work.

Kenneth Polk



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

Please note: Beginning Friday, October 13, Erev Shabbat Services will begin at 7 PM.

Friday, October 6

Consecration/Simchat Torah Service **6 PM**
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, October 7

Joint Simchat Torah Service **10:30 AM**
At Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive

Friday, October 13

Shabbat Evening Service **7 PM**

Saturday, October 14

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 AM**
Bat Mitzvah of Madison Monkarsh
Service at Canterbury Woods **11 AM**

Friday, October 20

Young Families "Wild Things" Shabbat
Classical Evening Service **5:30 PM**
7 PM

Saturday, October 21

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

Friday, October 27

Shabbat Evening Service at Broder **7 PM**

Saturday, October 28

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 AM**
Bat Mitzvah of Talia Yonaty
Service at Canterbury Woods **11 AM**

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, October 9. If you have a lifecycle emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.



Letter from the Rabbi

Putting Intentions Into Action

Last week we concluded the High Holy Day season for 5784 with Yom Kippur. For many, Yom Kippur is the climax of the year. Marked by elegant worship and the greatest crowds we see in synagogue throughout the year, we ask God to support our desire to become the people whom we hope to be, but this whole exercise is lost without action. In fact, the emphasis in Judaism today on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur somewhat inverts the ancient purpose of the High Holy Days, because the High Holy Days actually developed as a preparatory ritual for the fall harvest festival of Sukkot.

According to a well-known custom, the first thing we do following the conclusion of Yom Kippur is to go home and begin building the Sukkah, the temporary dwelling we utilize during the harvest festival. This teaches us that once we have set our intentions and made plans, we need to act. At its core, Judaism is about putting spiritual ideals and ethical visions into action.

Strengthening Temple Beth Zion has been at the core of all we have done this past year. Leading our great congregation is a huge privilege for me. Recent years' challenges hardly represent the significance of our Temple through the course of its history. By continuing the process of healing, maintaining, and repairing, we are getting back on track. Getting back on track this past year has meant working together to offer meaningful programming, build partnerships with the wider Jewish and Interfaith communities, deepen our commitment to repairing our world, and being present in the lives of our members. We are blessed by all of you who are helping and for your dedication in seeing us reaffirm our mission.

Even if you do not personally build a Sukkah, there are many ways for you to enjoy the fall holiday with us. Thank you to those of you who joined us for our Sukkah raising programs at the Broder Center and at 805 Delaware. Temple Beth Zion offers the opportunity this year to visit not one, two, or three, but four unique Sukkot through the course of the festival. Please see all the details on page 5, including Football in the Sukkah at the Gutmann home. My family and I look forward to welcoming you. Go Bills!

While the majesty of the High Holy Days is once again behind us, now the fun begins! We hope to see you at one of our many Sukkot celebrations and all year long.

Happy Sukkot Holiday! Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Brent Gutmann

Dear Fellow Congregants:



It is our privilege to be Chairs for the Kol Nidre campaign this year. We look forward to working with all of you to support our synagogue.

Unity and Growth are the themes for this year's Kol Nidre Campaign. We are optimistically looking forward to a future with unlimited growth together as a Jewish community.

We have been able to come together for all the beautiful events that make up our lives. Our Temple is central to many of those events and our families.

You have received materials for donations and pledges. We ask that you generously support this Kol Nidre campaign so that we can promote all the activities and programs that we love and have come to enjoy.

The amount of your donation is not as important as your participation.

We are one family and the need has never been greater.

Thank you again.

Ken and Adrienne Graber
Sam and Joni Shatkin
2023-2024 Campaign Chairs

Culinary Committee Corner

The Culinary Committee aka CC was formed following the 2023 Freedom Seder. We are composed of an intergenerational group of women and men who have a passion for cooking, baking, laughing and sharing our stories and, of course, recipes!

Since the Freedom Seder, we have provided several Community Dinners and Onegs. Members of the committee put their hearts and souls into everything they create, and we are overwhelmed with joy at the reception we have received from the congregation.

During and after the Freedom Seder, the CC became acutely aware of the lack of kitchen equipment in the Delaware kitchen - knives, prep bowls, sieves, standing mixer and other basics to make it a functional kitchen.

Some of our CC team also belong to the Sisterhood and we are delighted and thankful that they have generously donated kitchen knives. So, what can you individually or collectively do to help? If anyone is downsizing/breaking apart their kitchen or updating their kitchen equipment, please think of donating your gently-used equipment to the kitchen!

Last word: all are welcome to join the committee either on an occasional basis or more regularly. You do not have to be a Master Chef! All inquiries should be sent to joanbee1952@gmail.com.

Jill Gutmann and Joan Taulbee
Culinary Committee Co-chairs



The second year of Temple Beth Zion's participation in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY® at Buffalo program ended well. On September 9, Linda Barat, Jewish



Buffalo's LIFE & LEGACY Coordinator, presented a check to Temple Beth Zion on behalf of Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies and the Buffalo Jewish Federation. Having secured 25 donor letters of intent in our second year, TBZ earned a \$7,500 unrestricted incentive grant that may be used at the Temple's discretion.

The success of our second year energizes us as we head into our third year (we already have two commitments for Year 3 – watch your future Bulletin issues for more updates). Temple Beth Zion is fortunate to be one of 11 agencies and synagogues that are part of the program, brought to our community by the Foundation and the Federation. The Foundation's team – Irv Levy, Lorne Steinhart and Linda Barat – has been instrumental in the success of LIFE & LEGACY for Temple Beth Zion, and for Jewish Buffalo, and we greatly appreciate their efforts.

This program offers an opportunity for our members' vision and generosity to make a meaningful impact long after their lifetime by establishing endowments for Jewish Buffalo. Maybe this is the year you can create something special – YOUR Jewish Legacy.

I encourage you to contact me about this incredible opportunity. If each of us join together, our Temple and community will be strong for generations to come.

Finally, I welcome and thank everyone who made commitments in our second year: David H. & Joan B. Alexander, The Rev. Sarah Buxton-Smith, Tim Carney & Sarah Gellman Carney, Cathryn Cohen, Frederick B. Cohen, R. Maura Cohen, Lisa Corrin, David & Janet Desmon, Katherine Ellis, Marvin L. (z"l) & Marcia Rashman Frankel, Warren & Patty Gelman, Kenneth E. Graber, Jill A. & Rabbi Brent Gutmann, Lynn L. Hirsch, Alison & Kevin Keane, Henry Keane, Toby F. Laping, David Oestreicher, Barry Singer, Marilyn Singer, Eli Honig & miriam treger honig, Ellen & Gene Warner, Jake Warner, Samantha White, and Janet Wisbaum (z"l). The Donors in Year 2 join the 18 Donors who made commitments to Temple Beth Zion in Year 1 of the program.

Kenneth Polk
president@tbz.org

So Much Sukkot!

Let's come together and celebrate Sukkot with family, friends and your whole TBZ community. Join us in the Sukkah as we lift and shake the lulav and etrog.

Sukkot is a reminder that a person can have all the material objects in the world, but it is a miserable existence if it's not shared with others. Join us as we celebrate the joy and happiness of being together in the Sukkah. There is room for everyone!



FOOTBALL IN THE SUKKAH!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 12:30 PM

You are Invited to wear your team gear and watch the Bills take on the Dolphins in the Rabbi Gutmann home Sukkah. Beer and wings provided.

Contact Sue at sue@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565 to RSVP and receive the address and directions.



TBZ BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS: "PIZZA & BEER" IN THE SUKKAH AT BRODER

Enjoy a brew with a slice or two, while you schmooze with the Brotherhood guys. TBZ members are welcome to attend at no charge. \$5.00 admission for guests of TBZ.

6:00-7:30 PM, Monday, October 2nd
700 Sweet Home Road

RSVP to Errol Sull, (716) 912-8706



"Cider in the Sukkah"

Come for apple cider and donuts. Stay to shake the lulav & etrog!

5:30-7 PM, Wednesday, 10/4
In the Broder Sukkah, 700 Sweet Home Rd.
Indoors in case of rain.
No charge! Everyone Welcome!

Please RSVP to Sue Bruckheimer: 716-982-2099
Sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion

PIZZA & BOARD GAMES

IN THE SUKKAH

TBZ BRODER CENTER
700 SWEET HOME RD., AMHERST, 14226

TBAZY

ALL TEENS IN THE COMMUNITY (8TH-12TH GRADE) ARE WELCOME!



THURSDAY
OCT 5, 2023
6 TO 8:30
PM

WE'LL HAVE BOARD GAMES, BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING A FAVORITE OF YOUR OWN!

RSVP TO ZACK:
YOUTH@TBZ.ORG

Mah Koreh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

It certainly was a blast on the first day of school, not just that of the shofar!

Students learned about honey production from a professional apiary, along with blessings for apples and honey. The students wrote great acrostic poems for the words S-O-R-R-Y and T-E-S-H-U-V-A. Younger students enjoyed learning about the story of Jonah from Gail Lewis's amazing puppet show! Making sukkah decorations for Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion and Congregation Shir Shalom while learning about Hiddur Mitzvah was the focus in the Succot rotation. Finally, the students explored the Torah in the sanctuary with Rabbis Gutmann, Lazarus-Klein and Rich. The morning culminated with the sounds of the shofar as we all prepared to usher in the new year.

This year, parents participated in a getting-to-know-you activity with other parents. This opportunity was so successful that parents stayed to *schmooze* until the end of Religious School and even asked for more opportunities like this in the future!

On October 8, the whole school is invited to participate in a Simchat Torah program at TBT at 9:30 AM. Regular classes will resume at CSS on October 15, with a meet-the-teacher opportunity for parents. Ganainu will meet on October 22, along with a K/1st grade Family program. The 2nd grade Family program will take place on October 29.

This year, Rabbis Gutmann, Lazarus-Klein and Rich will be teaching in the grades 6-7 classes and focus their teaching on current Jewish perspectives to ethical dilemmas.

The first Friday night service for CRS will take place at Congregation Shir Shalom on October 27 at 7 PM.

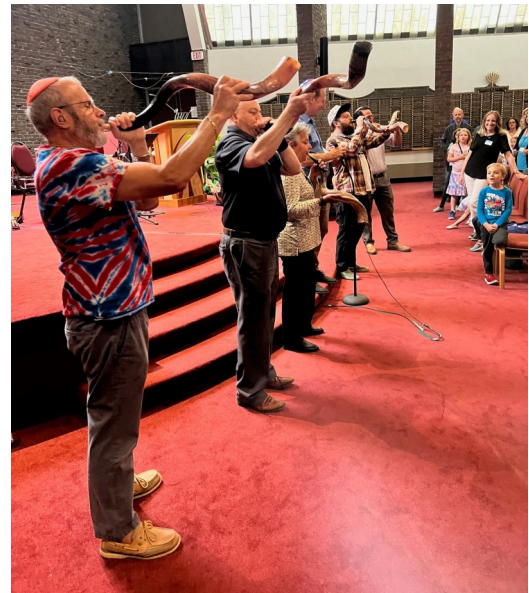
CRS is an inclusive pluralistic Community Religious School that inspires Jewish identity, literacy, and values. Our Rabbis, educators and role models foster an environment where leadership, lifelong friendships and family connections thrive. The Community Religious School serves the students of Temple 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, Lifecycle, 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 in-class T'fillah time on Sundays. Our amazing madrichim (grades 8-12) serve as role-models and are an integral component of CRS. Family programs are scheduled for each grade to follow this year's theme of M'dor L'dor.

Please check out our website www.crsbuffalo.com for registration and updates.

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.

Einav Symons, Community Religious School Director
buffalocrs@gmail.com, (716) 574-6016



Is Your Teen Ready to Change the World?

Parents of teens in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, have I got an opportunity for your teen! If they have any interest in learning more about Jewish values, community, and their own identity in a welcoming, inspiring, and inclusive environment, L'Taken is it!

L'Taken is a high-quality, age-appropriate, and fun Social Justice Seminar organized by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Rabbi Gutmann and I will chaperone TBZ students in Washington, DC, from February 23-26, 2024. Would your teen be interested in joining our group?

Following our L'Taken weekend earlier this year, I wrote glowingly about the experience we'd just had. Several TBZ parents wanted to know more about L'Taken and expressed their hope that we would offer the same opportunity again this year. The good news is...yes, we are! But we need to know who is interested by October 16.



As a L'Taken participant, your teen will learn Reform Jewish perspectives on contemporary issues such as gun violence, climate change, voting rights, immigration reform, reproductive rights, and more. They will also receive excellent critical thinking, public speaking, and legislative advocacy training. They will have opportunities to connect with other teens from across the country. They will prepare to meet with our local Congressional representatives to advocate for the causes that matter most to them. And, on Monday, everyone heads to Capitol Hill!

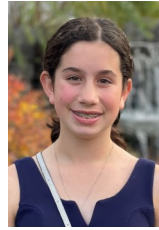
The weekend also includes sightseeing, visits to the Smithsonian, inspirational Shabbat services, a trip to Georgetown, and a candle-lit Havdalah at the Jefferson Memorial.

The cost is \$617 per student and includes the conference, hotel accommodations (2/room), and most meals. \$100 spending money and airfare are additional. Financial assistance is available from TBZ for those in need.

I invite you to visit www.rac.org for more information, but feel free to call/email me as well. Space at L'Taken is always limited. We currently only have FOUR student spots, so please let me know if your teen is interested. I look forward to hearing from you before 10/16!

L'shalom,
Beth Steinberg (she/her)
Director of Member Experience
beth@tbz.org
(716) 836-6565 ext. 131

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Mazel Tov!



Bat Mitzvah Madison Weiss

Saturday, October 7
Daughter of Mandy & Everett Weiss



Bat Mitzvah Madison Monkarsch

Saturday, October 14
Daughter of Mindy & David Monkarsch



Bat Mitzvah Talia Yonaty

Saturday, October 28
Daughter of Kim & Stephen Yonaty

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Welcome!

New Members

Zachary Glick
Marla Kameny & Daniel Sage
Ben Kerman & Sarah Baird
Austin Skobel & Corey Sveinsson-Skobel
Samantha & Robert Townsley

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Honorable Menschen

Thank you to Paul Billoni and Colvin Cleaners for cleaning the American and Israeli flags that stand on the bimah in our Sanctuary.

Thank you to Sara Schultz, Halli and Sol Glina for tending to the Golden Friendship Garden at our Delaware building.

For Knitters and Non-knitters

The Sisterhood is once again collecting new handmade and purchased winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for programs sponsored by Jewish Family Services. Please get knitting and drop off your donated items at the Broder Center Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 2 PM.

Sisterhood Spotlight

Now that we are in a new year and Fall is upon us, how many of us look around and see the changes that occur? With Fall comes the beautiful colors that Nature provides for us. The oranges, reds, yellows and browns are spectacular. We are in a part of the country that not only accepts change but looks forward to it. How about us? Many times we say that we would like to change things in our lives but never get around to doing it. Being the best person that we can be is something to strive for but difficult to achieve. Sisterhood and Temple offer us so many different opportunities to participate and be part of a community. Celebrating Sukkot offers many different activities. We are sponsoring a Cancer Walk on October 14, a guided tour of the AKG Art Museum in October, Book Nook on November 2, and the Kaaren Norman Games Galore on November 7. Sometimes the best way to improve your life is by helping someone else. There are many ways to help others. We can start by finding out if there are people in our own community in need of help. Family Promise, Haven House and Friends of the Night People are organizations that we have supported. Many schools and libraries need volunteers. Change happens to all of us and we can embrace it. Become the person you would like to be and join us in our endeavors to improve ourselves and our community.

Sharon Winer (swiner4@gmail.com)

Shellie Rutstein (shellier378@gmail.com)




**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!

Thank you for your help with our ongoing Dash's Market receipt fundraiser! With the wonderful support we have received, we have raised \$497. The funds raised go back to Temple Beth Zion to support programming and scholarships. Please continue to save your receipts and drop them off at the Broder Center or Delaware building.



**WRJ SISTERHOOD OF
TEMPLE BETH ZION
INVITES YOU TO**

THE KAAREN NORMAN GAMES GALORE PARTY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • 11:30 AM

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road
Bring your game and your group for a fun afternoon.
Mahjong, Scrabble and cards are some of the games
enjoyed during this Election Day event.

In addition to games, enjoy a delicious lunch and dessert.

**Games Galore Reservation
(due by November 1)**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I will bring a dessert to share with the group *(optional)*

Player names: _____

\$15 per person x _____ people = \$_____ enclosed

Please make checks payable to TBZ Sisterhood and
mail to: Judy Swadron, 94 Stonham Way,
Williamsville, NY 14221

Call Judy (716) 688-1616 with any questions.

*Event named in tribute to its outstanding leader
and sponsored by the family of Kaaren Norman*

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

October 2023 Special
Sale 10% off

NEW ITEMS arrived just after the Holidays
Shipping was delayed
WHICH MEANS SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR YOU

NEW Special items for High Holy Days
NEW Jewelry, and NEW Tallits
(some exceptions apply)

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

We are OPEN by appointment for in-store shopping
or for curbside pick up. We can also send pictures to you.

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

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

SISTERHOOD
OF TEMPLE BETH ZION
Book Nook

Thursday, November 2, 7 - 8:30 PM
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Our selection is
"The Sweetness of Forgetting"
by Kristin Harmel.

The book follows a woman who must travel from
Cape Cod to Paris to uncover a family secret for her
dying grandmother. It is a tale of baking, love, hope
and faith across generations.

New members are always welcome!

Please RSVP to Cindy at
thestovers@gmail.com.

Leading to an Affirmation of Judaism Confirmation 2024

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word "confirm" roughly as "to give approval to, to ratify, to make firm or firmer, to strengthen, or to give new assurance of the validity of..."

Children mature considerably from the age of B-Mitzvah to the age of Confirmation. As older teens, they have a stronger desire to explore, form new relationships, and navigate their social world. They have an amazing capacity to learn new information and to develop complex perspectives on what they learn.

At Temple Beth Zion, Confirmation is a special ceremony during which our older teens ratify, strengthen, and assure the validity of their Jewish identities and beliefs. This lifecycle event comes after several months of challenging and engaging study with Rabbi Gutmann, held once a month on Sundays from 6-8 PM at our Broder Center.

During this series of 7 sessions, the 10th- 12th grade students who choose to be confirmed early next June will develop unique and meaningful bonds with one another as well as with the Rabbi and Temple Beth Zion. These affiliations can last for years, and the special memories they make can influence their Jewish identity and their connection to the Jewish community well into adulthood. With Rabbi Gutmann's inspiring guidance, they will explore Jewish perspectives on topics such as decency, diversity, theology, life & death, antisemitism, Jewish history, and the development of Reform Judaism.

If you are the parent/grandparent of a teen in this age group, please share this with them. Class sessions are 11/12, 12/10, 1/21, 2/11, 3/10, 4/14 and 5/19. Dinner will be provided at each class. A dress rehearsal in the sanctuary is scheduled for 6/2, and Confirmation will be celebrated at services on Friday, June 7.

Please register at: bit.ly/TBZConfirmation2024 or use the QR code.



If you would like to learn more or have any questions, please feel free to contact Beth Steinberg, Director of Member Experience, beth@tbz.org, or Rabbi Brent Gutmann, rabbi@tbz.org, or call our office at (716) 836-6565.

Back by Popular Demand!

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.

2023-24 Class Dates

**Mondays: Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 18, Jan. 22,
Feb. 12, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20**
Broder Center, or via Zoom, 1-2:30 PM

**\$90/series for TBZ members
\$144/series for non-members.**

Registration Link:

bit.ly/JewishMedicalEthics23-24

Or scan QR code below



For more info contact Beth Steinberg, Director of Member Experience, at 716-836-6565, ext 131, beth@tbz.org

"Jewish Wisdom for Turbulent Times"



Lunch & Learn

With Rabbi Gutmann

Lunch & Learn resumes on a new day!

Thursdays from Noon to 1:30 PM
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.

2023-2024 Calendar:

Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1,
Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2, Jun. 6

Bring your lunch and join the conversation!

For more info contact Beth at beth@tbz.org
or (716) 836-6565, ext. 131

Learn with Rabbi Gutmann...

iEngage: Together and Apart



Weekly Classes on Wednesdays, 10-11:30 AM, at the Broder Center (700 Sweet Home Rd.):

11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, and 1/17

Members and Non-Members Welcome!

Tuition (incls. all materials):

\$100/members, \$180/non-members

*Register at: <https://bit.ly/iEngageTogether>
or by scanning the QR code:*



ADULT experiences

FALL 2023 - WINTER 2024

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Beginning Hebrew
Intro to Judaism
Let's Chant

Intermediate Hebrew
Jewish Buffalo Reads
My Jewish Life

WOMEN GATHERING COHORTS

Women Gathering

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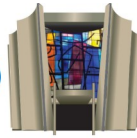
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Cofeld Corner

Chana R. Kotzin, Ph.D.

“Architecture, Art and Spiritual Beauty as One”

Throughout September and October, our stunning stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary at 805 Delaware Ave are both backdrop and center stage to our High Holy Days observances. It is hard to believe that the two windows began life as plain flat glass in the initial design of the Sanctuary. The familiar hues we enjoy today are a part of our Beth Zion identity. After discussions in 1965, Max Abramovitz in conjunction with Ben Shahn brought forth a new vision to suffuse the Sanctuary space with color to lift the spirit. Technically innovative in multiple ways, this art and architectural feat came together through a united team of engineers, artists, manufacturers and construction specialists.



Image: Window in front of the bimah showing steel cradle design and oculus. Image courtesy of Chana Kotzin.

You can read more about the background of Abramovitz and Shahn in the Cofeld Museum displays. Abramovitz was known for his industrial buildings rather than spaces of faith, and Ben Shahn was a renowned figurative painter and printer. Shahn’s Hebrew calligraphy, which emerged as a part of his artistic portfolio in later life, also possesses the qualities of living animation, with letters that appear to leap and dance. But Ben Shahn and Max Abramovitz both expanded their oeuvre at Temple Beth Zion. The ability to build with density and light using concrete and glass fascinated Abramovitz, while for Shahn, the possibilities of glass and mosaics inspired him. The windows became daring curves like those of the walls, bowing out across large expanses that lean on steel support and cabling to counter the elements, yet appear suspended magically between the walls.

Translating art into architecture required not only Abramovitz and Shahn to work together, but an entire team of other professionals. Glass was selected from Europe through importers Leo Popper and Sons, and at Willet Glass it was cut, painted, fired and leaded into place by ten craftsmen, each with a different skill set, including Benoît Gilsoul. Together they found new techniques to improve on image adaption, waterproofing and glazing. The company also worked closely with an array of engineers. Norman Sollenberger, Robert West, and Lev Zetlin collaborated closely with Siegfried Construction, J. Fruchtbaum, Bethlehem Aluminum and the Horace T. Potts Company to create special supports and cables to hold the glass design. Working for more than a year together, they considered environmental impact, wind forces, curvature, and support mechanisms to create a wire tension cradle that also preserved the integrity of the art design. Integration of innovation and practical design for both windows translated into Ben Shahn’s other design elements: the mosaic inlay and the bimah menorah.

Next time, as you leave the sanctuary and enter the lobby, look upward as you go, and you’ll see the glass metal supports known as mullions measuring just 2 inches wide with quarter inch steel tension cables spaced every two feet horizontally. Together with vertical rods, they hold the glass abstract composition representing a voice out of the whirlwind that spoke to Job (Job 38:4-7). Art and architecture, faith and identity all fuse together as one.

Recycling for a Cause with the TBZ Social Action Committee

In today's world, it is more important than ever to be mindful of our actions and their impact on the environment. As the concerns about climate change and environmental degradation grow, it becomes crucial for individuals and communities to take proactive steps towards sustainability. The Temple Beth Zion Social Action Committee is leading the way by promoting recycling for a cause and encouraging everyone to reuse, reduce, and recycle.

One of the primary goals of the TBZ Social Action Committee is to raise awareness about the importance of recycling. Recycling is a simple yet effective way to minimize waste and conserve valuable resources. By reprocessing materials like paper, plastic, glass, and metal, we can reduce the strain on our natural resources and limit the amount of waste ending up in landfills producing even more climate warming methane.

The committee urges everyone to make conscious and intentional purchases with an understanding of how those choices can impact the environment. By opting for products with less packaging or choosing reusable items, we can significantly reduce our carbon footprint. "Wishcycling", throwing items in our bins in that don't belong, wastes time and money for our municipalities. Please pay attention to what is acceptable! Also, always clean and dry your items to prevent contamination and keep the rats away. We can now recycle #1,2,4 and 5 plastics in Amherst. No plastic bags in our bins please!

To make recycling more impactful, TBZ has partnered with Bottle and Can Retrieval Centers for a recycling fundraiser. If you wish to contribute, head to any of their locations, including 2788 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, and inform them that you're donating your recyclables to Temple Beth Zion. For a complete list of locations and their hours, go to <https://bottleandcanrc.com>.



By recycling for a cause, you're not only helping the environment but you are also supporting TBZ's charitable efforts. Let's embrace the principles of reusing, reducing, and recycling and work together towards a cleaner and healthier world. Join TBZ and take part in their noble cause to protect the environment and make a meaningful difference.

Samantha White and Sara Schultz

Kristallnacht Commemoration

Music has the power to mediate but also intensify responses to social injustice. The Jewish Community will remember the events of Kristallnacht - the night of broken glass, through an evening of prayer, music with BPO cellist Robbie Hausmann, and stories from second-generation survivors whose parents witnessed Kristallnacht

Thursday, November 9, 2023
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood Chapel
805 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209



A Sweet S'lichot

TBZ's observance of S'lichot opened with chocolate delights and jazz music performed by the Jay/Sharptet. Rabbi Gutmann, Judy Henn, and Cantor Mark Horowitz then led an inspiring candle-lit service to usher in the High Holy Days. Many congregants participated during the service in the lovely ritual of changing the Torah covers to white, representing purity and the wish that, through repentance, our sins will be made as white as snow.

Special thanks to Kathy Ellis and Errol Sull for providing a delicious array of chocolate delights and to Pattie Abeles for helping!



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