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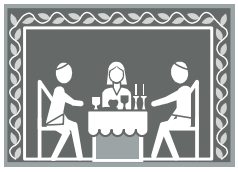
High Holy Days and Festivals

See the enclosed insert for the complete schedule of High Holy Day services and for details on Sukkot and Simchat Torah services.



THE Kol Nidre CAMPAIGN

In the coming weeks, you will receive information on the 2013 Kol Nidre Campaign. The Annual Giving Campaign is critical to the mission and membership of Temple Beth Zion.

The campaign is as much about participation as it is about the size of donations. Each gift matters! So when you receive your 2013 Kol Nidre Campaign materials, please make your pledge right then. We have made our 2013 pledges and are personally asking ***every*** congregant to make a pledge to the campaign, no matter the size of that pledge.

Make a difference in all of our lives and in your Jewish religious and cultural home.

Thank you for your continued (or new) support.

Warren and Lynn Clark, Larry Rubin and Debra Chernoff
2013 Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs

Welcome Back!

PALS Play And Learn School AT TEMPLE BETH ZION

PALS Zekitot & Tziporim Begin Monday, September 9

PALS Shefanim Begin Tuesday, September 10

All paperwork must be received before the first day of classes!

Religious School Begins Sunday, September 22

See page 6 for the schedule of the day!

tbz Religious School

Call 836-6565 with any questions about PALS or Religious School.

WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion Invites You to Our

Opening Luncheon

Sunday, September 29
1 p.m.
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

With special guest speaker,
Rabbi Adam Scheldt

Lunch is FREE if you confirm your Sisterhood membership by September 22 - see page 8 for all the details!

tbz *Letter from the President*

Being Prepared

Pop — Shhhhhhhssssssssss. The sound of a flat tire emanating from the rear tire of a bike ridden by a certain Senior Rabbi on a late July bike ride in South Buffalo. We had set out to show the Rabbi at least 10 things about Buffalo that would be new to him. While that was at least partially accomplished, the ride also served as the inspiration for this *Bulletin* article.

At this time of year, we **think about the past and prepare for what is ahead**. We reflect on our successes and failures and think about how we can **do it a bit better in the next year**. That flat tire caused me to think more deeply about this, not because the Rabbi wasn't prepared with a spare tube or pump (his were safely in his garage at home) but that I wasn't as prepared as I should have been to help. I started to think about other things I think I'm prepared for – personally, professionally, TBZ presidentially – and in fact I'm not. Is TBZ prepared for unforeseen circumstances? How about for those things we CAN foresee?

Most unforeseen events, like a flat tire, happen suddenly due to some environmental factor – the proverbial glass in the road. There are some, however, that occur over time – creeping up on us until that one day when we can least afford it a boiler goes down, the plumbing fails, or an air conditioning system breaks down. Those things happen to all of us.

Last year, we made some initial investments and **launched some important initiatives aimed at making sure that your TBZ is here for you** whenever you need us. On the spiritual level, we began a preventive maintenance program for our precious **Torah scrolls** under professional guidance and with the help of our "Holy Rollers" affinity group. The scrolls' poor condition just crept up on us until one day we found ourselves with few "kosher" scrolls. On the practical level, we have made key investments in our infrastructure and are now planning for a **complete refurbishing of the Broder Center**. This includes replacing the more than 55-year-old boiler before it fails and working on certain structural problems that if left in their state of disrepair would lead to further degradation of the building. On the staff side, we continue to be committed to professional development and have made a push to have the **best possible professional team** that is prepared to handle whatever comes their way.

At the start of 5774, your synagogue is in good shape. We have an exciting set of programs and a new and dynamic outlook for moving forward in hopeful times. I hope that you can say the same for yourselves and start the year on a healthy and happy note.

Oh yes, as for the Rabbi being stranded at the side of the road, I ended up biking home then driving back to pick him up. TBZ presidents do carry out rescue missions on occasion.

L'shalom

Kenneth Rogers

tbz *General Information*

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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.

Wednesday, September 4	
Erev Rosh Hashanah	**8 p.m.**
Thursday, September 5	
Children's Service	**9 a.m.**
Family Service	**9 a.m.**
Alternative Service at Becker Farms	**10 a.m.**
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service	**11:30 a.m.**
Friday, September 6	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service **@ Broder**	**6 p.m.**
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Saturday, September 7	
Shabbat Morning Service	**10:30 a.m.**
Thursday, September 12	
Afternoon Service at Broder	**5:30 p.m.**
Friday, September 13	
Erev Yom Kippur	**8 p.m.**
Saturday, September 14	
Children's Service	**9 a.m.**
Family Service	**9 a.m.**
Yom Kippur Morning Service	**11:30 a.m.**
Music Interlude	**1:30 p.m.**
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service	**2:30 p.m.**
Wednesday, September 18	
Erev Sukkot Service	**7 p.m.**
Thursday, September 19	
Joint Sukkot Morning Service	**10:30 a.m.**
Friday, September 20	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	**6 p.m.**
Saturday, September 21	
Shabbat Morning Service	**10:30 a.m.**
Wednesday, September 25	
Erev Simchat Torah	**7 p.m.**
Thursday, September 26	
Joint Simchat Torah/Yizkor @ **Congregation Shir Shalom**	**10:30 a.m.**
Friday, September 27	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	**7 p.m.**
Classical Service	**7 p.m.**
Saturday, September 28	

Letter from the Rabbi

Are We Prepared?

I just can't control myself. Over and over and over again, when someone asks if the High Holy Days are early this year (or late another), I along with many of my rabbinic colleagues cannot but help to answer, "Not at all. They are right on time!" Yes, technically, the holidays always begin on the first of *Tishrei*. And yes, I know it is a really bad joke – one that I have told at least a hundred times and probably will again and again and again. But, the holidays really *are* early this year. *Rosh HaShannah* starts on September 4, and *Hanukkah* will actually begin on Thanksgiving!

So, I find myself wondering how the holidays can be early and on time at the same time. The simple and familiar answer is that the Hebrew calendar follows a lunar cycle while the secular calendar follows a solar cycle. As a result, the two calendars do not align well, which is why we often have to add an extra month of Adar to keep the Jewish holidays in the correct season. Before we add that month, all the holidays seem early and after we add it they seem late.

Yet, there is more to this than meets the eye. The question within the question is not about the complex arithmetic of aligning two very different calendars, but about a feeling, and even more, about our spiritual journeys. What if the High Holy Days were actually both early and late every year, despite our strict adherence to the Hebrew calendar?

Each year, in advance of the holidays, I along with many other rabbis go through a ritual. It is not a formal Jewish ritual, but rather a series of spontaneous conversations in which we are asked (or ask each other) if we are ready for the Holy Days. Usually, the question is about our professional readiness – are our sermons written, are the services organized, etc. Over the course of the summer, my usual response when asked *the question* is to calmly reply, "Well, our services are put together, but I haven't written my sermons yet." You see, I used to write my sermons months in advance, but then when the holidays came my words seemed stale: Too much had changed in the world, and I had changed as well. Now I wait for an invisible line in the calendar, one that I am completely oblivious to until I reach it, or rather it reaches me. Once I cross that line, I feel the pressure and get cracking. The holidays, which seemed a little farther away before I crossed that line, suddenly seem early!

We all, I suspect, wait too long before preparing for the holidays. We wait too long to start the process of *cheshbon hanefesh* (soul searching) that leads to *teshuvah* (making amends and changing our ways). When *Rosh HaShannah* comes we are not fully prepared. And because we are not fully prepared, we are unable to take full advantage of the transformational power of these days. At the same time, the Holy Days are always late each year. If we wait for these days to take stock of our lives and the choices we make, then we have already missed many opportunities to learn from and respond to our mistakes – while our memories are fresh and our misdeeds have not had the time to fester.

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Tishri Memorial Service

A Tishri Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 1. Rabbi Pokras will be present at 11 a.m. at Forest Lawn (section Z) to hold a brief service in memory of beloved members of our families. This service is designed to offer comfort to the living while strengthening ties with our departed loved ones during the High Holy Day season.

High Holy Day Greeters/Ushers

Each year at the High Holy Days, ushers and greeters help make our services a warm, inviting experience. If you are interested in participating at any of the High Holy Day services, please contact Sandy Beckman at ssbeck332@verizon.com or Brotherhood at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com or contact Mark Criden at 836-6565.

Ushers are asked to arrive 45 minutes before the service they have volunteered for. As an usher, you may be called upon to check tickets, help congregants find seats, pass out books, headphones and programs before services, escort unticketed guests to the office and collect books and materials from pews after services.

Please consider participating in this enjoyable and important mitzvah of welcoming your Temple family into their spiritual home.

Special Blessing for Spouses, Parents Who Happen Not to Be Jewish

To recognize the extraordinary sacrifice made by non-Jewish spouses to create Jewish families and raise Jewish children, Rabbi Pokras will be offering a special blessing during the main Yom Kippur morning service when the Torah is chanted. If you are one of these wonderful people, we hope that you will plan to attend so that we can call you up to the *bimah* to honor and bless you before the Congregation. The main Yom Kippur morning service will begin at 11:30 on Saturday, September 14, in the Sanctuary.

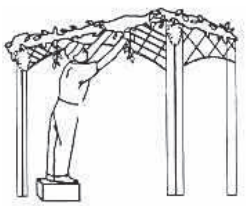
TBaZY Annual Food Drive

Saturday, September 14
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Donations from the Food Drive will go to the Food Bank of WNY. Please bring your non-perishable food donations when you come for services at the Delaware building on Yom Kippur. Representatives from TBaZY will meet you at the door to assist you with your packages.

Help Decorate the Sukkahs

Be part of a joyous process helping Sisterhood decorate the Sukkahs at 805 Delaware Avenue. On Sunday, September 15, beginning at 2:30 p.m., we'll decorate both the outdoor Sukkah and the Sukkah in the Sanctuary. Afterwards, we'll have a snack in the Rabbi Fink Auditorium. Adults and children are welcome.



To let us know if you can join us, please contact Susan Bruckheimer at susan_b@Roadrunner.com or call her at 835-0421 and leave a message

Give the Gift Of TBZ Membership!

Do you know an unaffiliated family that would like to be a part of TBZ? Help strengthen our TBZ community by inviting your friends or family to join you as a TBZ member.

For a limited time, each TBZ household can give one gift membership to an unaffiliated individual or family. Memberships are for the 2013/2014 fiscal year, so recipients will need to contact the Temple office to redeem their gift by October 30, 2013. If redeemed prior to High Holy Day services, this year's services are included.

Gift memberships apply to standard membership dues and do not include additional fees for Religious School, PALS or other programs and events.

For further information, call Ann Marie at 836-6565, Ext. 111.

Summer Celebration Hugely Successful!

The 2013 TBZ Summer Celebration was held on Monday, August 12, at Transit Valley Country Club. More than 160 people participated in this wonderful all-day event. Thank you to our generous sponsors, donors and participants who all make this a great day. We look forward to sharing with you all the highlights from the day in the October Bulletin.

One of the foursomes taking to the golf course on the beautiful summer day included (from left) Peter Biltekoff, David Desmon, Michael Wise and Bob Fine.

Are We Prepared?

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The ancient rabbis called *Yom Kippur* the Sabbath of all Sabbaths. If on *Yom Kippur* we look back at the year and take stock of our deeds, then on every Shabbat we can look back on the week and do the same. In this year to come, may we make the holy days neither early nor late, but right on time, by beginning to prepare now. This year, may we use each and every Shabbat to step back from our busy weeks and make the minor course adjustments that will keep us all on right and just paths, working together to bring about G-d's beautiful vision for a better and brighter world. And may we celebrate a year that with G-d's help we have filled with sweetness and joy, together, again and again and again.

Rabbi Gary Pokas

Classical Service

Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m.
805 Delaware Avenue

A Classical Reform Shabbat Evening Service will take place in the Sisterhood Chapel on September 27. This service will be in addition to the 7 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

For the Classical Service, the 1942 edition of the Union Prayer Book is used. Most of the service is read in English, and melodies historically used at TBZ are sung.

Please join us and stay for refreshments afterward.

Installation of Cantor Myers

Temple Beth Zion is proud of our newly accredited Cantor, Penny S. Myers, who has completed a rigorous course of study through the Cantors Assembly of Conservative Judaism. Please join us and special guests as we celebrate Cantor Myers' accomplishment with a special Shabbat Service of Installation on Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m. in our beautiful Sanctuary filled with song, prayer and joy.

Welcome, New Members

Aliya Jay
Jacob Jay
Elizabeth Skerker
Scott & Debra Cushman
Adam Malka & Jennifer Holland
Joshua Rosen
Rachel Jackson & Angelo Caico
Lawrence & Leiba Wolfgang
Kathryn Lippman
Susan Siegel

Participate in Services

Have you ever thought about lighting the Shabbat Candles at services on a Friday night or giving the Torah Blessings at Shabbat Morning Services? If you are interested in participating in services, call Tina Taylor at 836-6565 for more information.

Temple Offices

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, September 2; Thursday, September 5; Thursday, September 19; and Thursday, September 26.

Bakers and Drivers Needed

The Caring Community will be making Rosh Hashanah baskets and delivering them to our members at nursing homes and members who find it hard to get around.

We really need your help
for baking and for delivering baskets!

Please call Tina at 836-6565, Ext.132, if you are able to participate. Baskets will be packed with goodies and delivered on Monday, September 9. Packing will be at 10 a.m. Bags will be ready for pickup beginning at 12:30 on September 9.

Family Promise

Hopefully, everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It is time to think about those people who are not as fortunate as we are. While we enjoy our homes and families, there are still many people who are homeless.

Family Promise, a national organization that helps homeless families, is very active in our area. We at Temple Beth Zion are committed to helping and assisting them. We assist Crossroads Lutheran Church on the corner of Burroughs Drive and Main Street in Snyder. We will be there for one or two evenings the week of October 4-11. We cook, serve and socialize with the families. If you have any time to spare, please join us. This is truly a wonderful mitzvah. Please contact me at swiner4@gmail.com or 741-4200. I would love to hear from you.

Sharon Winer

Shabbat Greeters Are Needed

During the past year, members and guests arriving for Friday evening Shabbat worship services have been met and greeted by a dedicated group of Shabbat Greeters. Because the Hospitality Initiative succeeds in raising the spirit of friendship at the start of Friday evening services, it's been extended to occasional Saturday morning Shabbat services, as well as monthly Friday evening Classical services.

Preceding our Friday evening Shabbat services during this summer and last, we've increased our welcoming success with a wine and cheese table prior to the start of services, an innovation that will now continue throughout the year. With delicious homemade baked goods donated by members of the Temple and its Sisterhood, these unmatched hospitality initiatives will also continue at the Oneg Shabbat following most Friday evening services, starting again right after the High Holy Days, when services will generally begin an hour later.

We are still seeking additional volunteers to take turns as Shabbat Greeters just one Shabbat a month, to keep the Hospitality Initiative fully effective.

The Shabbat Hospitality Initiative is coordinated by Linda and Carl Snitzer. If you're available and willing, or if you want more information, please contact us at 626-1084.

tbz *Youth and Education*

What's New for September

We are gearing up for another year of Jewish learning and living at TBZ! School may be out for the summer, but we use this time for cleaning, reflecting, planning and preparing for next school year. The first day of Religious School is **Sunday, September 22**!

Highlights include:

- **Technology** in our classrooms – including smart boards and online resources
- **Chuggim** – expanded special elective classes for students in grades 3 – 7
- **Learning through the Arts**, including specialists in visual arts, music, movement, drama and literature
- **P.A.S.S. - Parents At Sunday School** – ongoing study and dialogue with our clergy
- Schoolwide theme – ***Zerizut* – Just Do It!** We will be expanding our reach into the community with Family Mitzvah projects in and out of the building, done with *zerizut* – enthusiasm!
- **Hebrew Enrichment** – an additional option for 1st & 2nd graders
- **Meeting the needs of ALL learners** – we welcome students with special learning needs and provide 1:1 aides as well as professional special education teachers
- **Sunday Tots** – a monthly parent and child program for 3 & 4 years, open to the entire community

PALS Play And Learn School AT TEMPLE BETH ZION

There are new and exciting changes taking place at PALS and within our Broder Center building.

We are pleased to announce that Melissa Milch-Klein will be assuming the role of Assistant Director of PALS. In addition, Shira Goldberg will be returning to our teaching staff along with Maria Blackburn. Shira, Maria and Melissa are an extraordinary team and are thrilled to be working together with our PALS families.

As of September 1, the Olmsted Center's Early Education program will be partnering with Kidsabilities, (www.kidsabilitiesinc.com) a child care facility with two other sites in Tonawanda, to meet the New York State education requirements for integrated classrooms. As a result of this partnership, we are now able to offer before and after school care to our PALS families through Kidsabilities. Our own PALS classrooms will remain on the first floor of the Broder Center Center and have been redesigned and renovated.

There are limited spaces available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Please email Melissa at pals@tbz.org for more information.

If you have any questions regarding Temple Beth Zion's Religious School or would like registration information, please contact Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Director of Lifelong Learning, (716) 836-6565, Ext. 131, or by email at education@tbz.org.

2013-2014 Religious School Opening Day
Sunday, September 22
8:30 am – 11:30 am

Schedule of the Day

8:30 am	Registration and light breakfast
9 am	ALL STUDENTS to their classrooms
9:15 am	ALL PARENTS to the Social Hall
10:15 am	Tefillah for all students and parents
11 am	Students and parents return to classrooms to meet the teachers
11:30 am	Dismissal

Family Education 2013-2014
Zerizut - Just Do It - with Enthusiasm!

"I hurried and did not delay to keep Your commandments."

Psalm 119:60

The Family Education theme for the 2013-2014 school year is: *Zerizut – Just do it – with enthusiasm*! As Jewish people we are taught that Mitzvot are commandments from God and that by fulfilling these commandments, we strengthen our relationship with God. Through learning as a community we will gain an understanding that fulfilling Mitzvot with enthusiasm encourages one to reach out to others, give of one's time and truly make a difference in the world.

This year we will incorporate Jewish values and laws in a way that our students and families can relate to. We will spend our Family Days looking at Jewish texts, along with learning about local and national organizations where we can make a difference. Throughout the year we will provide opportunities to complete Mitzvah projects in the community as part of our year of learning. By fulfilling God's commandments, and doing them with *zerizut*, we will find a stronger connection to God and to our Jewish heritage.

Upcoming Events

Play And Learn School

September 3	PALS Staff meeting
September 3	PALS orientation and cubby decorating 10:30 am
September 5	Rosh Hashanah – office closed
September 9	First Day, Zekitot & Tziporim
September 10	First Day, Shefanim (with parents)
September 14	Yom Kippur
September 19	Sukkot – PALS closed
September 26	Simchat Torah – PALS closed

Religious School

September 15	Staff orientation and classroom set up 8:30 am
September 22	First Sunday (for students and parents)
October 1	First Tuesday class (Delaware)
October 3	First Thursday class (Broder)

A New Year for TBaZY

TBaZY Jr and Sr are up and running again this month, starting with their annual Food Drive through the Food Bank of Western New York on September 14.

TBaZY is very excited to be hosting NFTY NEL's Fall Kallah the weekend of November 8-10. We are looking for families with children to host and welcome children from neighboring cities into their homes. This is a great way for your teens and children to connect with teenagers from our youth group's region.

In order to participate in this exciting local event and many others, we are offering the following prices for youth group membership for the entire year:

TBaZY Jr: $36 for Temple members and $50 for non-Temple members

TBaZY Sr: $54 for Temple members and $70 for non-Temple members

I am looking forward to another successful year!

L'shalom,
Hannah Donner

Happy New Year, Kesher

Join us for our annual apple picking!
Where: Blackman Homestead Farms
http://blackmanhomesteadfarm.com/applepicking.html

Meet at the turkey cages.
Bring a lunch to picnic!
When: Sunday, October 6
Time: After Sunday School
Cost: What you pick
R.S.V.P.: Jessica Meyers Altman veghead18@gmail.com 983-8965 or Tina@tbz.org 836-6565.

TBZ Heads Back to Israel in 2014

You've always wanted to come, and now here is your chance! Join Rabbi Pokras and fellow TBZers **June 29 – July 10, 2014,** for an amazing **Israel Tour.**

To receive information, including the itinerary and the cost of the trip, call Tina at 836-6565, Ext. 132. Space is limited, so if you have additional questions or want to reserve your spot, please call Tina today or e-mail Rabbi Pokras at rabbipokras@tbz.org.

Join Us in New Year

As the Days of Awe quickly approach, Brotherhood looks forward to the coming year and wishes a L'Shana Tova to all of our Temple family. We look forward to bring relevant and interesting programming to our members and the Temple in general and assisting the Temple in whatever way we can.

Sandy Beckman is again Usher Captain for High Holy Day services. Anyone wishing to assist in ushering at any of this year's services, please feel free to contact Sandy at ssbeck332@verizon.net or the Brotherhood at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com or contact the Temple, which will forward your message.

Our annual membership drive is under way. Annual membership is still only $25, but we have an additional level of membership at $36, for those who wish to contribute to Brotherhood and assist in funding our programs. Your Brotherhood dues can be paid right along with your Temple dues. No need for an additional stamp or another envelope.

Please feel free to contact the Brotherhood at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fundraising, further information on Brotherhood or any other Brotherhood issue.

We extend our congratulations to Norm and Carole Weingarten on the birth of their newest grandson, Jack.

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

Sincerely,
Philip Chazen

Achim Opens September 8

Warren Clark, President of the Better Business Bureau and TBZ Board Vice President, will be the speaker for the season opener of Achim on Sunday, September 8, at 10 a.m. at the Weinberg Campus Meadows Lounge.

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

Mazel Tov

To Cara and Eric Reich on the birth of their son Tristan Liam, who was born July 20.

To Eric Weingarten and Lisa Regelman on the birth of their son Jack Sawyer Weingarten on August 3. Grandparents are Emil and Judy Regelman and Norm and Carole Weingarten.

To Karen Wiseman, who won a blue ribbon at the Erie County Fair for her knitted challah cover.

To Alan Rosenhoch, who was honored on August 13 as one of Business First's 30 of Western New York's young leaders under the age of 30. The designation is given to those who are proven performers in their industry and community. Alan is the Business Development Manager for Buffalo Niagara Enterprise.

To Milt Joffe, Chief Copy Editor of The Buffalo News, on celebrating his 50th year at The News.

tbz Sisterhood

Presidents' Message

La Shana Tova to all our Sisterhood members and to all our Temple families. May the new year bring health, happiness, and contentment to all.

Everyone has received our new Sisterhood brochure, listing all our exciting programs. Thank you to Kathy Corff Rogers for her work on our behalf. Please join us and send in your membership dues. Our membership luncheon is September 29. If your dues are received by September 22 there is no charge to attend. Our Assistant Rabbi, Adam Scheldt, will be our guest speaker. Please support your Sisterhood and join now.

Again, we wish you a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Schillroth, Sharon Winer,
Shellie Rutstein and Karen Norman

Opening Luncheon

Sunday, September 29
1 p.m.
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Special Speaker, Assistant Rabbi Adam Scheldt

Join us for a delicious buffet luncheon. After lunch, Rabbi Scheldt will tell us about himself, his hobbies, why he chose the Rabbinate and especially why he chose Temple Beth Zion.

Reservations for lunch are required.
Please call Jane Goorevich at 632-3835 to make your luncheon reservations (guests are $18) **and** mail your renewal check (made out to Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood) by September 22 to: Carole Weingarten, 41 Carriage Hill West, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Call Carole at 688-6432 if you need information about renewal prices.

**** We cannot accept attendees the day of the event ****

Ruth Fernandez
SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP
Broder Center

New merchandise from Israel!
Gifts and hostess items for Rosh Hashanah

The Gift Shop will be open
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Inquire at the Front Desk
Special appointments may be made by calling
Lynn Klein—689-9207.

Beginning September 22,
Judaica Shop hours will be:
Thursdays 4 - 6 p.m.
Sundays 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Please Support Your Temple Gift Shop

Turkey Dinner Raffle

Sisterhood "Turkey Raffle" tickets are available from Sisterhood members!

Take a chance on a complete Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people.

Tickets are $2 each, $5 for 3 and $15 for a book of 10.

The winner will be announced on Election Day.

Bakers and Others

Soon we will begin a New Year, and Sisterhood will be baking for the Onegs held on the fourth Friday of every month. We love doing this and preparing different delectable deserts. We need your help. If you are a baker we need you. If you are not a baker we need you. You will not be called on every month, so please get in touch with me to find out more about this. If you do not want to be actively engaged but would like to help, please consider a small donation to help us out. This is a wonderful way to volunteer. We would love some men bakers also.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sharon Winer. swiner4@gmail.com or 741-4200

Save the Date to Help Us Fight Breast Cancer

TBZ Sisterhood is again forming a team of walkers to participate in the annual American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk to take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 19, in downtown Buffalo.

You need not be a member of Sisterhood or even female to be part of our team - ALL are welcome! Watch your October Bulletin for all the details, and please join us in support of this most important cause.

Adult Educational Opportunities

The Bureau of Jewish Education and Temple Beth Zion are hosting

A Season of Mussar

Beginning in November
Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
JCC Benderson Building
or
Thursdays, noon - 1:30 p.m.
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road
Fee: $125 includes book and materials

Life comes with tests - often in the relationships with the people we love most.

Those tests try us. They also reveal the places where we have the potential to grow spiritually.

The Jewish Tradition of Mussar offers wisdom for facing and making the most of life's challenges, to help you find peace, love and fulfillment in heart and soul.

For more information on this 13-lesson program, contact Susan G. Schwartz (836-6565) or Evie Weinstein (204-5380).

Guide to Basic Hebrew - Part I

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
11-Week Course beginning October 2
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road
Fee: $110 plus workbook

- Learn Hebrew letters, alphabet, vowels and some basic vocabulary.
- Learn to read the Kaddish, Torah Blessings and other prayers with ease.
- Feel comfortable following along with the congregation of any synagogue you visit.

Presented by the Buffalo Board of Rabbis and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Introduction to Judaism

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
14-Session Course beginning October 2
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

The Bureau of Jewish Education's Adult Education Department is co-sponsoring this exciting world of Judaism with the Buffalo Board of Rabbis. The course will be taught by Rabbi Alexander Lazarus-Klein, Rabbi Perry Netter, Rabbi Joshua Strosberg, Rabbi Gary Pokras and Rabbi Adam Scheldt.

This course is open to anyone who wants to convert, intermarry, or learn more about the Jewish faith.

For more information or to register for the classes above, contact Ethel Melzer, Director of Adult Education, at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 204-5380 or ethel@bjebuffalo.org.

Jewish Repertory Theatre

The 2013-2014 season of the Jewish Repertory Theatre begins with "A Life in the Theatre," by David Mamet, directed by Greg Natale and starring Saul Elkin and Adam Rath. The play runs from September 21 through October 13.

Beginning in February, "Dai (Enough)," by Iris Bahr, directed by Saul Elkin and starring Josie DiVincenzo, is featured.

"Body Awareness," by Annie Baker, directed by Saul Elkin and starring Eileen Dugan, Kristen Tripp Kelley, Tim Newell and Adam Yellen, will begin May 8, 2014.

Season subscriptions and single tickets are on sale now. For more information, contact Jordana Halpern, JRT managing director, at 688-4114, Ext. 337, or email at JHalpern@jccbuffalo.org.

JCC Art Galleries

Vortex Series, an exhibit of photographic imagery on repurposed Duratran w/eco-friendly UV cured ink, LED and remote, will be on display and for sale in the Bunis Family Gallery at the JCC, 2640 N. Forest Road, Getzville, and concurrently at the Art Gallery in the JCC on 787 Delaware Avenue, September 6 through October 31.

The work is created by BiLLLinda, an artist team that includes WNY photographers Linda Gale Gellman and Bill E. Myers who use their combined experience to work collaboratively on their artistic projects. The installations are multidimensional wall sculptures with a remote-controlled adapter to enable altered intensities with the intention of reflecting one's mood or environment.

The opening reception will take place Sunday, September 8, 1-3 pm at the Bunis Family Gallery, on the second floor of the JCC.

For more information, call 716-204-2255.

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.

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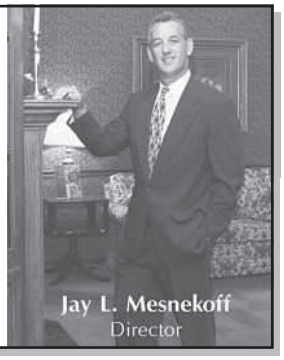
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Mac Brett
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Yetta Churgel
Bertha Douglas Dudnik
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Janet Greenky Engel
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Morris Weiss
Harry Wels
Leo Werthimer
Judge Cecil B. Wiener
May Lowenthal Wile

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September 13 and 14

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Robert L. Algase
Jane Davis Allen
Ernestine Ament
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Hyman Benatovich
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Nettie Rosenthal
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Adele Snitzer Serrins
Gerald S. Stern
Hyman B. Stolar
Sylvia Wolkind
Bertha Yenoff

September 20 and 21

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by Robyn, Ryan, Jordan & Melanie Cooper

Edward Geran, by Pamela Weinrieb

Helen Stecker Friedmann,
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We offer our condolences to the families of:

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Herbert I. Wittels
Norma Kirschenbaum