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Happy  
Hanukkah

## Lights & Latkes

Hanukkah & Erev Shabbat Dinner and Service

Friday 12/27, Broder Center

5:30 PM Pizza, Salad, Latkes & More

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat & Hanukkah Service

Featuring the TBZ Adult Volunteer Choir  
& Special Guest Musicians!

Please RSVP for Dinner by Friday 12/20,  
so we have enough latkes for everyone!  
[bit.ly/HanukkahShabbat2024](https://bit.ly/HanukkahShabbat2024)



Don't forget to  
bring your Hanukkiyah!



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Letter from the President

### Planning Ahead

As we approach the end of 2024, I look back at the successes we have experienced this year. While I am proud of what we have collectively accomplished, there certainly were challenges we faced as well. And, while we have made so much progress, there is still so much left to do. In 2025, we will complete the administrative office move to 805 Delaware, celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and have a leadership transition, all while continuing to create great programming to engage our members.

Knowing that we want to continue serving our congregation by enhancing our programming, your financial support remains vital. As you think about your 2024 year-end planning, please keep the following in mind:

**Kol Nidre Campaign:** Donations, whether large or small, help us to meet our current needs. If you have already donated to the Campaign, I thank you. If you have not, please consider doing so now. Your year-end gift will truly make a difference.

**805 Delaware Campaign:** We have made tremendous progress in raising funds for interior and exterior needs at our downtown home. We are grateful to the Benderson family for their gift of matching funds. As we continue to invest in 805 Delaware, we have plans to enhance security, renovate the Fink Auditorium, improve our audio/visual functionality, and more! These efforts will ensure that 805 Delaware is a thriving center of Jewish life in Buffalo and a spiritual home of which we can all be proud. Making a gift will help us achieve our goal of raising a total of \$12M.

**Cornerstone Society** - This new model establishes a membership program at a higher sustaining level for those who can provide such support. To ensure the financial health of the congregation, our goal is to build a base of early adopters who will inspire others to follow in their footsteps. The Society annual membership dues of \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$18,000 replaces your current dues amount. While this is a new initiative, I'm thrilled to share we have 16 congregants who have together donated an additional \$100,000 in dues through this program.

**Life & Legacy:** Now in its fourth year, TBZ is proud to participate in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's program, which promotes planned giving to benefit synagogues and other Jewish organizations. Your Life & Legacy gift ensures that your commitment and generosity will impact others long after your lifetime. Whether changing your will, or beneficiaries to a life insurance plan, anyone can participate

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## Worship Opportunities

Services below are held at 805 Delaware Avenue unless otherwise noted. Services are also available via livestream at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org). Torah Study begins in person at 9:15 AM each Saturday at 805 Delaware and via Zoom.

### Friday, December 6

Shabbat Evening Service

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings **7:15 PM**

### Saturday, December 7

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 AM**

### Friday, December 13

Classical Shabbat Evening Service **7:15 PM**

### Saturday, December 14

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 AM**

Service at Canterbury Woods **11 AM**

### Friday, December 20

Young Family Shabbat **5:30 PM**

Shabbat Evening Service **7:15 PM**

### Saturday, December 21

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 AM**

Service at Canterbury Woods **11 AM**

### Friday, December 27

Shabbat Evening Hanukkah Service at Broder **7:15 PM**

### Saturday, December 28

Shabbat Morning Service **10:30 AM**

Service at Canterbury Woods **11 AM**

### Special Oneg

805 Delaware Avenue

Friday, December 20

The Ellis and Donner family is sponsoring an Oneg to honor Kathy Ellis' retirement from ECC. The Oneg will follow our 7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service. All are welcome - please join us!

### Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, December 25 through Wednesday, January 1. 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

### Lights of Liberty

In the darkest days of winter we will light our Hanukkah menorahs to celebrate the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days after the Maccabees rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem, but the true story of Hanukkah is actually far more complicated. It tells of Jewish courage to stand up to tyrants for the sake of religious freedom, but also of internal Jewish division.

After coming to power in the year 175 BCE, the Greek Seleucid King Antiochus IV began an insidious encroachment on Jewish practice. He outlawed Jewish observances, including the Sabbath, festivals, and circumcision. He forbade the study of Torah and ordered its burning. In 171 BCE, Antiochus deposed the High Priest Jason and replaced him with Menelaus after the pro-Greek Jew bribed the King. This act followed years of discrimination against traditional Jewish practice, but it also represented a civil conflict between Jews themselves. In fact, the revolt's first casualty was not a Greek oppressor, but a Jewish tax collector, highlighting the internal divisions at the heart of the struggle.

In our modern context, we find ourselves critically divided once again. Following the reelection of former President Donald Trump, Jewish organizations across the political spectrum issued statements that reflect both hopes and concerns for the future. Groups like AIPAC and the Orthodox Union focused on the potential for strengthening U.S.-Israel relationship and combating antisemitism, while progressive Jewish organizations, including the Reform movement, voiced deep concerns about threats posed to Jewish values such as protecting marginalized communities, reproductive rights, and the LGBTQ+ and immigrant populations. This tension mirrors the Hanukkah story in profound ways. Just as the Maccabees resisted a regime that sought to suppress religious freedom of expression, today many Jews fear an erosion of justice and policies, endangering our values and freedoms.

Fast forward to our own nation's founding. While prominent loyalist such as Colonel David Salisbury Franks, Benedict Arnold's aide-de-camp at the time of his treason, and Isaac Touro, the Cantor of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, supported the British, Jewish patriots appear far more numerous. Soldiers and financiers like Colonel Solomon Bush, Mordecai Sheftall, Dr. Philip Moses Russell, Isaac Moses, Aaron Lopez, Michael Gratz,

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Special thanks to all those who made donations in honor of Cantor Susan Lewis-Friedman on her Installation.

### **Chai**

Howard Rosenhoch & Jody Goldstein

### **Shalom**

Susan Adelman  
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Michael & Joan Cohen  
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## Light a Candle for TBZ

As we light candles, we are reminded that Hanukkah commemorates not only the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers but also the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. A one-day supply of oil burned for eight days, creating the Miracle of Hanukkah.

We cannot rely solely on God's miracles to keep our candles lit. We ask you, the members of the TBZ community, to help make our TBZ flame burn a little brighter by making a year-end gift to TBZ.

If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Kol Nidre campaign, please do so. You can make a contribution by using the QR provided, logging into ShulCloud (<https://tbzbuffalo.shulcloud.com/form/KolNidreCampaign>), contacting the Temple office at (716) 836-6565, or mailing your contribution. If you have already made your gift, thank you for supporting our TBZ family.

From our families to yours, a hearty and heartfelt Chag Sameach!



Sam and Joni Shatkin  
David & Paulette Gordon  
2024-2025 Kol Nidre Campaign Chairs.



## New Members

Andrew and Adiel Hyman  
Jennifer "Jen" Ross  
Jeff Coren & Sarah Shapiro  
Rebecca Bernstein & John Doyle



To Amy Feldman and Josh Zernickel on their marriage. The couple were married on November 9. Amy is the daughter of Julie and Ed Feldman. Josh's parents are Lisa and Karl Zernickel.

To Warren Gelman on being selected for induction into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame class of 2024. Warren Gelman has had a long and influential career in local athletics. He was recognized for his dedication to youth hockey in WNY, and for creating girls hockey in Buffalo in the 1980s. Official induction took place on November 12.

Learn with Rabbi Gutmann & Cantor Susan Lewis-Friedman

## "Music & Mysticism"

What is Kabbalah? What is spirituality?  
How does Judaism define the essence of God?



Join this fascinating exploration of Jewish spirituality through music, meditation, and mysticism!

Wednesdays: 12/18, 1/22, 2/26, 3/26  
7-8:30 PM at the Broder Center

No Fee. No Registration Required.  
TBZ members & non-members welcome!

For more information, please reach out to Beth Steinberg,  
Director of Member Engagement & Programming  
716-836-6565, ext. 131, [beth@tbz.org](mailto:beth@tbz.org)



## Esther: A Persian Musical

(based on Hamilton)

Be a part of this year's Purim Spiel! There is something for everyone who wants to take part in the fun. The Spiel will take place on Thursday, March 13 at 805 Delaware.

Seeking:

- Esther – Able to rap and sing powerfully, a little dancing
- Mordecai – Able to both rap (very quickly) and sing
- King – Sing, including fast singing, a little dancing
- Haman – Sing
- Vashti – Sings one power ballad (Burn)
- Ensemble 1 – Singing and dance movements
- Ensemble 2 – Short solo rapping parts, and some basic dance movements
- Musicians – Calling all instrument players
- Costumer – Period piece costumes
- Set Design – Multiple people needed

Interested? Contact Cantor Susan Lewis-Friedman at (716) 836-6565 or [cantorsusie@tbz.org](mailto:cantorsusie@tbz.org).

## College Connection

Taylor Newman, granddaughter of Jim and Marilyn Schillroth, loved receiving a College Connection box from her TBZ community at Rosh Hashanah. Everyone loves getting mail from home and these fun care packages are a reminder that we support our students wherever they are. Taylor is a student at Syracuse ESF.

Would you like us to send a College Connection box to your child or grandchild? See below for all the details.



It's challenging to be a teen.  
It's even more challenging to be a Jewish teen today.  
Where can you find connection, support, and community?  
Who can you look to for guidance?

**TBZ is here for you.**



### CHALLENGES & CHOICES (\$100) 8th & 9th Grades

Create a deeper connection to Judaism. Find practical ways to navigate life choices in healthy ways that reflect Jewish values.  
Taught by Rabbi Brent Gutmann

### CONFIRMATION (\$180) 10th-12th Grades

Engage with Jewish history, tradition, and teachings leading to a public affirmation of commitment to Judaism held on Shavuot.  
Taught by Cantor Susan Lewis-Friedman

**ALL SESSIONS: 6-8 PM Sundays at the Broder Center**  
We'll start with pizza & salad, cookies & conversation, fun & games, and opportunities to connect with one another!

Class Dates in 2024: 11/10/24, 12/22/24

Class Dates in 2025: 2x/month (TBD)

<https://bit.ly/MussarConfirmation24-25>

Call 716-836-6565 or email [beth@tbz.org](mailto:beth@tbz.org) for more information



College Connection  
2024-25!

HAPPY  
*Hanukkah*



TBZ's College Connection will send a little box of TBZ Hanukkah love to your child or grandchild living away from home, but only if you sign them up!

Email [beth@tbz.org](mailto:beth@tbz.org) by 12/10/24!

Please include: Your Name, Their Name, and Their College Mailing Address

If I already have their correct info from Rosh HaShanah, you do not need to email me again.

Thank you!

**Save the Date:**  
**April 25-27, 2025**

**Temple Beth Zion**

**TEENS**

**Travel to NYC**  
**with TBZ teens, led**  
**by Rabbi Gutmann!**

**See the sights!**  
**Explore Jewish**  
**New York!**

**For more info:**  
**Beth Steinberg**  
**[beth@tbz.org](mailto:beth@tbz.org), or**  
**716-836-6565 ext. 131**



**HANUKKAH**  
"ON ICE"

@ THE LEXUS CLUB  
INSIDE KEYBANK CENTER  
(NOT ACTUALLY ON THE ICE)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8  
FROM 1-4 PM

IDEAL FOR FAMILIES WITH  
CHILDREN AGES 12 AND UNDER.

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OR REGISTER ONLINE AT  
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### **Mah Koreh B'CRS** (What's Happening at CRS)

December has always been my mid-point to assess and evaluate our programs. This mid-point allows for both celebrating success and making needed adjustments. I am so excited to note that all our initiatives, plans and implementations have been going smoothly and successfully. Our Hebrew 1:1 initiative is going strong and the additional tracking means implemented this year clearly demonstrate the great progress our students are making. Regular parental feedback has been exceptionally helpful in assessing the students 'buy-in' to the Zoom meetings with their teachers. Our modified curriculum,



which includes high caliber electives, reflects CRS's emphasis on allowing students choices in their Religious School content. It also reflects the commitment of the congregational clergy to be involved and engaged with the CRS students. Thank you to the education committee, synagogue leadership, clergy, teachers, madrichim parents and students for its success.

This month will include a family education program led by Rabbi Gutmann. We also welcome visitors from Camp Havaya to share camp experiences with our students and parents. Our Chanukah program is organized and led our Madrichim. They have been showing great leadership and initiative under the guidance of their facilitator Renee Herman. Our CRS choir led by cantors Susie and Arlene continues to meet after CRS sessions and has begun performing around town! The Ganainu once-a-month pre-k program with Morah Ashirah continues to provide enriching learning and engaging opportunities for children and their parents and caregivers.

For more information on our academic program for students Pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup>, our Madrichim program for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, or to become a supporter, please contact me.

Rabbi Einav Symons  
Community Religious School Director  
(716) 574-6016.

## ALEPH CHAMP



**In-Person Hebrew Program for Kids in Grades 1 - 7**

- Thursdays, 4-5:30 PM at 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst
- OR
- Saturdays, 9:15 - 10:15 AM at 805 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo
- \$180/child (includes all books & materials)
- Financial assistance available

Join us for a fun, engaging Hebrew learning experience!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!





QUESTIONS:

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 (716) 836-6565



*Letter from the Cantor*

My heart is full from the wonderful installation weekend. We welcomed Cantor David Goldstein, Dr. Anne Lidsky, and my amazing musical collaborator and pianist, Paul Dykstra, who traveled from Chicago to be here, to join with Cantor Mark Horowitz, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, and many dear friends from Chicago and my family.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Jenn Field, who worked tirelessly to get us here, and is still helping my family and me in this transition. Joni Shatkin and Jenn were a dynamic duo in creating an unforgettable Installation weekend. Many thanks go to Stacey Block and Jenn Field, Chairs of my Search Committee, who were an unbelievable team. My thanks also to the Transition Committee: Michael Adler, Kerri Blabac, Ann Cohen, Jenn Field, Jeff Jolton, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, Jonathan Schultz, Joni Shatkin, Kathy Ellis, Cindy Stover, and to our President, Ken Polk.

Thank you to our amazing Adult Choir and all of our soloists who made the services so meaningful. Thank you to our amazing team at TBZ: Sue Stone, Beth Steinberg, Ysrael HaBahiyir, Julie Feldman, Ginny Stewart, Mark Hayman, Rabbi Brent and Jill Gutmann, Yves Thepaut, Ahmed Salih and Othman Abbas. Many thanks to our sound team, Larry Scheur, Kevin, Andrew and Jackson.

And last, but certainly not least, thank you to the love of my life, Ross Friedman. Temple Beth Zion is so blessed to have him as "Cantorzen". May we all all go from strength to strength as we serve you, with our full hearts, feeling forever bound by gratitude.

Cantor Susan Lewis-Friedman



### Cider in the Sukkah

*Sisterhood and friends shared a surprisingly warm fall evening celebrating Sukkot with our annual Cider in the Sukkah event.*

*The sukkah provided protection from the autumn breeze as we enjoyed our treats and the wonderful company.*

## TBZ SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU TO...



**Thursday, December 5, 7 - 8:30 PM**  
**Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd**

Our selection is **The Forest of Vanishing Stars** by Kristin Harmel. An intriguing WWII-era historical fiction novel about a mysterious young woman who teaches a group of Jews fleeing the Nazi terror how to survive in the wilderness. They in turn teach her how to open her heart after years of isolation.

**New members are always welcome!**

Please RSVP via email to Cindy at [thestovers@gmail.com](mailto:thestovers@gmail.com) or call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.

**BOOK NOOK**

## Buffalo Bills Custom Judaica Gear

*Preorder for Hanukkah*

**ALL SIZES AVAILABLE**

I can make any design in baby, kids or adult sizes

Adult Sweatshirts: \$45  
Adult T-shirts: \$30  
Kids Sweatshirt: \$35  
Kids T-shirts: \$25

**LONG/SHORT SLEEVE AND SWEATSHIRTS AVAILABLE**

When placing your order let me know what style shirt you would like and if there is a specific color shirt you'd like

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**716-982-2099/blizzardlover18@yahoo.com**

**a percentage of the profits will be donated to the TBZ Sisterhood Judaica Shop**





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SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP  
HANUKKAH SALE

**Shopping Locations & Hours**

**Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road**

Mondays, Dec 9, 16 & 23	10 AM-2 PM
Tuesdays, Dec 10 & 17	4:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesdays, Dec 11 & 18	10 AM-2 PM
Wednesday, Dec 18	4:30 - 7 PM
Thursdays, Dec 12 & 19	4 - 5 PM
Friday, December 27	6 - 7:15 PM

**805 Delaware Avenue**

Thursdays, Dec 12 & 19	5:30 - 7 PM
Friday, December 6, 13 & 20	6 - 7:15 PM

**Community Religious School, 4660 Sheridan Drive**

Sunday, December 8 & 15	8:30 - Noon*
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\*Students can shop for gifts during the hours above  
Parents are welcome from 8:30 - 9 AM and 11:30 AM

For more information or to schedule an appointment,  
contact Susan (716) 982-2099 or [nana4susan@gmail.com](mailto:nana4susan@gmail.com)  
or call Dee (240) 446-1211

**Mention this ad and receive an additional 10% off!**

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Shop helps support Sisterhood and Temple programs*



# "Mazel Tots"

Fun on a Sunday morning for pre-K kids and a grown-up!  
 With Rabbi Brent & Jill Gutmann  
 @TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.  
 9:15 AM FREE PLAY  
 10-11 AM Stories, Crafts, Music, Fun, & Friends!  
 Members, Non-Members & Walk-Ins are WELCOME!

Join us Sunday, December 15  
 Register at:  
[bit.ly/MAZELTOTS2024-25](http://bit.ly/MAZELTOTS2024-25)




For more info contact Beth Steinberg,  
[beth@tbz.org](mailto:beth@tbz.org), 716-836-6565, ext. 131

# Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Gutmann

Bring a lunch and join the conversation!

Thursday, December 5  
 Noon-1:30 PM  
 Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.





## RUN FOR THEIR LIVES

#BringThemHomeNow BUFFALO, NY

Wear red! Bring flags! Kids & Pets welcome!

Sunday, December 1 & 8 at 10 AM

Amherst Bike Path  
 (North Forest Road near Maple)



Join TBZ Social Action Committee

Run for them, walk for them, don't stop talking about them.

Please join us for

# Kiddush

A celebration of Shabbat!

Saturday, December 7  
 Temple Beth Zion  
 805 Delaware Ave., Buffalo 14209  
 Sponsored by  
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## Planning Ahead

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by establishing a meaningful legacy gift. Learn more by visiting [jewishphilanthropies.org/life-and-legacy/](http://jewishphilanthropies.org/life-and-legacy/).

**Programming:** From young family programming to adult education, and from our new cantor's musical initiatives, to supporting the stained-glass concert series, we have a myriad of programming needs that require additional funding and support. Your year-end gift would truly make an impact in creating more opportunities for engagement in 2025.

In closing, know that your support of TBZ is essential for our success. All year-end contributions can be made through ShulCloud, by mailing your check to TBZ, or by calling the Temple office. If you have questions about any of the items above, please get in touch with me at (716) 830-6438 or [president@tbz.org](mailto:president@tbz.org), or contact our Executive Director, Mark Hayman, at [mark@tbz.org](mailto:mark@tbz.org) or (716) 836-6565.

Let me also wish you and your family a very Happy Hanukkah!

Kenneth Polk  
[president@tbz.org](mailto:president@tbz.org)

## Lights of Liberty

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Joseph Simon, and Haym Salomon fought and sometimes sacrificed everything for the cause of liberty. A further parallel, Francis Salvador, the first Jew elected to serve in Congress, was also the first Jew to die fighting for the revolution.

With their help of their efforts, the United States offered Jews the opportunity to thrive more significantly than any country in history. So too, in every generation, there are disagreements and divisions with regard to defending our safety, our dignity, our identity, our values, and our future. As we light the Hanukkah menorah this year, may we do so with courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to what is right.

Rabbi Brent Gutmann

TBZ Brotherhood  
**ISRAELI WHISKEY TASTING**

*Erik Eustice*  
*Level 4 Whiskey Sommelier*



**6 PM, THURSDAY DECEMBER 12**

**\$36/Person**

**bit.ly/BrotherhoodWhiskey**



*Please also consider supporting Brotherhood by  
going to: <https://tbzbuffalo.shulcloud.com> and  
making a donation to “Brotherhood Contributions”*



Temple Beth Zion  
805 Delaware Ave., Bflo. 14209

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In memory of:

Virginia Ellis, by Gary & Anna Marie Richmond, Sol & Halli Glina  
Linda K. Snitzer, by Carl Snitzer

**COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In memory of:

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Mark White, by Joan & David Alexander

In honor of:

Michael Bruckheimer's birthday, by Candice Anker-Roehl  
Beverly Fineberg, by James Trotman & Susan Sweet

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In memory of:

Virginia Ellis, by Ysrael HaBahiyr  
The Yahrzeit of Dr. Arthur Weinmann, by The Weinmann Family

Donation by:

Larry Jones & Nancy Rosenbloom

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In memory of:

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In memory of:

Mark White, by Beth & Rick Steinberg

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In memory of:

Lieba Wolfgang, by Gary & Anna Marie Richmond  
My father Joseph Snitzer's Yahrzeit, by Carl Snitzer

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Brent Gutmann, by Dana Bulan & Brian Greene  
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For several months, at least once a month, congregants like you have hosted informal bagel kiddushes following our Shabbat Morning services. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Debra Chernoff and Larry Rubin, Anna Marie and Gary Richmond, and Joan Taulbee for providing the opportunity for our congregants and visitors to enjoy a bite while socializing and mingling in a relaxed setting after services.

Hosting a Shabbat Morning Bagel Kiddush is a joyous and rewarding way for you to give back to TBZ. We warmly invite any of our congregants to host, whether to celebrate a special occasion or simply to enjoy a pleasant nosh with *chaverim* (friends).

Don't let the thought of hosting overwhelm you. This is nothing like planning a B-Mitzvah reception! What you decide to provide could be as simple as a basket of bagels and a plate of shmears, or you can jazz it up with hummus, veggies, fruit, and cookies. The choice is yours, although we do have a few house rules you'll need to follow.

If you are interested in hosting a Shabbat Morning Bagel Kiddush, or learning more about it, please get in touch with Sue Stone, our Clergy Administrative Coordinator, at [sue@tbz.org](mailto:sue@tbz.org). Sue will be happy to provide you with a step-by-step guide and will help identify a date on the Temple calendar that works for you and TBZ. Everybody at services will be delighted – and we think you will be, too.



Permanent  
Yahrzeit Memorials

**December 6 & 7**

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Irma C. Brown          | Bessie Ruth Miller        |
| Harold A. Clark        | Sidney Mursten            |
| David Clark            | Victor Nover              |
| Herman Cohen           | Dr. Robert E. Reisman     |
| Gary Nelson Cohen      | Lulu C. Richbart          |
| Lillian Meyers Davis   | Steven Alan Rifkin        |
| Pearl Deull            | Rose Rizzuto              |
| Lillian Dosberg        | Isaac Rodgers             |
| Jerome Dreyfuss        | Ruth Setters              |
| Joseph Erenstoff       | Etta Locks Shaw           |
| Charles Fass           | Dorothy Elise Shaw        |
| Thelma J. Feinglass    | Fay Ann Singer            |
| Marcus Flinter         | Theodora Cowen Speser     |
| Arline Fogel           | Albert Stein              |
| Richard Scott Freedman | Nathan D. Steinhart       |
| Harry Gimp             | Max Stovroff              |
| Louis Glaser           | Mannie Swadron            |
| Lena Manch Gross       | Rose Daniels              |
| Dr. Arthur H. Grunfeld | Tanenbaum                 |
| Dr. Norman Haber       | Judge Ruth D. Vogel       |
| Meyer A. Kahn          | Nellie B. Warner          |
| Denia Warner Kempner   | Walter Weil               |
| Sandra Doris Klein     | Mildred Slosberg Weinberg |
| Clarice Klyn           | Jonah Jacob Weinrieb      |
| Anna Lessner           | David Wile                |
| Isabel Levitan         | Lenore Wile               |
| Max Liebeskind         | Leo Winer                 |
| Jackson Barrett Mahon  | Harriet B. Yenoff         |
| Lorraine E. Malbin     | Fannie B. Zenner          |
| Gertrude Marcus        | Ida D. Zeplovitz          |
| Phyllis Goldman Markel |                           |

**December 13 & 14**

Leo Biltekoff	Isadore Latz
Blanche K. Brett	Carol Rita
Max Burg	Lebowitz
Lena Chapin	Dr. Samuel
Gary N. Cohen	Lichtman
Louis Cohn	Thomas Markel
Carl M. Cole	Seymour F. Morris
Samuel R. Cristall	Mary Peckoff
Clara Davis	Sheldon Reingold
Emily Edelstein	Daniel Arthur
Adelbert K. Edie	Roblin Jr.
Josephine Fleck	Herman
Regina Fleishman	Rothschild
Clarence G.	Jerome R.
Fleishman	Schweitzer
Margot R.	Isador Setel
Freudenheim	Esther Sherlick
Ernest S.	Myrtle Miller
Freudenheim	Sillman
Charles Garfinkel	Fanny Robinson
Edith Garfinkle	Sillman
David Glickstein	Rose Sterin
Lucille Goldman	Libbie Sternberg
George Goldstein	Sol Stone
Arlene Carrel	Caroline Weil
Goldstein	Reuben H.
Dr. Abraham	Weinberg
Greenky	Bernard D. Welt
Mary K. Halpern	Edward E. White
Emma G. Harrison	Celia M. Winer
Siegbert Hollander	Herman Witkin
Helen Hirsch	Robert Yablin
Isenberg	Amy M.
Saul Isenberg	Zeckhauser
Dr. Milton E. Kahn	
Johanna Kahn	
Irwin E. Kriegler	

**December 20 & 21**

Melvin Alexander	Fred Landau
Harry Bisgeier	Ida Lazar
Esther Reiman	Dora A. Markel
Bleichfeld	Jacqueline Melton
Hyman A. Bloom	Joseph Mendleson
Dr. Bruce F.	Melvin Morris
Bradin	Michael Barmon
Ethel Geismar	Morris
Bruckheimer	Ella Block
Barnet J. Burwick	Morrison
Charlotte	Dr. Ernest Moser
Buxbaum	Paula Helene
Sadie M. Clark	Nisengard
Figa Cohen	Samuel
Dr. Meyer Corff	Oppenheimer
Jeannette	Camille M. Plant
Cornblum	Herbert Polk
Rachel Warner	Felix E. Reinauer
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Freedman	Adolph Roeder
Elizabeth Mattis	Florence Rosenthal
Freedman	Barbara Sadkin
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Shinah Aaron	Shire
Greenstein	Bert W. Shulimson
Gretchen S. Gross	Carolyn Beck
Lillian Friedman	Slotkin
Haniford	Gerrie Etkin Speier
Fanny Harris	Bernard Steinberg
Lillian Wile Hirsh	Pauline Satuloff
Roslyn Hoffer	Weinberg
Brooks	Anne Weintraub
Lieberman	
Margery Holender	
Kaufman	

**December 27 & 28**

Sydney S. Abzug	Sophie Goldberg
Harold Adel	Greenky
Ruth Benatovich	Gertrude
Joseph Biltekoff	Grossman Gross
Flora Wile Bock	Janice Healey
Meyer Bock	Harold Hirsch
Lena Bomberg	Alec Horwitz
Shirley S. Boodson	Frieda Itzkowitz
Daniel Bookbinder	Syma Firestein
Jerome Brock	Jacobson
Blanche Bussell	Mamie Many
Dr. Harry A.	Kahn
Chernoff	Harry Kaplan
Gertrude Weil	James Michael
Cohen	Karet
Isidore Cohn	Julie Babat
Janice Fink Denner	Kingsley
David Harry	Ella Krieger
Desbecker	Albert Lange
Helen Barmon	Harris Lawrence
Desbecker	Joseph Levin
Simon Desmon	Stanley A. Levy
Alan L. Dressler	Hannah Fisher
Joseph Eisgrau	Lovitz
Robert Elster	A.A. Morrison
Samuel Fagin	Harry Moschel
Dr. Samson Falk	Sonia Bard Piver
Joseph J. Fass	Max Rabin
Dorothy Friedman	Regina Rashkin
Faxstein	Bruce S. Rein
Sidney H. Fink	Dr. Nathaniel
Paul Laverne Fink	Safran
Adelbert	Edward Schwartz
Fleischmann	Sandra Schweitzer
Samuel M. Fox	Siegel
Rhoda Barmon	Alvin S. Small
Frankenstein	Dr. Heyman
Arnold B. Gardner	Smolev
Dr. Gerald W.	Jenny Spiegelman
Goldstein	Sonya Altmark
Estelle (Sandy)	Ullman
Goldstein	Sidney S. Wallens
Samuel Greenfield	Joseph White
	Herman Wile

*We offer our condolences  
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