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PALS Open HouseJanuary 26 and 27



Come and play for all or part of the day! Details on page 4.

Shabbat Shira The '80s Are Back at TBZ Friday, February 10, at 7 p.m.

Friday, February 10, at 7 p.m 805 Delaware Avenue

Come for our annual Shabbat Shira (Shabbat of Song). This year our musical theme is from the '80s, so grab your leg warmers, jelly bracelets and fluorescent clothes, and join us as we go back in time.



We will also celebrate Cantor Penny Myers' 10th Anniversary at Temple Beth Zion during this service, so please come and show your support on this special occasion.

Changes to the Bulletin

We are excited to roll out some changes to the monthly Bulletin. For starters, you likely noticed the color banner and photos. In addition, our Bulletin will have some additional pages. We look forward to making tweaks as we go to make the Bulletin more attractive and easier to read.

In the meantime, please send us your photos, from TBZ events, so we can include them. Celebrating a special event, achievement or honor? Let us share your good news!

Please send your announcements, suggestions and comments to Julie at julie@tbz.org or call 716-836-6565, Ext. 134.



In the February Bulletin, we will share with you, and thank, the long and still growing list of Kol Nidre Campaign donors.

In the meantime, we would like to thank the Kol Nidre Committee for its dedication and caring, not just to the "bottom line," but to the congregants of Temple Beth Zion.

If you have not already pledged to the Campaign, please do so now. If you have pledged but have not yet sent in your check or credit card information, please do. Contact Julie at 836-6565, or simply mail in your contribution.

David & Marilyn Brock Todd & Leslie Shatkin 2016-2017 Campaign Co-Chairs



Letter from the President

Happy 5777/2017! We are off to a great start with six months of the new model under our belts. Our change is not fast and furious. Rather, it is being built on a foundation and with a thoughtful approach to serve the Congregation. I am hearing amazing feedback on the neshama (the soul) and ruah (spirit feeling) of this Congregation.



So what opportunities does this year offer to us? The 50th Anniversary of 805 Delaware! We have many opportunities to celebrate and rededicate, from the Clergy Team Installation Shabbat (March 24) to the actual Shabbat of the first service in 1967, 50 years later on April 21, 2017. So very many of our congregants had been involved with the planning and growth of our Mid-Century Modern Architectural Masterpiece and Spiritual home. We want to hear your "my TBZ story"! We need you on the 50th Anniversary Committee, to volunteer for an event, to organize a party, celebrate with Mad Men Cocktails from 1967, a Chanukah Rededication Gala, museum tours and an architectural seminar in the Delaware Building.

We are launching our Organization of Volunteers at TBZ. The email is TBZandMe@tbz.org in an effort to have each volunteer request directed to a source, either in our TBZ family or the larger community. We are starting with a need for volunteers for Holy Rollers (torah cleaning and restoration), landscaping for both the Delaware building and Broder building - and not too far in the future, we need help with planning the Second Seder for April 11 at the Brookfield Country Club. You can volunteer for long or short term, for an event or to start something that you are passionate about for our future.

Please check the website and weekly emails to get in on the fun! If you do not receive the weekly email blast please let me know: president@tbz.org.

I look forward to an amazing year of service and celebration, learning and community.

B'shalom miriam



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Worship Opportunities

All worship services, except as noted, are held at 805 Delaware Avenue Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday,	January	5
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Afternoon Service at Broder 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 6

Shabbat Alive Evening Service at Broder 7 p.m.

Birthday / Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, January 7

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 12

Afternoon Service at Broder 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 13

Shabbat Evening Service 7 p.m.

Interfaith Service - United for Justice

Saturday, January 14

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Jack Ullman Wishnoff

Thursday, January 19

Afternoon Service at Broder 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 20

Tot Shabbat **at Broder** 5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service at Delaware 7 p.m.

Sasha Yerkovich, Canopy of Neighbors to speak

Saturday, January 21

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Canterbury Woods Service 11 a.m.

Thursday, January 26

Afternoon Service at Broder 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 27

Meditative Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Classical Service 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 28

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Ari Klein

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, January 2, and Monday, January 16.



Letter from the Rabbi

Let Us Be 'Maladjusted'

We celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s contributions to our entire society this month, and we still recognize his incredible vision of hope, and how far we must journey together so that we may yet reach it.

Here are a few of his still-resounding relevant words from the sermon he delivered in 1965 at Temple Israel in Hollywood:

"We all want to live the well-adjusted life in order to avoid neurotic and schizophrenic personalities. But I must honestly say to you tonight, my friends, that there are some things in our world, there are some things in our nation to which I'm proud to be maladjusted, to which I call upon all men of goodwill to be maladjusted until the good society is realized. I must honestly say to you that I never intend to adjust myself to segregation and discrimination. I never intend to become adjusted to religious bigotry. I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few. I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating effects of physical violence.

"And I say to you that I am absolutely convinced that maybe the world is in need for the formation of a new organization: 'The International Association for the Advancement of Creative Maladjustment' - men and women who will be as maladjusted as the prophet Amos, who in the midst of the injustices of his day would cry out in words that echo across the centuries: 'Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream'; as maladjusted as Abraham Lincoln, who had the vision to see that this nation could not survive half slave and half free; as maladjusted as Thomas Jefferson, who in the midst of an age amazingly adjusted to slavery would etch across the pages of history words lifted to cosmic proportions: 'We hold these truths to be selfevident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'...And through such maladjustment we will be able to emerge from the bleak and desolate midnight of man's inhumanity to man into the bright and glittering daybreak of freedom and justice."

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Celebrate Cantor Myers' 10th Anniversary



The Stained Glass Concert Series begins in February with Shabbat Shira. During this dynamic service, we will also take the opportunity to celebrate Cantor Penny S. Myers on her 10th anniversary at TBZ.

Cantor Myers has been an integral part of our community. Whether you have celebrated a family lifecycle event, attended a concert, been visited in the hospital or just attended services, we are sure that Cantor

Myers has touched your life in some way.

Please join us in returning the love and kindness Cantor Penny Myers has shared with us for the last decade.

If you would like to help in planning, contact Amy Schaefer at the Temple office, (716) 836-6565.

Let Us Be 'Maladjusted'

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The world needs our voices and our actions more than ever. Dr. King lived in a time when so many rallied to a call for justice, a call for equality, and a call to abandon ignorance of the suffering of our neighbors.

Today, we face divisions between people who should draw together. As the Reform Jews of Temple Beth Zion, we heed the prophetic voice of Amos that Dr. King quoted. We know that in order to create a Buffalo of good neighbors we must stretch ourselves, and begin conversations that remind us all the degree to which we are all in it together.

We will embrace the interconnections between us and amplify them as the couriers of sympathy and the catalysts for evolution in our society.

Please join us as we honor Dr. King and continue to strengthen the connections that will bring greater justice to our community. There will be two interfaith events on the weekend dedicated to Dr. King's legacy:

Interfaith Service – United for Justice Friday, January 13, 7 p.m. Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue

Dean Will Mebane of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and other interfaith community members will join TBZ's clergy for an evening of reflection and connection, calls to sympathize and to mobilize, songs of inspiration and hope.

Special Service Sunday, January 15, 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 139 Pearl Street

St. Paul's will hold a special service in honor of Dr. King that will include other local clergy, including Rabbi Jonathan Freirich from Temple Beth Zion.



Come Play With Us

January 26 - 27

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

The Play And Learn School at Temple Beth Zion (PALS) is a warm, welcoming community pre-school with an enriched values-based curriculum. Through creative play and experiential learning, our children thrive and discover the world around them.

Come see us in action! Meet the teachers, share Shabbat Magic, explore our classrooms and experience all that PALS has to offer:

Toddlers (2 years of age by December 1) can come and play on Thursday, January 26, 9:15 a.m. - noon

Preschoolers (3 and 4 year olds) will be welcomed on Friday, January 27, 9:15 a.m. - 2 p.m.

We welcome you to join us for all or part of the day!

For information on PALS, the Open House or enrollment, contact Melissa Milch-Klein at 716-836-6565, Ext. 139, or pals@tbz.org.



The children and families of the Play and Learn School put the Mussar traits of generosity and gratitude in play last month by raising \$100 for the Turkey Basket Project and TBZ's Fight Hunger Fund. We are so proud of our children!

In December, we extended our practice of generosity with a PALS Alphabet Food Drive. The children selected letters from their name and brainstormed possible non-perishable food items to bring to school for donation.

We love to watch as the PALS children take ownership of spreading kindness and generosity to others.

Canopy of Neighbors at TBZ

Canopy of Neighbors will join us during Shabbat services on Friday, January 20, at 7 p.m. Sasha Yerkovich, Executive Director, will be speaking.



Canopy of Neighbors is a community of seniors (62+) organized to provide mutual support to each other as we maintain our active lifestyle. They reside in independent housing in the Elmwood/

Delaware section of Buffalo. Social support is primary regular Canopy activities and outings keep seniors in touch with each other and with the vibrant urban life of our city; volunteer drivers are available for rides to appointments, medical and social activities. Practical support includes help with simple household repairs, yard work, technology.

At its core, Canopy is a set of relationships, a network of personal connections that sustain confidence and energy as seniors encounter the challenges of aging. Each and every social activity and helping service is an opportunity to strengthen and extend the social fabric of the group.

Canopy of Neighbors has their home in our TBZ home on the first floor at 805 Delaware.



New Members

Sanford Seide & Gloria Kaplan-Seide Laura & Scott Wexler Sharon Piatek



See You in the Sunshine State

Plans are underway for a "Florida in February" TBZ visit by Cantor Penny Myers and Temple Administrator, Amy Schaefer. If you winter or live in Florida or know of a current member of TBZ who does, please contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565 or julie@tbz.org so we can be sure to include everyone who wishes to join us.



Colored Musicians Club Concert at TBZSaturday, February 11, at 7 p.m.

Carol McLaughlin and friends will bring to TBZ an amazing jazz concert. There event is open to the community. A suggested \$10 donation at the door would be welcome.

For more than 75 years, the Colored Musicians Club of Buffalo has celebrated its love for jazz music. Over the last seven decades, this club has grown to be the focal point for ambitious jazz patrons who gathered to discuss, share and promote jazz as a genre in Buffalo as well as Western New York.

Apart from a never-ending rotation of jazz greats who have walked through its doors, stars such as Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington and many more, this club has been a seminal part in the heritage of Buffalo's African-American community.



Family Promise

Temple Beth Zion is again assisting Family Promise at Crossroads Lutheran Church with feeding homeless families. We will be starting our sixth year. We assisted them for two nights in December and will again in 2017. I am always looking for volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity for families and for individuals as well.

Information on their mission is included below. I will be very glad to speak to anyone who is interested in helping. Please get in touch with me at swiner4@gmail.com.

Thank you, Sharon

The mission of Family Promise of Western New York is to unite religious and other organizations in responding to the needs of homeless families in our community. Uniting hearts and hands, the network provides a way for homeless families to receive temporary shelter, meals and assistance while seeking their own independence.

It's more than providing shelter, meals and support. It's about keeping entire families together while they work toward having a home to call their own.



Gratitude for Our Teachers

Our current teachers and madrichim are among the most dedicated staff that I have worked with. At a recent staff meeting, just before the Thanksgiving holiday, they each shared something they were grateful for, as well as what they were seeing in their classrooms.

What truly impressed me was how many of them were grateful for the opportunity of working at TBZ with our children. They also shared many positive comments of active and engaged learning taking place on a weekly basis. I wanted to share some of these observations with the entire Congregation, as your support of educating this current generation is greatly appreciated.

- * They are impressed with the commitment of students who want to learn more and are happy and excited to be at school on Sunday mornings and weekday afternoons!
- * Also, the ability to teach students in many different learning modes through art, music, story, food, etc. realizing that students are individuals.
- * The students are becoming friends and truly care about each other, helping their classmates to succeed
- * Being in awe of the students' responses and the personal connections they make with Jewish texts (especially in our upper grades).
- * It is so nice to see the students' growth and progress from last year to this year.
- * The impact and role modeling of all of the madrichim on our younger students.
- * The positive energy and initiative that the madrichim are taking into the classroom.
- * The ability to meet every child where they are at; inclusion of children with special learning needs.
- * Love the small class sizes, which allow for more individualized learning.

While our students are also learning on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or evenings, Sunday mornings are especially filled with creative, busy, energetic students, teachers and madrichim. If you haven't been to the Broder Center recently, I invite you to come see for yourself why I am so blessed to work with and learn from this great group of people. I am confident that with this group of students and teachers, the positive learning environment will continue throughout this school year.

Susan Goldberg Schwartz Director of Lifelong Learning

Mishpacha (Family) of the Month

The Field Family is our January Mishpacha of the Month.



Adam and Jennifer Field have been married for 16 years. They have two beautiful daughters, Perryn and Avery. Perryn is 13 years old and an eighth grader at Transit Middle. She is a competitive dancer and plays the bassoon. Perryn also is a Madricha in Religious School on Sunday in First Grade. Her sister, Avery, is 10, a fifth-grader at Transit Middle. She also plays the bassoon, as well as taking classes in acting, voice and dance.

Adam serves on the Board of Temple Beth Zion, and Jennifer serves on the Board of Directors for the JCC. Adam is a physical therapist with his own business, and Jennifer is an OB-GYN nurse practitioner at Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo.

Mishpacha of the Month is one way to help us get to know our TBZ family. Each month we highlight one of our families with children enrolled in the Religious School.

Jan 1 –5 Winter break – No Religious School Jan 6 Shabbat Alive Jan 8 Classes resume Sunday TOTS Jan 15 No Religious School Jan 22 L.E.A.R.N. 3rd – 7th grade Chug assembly Jan 29 6th & 7th grade program at JCC



Mitzvah Project of the Month

Bar Mitzvah student Joshua Garson has made a personal commitment to help our veterans in recognition of their service to our country. Joshua stated, "This is important to me because our veterans have put their own lives on the line to keep us safe and free." For his Bar Mitzvah project, he wanted to give back to the veterans and will be collecting items that they need for their everyday lives.

Joshua will be collecting underwear, socks and toiletries, including shampoo, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors and deodorant. There will be a collection bin at the Broder Center throughout the months of January and February where you will be able to drop off and donate items.

His family will be joining him to deliver the donated items to the Veterans Association in Buffalo. Every donation is appreciated and will be put to use by our veterans. Please help Joshua with this thoughtful Mitzvah project!

Yummy Tummy Donation Drive

Help our Religious School create gift boxes of kitchen and cooking items for newly arriving refugee families. Please consider donating the following items to help set up a new kitchen for our newly arriving families:

Teapot Can opener Coffee maker Oven mitts Cutlery Pitcher Cutting boards Pot holders Dish racks Sauce pans Dish towels Serving bowls Flatware Spatula Food storage containers Stockpot Frying pans **Tongs** Ice cube trays Glasses Ladle Tea/coffee mugs

Emergency Closing Information

In the event of inclement weather, information can be found on WGRZ Channel 2 for school closing information. We will also include school closing information on our phone system at 836-6565, on the TBZ and TBZ Religious School Facebook pages.

Guide to TBZ Archives Available

If you have ever wanted to conduct historical research using the Temple Beth Zion archives, now you can use a detailed 93-page guide to identify topic areas and their specific folder. To access the guide, go to the Bureau of Jewish Education's website by using this web address: http://www.bjebuffalo.org/jbap and click on "Temple Beth Zion, 1864-2008."

The archives were organized by Temple member and Community Historian and Archivist, Chana Revell Kotzin, Ph.D. The guide also includes a history of TBZ, a select chronology and interspersed guide notes incorporating biographies and other notes. This guide ("finding aid") represents several phases of organizing and archival processing conducted over a number of years.

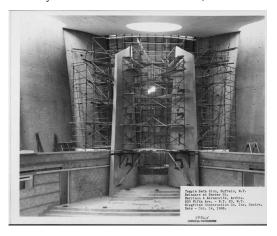
You can use the records at the University Archives at the University at Buffalo, North Campus, where you will find the collection in a temperature-controlled environment in new archival boxes, file folders and other special supports. Check out the upcoming January issue of the *Jewish Journal of Western New York* for an extended article about the Temple Beth Zion Archives also written by Chana.

Temple Beth Zion Memories

In 2017, we mark an auspicious milestone for Temple Beth Zion. It is the 50th anniversary of 805 Delaware Avenue. Over the next year as we celebrate this milestone, look for this monthly historical "Did You Know?" segment.

So, when did the opening of 805 Delaware Avenue take place? The building had so many unique aspects rather than one event that Temple Beth Zion observed a week of dedication ceremonies, from April 19 to April 23, 1967, celebrating each part of the iconic building, including the Sanctuary, Ben Shahn windows and the organ, among other aspects. Watch this space for the next *Temple Beth Zion Memories*. In the meantime, go to www.bjebuffalo.org/jbap to see more photos like the one below of the "new" Temple Beth Zion building under construction

Chana Revell Kotzin, Ph.D. Community Historian and Archivist (and TBZ member)





Introduction to Judaism

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Jewish Community Center, 2640 North Forest Road

In collaboration with the Buffalo Board of Rabbis and Cantors, this exceptional fourteen-week course is designed for couples considering intermarriage, individuals interested in conversion and Jews who wish to learn more about their religion and history. The Jewish calendar, the Convenant, Jewish lifecycles, worship and beliefs are all explored. The course includes a field trip to the Buffalo Mikvah.

For more information, contact Ethel Melzer, Director of Adult Education of the Bureau of Jewish Education, at (716) 204-5380 or ethel@bjebuffalo.org. Register online at www.bjebuffalo.org/adulted.

East Side/West Side - All Around the Town

Thursdays, 1 – 3:30 p.m. February 2 – March 30

Jewish Community Center, 2640 North Forest Road

Students will travel back in time to the beginning of Jewish Buffalo with Dr. Chana Kotzin, Buffalo's Community Archivist and Historian. The history of Jewish Buffalo's institutions, religious life, business and social life will be explored. The path of Jewish Buffalo from the East Side to the West Side, to North Park and Kenmore and its flight to the suburbs will all be discussed. Tuition is \$90 for eight sessions plus the textbook.

These courses are open to the community. For more information about these and other offererings, contact Ethel Melzer, Director of Adult Education of the Bureau of Jewish Education, at 204-5380 or ethel@bjebuffalo.org. Register online at www.bjebuffalo.org/adulted.

A MUSSAR THOUGHT...

on Holiness/Kedushah

"You shall be holy, because I am holy." Lev. 19:1

Dedicate all your actions to the welfare of others. This practice leads to holiness.





Jack Ullman Wishnoff Saturday, January 14

Son of: Lori Ullman and Alan Wishnoff Mitzvah Project: Recitals for the elderly in area nursing homes



Ari Klein Saturday, January 28 Son of: Melissa Milch-Klein and Warren Klein Mitzvah Project: Volunteer at Kosher Meals on Wheels

Need to Honor That Special Somebody? Make a Contribution to the TBZ Library

Donate a book and share in the growth of the TBZ Library. Books can be chosen from a selection of new titles.

Your book(s) will display a bookplate naming the person of honor inside the front cover.

Books are \$18 each; however, contributions of any amount are welcome.

Name
Phone
I/We wish to donate \$ for the purchase of book(s)
Type of Book (optional):
In Honor/Memory of:
Address: Please send form w/check made out to TBZ Library
Fund to: Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road,
Buffalo NV 14226



Presidents' Message

We hope everyone had a very Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year. To start your "new year," if you haven't joined Sisterhood, please send in your dues. Dues are only \$40, and you reap so many benefits: meeting new friends, and enjoying varied activities that help our Temple or charities and are often informative and fun. Mail your check, payable to TBZ Sisterhood, to Carole Weingarten, 41 Carriage Hill West, Williamsville, NY 14221. We had many successful programs already this year. December was a whirlwind, with our Chanukah Bazaar, Family Chanukah Party and gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble.

January promises to be calmer, and we're looking forward to challah making with Rivky Greenberg. We hope you'll join us for all our fundraisers and programs.

Please feel free to call us about any of the things you are interested in. We would love to hear from you.

Marilyn Schillroth, 832-4757 Susan Bruckheimer, 982-2099 Sharon Winer, 741-4200 Co-Presidents of Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood

Making Challah

Sunday, January 22, at 1:30 p.m. Location to be determined



Join us with Rivky Greenberg for challah making. You don't have to have a clue - Rivky will have all the supplies and expertise needed for you to learn (or re-learn) how to bake delicious homemade challah.

Space is limited, so sign up now. The cost per person is \$14, which includes all supplies and a recipe booklet to take with you. For details or to R.S.V.P., contact Sandy Wolchok at 628-4959 or sandrawolchok@gmail.com.

And Speaking of Baking...

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion is again baking for the Onegs on Friday night. We will be doing them at Broder for the coming year. We baked last month. Thank you Margy Zeckhauser, Linda Snitzer, Leslie Garfinkel and Getelle Rein for donating delicious items. We welcome anyone who would like to bake for us or donate prepared items. Due to many people having a nut allergy we do not bake or buy anything with nuts. Onegs are very special, so please join us. Or better yet help us.

Sharon Winer swiner4@gmail.com

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Temple Beth Zion Broder Center 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

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

Come in for January sale specials Select Chanukah items 10% to 50% off

Judaica Shop Hours: Sundays, 9 a.m. - noon Thursdays, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

For information or more hours, call Susan 716-835-0421 email susan_b@roadrunner.com

By supporting the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop you support the TBZ Youth Scholarship Fund

Sylvia Morris Theater Bus Trips



'Beautiful' in Toronto Wednesday, July 26 Ed Mirvish Theater

The smash hit "Beautiful" is the inspiring true story of Carole King's rise to stardom, featuring a stunning array of beloved songs.

After the play, we will enjoy a delicious dinner at Joe Badali's Ristorante.

'Me and My Girl' in Niagara-on-the-Lake Tuesday, June 27 Festival Theatre

This delightful comic romp from the '30s follows the fortunes of Bill Snibson, a proud Cockney who is amazed to learn that he's actually the 14th Earl of Hareford. But if he wants to claim his title, it looks as if he will have to shed his old life—and love! With well-loved classic songs updated in 1986, this play won many awards, including Tonys.



Watch your Bulletins for information on how you can reserve your seat at the theater (and on the bus) for these great shows. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Marilyn Schillroth at 832-4757.

Together We Are TBZ: Volunteer Spotlight

Do you want to make a difference in the TBZ family? The Caring Community Committee helps TBZ members every day through small acts of kindness.

Throughout the year, the Caring Community Committee reaches out to members in times of loss with a call and gift basket. We deliver gift baskets to those members who are homebound for Purim, Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah. When a member is sick, we bring a meal to help out. We provide rides to services for those who cannot drive.

Join us and make a difference today. We need volunteers to drive, deliver, bake or help make baskets.

Volunteer because you make a difference:

"On August 1, my father died unexpectedly. He lived far away, as did my siblings. When the immediate demands of dealing with this subsided, I received a charming gift basket and a phone call from a volunteer of TBZ's Caring Community Committee...when dealing with life's challenges you can sometimes feel alone. They helped me feel less so." - Jennifer Patrick, recipient of care

Volunteer because it is meaningful:

"TBZ is a family community. Being a part of a synagogue isn't just paying dues, we are a family! If a member needs something we are there. It makes me feel good to know that I make a difference." - Leslie Garfinkle, volunteer

Volunteer because it is a mitzvah:

"With little kids it can be hard to find a project to teach them about mitzvot. Baking cookies for the baskets is something we can do together to help my three and six year old learn about acts of loving kindness. When they go with me to hand out baskets they understand what it means to do a mitzvah." –Jennifer Rosen, volunteer

Temple Beth Zion would like to thank committee Chair Leslie Garfinkel, the committee members and all the holiday volunteers who make this possible.

Caring Community Committee members:

Ellen Capell Carol Caserta
Kitty Goldman Jack and Joan Karet
Sharon Meer Clareanne Silver
Arlene Steinhart Sharon Winer

If you would like to help, please email <u>TBZandMe@tbz.org</u> to learn about this and other volunteer opportunities. The Caring Community Committee is just one of the ways you can make a difference in the TBZ family as well as do a mitzvah. Together we are TBZ. We can all help.

If you know of someone in need to caring please contact Tina at <u>tina@tbz.org</u> or 836-6565, Ext. 132.

Volunteers in Action

Last year, Marc enjoyed connecting with another generation of TBZers while out delivering gifts with his parents, Jen and Adam, and sister, Melody. Giving gifts is fun! Recipients included Louis and Pauline Rogers and Marlene DeCarlo.







Volunteers come to the Broder Center to pack the bags with goodies. Pictured here are (left to right) Ellen Capell, Sharon Winer and Leslie Garfinkel.

Kulanu at JCC January 18

On Wednesday, January 18, Kulanu will team with Jewish Pride of Western New York to bring Rabbi Drorah Setel to Buffalo, at the Jewish Community Center Holland

Building. Rabbi Setel, one of TBZ's distinguished feminist rabbi-alumnae, will present a lively and engaging discussion of Lilith – and her importance for the LGBTQ community.

According to midrash, Lilith was Adam's first wife (the one created at the same time, not the one formed from his rib). Rabbinic legend tells us that Lilith refused to subordinate herself to Adam and flew off into the world on her own. In the 20th century, she provided inspiration for Jewish feminists worldwide; today, she is providing guidance and strength to members of the Jewish LGBTQ community. All members of the Congregation are invited to join Rabbi Setel for an entertaining and informative evening.

The Kulanu Winter Service on December 9 was a light-filled warm celebration of love and support for TBZ's LGBTQ members and friends. Dozens of small candles were lit by dozens of members to welcome Shabbat. Their brightness illuminated the Chapel throughout the service. Members of our youth community, as well as Kulanu representatives, participated in reading a newly revised service prepared by Mat'an Schwartz. Rabbi Freirich spoke on the weekly portion, Vayetze – "And he went out" – discussing how Jacob's coming out provides a model for growth and fulfillment. The service was held after the Bulletin went to press. We will have photos in the next edition.

Kulanu is a collective of individuals dedicated to making our community a just, safe, welcoming and inviting place for Jewish members of the LGBTQ community. Kulanu explores and engages educational, social, and supportive opportunities to cultivate TBZ as a home for all people.

Heart to Heart Mission To Israel for Women

February 5 – 9

Join smart, motivated, like-minded women on Heart to Heart Mission, a journey that will fill your soul, open your mind and renew your spirit. Find meaning in your Jewish community through an incredible experience that will change your life.

Please contact Cantor Penny Myers at 836-6565 or pennysmyers@tbz.org to learn more.



Shalom!

We hope that everyone had a delightful Chanukah and wonderful New Year. As you turn to the first page of your new calendar, why not write your new check to join Brotherhood. Our annual membership drive is already underway, and response has been good.

We are still looking forward to exceeding last year's membership total and are very close to accomplishing that now. Annual membership is still only \$25, but we have two additional levels of membership at \$36 and \$50 for those who wish to contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs.

On January 8, Achim will host Errol Craig Sull, a local author, educator and culinary expert. He is well known for his baking prowess and expertise. One look at the photo below, taken at last year's program, and it's easy to see why this program is a favorite. Mr. Sull will discuss thoughts and experiences about baking. Questions will be welcome. He might also be preparing a cake and sharing the results with the audience. The Achim program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Meadows Lounge, located on the second floor at the Weinberg Campus, 2650 North Forest Road, Getzville. The entire community is welcome to join us.

Achim is a monthly program for the benefit of the residents, and their guests, at the Weinberg Campus and is open to the public at no cost.

Please feel free to contact the Brotherhood at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fundraising, or any issue or area that you think Brotherhood's involvement would be of benefit.

Thank you for your support of Brotherhood, and we look forward to your continued support in this year.

Sincerely, Philip Chazen



Music and More at TBZ

It's easy to see why we want to celebrate Cantor Myers 10 years here at Temple Beth Zion. Over the last several weeks we have enjoyed wonderful concerts and music in our worship due to the efforts of Cantor Myers. Below is a photo from the Ahava Raba concert that was held at North Park Theater on November 6. Hayden Fogel entertained us with awesome Blues music on December 6. At right, the Jr. Choir practices for Shabbat Alive! Services.









3rd & 4th graders in the Be a Mensch chug made bird feeders. They also read to the younger children in Religious School.



Sisterhood members teamed up to ready the Ruth Fernandez Judaica Shop Chanukah Bazaar.



1st & 2nd graders learning Hebrew through Yoga – can you see the gimmel?



Future Rabbi?



PALS Alphabet Food Drive. See page 4 for a description of this learning and loving project.

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A '28 Tea' Thank-You

A special thank-you to the hosts and hostesses of the "28 Tea" events that were held over the past several months. You gave many members of the TBZ family an opportunity to meet Rabbi Jonathan and Ginny Freirich and Amy Schaefer, our new Administrator, as well as visit with Rabbi Adam Scheldt and Cantor Penny Myers in a variety of social settings outside of our traditional worship services.

Our appreciation goes to our 2016 hosts, including Larry Rubin and the partners of Kavinoky & Cook, Philip Glick & Drucy Borowitz, John and Toby Laping, Rob and Goldberg, Melissa Milch & the PALS parents, TBZ Sisterhood, Cindy and Randy Oppenheimer, Ken and Kathy Rogers, Grant Golden and Deborah Goldman, Daniel and Chana Kotzin, Sandy and Margery Nobel, and Marcie and Marvin Frankel. We look forward to seeing even more of our congregation at additional events throughout 2017.

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When you select a particular fund, your gift is targeted toward the area or areas that are most meaningful to you or to those you are honoring. Donations can be made using the form on the reverse side of this page or by calling Ann Marie at 836-6565. Secure online donations can be made on the TBZ website at www.tbz.org by clicking on the "giving" tab.





Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

January 6 and 7

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