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The First Friday of the Month at Temple Beth Zion = Shabbat Alive!

Friday, October 4
Happy Half Hour at 6:30 p.m.
Service at 7 p.m.
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road



Join us for a family-friendly, musical, spirit-filled Shabbat service featuring the TBZ band along with Shir Ruach (our TBZ singers).

A festive oneg will follow!

Tailgate With Your Friends at Temple Beth Zion

Game Day: Friday, October 11
Pre-game Happy Half Hour: 6:30 p.m.
Coin Toss (Service): 7 p.m.
Field: 805 Delaware Avenue



Wear your favorite Bills, Sabres, Bisons or any other team gear as we welcome Shabbat and celebrate our favorite teams.

Stay for a rousing Oneg!

Kol Nidre CAMPAIGN

Information on the 2013 - 2014 Kol Nidre Campaign was mailed in September. The Annual Giving Campaign is critical to the mission and membership of Temple Beth Zion.

See page 4 for a special message from your 2013 - 2014 Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs, Warren and Lynn Clark Laurence Rubin and Debra Chernoff

Installation of Cantor Myers

Friday, October 18, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue



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 along with special guest Cantor Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto as we celebrate Cantor Myers' accomplishment with a special Shabbat Service filled with song, prayer and joy in her honor.

A festive oneg will follow!



Letter from the President

'What Is It That You Seek?'

As the President of TBZ I have this column fill you in monthly on what we're addressing as your elected leaders. I even get to do it in person at Rosh Hashanah and at the Annual Meeting in June. Honestly, I enjoy communicating with you. Now that the high holidays, Sukkot and Simchat Torah are behind us **it's time for** *you* **to weigh in**. Last year at this time we had all heard Rabbi Pokras speak of God's four questions for us. I'm most drawn to the fourth question on my refrigerator magnet that Rabbi Pokras provided as a reminder. "What is it that you seek?" (Gen 37:15) The Torah passage from Joseph has a modern usage in marketing research: What do *you* want?

I have been surprised - no, shocked - at how little input I get from members of the congregation about *what* we should be doing. I get the occasional suggestions about **how** we do things but it is rare when someone writes or calls or buttonholes me to ask "What if TBZ did...?"

Email your ideas to me at president@tbz.org or call me at (716) 881-0753. If you are friendly with a Board member please feel free to share the idea with her or him, and it will be brought forward. I will summarize the ideas I receive from you in my November column (if there are no ideas it will be a very short column). Not all of them will be things you agree with, and perhaps there will be some that we like but have to put into the "when we have the resources" pile. But I'll bet that there are some great ideas that we can be implementing this year and next – ideas that we just haven't heard about yet.

Please thank a Board member. Most of the congregation does not understand the hours that members of the Board put in to make sure TBZ remains active, growing and relevant. The value of their professional time alone is in the thousands of dollars. I know he'll cringe when I say this, but a special thank-you to Board member Stephen Yonaty, who led the effort to get our Broder Center lease signed with the Olmsted Center for Sight. That lease will allow us to make necessary upgrades to that building, including a new boiler that is being installed. Most of the time your Board is dealing with things that are behind the scenes, but need to be taken care of so that we can do the things that our members want. Their names can be found next to this column.

Finally, I want to **wish our auxiliary organizations a very successful program year**. Sisterhood, Brotherhood and TBaZY (youth) add immeasurably to the quality of our Temple life. Whether it's the Sisterhood decorating the Sukkah, Brotherhood arranging for ushers, or TBaZY hosting a regional event here at TBZ, this synagogue is always better because of their support.

L'Shalom Kenneth Rogers

Temple Offices

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, October 14.



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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

Torah study is held every Saturday at 9	:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 3	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 4	
Shabbat Alive Service at Broder	7 p.m.
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	
Saturday, October 5	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Charlie Cole	
Thursday, October 10	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 11	
Shabbat Evening Service - Tailgate Shabbat	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 12	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Michael Newberger	
Thursday, October 17	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 18	
Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Celebrating Cantor Penny Myers	
Saturday, October 19	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Mincha-Ma'ariv Service	4:30 p.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Elliot Snitzer	
Thursday, October 24	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 25	
Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Classical Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 26	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Canterbury Woods Service	11 a.m.
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Thursday, October 31	
	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 31 Afternoon Service at Broder Friday, November 1	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 31 Afternoon Service at Broder Friday, November 1 Shabbat Alive Evening Service @ Broder	5:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 31 Afternoon Service at Broder Friday, November 1	•

Saturday, November 2

Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Kevin Halpern



Letter from the Director of Lifelong Learning

Our tradition teaches that during the month of Elul, the last month of the Jewish calendar, we should take time to do a *cheshbon ha'nefesh*, an accounting of the soul, to ready ourselves for the New Year. We confess our personal failures and we remember what we should have done and did not do, so that we will not make the same mistakes in the year to come.

Rabbi Micha Berger writes, "To begin living a life of Mussar you must start by developing an awareness of who you really are." To begin, he says you must acquire a diary. What he is referring to is the Mussar practice of *cheshbon ha'nefesh*, or "accounting of the soul," for which keeping a diary is a core practice. The essence of Mussar is introspection.

A year ago, I was introduced to this ancient spiritual practice of Mussar. Mussar takes the practice of *Cheshbon Ha'nefesh* as a daily self-reflection beyond the month of Elul and preparation for the New Year. The core teaching of Mussar states that our deepest essence (*neshama*/soul) is pure and holy, but at times is masked by emotion, wants, needs and bad habits. Mussar practice asks that we look at ourselves, admit our wrongdoings and accept responsibility in order to become a better person.

The goal of Mussar study and practice is for us to become both more whole (*sh'lemut*) and holy (*kadosh*). Achieving our potential for wholeness and holiness is the fulfillment of the purpose of our lives. To put it more simply, the practice of Mussar leads to becoming a *mensch*, a good and decent human being.

Putting Mussar into practice is going on a personal journey of spiritual holiness. One trait (*middah*) at a time is focused on, using a meditative phrase, an exercise or practice and keeping a daily journal. Here is an example:

*The **Middah** of gratitude/hakarat hatov/recognizing the good - Find something that is good in every situation, even the difficult ones and acknowledge that it is good.

- * A **Phrase** that is recited to capture the essence of the trait in words *Awaken to the good and give thanks*.
- * An Exercise that helps put the trait into practice Say thank you to every person who does even the slightest thing that is helpful to you.
- * Then **Journal** how you demonstrated or experienced the trait each day.

I was recently disappointed that my son was only able to come home for a brief 48-hour visit, having not seen him for almost 9 months. However, he delivered and installed a beautiful mahogany bookcase and bench that he had designed and built. He and I had time together to talk and catch up. Both of my adult children were together with me at the same time. My Mussar practice helped me see the good, in spite of my initial disappointment, and I was very grateful.

I invite you to join me on this spiritual, self-reflective journey. TBZ and the Bureau of Jewish Education are hosting a 13-week "Season of Mussar" beginning in November, which I will be facilitating, along with BJE Executive Director Evie Weinstein. Please see page 9 for more information. Be aware of the good in every situation and acknowledge that it is good.

L'Shalom, Susan Goldberg Schwartz

10:30 a.m.



To preserve and enhance the vitality of our Jewish life, the following congregants have agreed to serve on the 2013-14 Kol Nidre Campaign Cabinet.

Deny & Aliesa Adelman, Susan Adelman, Frank & Jessica Altman, Michael & Susan Altman, David & Marilyn Brock, Michael & Susan Bruckheimer, Susan Chazen, Lawrence & Ann Cohen, David & Janet Desmon, Peter & Ilene Fleischmann, Adina Garfinkel, David & Sue Goldberg, Kenneth Graber, Wayne & Cindy Algase Gradl, Ralph & Harriet Halpern, Elias Honig & miriam treger honig, Jack & Joan Karet, Leon & Cindy Komm, Stuart Lerman, Arthur & Wendee Lorbeer, Robyn Meyer, Alan & Barbara Mollot, Randall Odza, Kenneth Polk, Lauren & Jean Rachlin, Jonathan Rodwin & Candace Lynn Bell, Kenneth & Kathleen Corff Rogers, Richard & Judith Romer, Howard & Valerie Rosenhoch, Amy Schaefer, Sandy & Tizzy Schechter, Andrew Shaevel & Amy Marks Shaevel, Samuel & Toby Shapiro, Orrin & Noreen Tobbe, Susan Bring Tobe, Sharon Winer, Howard & Karen Wiseman, Stephen Yonaty. We gratefully acknowledge the support of our wonderful committee.

Recently, you received the 2013 Kol Nidre Campaign materials. If you can send your pledge now, you will help save our telephone committee a reminder call later. Your gift, no matter the size, will make a difference in all of our lives, and in your Jewish religious and cultural home at Temple Beth Zion.

Thank you for your generosity.

Warren and Lynn Clark Laurence Rubin and Debra Chernoff Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs

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.

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.

October Mitzvah of the Month

Attention, gardeners! Co-chairs Wendee Lorbeer and Laurel Braun invite you to come to Compass House as we do a fall cleanup of the gardens and plant daffodils for the spring. We are looking for five to ten volunteers on Sunday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your rakes, gloves and trowels, and enjoy some fresh air and camaraderie.

Compass House, at 370 Linwood Avenue in Buffalo, provides safe shelter and services to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. Through voluntary programs at the Emergency Shelter and Resource Center, they provide runaway, homeless and street youth with services in an environment that supports dignity, respect and self-reliance.

To sign up, contact Tina at 836-6565, Ext. 132.

Welcome, New Members!

TBZ is growing strong. Please help us welcome our new members. If someone you know has recently joined, why not invite them to attend service with you or invite them to join one of the many affinity groups or committees.

Steven & Amanda Glick Ellyn Bagley Jennifer Gaynor Dan & Jamie Weinstein **Ianet Frankel** Mindy & David Monkarsh Jacob & Lisa Edelman Barbara Stone Reden & Robert Reden **Bonny Chambers** Lee Shainbrown & Danielle Eisen Shainbrown Lilyan Greenspan Jennifer Kielbasa Judith Schober Stephen & Nancy Greenberg Glenn Diamond & Laura Kibrick Corrie Stone-Johnson & Ben Johnson Ira & Audrey Nadel Miriam & Sam Abramovich Rich & Lori Newberg Lynda Treger Alan & Donna Friedman Vladimir & Breanna Orentlikher Shawn & Diana Stepner Alan & Cheryl Gross Sonja & Janne Siren Janet Chassman Rachael & Max Pikula David Silverman Daniel & Melinda Schwartz Marlene Katzel

Knitting Affinity Group

The Knitting Affinity Group got off to a nice start at the home of Marie Levy Meyers. This year for our Mitzvah Knitting Project, we are going to knit hats and mittens for the low-income children in the Buffalo Public Schools. If anyone would like to join us, we meet at Marie's home, the second Thursday of the month at 7p.m. We welcome knitters and crocheters of all levels. We especially love to teach beginners!

Please email doxiemom33@verizon.net if you have questions.

Karen Wiseman

Baking Affinity Group

Love to bake? Love to share recipes? Hate having all those goodies in your house? Then this affinity group is for you. We are looking for individuals who would be interested in baking 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, become a member of the Baking Affinity Group. Email me at laurie725@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 208-6233.

Laurie Criden

Classical Service

Friday, October 25, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

A Classical Reform Shabbat Evening Service will take place in the Sisterhood Chapel on October 25. This service will be in addition to the 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening 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.

Talmud Study With the Rabbis

Tuesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5 Noon –1p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

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

Save the Date

Service of Installation for Rabbi Adam Scheldt Friday, November 15, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware

Come and be a part of officially welcoming Rabbi Adam Scheldt as Temple Beth Zion's Assistant Rabbi. The Service of Installation will include special guest Rabbi Nancy H. Wiener, Clinical Director of the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Center for Pastoral Counseling.



Watch your November Bulletin for more details.

Rosh Hashanah at Becker Farms



Rosh Hashanah morning at Becker Farms started with coffee, hot apple cider, fresh doughnuts and a bonfire.

Following the service, everyone headed to the water for Tashlich, the "casting off" of the sins of the previous year. As the water carries away bits of bread, so too are our sins symbolically carried away and we start the New Year with a clean slate.



Family Promise

We will assist at Crossroads Lutheran Church during the week of October 4-11. We will prepare the meal, set up, dine with the families, clean up and socialize one or two of the nights. This is a wonderful volunteering experience for all ages. Please consider joining us for this worthwhile cause. Contact Sharon Winer at swiner4@gmail.com or 741-4200.

Many Thanks

There are so many of you to thank for helping to make the precious time we spent as a Congregation during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur such a success. To start with, thank you to Jen Rosen and Ed & Sharon Schwartz for co-chairing our wonderful Alternate Rosh Hashanah service. The day was beautiful, and the feedback on our new venue, Becker Farms, has been extremely positive. Thank also to Sara Schultz for providing the musical accompaniment for the service.

Thanks to Laurie Criden, Sue Goldberg, Robyn Meyer and Jen Rosen, who worked with Susan Schwartz to make our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur children's services such a special experience for our youngest congregants.

We appreciate the work of Laurie Bluman for updating our yahrzeit scroll, Ellen Weintraub and Marie Levy Meyers for proofreading the Book of Remembrance and to Hannah Donner and all of our TBaZY members for running our food drive.

Thanks to our office staff, Ed Feldman, Julie Feldman, Ann Marie Randall, Tina Taylor and our newest addition, Becky Schiefer, for all of your support. Thanks also to Arlene Steinhart, Suzanne Grossman and Peggy Stone, who came into the office to stuff mailings. To our maintenance staff, RJ, Nick, David, Al and Salat - your efforts were particularly appreciated.

To our choir, soloists and musicians, led by our extraordinary organist, Michael Burke, thanks for beautifying the liturgy that envelops us this time of year. Larry Scheur keeps our sound systems working and makes adjustments on the fly when called for.

A special thanks to all of our service participants, who are too numerous to mention by name in this limited space. You led us in prayer, you blessed and chanted Torah and Haftorah, you blew shofar, and you opened the ark to display our beautiful Torah scrolls. Each of you, by your presence and participation, honored our congregation and our heritage.

Sandy Beckman once again chaired our Brotherhood Ushers Committee, and we appreciate his efforts and those of everyone who served as an usher. This group did a terrific job of making sure that all our members and guests received a warm welcome.

Fannye Markel and the Floristry once more donated the beautiful flowers that graced our bimah both Holy Days, as well as the boutonnieres that identified our volunteer ushers.

Finally, thank you to each of our congregants, for joining together in renewal and prayer this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and in being the most important part of our TBZ community. Your compliments, and especially your suggestions as to how we may improve, are not only welcome, they are the hallmark of what makes us such a wonderful community. It is you whom we serve. You are the essence of TBZ.

Kenneth Rogers, Rabbi Gary Pokras, Rabbi Adam Scheldt, Cantor Penny Myers, Susan Goldberg Schwartz and Mark Criden





PALS Year Off to a Great Start!

The new school year officially began on Monday, September 9, with the usual shedding of a few tears (none from the students, though). The children settled in nicely with old friends and new ones. Melissa Milch-Klein, Shira Goldberg and Maria Blackburn have many, many adventures planned for our PALS. On their first day, students used mosaic pieces to create their names. They also painted with apples and listened to "Miss Shira" blow the shofar!

Limited space is available. If you are interested in finding out more or registering your child, contact Melissa at 836-6565.





In the top photo, Owen works on dressing Mr. Potato Head. "Miss Melissa" greets the Zekitot & Tziporim (3-year-olds and 4-year-olds) on their first day.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Religious School or PALS, please contact Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Director of Lifelong Learning, (716) 836-6565, Ext. 131, or by email at education@tbz.org.

TGIS!... Thank God It's Shabbat!

TGIS! is our Shabbat Attendance program for all PreK – 7th grade students enrolled in our Religious School. Attending Shabbat services on a regular basis helps your child



become comfortable at services, understand the Hebrew that he or she is learning and gain proficiency in its usage all while celebrating the joys of Shabbat with your TBZ family

Every time a child attends a Shabbat Service at TBZ during the school year, evening or morning, make sure to see one of the clergy immediately following services to say Shabbat Shalom and receive a sticker for your attendance card. Attendance cards will be kept at both buildings. All students who attend at least 5 Shabbat services during the upcoming year will receive special recognition at the end of the school year.

Religious School Hours

Sundays – Broder 9 am – 11:30 am Kindergarten – 7th grade

Tuesdays – Delaware 4:30 pm – 6 pm $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$ grade

Thursdays – Broder 4:30 pm – 6 pm 3rd – 6th grade 1st/2nd grade Hebrew Enrichment

Upcoming Events

Play And Learn School

- Oct. 9 Class Photos Zekitot (3's) & Tziporim (4's)
 Oct. 10 Class Photos Shefanim (2's)
- Oct. 10 Class Photos Sherariin (2 s)
 Oct. 14 Columbus Day PALS closed

Religious School

- Oct. 1 First Tuesday class (Delaware)
 Oct. 3 First Thursday class (Broder)
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- Oct. 6 7th grade Family Day
- Oct. 13 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Columbus Day Weekend
- Oct. 20 Sunday Tots
- Oct. 27 P.A.S.S. (Parents At Sunday School)
- Oct. 27 Faculty/Madrichim meeting 11:30 a.m.



Providing a Warm Welcome

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and ushered at High Holy Day services. Your assistance and cooperation help provide a warm welcoming atmosphere to our members and their guests and to those new to our community. We would also like to thank Sandy Beckman for serving as this year's ushering captain and recruiting this year's volunteers.

Brotherhood's annual membership drive is under way. 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. This is a great time to join. When you receive your membership mailing, please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it with your dues.

The first Achim program of the year was held on September 8 at the Weinberg Campus, with our guest speaker, Warren Clark. This month's program will be held October 13, with Joseph Saddler speaking on identity theft. All programs are held at 10 a.m. in the second-floor lounge of the Meadows. Please watch your weekly email for updates on future Achim programs.

Please feel free to contact the Brotherhood at <u>TBZBrotherhood@aol.com</u> with any suggestions you may have in regard to programming, fund-raising, further information on Brotherhood or any other Brotherhood issue.

On behalf of the Brotherhood, I would like to wish the Temple Beth Zion family - the Temple members and the staff who truly make our Temple a family - L'Shana Tova and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

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

Sincerely, Philip Chazen

Mazel Tov

To **Ezra Donner**, whose music will debut at Carnegie Hall on October 12. The 27-year-old composer's *Mountain Suite* for String Orchestra, chosen as the winner of the 2011 Respighi Prize, will be premiered by the Chamber Orchestra of New York, under the baton of Salvatore di Vittorio.

Ezra is currently pursuing a Doctor of Music Degree at Indiana University, where he is a student of Claude Baker. Ezra seeks to inspire a new generation of listeners to connect with music and understand its power to enrich our lives.

To **Kenneth Friedman**, who has been named Buffalo's "Lawyer of the Year" for Mergers & Acquisitions by the publication Best Lawyers. Ken is a partner at Hodgson Russ and is the leader of the firm's Business Practice Area and its Corporate & Securities Practice Group.

To **Cantor Penny Myers**, who has been invited to serve as Managing Editor of Sacred Sounds. The magazine is published three times per year and is a publication of the Cantors Assembly. Copies of the publication are available at the Broder Center and Delaware Building.



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Charlie Cole Saturday, October 5 Son of: Richard & Gretchen Cole Mitzvah Project and Donating to: Hospice

Michael Ray Newberger Saturday, October 12

Son of: David & Julie Newberger Mitzvah Project: Movie Night to benefit FARE (Food Allergy Research and Education) Donating to: FARE



Elliot Francis Snitzer Saturday, October 19

Son of: Eric Snitzer & Ellen Rich Mitzvah Project: Buffalo Birthday Club



Kevin Halpern
Saturday, November 2
Son of: Bruce & Karin Halpern
Mitzvah Project: Hasek's Heroes Volunteer



TBaZY

September was a great beginning for both Jr and Sr Youth Groups! On September 14, Youth Groupers hosted the annual Yom Kippur Food Drive. Thank you to the members of TBZ who so generously support this worthy cause every year. In November, we look forward to sharing with you how much food was collected for the Food Bank of WNY.

On September 15, TBaZY met at our Delaware building, had lunch, and helped the Sisterhood decorate the sukkah.

TBaZY Sr also had board training with the regional youth leadership of NFTY NEL the weekend of September 27-29.

TBaZY Jr had a blast enjoying their first gathering eating "Pizza in the Hut" on September 22 at our Sukkah at the Broder Center immediately following the first day of Sunday School.

Please mark your calendars for our exciting programming coming in October! Join us for TBaZY and USY's Ice Cream Event at Nina's, on the first Wednesday of each month, from 8:45 to 9:30, following Hebrew High. We also have TBaZY Pizza Parties on the second Wednesday of each month, before Hebrew High at Broder, from 5:45 to 6:30.

TBaZY Jr will enjoy Pizza at Broder followed by Monster Golf on Sunday, October 20, from 12:15 to 1:30.

Please also mark your calendars for TBaZY hosting NFTY NEL's Fall Kallah, November 8-10. We are looking for both host families and parents to assist in driving teenagers for the weekend. Please contact me for more details.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Hannah Donner



Presidents' Message

Active, involved, energetic and caring are words that describe the women of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion. We try to keep the congregation informed of our commitment to our members. Everyone knows that we paid for the renovation of the Sisterhood Chapel. Every year Temple sends us a request for items they would like us to fund. Every year we fund most of their requests. There is so much more that we do. Did you know that we send checks when there is a natural disaster? We have helped an uninsured family pay medical bills for their infant child. We support Family Promise not only by volunteering, but also by donating clothing, furniture and household items. Some individuals have also sent checks to help with the security deposits for families. We are the longest contributing organization to Haven House. We give them thousands of dollars each year.

The list goes on and on of the services we provide, programs we sponsor and the many activities we do to enhance the quality of life for our Temple members and our community. Please join us and become part of our amazing group. Remember, goodness will be passed on when you open your heart to the most needy among us.

We look forward to welcoming you. Kaaren, Shellie, Marilyn and Sharon Co-presidents of Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood

Brunch and Open Trolley Tour

Sunday, October 20

The day will start with brunch, to be held at Coles Restaurant 1104 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, at 11:30 a.m., followed by an Open Trolley Tour of Historical Sites of Forest Lawn. The tour meets at 1:15 p.m. at Forest Lawn Chapel, entering at Delaware Avenue. The tour takes two hours. Please dress according to the weather of the day. Money will be refunded if the tour is canceled by Forest Lawn.

Please note that there are only 30 spaces on the Trolley, so sign up early to reserve your seat.

Name:
Phone #:
Brunch only at \$20 per person
Trolley Ride only at \$30 per person
Brunch and Trolley Ride at \$42 per person
Total enclosed \$
Please make checks payable to Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion and send them to: Jane Goorevich, 469 Seabrook Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221 If you have any questions call Jane at 716-632-3835.

Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center

Stop in now for a beautiful selection of Chanukah Cards

** Annual Chanukah Bazaar **

Sunday, November 17, and Sunday, November 24 9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Thursdays 4 - 6 p.m. Sundays 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Please Support Your Temple Gift Shop

Walk With Us to Fight Breast Cancer

Our TBZ Sisterhood is forming a large team of walkers to participate in the annual American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk to take place on Saturday morning, October 19, in Niagara Square, downtown Buffalo (walk begins and ends at City Hall). We will most likely meet at the Broder Center around 9 a.m. and carpool to the walk.

Please join us and help us raise our goal of \$1,200. You need not be a member of Sisterhood or even female to be part of our team. **ALL are welcome!** Walk in memory or in honor of a loved one, a friend or a neighbor.

Walk forms will be available at both the Broder Center and at the Delaware building. You can also sign up online and/or donate to our team goal online. To receive the online link for donating or signing up, or to sign up to be part of our team, contact team cocaptains: Marilyn Schillroth, 832-4757, schill@roadrunner.com or Carole Weingarten, 688-6432, weincsw@verizon.net.

Put on your walking shoes and join us in support of this most important cause.

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 Needed

Sisterhood will again sponsor an Oneg on the fourth Friday of every month. For October it will be Friday the 25th. Please join us and help us celebrate. We need bakers or anyone wishing to help with a donation of time or money. If there is something special you make and would like to make it for an Oneg, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Sharon Winer at swiner4@gmail.com or 741-4200.

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.

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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.

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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.

JCC Book & Arts Fair

Tuesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. JCC Benderson Family Building 2640 N. Forest Road

Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin will be at Jewish Community Center's 47th Annual Book & Arts Fair presenting her latest book, "How To Be A Friend to A Friend Who's Sick." She gives us excellent tools and moving experiences with wise and witty lessons about a prized but neglected human trait: EMPATHY. It is a handbook of kindness and care, helping patients and healers... all of us.

Our TBZ Sisterhood is a proud co-sponsor of this event! Hope all our sisters will attend!

Turkey Basket Project

For nearly a quarter of a century, the Turkey Basket Project has been providing turkey dinners for the less fortunate in our area. Last year, about 500 baskets were prepared and were distributed by a variety of agencies throughout WNY. This allowed families to have dinner in their own homes.

The items needed are:

Boxes or bags of stuffing mix

Canned cranberry sauce

Canned peas, beans or corn (Wegmans)

Canned fruit

Boxes of brownie mix (no cake mixes please)

If you wish to participate by making a cash contribution, your donation will be needed by November 18. A donation of \$30 provides for one complete basket. For information or donations, contact Education Assistant Kara Kane at 836-6565, Ext. 112.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Women of the Book

With Cantor Penny Myers and Director of Lifelong Learning Susan Goldberg Schwartz 7 p.m. (offsite)

Our Women's Study group has a new name! Women of all ages and backgrounds are invited to join **Women of the Book** as we discover what women's perspective on Torah can teach us about life today. We will read and discuss <u>Lifecycles: Jewish Women on Biblical Themes in Contemporary Life</u>, edited by Rabbis Debra Orenstein and Jane Rachel Litman. **Women of the Book** will meet monthly, on or close to *Rosh Chodesh*, to learn and talk a little Torah, schmooze and nosh. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5.

For additional information and to order a copy of the book as well as get our meeting location, contact Education Assistant Kara Kane, 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 email Rabbi Pokras at rabbipokras@tbz.org.



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Summer Celebration A Big Hit

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. The weather was perfect, the new venue was a hit, the wine tour was sold out, the golf course was in prime condition, and we had more people at dinner than ever before!

The financial success of the event is due to our participants, donors and sponsors. Our sponsors this year included: Accessium Group, Adelman Research Group, Amherst Memorial Chapel, Barbara Nuchereno, The Better Business Bureau, Black Rock Investment Management, BRD Inc., Brotherhood of TBZ, Cannon Heyman & Weiss, Choice Employee Benefits Group, Concierge Dental Group, Delta Sonic, Neurological, Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, Friends of Howard Cadmus, Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan, Hodgson Russ LLP, Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel LLP, Kavinoky & Cook LLP, Lawley Service Insurance, M&T Bank, Merrill Lynch-Desmon/ Biltekoff Group, Mesnekoff Funeral Home, Mikey's Way, Modern Recycling, Mollot & Hardy, Northtown Automotive Companies, Premier Group Wine & Spirits, RealtyUSA, Reeds/Jenss, Saperston Companies, Sisterhood of TBZ, TBZ Senior Staff, TBZ's Lifelong Learning Committee, Toshiba, Trane, Renee & Pieter Weinrieb, The Wolf Agency and Working Knowledge.

In addition to generous sponsors and donors, we thank all those who joined us for the wine tour, round of golf or dinner.

We look forward to seeing all of you again next year!

Deny Adelman and David Goldberg, Event Co-Chairs

Join Shir Ruach

Our first rehearsal begins right after Religious School on Sunday, September 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. *Shir Ruach* (TBZ's Childrens Choir) is open to students in grades 3 and up

Please call Tina at 836-6565, Ext. 132, if you have questions or are planning to join us on the 29th.



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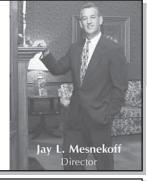


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