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All WNY teens and their families
are encouraged to attend an important

Teen Depression & Suicide Awareness Program



**Sunday, January 20
1 p.m.**

**Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road
Sponsored by the Sisterhood of TBZ**

See page 8 for details.

Shabbat Tzedek (Social Action Shabbat)

**Friday, January 11
805 Delaware Avenue
6 p.m. – Service with Speaker
Followed by a Dairy Potluck Dinner
and Presentation**



Join us for our annual Social Action Shabbat.
We have two terrific speakers.

See page 5 for all the details

Shabbat Shirah 5773 Our Shabbat of Song!

**Friday, January 25
7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue**

Back by popular demand: Free CDs!

We will introduce and teach some
new melodies that will be sung all year.

Show your support for TBZ's incredible
Children's choirs and TBZ Band!

Stay and celebrate with us at the very special
Oneg afterwards.



Play And Learn School Ice Cream Social & Open House

**Thursday, January 31
6:30 p.m.
Broder Center
700 Sweet Home Road**



Meet our wonderful teachers!

Meet our PALS families!

Tour our classrooms!

Register for Fall 2013: 2, 3 & 4 year old classes.

Early drop-off and extended-day options are available.

For more information,
contact Linda at 836-6565 or linda@tbz.org.



Letter from the President

A Conundrum

I love the word *conundrum* but as President of this Synagogue I dislike being faced with conundrums. By their very nature conundrums imply complex and indirect answers at best, and no answers at worst. In that way they are worse than puzzles because with puzzles there are solutions. That said, recently I have been wrestling with a relatively pleasant conundrum: how to continue to **meet or exceed the expectations of an increasingly diverse congregation** with very limited resources.

The thought crossed my mind as I attended Friday evening services on November 30 with over 40 of our congregants in the Sanctuary and an equal number of people in the parallel "Classical Reform" service in the Sisterhood Chapel. There were congregants from the GBLT community, congregants with physical disabilities, and congregants with intellectual disabilities. I talked with frail elders who had seen it all and young energetic college students full of life and just starting out. Some people were new Americans and others were new Jews. I could go on, but you get the idea.

As we all came together for the Oneg following services I was reminded that fundamental to our very being as a "progressive" Synagogue is the ability to **offer different spiritual paths and approaches under the "big tent" we call Temple Beth Zion**. A certain "older" couple that attended services that Friday remind me periodically that as we find new ways to reach out to younger families and disaffected Jews in the community, we cannot push aside the needs and wants of the longtime members. They need to be needed, wanted and involved – perhaps more than ever.

Each individual seeks out a comfort level in the synagogue experience. Vibrancy, desired by many, conflicts with the opportunity for contemplation, desired by many as well. A Bob Marley-inspired melody may feel out of place for those seeking comfortable older melodies (which were in themselves new not so long ago). Those seeking an intimate worship experience do not easily connect with the larger-scale "classic" high holiday services. We are trying to offer variety and opportunities for as many as possible, but unfortunately we have to do that with the same number of professionals and support staff. **It's just not possible to totally satisfy everyone with programming.** That's where you come in, my fellow TBZ members.

Our mission statement, adopted at our last Annual Meeting, states that "our congregation celebrates the rich diversity of our Jewish community..." **Celebrate is far more than tolerate.** Let's find ways together to show the community that we really mean what we say – that our arms and hearts are wide open and that we understand that we have to find ways to embrace those that are different than we. If you have thoughts on this, contact me at President@tbz.org.

B'shalom.
Ken Rogers



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Worship Opportunities

All worship services, except as noted,
are held at 805 Delaware Ave.

Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, January 3

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 4

Tot Shabbat Service at Broder

6 p.m.

Shabbat Alive Service at Broder

7 p.m.

Birthday / Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, January 5

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 10

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30p.m.

Friday, January 11

Shabbat Tzedek "Social Action Shabbat" Service

6 p.m.

Saturday, January 12

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Hayley Balogh

Thursday, January 17

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 18

Shabbat Evening Service

7 p.m.

Mitzvah Day Kickoff

Saturday, January 19

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Canterbury Woods Service

11 a.m.

Thursday, January 24

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 25

Shabbat Shirah Service

7 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Taila Mekinulov

Thursday, January 31

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 1

Shabbat Alive Service

7 p.m.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

Saturday, February 2

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.



Cantorial Intern

Mission to Germany Reflections

There are many moments that define us - those that define us as individuals and define us as a *people*. A rich history of joy and tradition and devastating reality of mass destruction and blind bias, hatred and bigotry is basically how I viewed Germany.

Since returning from my mission in July, I now declare: Redemption, triumph and, most importantly, *hope* are the characteristics of today's Germany. "This mission is not about Germany making up for the past, but it is about reconciliation," said colleague Cantor Nate Lam.

I have always had a curiosity about Germany. This is not because of politics or the Shoah but because the first woman rabbi was ordained in Berlin in the 1930s, and it was the birthplace of Progressive Judaism, otherwise known as Reform Judaism in the early 1800s. More near and dear to my heart, Germany produced the most incredible sacred music our ears have ever heard. In fact much of the music that you hear during our High Holy Days were composed by German composers such as Salomon Sulzer and Louis Lewandowski

Of all the countries in Europe, Germany is one of the richest in Jewish history and tradition. However, what we learned was that Germany is one of Israel's strongest supporters and proudly boasts that outside of Israel, Germany has the second-fastest-growing Jewish population in the world. There are more Jews in Munich than there are in Buffalo. Our Torah tells us we were slaves in Egypt, but we never dwelled, prospered, created and succeeded in Egypt as we did in Germany or Poland.

Germany was one of OUR homelands, like Poland, like the Russian Pale and we were going to "reclaim" it through music.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself, what am I? And if not now, when? (Pirkei Avot 1.14)

We knew that the purpose of this journey was both to honor the memories of those murdered during the Shoah and, in stark contrast, to recognize the renaissance of Jewish life in Germany. In addition, as hazzanim, we were drawn to the birthplace of so many cantors and composers of synagogue music, whose creativity remains very much alive in the modern synagogue.

Musical experiences at **Rykkestrasse synagogue**, where we had worship services and concerts were held. Most notably this was one of the only Jewish buildings that didn't burn down on Krystallnacht because the Nazis feared that the surrounding houses would also catch fire. It was unbelievable that the President of Germany, Joachim Gauck, was seated in the first row during our last concert in Berlin.

On arrival to Munich I davened ma'ariv and was told that the soprano soloist, slated to sing at the concert later that day, had taken ill. The President of Cantors Assembly, Cantor Jack Chomsky of Ohio, approached me and asked me to take her place. Of course I agreed - it was an incredible honor. I drank in the moment with 300 Jews at Dachau and the President of the Cantors Assembly holding a Torah scroll the entire service and concert.

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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.

Although there is a financial goal, we and the members of our committee look forward to speaking with you each year. If we did not call you because you pledged in the early days of the Campaign, we thank you for your timely response. If we did not reach you, and you need help or have a concern, please reach out to your Temple.

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 so.

Please contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565, Ext. 134, or simply mail in your contribution.

Barbara and Alan Mollot Lynn and Warren Clark
2012-13 Campaign Co-Chairs

Family Promise

On November 7, we assisted Crossroads Lutheran Church with feeding two homeless families for Family Promise. The evening was particularly moving, as there were five children involved. The oldest was 5, and the youngest was a newborn who was 3 days old. My gratitude goes to these wonderful people who set up, cooked, cleaned up and socialized with the families: Debbie Coniglio, Amy Heumann, Clareanne Silver, Elaine S. Higgins, Kaaren Norman and Leslie Garfinkel.

It is always a difficult time when we realize that these families are moved every week to a different church. Without this organization to help them, they would have nowhere to go. This is truly giving of yourself at the highest level. Our next time to assist is the week of March 8-15. I would love to do two nights that week. If you have not volunteered with us please consider joining this wonderful group of people.

Sharon Winer
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Mission to Germany Reflections

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I was told that this was the only time that hundreds of Jews who brought a Torah scroll into Dachau were able to leave that nightmare-ish place alive, intact, with our sacred scroll unharmed.

When our children and TBZ musicians take the bimah on **Friday, January 25**, for **Shabbat Shirah** (our Sabbath of Song) we will prove that there is hope and a future of our people. With every voice, every word, every time we recite the Shema we are a witness that G-d is with us and we will endure. Being in Germany reminded me that I shouldn't take this sacred calling for granted, G-d forbid, but that while our people experienced mass destruction and tragedy, there is always that Still Small Voice that speaks from the layers of doom and although sounding faintly from afar, rings a pure tone for us to create new beginnings.

See you on January 25!

Penny S. Myers

Mitzvah Day A New Way

Friday, January 18 – Sunday, January 20 – Pulpit Exchange

Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m. – 92Y: God Is One

This year, we are doing "Mitzvah Day, A New Way." There will be old favorites but also new opportunities. It's time to mix things up and make a great program even better. To start us off, on Martin Luther King weekend, the senior clergy of our Mitzvah Day partners will all swap pulpits and preach about this new venture together (schedule below). All are invited, so please consider joining us at the Islamic Society or at Westminster.

Following our kickoff weekend, each congregation will host a trilogue event for interfaith learning. TBZ will begin this program with a phenomenal 92Y program and discussion, God Is One, on February 7 at 7 p.m. at the Broder Center. Come spring, we will offer a number of different service projects throughout the year, including on our famous Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 19.

Friday, January 18 – 1:30 p.m. – Islamic Society of the Niagara Frontier, 745 Heim Road, Getzville – Rabbi Gary Pokras speaking

Friday, January 18 – 7 p.m. – Temple Beth Zion (Delaware Building) – Reverend Tom Yorty speaking

Sunday, January 20 – 10 a.m. – Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo – Imam Nazim Mangera speaking

Thursday, February 7 – 7 p.m. – Temple Beth Zion (Broder Center) – 92Y: God Is One panel and discussion

More dates to follow.

Shabbat Alive!

Friday, January 4, at 7 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

This special Shabbat evening will be a night to remember. Karen Kollins, Assistant Director, URJ Camp George, will join us for a spirit-filled Shabbat service, featuring music from the Camp.

In addition to the camp experience, a Hebrew Naming Ceremony will take place during the service. We all have many names, but some of us do not have Hebrew names. Our names connect us to those who came before us and leave a legacy of what we have accomplished once we are gone. Our Hebrew names connect us more intimately to our Jewish roots.

If you do not have a Hebrew name, we invite you to join us at services on Friday, January 4. During the service, a ceremony will take place for those who desire a Hebrew name. If you would like to participate in the service and receive a Hebrew name, call Tina, 836-6565, Ext 132. Please call no later than January 2 so we can make sure that the clergy helps you find Hebrew name that reflects who you are, where you came from and who want to become.

A Festive Oneg will follow the service.

Temple Offices

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1, and Monday, January 21.

*All classes are free and open to the community.
Call Linda, 836-6565, Ext. 112, with questions,
for more information or to register.*

Ezrat Nashim (Womens' Study)

With Rabbi Laurie Green

Thursday, January 24, at 7 p.m. (offsite)

Back by popular demand, this group is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages and backgrounds to schmooze, nosh and talk a little Torah. This year's theme is "Tall Tales From the Talmud: Ancient Legends With Contemporary Lessons."

Talmud Study

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, Noon

805 Delaware Avenue

Bring your lunch and study with Rabbi Pokras and Rabbi Green. Study as a group exploring the rich history of our Oral Tradition and discover how Talmudic teachings have practical relevance in your life today.

No class January 1.

PASS (Parents at Sunday School)

with Rabbi Pokras

January 20 at 9 a.m.

Broder Center

Join Rabbi Pokras for a bagel and coffee to study, share and get to know one another as we strengthen our TBZ community.

The Book of Esther - How to Be Jewish in a Non-Jewish World

with Rabbi Pokras

January 22 & 29 February 5 & 12 at 7 p.m.

Broder Center

The Book of Esther is the only book of the Bible that deals exclusively with the Diaspora experience. While on the surface it seems something of a farce, it is in fact a profound observation of and polemic against the ways of the world-at-large. In four sessions we will explore different aspects of the challenges of living in the Diaspora through the many lenses of the text.

Thank You for Caring

The Caring Community Committee would like to thank all members of the Temple who have contributed generously to our fund. It has enabled us to provide Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Purim baskets to members who are in nursing homes or in other situations. We also deliver wine and challah to members who have lost loved ones. In addition, we provide gifts for new parents when they are naming their baby in Temple.

The Caring Community provides many other services. In doing so we hope that our projects are beneficial and help to make everyone feel that they are part of the Temple family.

Donations to the Caring Community Fund allow us to continue to reach out to so many of our members. We greatly appreciate any and all donations because we are completely funded by your generosity.

Shabbat Tzedek

Friday, January 11

805 Delaware Avenue

6 p.m. – Service, followed by dairy potluck dinner

Join us for our annual Social Action Shabbat. This year's topic is Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse. We have two great speakers - Kathleen Kanaley, social worker for Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled and Disadvantaged and co-chair of the Council on Elder Abuse and Joseph G. Chudoba of the Domestic Violence Unit of the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

We'll enjoy spirited worship, fascinating speakers and a great dairy potluck to nosh and schmooze. All are welcome. Bring a dish (no meat please) to share. R.S.V.P. to Becky at 836-6565 by January 10.

Kesher Chili Cook-off

What: Third annual Kesher Chili Cook-off

Where: Home of Jessica & Frank Altman

8889 Lake Glen Court, Clarence Center

(We'll make the corn bread and have chips and salsa, too)

To Bring: The chili you think rocks the world (or just your stomach) in a crock pot and something to drink

Date/Time: Saturday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P.: Jessica Meyers Altman, veghead18@gmail.com,

741-2611 or Tina Taylor at tina@tbz.org 836-6565

Kesher is a group of people in their 20s to mid-40s who get together for social events throughout the year. If you have ideas or suggestions, contact Jessica Meyers Altman (above) or Cantorial Intern Penny Myers pennysmyers@tbz.org

Join the Baking Affinity Group

Do you love to bake? Love to share recipes? Love to find new recipes? Hate having all those goodies in your house? Then this affinity group is for you.

We are looking for a group of individuals who would be interested in getting together (or doing it solo) to bake for the Onegs. Nothing says welcome to our home more than home-baked goodies. If you are interested in baking a few times a year for the Temple, this group is for you!

We will have a organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 15 at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road. We will set a schedule to answer the questions of where, when and what. If you are interested in attending the meeting or want to be involved, but can't come, please email Laurie Criden at laurie725@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 208-6233.

Knitting Affinity Group

All knitters and crocheters are welcome and invited! We meet the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Marie Levy Meyers' house, 22 Snughaven Court, Town of Tonawanda. So join us January 10.

E-mail Karen Wiseman at doxiemom33@verizon.net if you have questions.

CHUGGIM at Religious School!

We have something new going on in Religious School this year for our 5th – 7th graders – CHUGGIM! Chuggim are monthly elective classes that give students an opportunity to learn, create and spend time outside the traditional classroom setting. Students were able to choose from a variety of courses, including Jewish cooking, a school newspaper, “boot camp,” acting, Ritual Art and Jewish Rock Stars. We just finished the first four sessions, with rave reviews. The cooking class with Ms. Winters and the Jewish Jam Session with Mr. Jay were two of the popular choices. The students will have the opportunity to choose a different elective beginning in January.



At left, students present homemade hummus and tehina they made in the CHUGGIM cooking course. On the right, Shabbat candle sticks are being made in the Ritual Art course.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 4 Tot Shabbat @ Broder
- Jan. 4 Shabbat Alive – A Camp George Experience @ Broder

PALS

- Jan. 2 PALS resumes
- Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day - PALS closed
- Jan. 23 - 25 Parent/Teacher conferences
- Jan. 31 PALS Ice Cream Social and Open House

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- Jan 6 Classes resume
- Jan 6 Meet Karen Kollins from Camp George
- Jan 13 5th Grade Family Day
- Jan 13 Sunday Tots
- Jan 13 Faculty Meeting
- Jan 20 P.A.S.S. – Parents At Sunday School
- Jan 20 CHUGGIM
- Jan 27 Tu b'Shevat program @ Broder

B'nai Mitzvah Projects

Becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is an important milestone in a young person's Jewish education. But – what does it actually mean to “become” a Bar/Bat Mitzvah? That is the question all of our students are asked as they begin their formal process. To help them understand the additional responsibilities that are expected of them as they become young Jewish adults, they are each asked to take on a special Mitzvah project. We try to help them create a project by remembering A-E-I-O-U*:

- ★ Active – Take an active role in making the project happen, i.e., contacting a local organization, collecting items in their school or neighborhood to be donated.
- ★ Engaging – The project should be one that you want to be involved with, and includes your interests, hobbies and values
- ★ Influential – Can you make a difference in people's lives through your project? Can you get others to help you?
- ★ Ongoing – The project should take place over a period of months and, hopefully, will continue past your Bar/Bat Mitzvah!
- ★ Unique – Be creative and design a project that hasn't been done before

* From the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Handbook, by Rabbi Steven M. Bob and Lisa Bob Howard



Talía Mekinulov and her father, Roman (a cellist with the Buffalo Philharmonic), performed a cello concert for the residents at Weinberg Campus in November as part of her Mitzvah project.

New Year, New Name

Our “Mommy & Me” program for toddlers with their parents/caregivers now has a new name! We've changed it to “Toddler Time,” to be more inclusive of those who may be tending to little ones on Wednesday mornings, other than just Mom...as they say “it takes a village”! And so caregivers of any sort (dads, grandmas, etc.) are encouraged and welcome to join us with their toddlers for music, crafts, stories and exchanging child-rearing advice and ideas, as well.

Toddler Time facilitated by Rachel Reiner, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Broder Center in Room 100/102. This month we'll be meeting on January 23rd and 30th. In February, we'll meet on the 6th, 13th and 27th. It's \$5 per session, or \$36 for 8 weeks up front. Any further questions or information, please feel free to contact Rachel at rhcohn1975@yahoo.com

We hope you can come and join us on Wednesdays for some quality fun time at “Toddler Time”!

TBaZY Report

December flew by for both TBaZY Jr and Sr, with many programs and activities!

On December 9, TBaZY Jr had their Chanukah Party, where kids came together not only to celebrate but to decorate dreidels for members of Weinberg Campus. From December 14 to 16, a group of our 7th and 8th graders participated in NFTY NEL's Winter Camp event in the Toronto area - the event overall was a huge success, and kids are now hooked on participating in youth group! On Friday December 14, TBaZY Sr participated in TBZ's annual Chanukah service and hosted the potluck dinner that followed. They also had a wonderful time ice skating together on December 15!

January has a lot to offer those interested in becoming more involved in both youth groups.

Friday, January 4, 5:30 p.m. at Broder: TBaZY Sr will hold a program led by Rachel Snitzer. Please join us afterward for a special Shabbat Alive! Service featuring the music of Camp George at 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 6, 11:30 a.m. at Broder: The 7th and 8th graders have a program recounting the fun experiences they had in December, along with a mitzvah project!

Sunday, January 27, noon - 1:30 p.m.: TBaZY Jr will meet at Skyzone, followed by a stop at Anderson's on Main Street.

Mazel Tov

To Anne Virag, who has been elected Regional Board President of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). Ms. Virag became involved with AJC in Florida in 2010 as co-chair of its Human Relations Award Dinner honoring her longtime partner, the late Nate Benderson. Anne is an active volunteer and a life member of Temple Beth Zion.

To Hadar Borden, Administrative Director of the Undergraduate Academies at the University at Buffalo, who was named as one of Buffalo Business First's 2012 "40 Under 40" class.

The annual Business First 40 Under 40 class represents a diverse group of rising leaders in Western New York. The 2012 class runs the gamut from attorneys and small-business owners to educators, nonprofit executives and entrepreneurs. The winners were honored at a November 9 luncheon at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.



To Wendee Lorbeer (*right*) and Laurel Braun (*left*), who accepted an award from Compass House for their work each year on behalf of Mitzvah Day. On November 9, Compass House held its Ruby Anniversary Gala at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Laurel, from Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Wendee have co-chaired the Compass House site on Mitzvah

Day for several years. Wendee remarked that it was a wonderful evening where they go to hear firsthand how Compass House has positively affected the lives of its kids.



Hayley Balogh
Saturday, January 12

Daughter of: Richard and Andrea Balogh
Mitzvah Project: Volunteer at Weinberg Campus



Talia Mekinulov
Saturday, January 26

Daughter of: Roman and Sebnem Mekinulov
Mitzvah Project: Concert for Residents of Weinberg Campus

Youth Group Reunion Update

In case you have not seen our previous announcements, a reunion is being planned for all those who were in the Temple Sinai youth group and the Temple Beth Zion youth group (YPS) anytime between 1974 and 1999, and had Carole Weingarten as your youth advisor. The reunion will take place April 26 - 28.

An e-mail address dedicated to communication about this event has been created: tygreunion@gmail.com If you would like to receive e-mail information or you have any questions, this is the address to use (and send your e-mail address also so you can receive updates) . There is also a reunion Facebook page where announcements are being made regarding the plans.

Judy (Klein) Jones has volunteered to create a newsletter that will be handed out at the reunion. You can send information about yourself to the above e-mail address (items with a * are necessary, without a star are optional).

* Name (include maiden name if you have a different surname)

* Years you were in youth group (such as 1974-78)

* Name of the Temple where you were in youth group

* Where you live now (city/state)

E-mail address (optional)

* 2-3 sentences about current life (occupation, family)

Send a picture of yourself and/or family (optional/may or may not be included)

Favorite quote or saying from youth group (optional)

The deadline to submit this information is March 1, 2013.

To register online for the reunion weekend, please follow this link:
www.webeditor.com/tygreunion.com

The deadline for registration is April 1!

There are lots of exciting programs being planned, so we hope everyone can come! Please contact us at the above e-mail address if you have any questions, or you would like to help with the planning.

Please send your photos! Sara Burns has volunteered to put together a slide show of your photos from when you were in youth group. Eventually, a site will be created where everyone will be able to go have a peek! Please send all photos to:
YPSreunionpics@gmail.com

Teen Depression & Suicide Awareness Program

Sunday, January 20

1 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Join us for a discussion on teen depression and suicide awareness. This important program will provide parents and teens with information about adolescent depression and suicide, including risk factors, warning signs and supports. Tips on how to talk to family members and peers and where to get help, if needed, will also be shared.

This program will be facilitated by Phil Chearmonte, Family Survivor and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)-WNY Board Member. Mr. Chearmonte is an AFSP National Advocate and trained AFSP Survivor Outreach volunteer.

Typical suburban family life changed suddenly and drastically on February 23, 2010 when the Chearmontes' second-born son, Joe, took his own life one week after his 17th birthday. This experience has led Phil and his wife, Linda, to embark on a lifelong mission to help eliminate the stigma of teen depression and suicide.

The Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood is making this program available to help increase our awareness and our ability to help our youth.



Save the Date June 26, 2013

Sisterhood is planning a terrific trip to Toronto to see the Andrew Lloyd Weber stage hit "The Wizard of Oz".



A second bus trip that is being planned for midsummer is the musical "Guys and Dolls" in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Both shows promise to be wonderful.

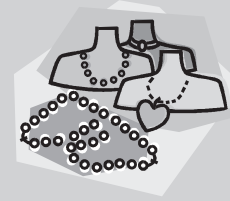
Stay tuned to the February Bulletin for reservation instructions and information on times and cost. All participants must have either an enhanced driver's license or passport. For information, call Marilyn at 832-4757.

Sisterhood Announces Raffle Winner

On November 6, at the annual Sisterhood Card Party, a drawing was held for a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner from Jonny C's Caterers. Jonny C's, on behalf of Sisterhood, donated a second turkey dinner for 10 people to an area needy family. The winner of the TBZ raffle was Shira Klaiman.

Sisterhood thanks everyone who supported this fund-raiser. The money raised will be used to support the many Temple projects that Sisterhood is involved in.

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New Sisterhood Members

You may be familiar with the saying "If you want something done, ask a busy person." This statement holds true for our Sisterhood volunteers and the work that they do. People are busier now than they have ever been, and attaining life balance has become even more complicated. Women volunteer for Sisterhood for a variety of reasons - they want to make a difference, meet other women and give back to their Temple and community.

Did you know that new TBZ female members receive a free membership for one year in our Sisterhood?

Our new Sisterhood members since August are: Shirley Adel, Rosalyn Algase, Lauren Bluman, Deborah Clark, Brenda Cohen, Linda Cohen, Deborah Cornell, Mollie Dusinberre, Donna Dye-Sholk, Virginia Ellis, Julie Feldman, Ellen Freed, Sussan Giallombardo, Susan Ginsberg, Jody Goldstein, Robin Hendler, Maria Herman, Ginger Hoffman, Audrey Irizarry, Joan Karet, Brooke Kelly, Channa Kolb, Peggy Kulick, Allison Kupferman, Jodi Latner, Beth Marcus, Randi Murphy, Sandra Paglia, Janet Presser, Sarah Reiter, Debra Remson, Debbie Ressler, Jessica Rosen, Naomi Rosenhoch, Susan Scheff, Cathy Sitora, Judith Sutin, Nancy Wakshull, Pamela Williams, Leah Wiseman, Michelle Wolf, Molly Wolf, Robin Wolfgang and Margery Zeckhauser.

May we add you to this list? Please call Carole Weingarten at 688-6432 or e-mail her at weincsw@verizon.net.

Happy 2013 to all from and all our Sisterhood board members.

Sharon Meer

Great Gift Idea

The Elite Books are back! The books are still \$20 and will be for sale in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop or by calling Getelle Rein at 838-2183. They make great gifts for friends, neighbors and family!



Up Close and Personal

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well these are worth all 79,847 words in the Torah! Mazel Tov to Hertha Ball, George Greenberger and Millie Haniford, three of our centenarians who fulfilled the 613th commandment – to write a Torah – with master scribe Rabbi Yochanan Salazar while he was evaluating our holy scrolls a few weeks ago.

Above, George Greenberger and Hertha Ball renew their long ago acquaintance. And if you see Millie (her photo is at the top on the right), please wish her a Happy Birthday, because she filled in her letter on her 104th!

Later that day, TBZ members received instruction on repairing, maintaining and the proper storage of our Torahs. In the evening, students from Hebrew High learned about the process involved in writing a Torah, including how the letters are formed.



Turkey Basket Project

In the photo on the left, TBZ students assist in assembling baskets for the Turkey Basket Project. Several churches and schools participate in the annual project and this year, TBZ was the host location. For twenty seven years, the Turkey Basket Project has operated the distribution of turkey dinners with all the fixings to area needy families. This year, 513 families appreciated and enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving meal.

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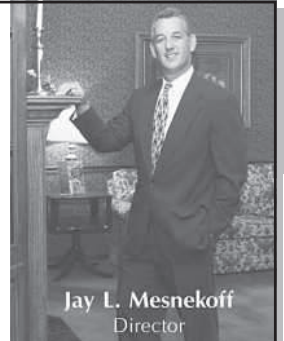
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Ruth Morris Field	Nathaniel Scheur
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Leonard Geran	Charles Simons
Richard S. Gordon Jr.	Daniel E. Skudwick
Albert A. Haniford	Rose Kellner Sluizer
Dr. Sidney S. Haniford	Belle F. Smith
Alvin M. Hyman	Max Spector
Lena Michaels Jaffey	Melvin Tasman
Louise Ullman Kostick	Eli Tishman
Sarah Kutner	Dora Wallach
Edmund Lazarus	Martin Warenoff
Joseph J. Lenzner	Eugene Warner
David B. Levi Jr.	Maxine L. Witkin
Siegfried Levi	Louis R. Wolkind
Elmer I. Levy	Abraham A. Zeplovitz

January 11 and 12

Louis N. Blatt	Abraham
Dr. Bruce Block	Kirschenbaum
Jeannette Block	Max Koren
Samuel Block	Ruth Rae Lawrence
David Brown	Carolyn P. Lewin
Sylvia C. Cheplove	Sarah "Ty" Goldman
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January 18 and 19

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