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Away for the Winter?

If you are heading south for a month or more, let us know where you will be staying so we can do our best to make sure you continue to receive your mail in a timely manner.

If we don't have your winter address, contact Julie in the Temple office at 836-6565 or julie@tbz.org to send the address via email.



While We Light the Candles

At this season of festive gladness, Amélica & Peter Weinmann and Jennifer Patrick thank you all for your contributions to this year's Kol Nidre Campaign.

If you have not yet followed through on your *kavanah* (intention) to pledge, now is the time. If that pledge card is still on your desk gathering dust, please reply with generosity, while the candles are still burning brightly!

Special Shabbat Services

Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, December 1, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware

Sam and Joni Shatkin will speak on behalf of the Jewish Federation of Buffalo

Shabbat Alive! Evening Service
Friday, December 8, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware

Chanukah Service
Friday, December 15, at 7 p.m.
Broder Center

Details for the Chanukah Service on page 4.



British Invasion Coming to TBZ

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See page 5 for all the details.



Letter from the President

Strengthening Our Future

A key goal of our professional and volunteer leadership is ensuring TBZ has a sustainable future. Our Congregation was established as a Reform congregation in 1863. We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of 805 Delaware Avenue, and last year we began a journey to change how the organizational staff is structured so we are able to sustain TBZ.

This goal is ongoing, and we are committed to building a stronger TBZ. Last month, the Board of Trustees discussed our TBZ mission, core values and how everything we do must speak to this mission to enrich the Jewish lives of our community, promote our Jewish values and celebrate our diversity. Our actions must also put TBZ in a position where we are able to grow, increase our revenue beyond our membership dues and ensure that we use our resources efficiently and effectively. Keeping these criteria in mind, we will achieve our goal and meet our congregational needs.

One example is that this month we will be forming a group of dedicated volunteers to evaluate our buildings and facilities, to look at how we are using them and what repairs, improvements and maintenance are needed for each space. Do you have an interest or expertise in this area? Can we count on you? We will also be looking for ways to energize our social action group and other ways for us to come together and live our mission.

We are also excited to host the BBC Band in April. We hope this will be an exciting and successful event for the entire Buffalo community. All funds raised will go directly to TBZ programming. If you are interested in being a part of this event, please let me know. There are behind the scenes jobs and setup jobs for that evening available for you to help make this an amazing fun, social and fruitful evening. All are invited within and outside of the Jewish Community. It's just great music to enjoy!

As we move into these colder months (finally), let's take a step out of our comfort zone and engage in a new activity. Hey, bring a friend it's easier with two! Check the website for the Jazz concert series, activities and opportunities to connect.

May this festival of lights allow us to illuminate our community and ourselves, and rededicate our purpose to a life well lived.

B'shalom
miriam



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Worship Opportunities

All Shabbat services, except as noted,
are held at 805 Delaware Avenue.

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

Friday, December 1 Tot Shabbat at Delaware Shabbat Evening Service Sam and Joni Shatkin to speak on behalf of the Buffalo Jewish Federation Birthday / Anniversary Blessings	5:45 p.m. 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 2 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 7 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, December 8 Shabbat Alive! Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, December 9 Shabbat Morning Service Canterbury Woods Service	10:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
Thursday, December 14 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, December 15 Chanukah Evening Service at Broder	7 p.m.
Saturday, December 16 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Shaina Potash	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 21 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, December 22 Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, December 23 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, December 29 Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, December 30 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Weiss	10:30 a.m.



Letter from the Rabbi

Chanukah – What Is Our Rededication About?

We retell the Chanukah story most years. It seems simple: “Evil Assyrians”, “Good Maccabees”, “Miraculous Oil”, “Latkes! Jelly Donuts!”

The historical battle between the Hellenizing Assyrians of Antiochus was more of a civil war. Antiochus was an Assyrian tyrant, and his followers erected a statue of Zeus in the Temple in Jerusalem, held Greek-style contests in Jerusalem, prohibited circumcision and did other terrible things.

Still, it was Israel’s elite, urban and cosmopolitan Jews who invited the Assyrians in as allies. The Maccabees from the hill country were dedicated to the old ways, fighting against the assimilationists who had adopted too many Greek customs.

The Hasmoneans, the dynasty that the Maccabees founded, became corrupt. In the First Century BCE, they invited the Romans in and became a vassal state. This led to civil war, the destruction of the Second Temple, and centuries of Roman oppression.

The early rabbis, from around 150 CE forward, disliked the legacy of the Hasmoneans and so preserved very little about them. The Maccabees’ story comes to us from books that were preserved by Christians in the Apocrypha.

A short discussion about how to light the menorah so that we “publicize the miracle” is what we get from Jewish sources. This includes the famous argument between Hillel and Shammai about the order in which we light the candles. We follow Hillel’s model, increasing the light on every night of the festival.

Our ancient rabbis sent us a message. Abandon the extreme argument between old ways and assimilation. Embrace the accepting path of Hillel – who would convert people to Judaism on the spot. Welcoming the stranger, pluralistic learning and discussion – these are the paths that the rabbis of the Talmud and later sources emphasize.

Let us follow their model this season. Chanukah means “dedication.” In honor of the dedication of our ancestors to preserve a holiday even when they disliked it, let us try to preserve relationships that challenge us. Let us reach out to those with whom we disagree.

Let the light of Chanukah be one that brings us together and helps us appreciate our differences.

Happy Chanukah!

Rabbi Jonathan



TBZ Family Chanukah Party
 Sunday, December 10th
 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Latkes, donuts, crafts & more!
 \$5/person (\$20 max per family)

Temple Beth Zion Broder Center
 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst
 Sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood

Mitzvah Opportunity

The Caring Community Committee will be making Chanukah baskets and delivering them to our members at nursing homes and those who find it hard to get around in the winter months.

We really need your help baking and in delivering baskets.

Please call Ann Marie at 836-6565 if you are able to participate. Bags will be packed with goodies on Friday, December 8. On Sunday, December 10, the bags will be delivered after Religious School.

Please consider helping with this wonderful project. Individuals and families are welcome to enjoy the warm appreciation of the recipients.



Come join your friends for lunch and a special afternoon program. Shlock Rock is a Jewish Rock Band that encourages Jewish pride, identity and awareness through music.

Sunday, December 17, at 11:30 a.m.
TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road
All are welcome!
\$54 /family of 4, \$18 individual
(includes pizza lunch)

RSVP to 836-6565 or email cantor@tbz.org
 by Friday, December 15

Chanukah Service

Friday, December 15, at 7 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Temple Beth Zion will hold our annual Chanukah Service on Friday, December 15. Everyone in our entire community is invited to come for the service and celebrate Shabbat and the Festival of Lights. Please bring your special menorahs, and we will light our candles together.

On this Fourth Night of Chanukah please consider giving a gift. We will be collecting new toys and non-perishable food for local families in need.

We will start the evening with a dairy potluck dinner followed by a lively and musical Chanukah Service. If you plan to come to the potluck dinner, please R.S.V.P. by calling 836-6565 or email to becky@tbz.org by Wednesday, December 13. The Sisterhood is baking for dessert, so please plan to bring a main dish or side dish. If you are interested in helping us set up, please let us know. Thanks so much for your help.

Prayers for Lighting Candles



Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitsvotav v'tsivanu l'hadik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed is Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, she-asa nisim lavoteinu bayamim haheim bazman hazeh.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

(FIRST NIGHT ONLY)

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech haolam, she-hechiyanu v'kiyimanu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed is Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this season.

A Minister and a Rabbi Talk on the Radio

Sunday, December 10

Crossroads Radio Program

6 a.m. on WBUF 92.9 FM AND WBLK 93.7

6:30 a.m. on WJYE 96.1 FM

7 a.m. on WYRK 106.5 FM

The Reverend George Nicholas, Senior Pastor of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich will discuss interfaith issues and contemporary politics.

Crossroads is a joint production of Townsquare Media and the Network of Religious Communities. On Crossroads, the life journeys and community service of our guests are discussed.

The Network of Religious Communities is an organization of denominations, congregations and religious organizations located in and serving Western New York. We are Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Unitarian. Together we celebrate the wonderful religious diversity of WNY.

Tune in on December 10 to one of the stations above.

Spirited Jewish Chats With TBZ

Jolt of Judaism

Thursday, December 14, Noon – 1 p.m.

The Daily Planet, 1862 Hertel Ave.

Have a burning Jewish question and a midday need for caffeine? Join us and discuss any and all topics from a Jewish perspective over wake-up beverages and lunch.

Send questions and topics for discussion to Rabbi Jonathan (rabbifreirich@tbz.org).

Open to all. No host refreshments.

Talmud Talk

Wednesday, December 20, Noon – 1 p.m.

Milos, 5877 Main St., Williamsville

All our Judaism, especially Reform Judaism, starts in the Talmud.

Everyone welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning. Materials provided. No host lunch.

Deli Judaism

Wednesday, January 3, Noon – 1 p.m.

Joe's Deli, 534 Elmwood Ave.

What does Judaism say about...?

We start with Torah and Talmud, and we end up in the ethics and politics. Have an opinion? Bring it!

No prerequisites – everyone welcome. Materials provided. No host lunch.

Stained Glass Concert Series Runs From January to May

We have a hearty musical menu of cultural events this season. We begin our series in January, and the music doesn't stop until May. Please watch your Bulletins and email for details on the following programs:

January 26 - Shabbat Shira Is Sha-CAMP Shira - Whether you went to sleep-away camp or day camp, this energetic service features the music and songs of the camps that our TBZ children attend.

March 2 - An '80s Megillah - Come join the party at TBZ as we celebrate Purim '80s-style. Bring your big hair, jelly bracelets and leg warmers.

March 10 - Broadway Night with Shir Delight.

March 15 - Jazz Collective Concert: The Music of George Gershwin featuring Rebecca Filsinger.

March 16 - An evening to celebrate Michael Burke's 40 years as organist at Temple Beth Zion.

April 7 - Special recital of TBZ's own Ethan Fox.

May 17 - Jazz Collective Concert: The Music of Richard Rodgers featuring Lindsey Holland.

Our Stained Glass Program books highlight these events and the support of a number of patrons of cultural events at TBZ. The books will be available at each of these concerts and we ask you to take the time to notice those individuals and businesses whose financial support allows us to bring cultural programming to TBZ. In addition, we encourage you to consider taking an ad in the program book to include a personal message or a business advertisement.

If you are interested in learning more about the Stained Glass Program book, contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565, Ext. 134. The deadline for ad inquiries is December 15.

British Invasion Coming to TBZ!

Saturday, April 14

805 Delaware Avenue

Buffalo's own BBC Band, known across the Queen City for their tributes to the Beatles and '60s music, will be playing at TBZ for a fundraising concert. Buffalo Rising said the BBC Band is "Buffalo's best-kept secret."



Open to the entire community. Come and help us have a sold-out crowd. Concert proceeds will go to directly TBZ.

Help is needed – ticket sales, concessions, greeters and of course, concert-goers. If you are interested in helping plan or work this event, please contact Warren Clark at wec@wareclark.com or Amy Schaefer at 836-6565 or amyschaefer@tbz.org.

December Happenings

Consecration 2017/5778: Each year we welcome our students in Kindergarten – 3rd grade who are beginning their religious studies at Temple Beth Zion. The ceremony used in Reform congregations to mark the beginning of formal Jewish education is called Consecration. This year Consecration takes place on Sunday, December 17 in a special Tefillah service during Religious School, where the 7th graders, our oldest students, will welcome our newest students. At the Consecration service, the students will sing a number of prayers and songs, and will be called to the bimah for a special blessing by the clergy. In addition, they will be given a small replica of a Torah to symbolize the start of their own study of Torah.

Tzedakah of the Month for November 2017: In November we began a new schoolwide initiative called Tzedakah of the Month, and each grade participates in doing mitzvot. We put together Ziploc bags full of items to help someone in need. This is a very real, tangible way to help in a situation where you find someone who is in need, and you really feel like you want to do something but are unsure of exactly what to do. Handing out a Blessing Bag to someone gives you a way to meet their immediate needs by providing them with some basic supplies such as toiletries, water, food and warmth.

Blessing Bags are great to keep on hand in your car, so if you are in a situation where you find someone in need, you have the bag right there to hand to them on the spot. This is a way to demonstrate to your kids the act of giving in the face of a need instead of just driving by or walking away without responding.



Tzedakah of the Month December 2017: In December we will be collecting toys to donate for Chanukah. The Fifth Night event (actually will be the fourth night) is a fun and simple way for children to participate in Tzedakah by giving one night of Chanukah gifts to children in need instead of getting a gift themselves. We are going to continue the tradition of all donated gifts going to the refugee children in need through Jewish Family Service. Have your child pick out a gift that he or she would want for him or herself. Then your child can bring the gift (unwrapped) to services on Friday, December 15. For families not able to attend services, but still wanting to participate, gifts will be accepted at both buildings throughout the week of Chanukah.



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Sunday, December 10th
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Latkes, donuts, crafts & more!
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Temple Beth Zion Broder Center
700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst
Sponsored by TBZ Sisterhood

Chanukah Bazaar Open for Students

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

There are two Sundays on which our annual Sisterhood Gift Shop Chanukah Bazaar will be open especially for the students of our Religious School. On Sundays, December 3 and 10, students will be given the opportunity to shop during class hours, so please provide your child with money to be able to purchase gifts for their family.

A wide variety of gifts in all price ranges is available. We also have great Chanukah decorations and tableware, dreidles, menorahs and much, much more.

We will need lots of volunteers to help on those days as well as the weekdays the bazaar will be open. Please contact Susan Bruckheimer at susan_b@roadrunner.com or 835-0421 if you would like to sign up to help

See page 11 for photos of
Sunday School in action!

Upcoming Religious School Events

- Dec 1 Tot Shabbat at Delaware
- Dec 3 Sunday TOTS
Chanukah Bazaar
- Dec 8 Shabbat Alive! at Delaware, 7 p.m.
- Dec 10 Chanukah Bazaar
Family Chanukah Party
sponsored by Sisterhood
- Dec 12 First Candle for Chanukah
- Dec 15 Chanukah Shabbat/
Fourth Night Celebration at Broder, 7 p.m.
- Dec 24-31 No Religious School – Winter Break
(Classes resume January 7)

Ready for Chanukah, Winter

Shalom!

As we gear up for Chanukah and the winter months, TBaZY and our Junior Youth Groups are preparing for a busy and fun-filled season. We will be assisting our Sisterhood at the annual Family Chanukah party on December 10, and on December 16 we will have our first 3rd - 5th grade get-together and Bowling for Latkes at Kenmore Lanes at 1:15 p.m. (\$10 includes shoes, two games and a snack). Please RSVP by December 8 to the number or email below.

We will be have a Tu Bish'Vat and Lasertron gathering for our 6th - 12th graders in the beginning of January, so please watch for details about this program.

We are always available to provide information about all of our youth groups and are happy to chat about our youth engagement opportunities. Please feel free to call us at 867-8541 or email us at youth@tbz.org.

Beth and Tammy

The Chanukah Achim program will be held December 10 at 10 a.m. in the Weinberg Campus Meadows second-floor lounge area; the Meadows entrance is across from the JCC. This program will feature the Junior Choir performing Chanukah songs under the direction of Cantor Penny Meyers. This annual program is one of the residents' favorites and is highly anticipated and well attended. A very generous breakfast buffet is provided by Weinberg Campus and shared by the Weinberg resident and guests. Please show your support of Cantor Meyers and the Junior Choir and Brotherhood by attending this very popular and fun program.

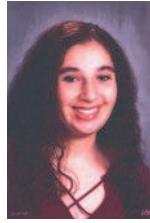
Brotherhood's annual membership drive is ongoing. Annual membership is still only \$25 but we have two additional levels of membership at \$36 and \$50 for those who wish to contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs.

On behalf of Brotherhood, I would like to wish all our members, temple members and the Jewish community a very Happy Chanukah and healthy and Happy New Year.

Please contact us at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com with any suggestions you may have in regards to programming, fund raising, further information on Brotherhood or any other Brotherhood issue.

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

Philip Chazen



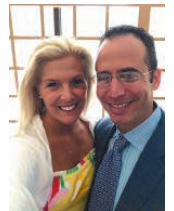
Shaina Potash
Saturday, December 16
Daughter of: Ari and Jamie Potash



Lucas Weiss
Saturday, December 30
Son of: Rachel Weiss and Bruce Weiss
Mitzvah Project: Caring for animals
Donating to: Heart Animal Rescue

To Susan Recoon, who is one of seven teachers in New York selected as finalists for the 2016-17 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Susan is a veteran Williamsville North High School math and computer science teacher who has pushed her district to add new computer science courses and has received a state honor for excellence in teaching.

To Dr. Bennett and Cantor Penny Myers on receiving the 2017 Medical Leader Award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The award was given on October 26 during the MDA's 15th Annual Harvest of Hope.



PALS Preschool students (with help from Miss Maria) used feathers and googly eyes to creatively adapt a gourd that was left over from the Sukkah. Above, they proudly present their turkey creation to Miss Becky for her desk.



Presidents' Message

Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year to the Temple family.

Information is on this page for many exciting activities and programs. Also, mark your calendars for:

March 18: Women's Seder

April 29: Donors Luncheon

May 11: Sisterhood Sabbath, installation and Woman of the Year Service

Accessory Exchange in May - date to be announced

We again this year will have our annual Chanukah Bazaar at the Broder Center so the children of the Religious School will have a place to buy presents for their family for Chanukah, and the community will also have an opportunity to purchase Judaica items for gift giving.

If you are dropping off your child and could stay for the morning or are waiting to pick up your child and you could come a little earlier, we would appreciate your help in the shop. Call Susan Fernandez Bruckheimer, 835-0421, or email susan_b@roadrunner.com if you want to shop or can volunteer to help.

Hope to see you at a Sisterhood program,

Marilyn, Susan and Sharon

Co-Presidents of Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood



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Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

Join us Sunday, December 24, at Barnes & Noble on Niagara Falls Boulevard any time between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. and help wrap presents. This is a fun "fundraiser" for Sisterhood.

Everyone enjoys having their purchases wrapped, and we enjoy providing that service to the Barnes & Noble customers. It should be a really busy and fun day. We raise funds when customers provide us with "tips."

To find out more or to sign up to help, call Jo Schweitzer at (716) 949-9015.

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

Our Chanukah Bazaar is over 50 years old. We are proud to be able to provide our children and the community with their Chanukah needs. Gifts, decorations, toys, cards...way too many items to list.

Chanukah Bazaar Hours

November 28 - December 17

Sundays 9 a.m. - noon

Monday - Thursday 4 to 5:45 p.m.

For information or to help out, call Susan at (716) 835-0421 or email susan_b@roadrunner.com

Also available in the shop are the Shop Around Buffalo coupon book, and Anderson's coupon books.

They make wonderful Chanukah gifts!

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

Demo & Dine Luncheon

Webster's Kitchen

110 Webster Street, North Tonawanda

Sunday, January 21, at 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a cooking demonstration with a three-course lunch.

Luncheon is open to all women and men.

First course - Soup

Creamy Squash Bisque

Second course - Entrée

Choice of Salmon en Croute OR Chicken Francaise
(Cooking demo will feature the salmon)

Third course - Dessert

Crème Brulee

Coffee, tea and water included.

(Wine or beer is available for an extra charge.)

Cost: \$35 per person inclusive

Seating is limited, so reserve your spot today.

The deadline for reservations is January 4.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

___ Salmon ___ Chicken Francaise = ___ Total Guests

Yes, I am interested in carpooling from the Broder Center.

Mail reservation with your check made out to TBZ Sisterhood to: Sandra Wolchok, 6872 Forestview Drive, Lockport, NY 14094.

Fun in Spades

Games Galore was again a huge success. I'd like to thank the following who helped make the afternoon so enjoyable: Donna Dickman, Clareanne Silver, Judy Swadron, Shellie Rutstein, Marilyn Schillroth, Helen Weintraub, Donna Yablin, Mark Yablin, Sharon Beckman, Elaine Klein, Susan Bruckheimer and Peggy Stone.

Congratulations to Dee Block, who was this year's winner of the Turkey Dinner raffle. Finally, thank you to Jonny C's for again donating a complete turkey dinner for a less-fortunate family.

Kaaren Norman

Thank You, Bakers

As usual, we had some wonderful bakers for the Shabbat Alive! Oneg on November 3. I would like to thank Debbie Coniglio, Errol Sull, Carole Weingarten, Marilyn Schillroth and Susan Chazen for their delicious desserts. If you would like to help us out, please contact me at swiner4@gmail.com. I would love to add you to our list of bakers.

Sharon Winer

Amazon Purchases Can Benefit Temple

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Temple Beth Zion every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at www.smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to TBZ. Please take a moment to go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0755891> to learn more and/or to sign up.



Emergency Closing Information



In the event of inclement weather, please watch WKBW-Channel 7, WGRZ-Channel 2 or WIVB-Channel 4 for closing information. We will also include school closing information on our phone system at 836-6565 and on our Facebook pages. School closing decisions are made independent of local school districts.

Insurance and Point Reduction Program Offered in January

Temple Beth Zion is pleased to announce a terrific benefit. We will offer the New York State-approved motor vehicle insurance and point reduction program. The class will be taught by Warren Clark.

* Receive 10% off your collision and liability insurance premium for three years and up to 4 points reduced from your driving record for 18 months.

Sundays, January 21 and 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Temple Beth Zion Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road.

You must attend both sessions to get the certificate; it is a 6-hour program.

\$30 per person for Temple Beth Zion members

\$35 per person for non-members

To sign up, contact Becky at (716) 836-6565. Class size is limited by state law, so advance registration is required.

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, December 19, at 7:15 p.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

The TBZ Bereavement Support Group is lay-led by members of the group in an informal and warm setting. All members of the community are welcome.

If you have questions, would like to RSVP or need further information, contact Carol Caserta at (716) 873-2836.

Mitzvah-Making Volunteers

Friends of Night People has been serving meals and providing essential support services daily to the homeless, destitute and working poor in our community for more than 30 years.

Who: 14 volunteers

When: 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on December 25

Where: 394 Hudson St., Buffalo

What: Set up, serve dinner to guests and clean up

RSVP: Please call Ann Marie at 836-6565, Ext. 111. Let us know if you can bring a dessert to serve. Desserts are welcome even if you cannot come and serve.

Please note: Due to Friends of Night People restrictions, no one under 16 years of age is allowed to participate here.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1. If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our staff, call (716) 836-6565 and follow the instructions.

Tour Guides, Docents Needed

Temple Beth Zion's Sanctuary and Museum have such rich history and so much beautiful symbolism it would be a shame to keep it all to ourselves. We don't! We provide tours to the public when requested.

We also give tours for numerous schools in the spring. The students are so interested in the building, and they want to learn about our customs. When we walk through the Cofeld Judaic Museum we are able to expand on what they have learned by showing them the items we have on display.

Tours are not only for students; our award-winning building contains beautiful pipe organs, incredible stained glass and our Museum collection. It is a draw for people from all over and a rich part of Buffalo's architectural history.

You don't have to be an expert to become a tour leader and docent. Being a docent is an opportunity to learn more about our building and to share the knowledge with eager learners.

We are in need of volunteers to help lead tours. This opportunity is best for volunteers who are: comfortable in speaking to small groups; able to escort groups throughout the Sanctuary and Museum; have a flexible schedule – days or early evenings are often most requested; are interested in (and have a love for) the 805 Delaware building. If you can help, please contact Rabbi Adam Scheldt at 836-6565, Ext. 137, or via email to rabbischeldt@tbz.org.



Tour guide/docent Marty Lewin leads a group of interested and impressed students. We aren't sure who enjoys the tours more - the students or Marty.

TBZ Ride Sharing

Let's help each other! We often get calls in the office from members who need some assistance in getting to TBZ services and events. If you are willing to lend a hand (or rather a seat in your car) to those in our TBZ family, please let us know.

We are gathering a list of people who may be able to give someone a ride to services or other TBZ events so that we can check with you when we have a member who needs a ride to an event. The list will be based on address, so when there is a need in your area we know whom to call.

Please contact Jennelle at 836-6565, Ext. 132, if you are able to help or in need of help.

Shabbat Alive! Service

Friday, December 8, at 7 p.m.

Happy Half Hour begins at 6:30 p.m.

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Friday, December 1, at 5:45 p.m.

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Please join us for an evening of snacks, song, stories, prayer and fun! For more information, contact Melissa Milch at 836-6565, Ext. 139, or pals@tbz.org



Women of the Book

Women of the Book will meet on Thursday, December 14. We will continue our discussion about our new books, *Pirkei Imahot* and the *Women of the Wall Siddur*.

Women of the Book meets once a month at members' homes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Jennelle at jennelle@tbz.org or 836-6565 for the location, to order the books or if you have any questions.

Students in Sydney Bluman's 3rd-Grade Religious School class leave messages of love and kindness for fellow students, their parents and teachers. The class is exploring sidewalk art as one of the many ways to show their care and concern for others.



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December 29 and 30**

Harold Adel	Sophie Goldberg
Jacob Amdur	Greenky
Rose Kaplan	Gertrude Grossman
Belinson	Gross
Meyer Bock	Janice Healey
Lena Bomberg	Harold Hirsch
Daniel Bookbinder	Mamie Many Kahn
Gertrude Weil	Louise Ullman
Cohen	Kostick
Dr. Irwin Cohen	Ella Krieger
Janice Fink Denner	Albert Lange
David Harry	Harris Lawrence
Desbecker	Stanley A. Levy
Helen Barmon	A.A. Morrison
Desbecker	Nathan Neiman
Ethel W. Desmon	Sonia Bard Piver
Simon Desmon	Naomi Present
Joseph Eisgrau	Max Rabin
Robert Elster	Regina Rashkin
Samuel Fagin	Frances Rosenfeld
Joseph J. Fass	Estelle Rutstein
Rhoda Barmon	Dr. Nathaniel Safran
Frankenstein	Sandra Schweitzer
Dorothy Friedman	Siegel
Faxstein	Lester S. Simon
Paul Laverne Fink	Alvin S. Small
Sidney H. Fink	Justice Jacob Tick
Adelbert	Sidney S. Wallens
Fleischmann	Eugene Warner
Samuel Gandel	Joseph White
Arnold B. Gardner	Herman Wile
Samuel Greenfield	

December 8 and 9

December 15 and 16

December 1 and 2

Daniel W. Barmon	Beatrice W. Liebling
F. Lulu Barmon	Max Liebskind
Frances M. Barmon	Rose Lightman
Joseph B. Block	Ruth R. Mendelson
Harold A. Clark	Rose R. Merowitz
Herman Cohen	Bessie Ruth Miller
Lillian Dosberg	Louis Bernard
Rabbi Dr. Joseph L. Fink	Morrison
Dr. Erwin Friede	Sidney Mursten
Edith Garfinkle	Jeannette G. Rivo
Louis Glaser	Jeanette Rosenbaum
George Goldstein	Jacob M. Shapiro
Philip Goldstein, M.D.	Emanuel Silberberg
Lena Manch Gross	Fanny Robinson
John Guggenheimer	Sillman
Charlotte Leah Hollander	Maurice Stiller
Saul Isenberg	Max Stovroff
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Denia Warner Kempner	Florence G. Weinberg
Leo M. Levy	David Wile
	Michael D. Wolfsohn
	Harriet B. Yenoff
	Hannah J. Zolki

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Lillian Meyers Davis	Markel
Pearl Deull	Dr. Ernest Moser
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Margot R. Freudenheim	Harry Sherlick
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December 22 and 23

Sydney S. Abzug	Hattie Geranstein	Dr. Russell J. Nisengard
Joseph Biltekoff	Byron R. Goldman	Samuel Oppenheimer
Harry Bisgeier	Shinah Aaron Greenstein	Camille M. Plant
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Samuel M. Fox		

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials for December 29 and 30 can be found on page 13.

Ellis M. Adel's yahrzeit was observed on November 24. We apologize for omitting his name in error from the Temple Beth Zion November Bulletin.

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials have been established for

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Sundays, December 3 & 10

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Sunday, December 10

Chanukah Service
Friday, December 15