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Shabbat Shirah 5774: Our Shabbat of Song

Friday, January 10 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

Rock out in the sanctuary with us for this energetic musical Shabbat!

We will introduce and teach some new melodies that will be sung all year, so this is an evening you don't want to miss.

Show your support for TBZ's wonderful children's choirs and TBZ Band!

Stay and celebrate with us at the special Oneg afterwards.

Welcome Shabbat!

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat Shabbat and Our New Members

Friday, January 17 at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 17 at 5:45 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Joint Musical Shabbat Service with Congregation Beth Abraham

Friday, January 24 6 p.m. Dairy Potluck Dinner, 7 p.m. Service 805 Delaware Avenue

See page 5 for the details on all these services.

Annual PALS Ice Cream Social and Open House

Come meet our families and teachers, tour the classrooms and see what PALS is all about!

Thursday, January 23 6:30 - 8 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road



PALS and this event are open to the entire community.



Letter from the President

What's New?

Reflections on what the secular new year will bring us are usually not quite as "deep" as those at Rosh Hashanah but I think that there are some "new" things that are worth thinking about. First of all, a hearty *Happy New Year* to everyone. As Jews we get to say that phrase more often than most others and maybe a second opportunity to refresh and move forward.

As of this writing, our 100 new members initiative has been a success! In 2012, TBZ's board set an ambitious objective of signing on 100 new member units (households) over a two-year period. Given the consistent declines in TBZ membership over the past decades, and in particular the decreasing number of new members, it became clear to your board that one of its major priorities had to be attracting individuals to join our TBZ community. We are already at 103 new member households! To all of our new members I say welcome. To our whole congregation I say let's celebrate! Friday, January 17, is our New Member Shabbat and our celebration of Tu B'Shevat, a third "new" for us. This is more than symbolic. We invite our new members from 2012 and 2013, as well as those members who gave gift memberships this year, to join us in prayer and festivity. At this service our congregation will be greeting you and welcoming our new members into our bigger family. In honor of our new members I am encouraging all TBZ members to buy trees in Israel by making a Tu B'Shevat contribution to the Jewish National Fund (www.jnf.org).

The Torah says "You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt (*Exodus 23:9*). I say that we have to go farther than that. We need to welcome the stranger. Next time you are at services or a TBZ function, think about how welcoming we truly are to those that are new and/or different from us. Please introduce yourselves and find out something new about someone who was previously a stranger to you. When we are all doing that we will truly become a community of worship, learning, and service - a "house of prayer for all people."

Speaking of new, and members, we have adopted a congregational policy for utilizing the information that we gather from you in the membership process. You may remember that I introduced this issue last year when we had several requests for use of our congregational database. More on this can be found in this issue of the *Bulletin*. Suffice to say that we have put new safeguards and processes in place to ensure your privacy.

One last "new" item. You will soon be able to check out our **new website at www.tbz.org**. Thank you especially to Deny Adelman and to Julie Feldman for their hard work in achieving this important objective.

L'Shalom Kenneth Rogers



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Shabbat Morning Service



Letter from the Cantor

This Is Only the Beginning

The title of this article is a mantra that I tell our B'nei Mitzvah students once they near completion of our B'nei Mitzvah program and prepare for the next chapter of their lives assuming all the responsibilities and privileges as a newly minted Jewish adult. As you know, I have recently completed my Hazzan/Cantor credential through the Cantors Assembly, which was a literal blood sweat and tears journey for not only myself, but for my family.

Back in October, Temple Beth Zion, along with my dear friend and mentor Cantor Beny Maissner, installed me as Cantor at Temple Beth Zion to a packed Sanctuary that rivaled any of our High Holy Day services. I was completely mystified at the sheer number of people who came that evening in support and to share in this incredible achievement.

I struggled for weeks wondering what I would say when it was my chance to address our congregation at that occasion, a moment I had dreamt about for years, but I struggled. Truthfully, I had no remarks written down and spoke from the heart in that moment because I knew that no matter what I had prepared, it wouldn't do the moment justice.

I delivered my remarks of gratitude but wanted to point out the most beautiful fact that hadn't been addressed at all during this incredibly personal and professional journey.

I spoke of trust. What a testament of character for a congregation to employ and charge a non-credentialed professional, such as I was in 2006, to be part of a clergy team that serves the largest, most dynamic and incredible synagogue in Western New York. While you were celebrating me and my accomplishment, it was just as important to celebrate the congregation who took a chance in hiring me.

What I find so moving in my work is how many lives I've come in contact with, and while I may have influenced your lives Jewishly, the impact that each and every one of you has made on my life is without measure. I have celebrated your simchas with you and have been there to help you in your moments of need. I am completely humbled by the love and support this community has shown my family and me since joining the TBZ family in 2006.

The moment I found out I had successfully passed my last exam back in May I responded to the Mazel Tovs with a simple thank-you and with the notion that now that I have completed my program, the real work is yet to begin.

It is a pleasure, privilege and sincere honor to serve Temple Beth Zion as your Cantor, and I look forward to a continued fruitful partnership for, G-d willing, many more years to come.

Cantor Penny Myers

Temple Offices

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, January 1, and Monday, January 20.

10:30 a.m.



In the February Bulletin, we will share with you, and thank, the long and still growing list of Kol Nidre Campaign donors. In the meantime, we would like to thank the Kol Nidre Committee for its dedication and caring, not just to the "bottom line," but to the congregants of Temple Beth Zion.

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

If you have not already pledged to the Campaign, please do so now. If you have pledged but have not yet sent in your check or credit card information, please do so. Please contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565, Ext. 134, or simply mail in your contribution.

Lynn and Warren Clark Debra Chernoff and Laurence Rubin 2013-14 Campaign Co-Chairs

Honorable Menschen Welcome to the new Honorable Menschen column. The purpose of this column is to recognize those who we are aware give of themselves and their time for the betterment of the TBZ community. Will it be a "roll call" of everyone who has done anything? No, it's just a mention of a few this month. We are sure to miss some dedicated and important people, so if anyone comes to mind that you would like to have us include, please contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org or 836-6565, Ext. 134.

We "Menschen":

Karen Wiseman for opening her home for the Women of the Book group to meet. Thank you for being a wonderful hostess.

Jen Isenberg, Anna Marie Richmond and Karen Wiseman for volunteering to keep the Broder Center Library running.

Lynn Klein and all the Sisterhood Shop volunteers for giving all of us a place to shop for Chanukah. This is a community need!

We end this month's column with a caveat...If there are typos, missing commas or run on sentences in this paragraph, it is because it was not edited by Milt Joffe. For many, many years, Milt has arranged and edited our monthly Bulletin. Not one to be comfortable with the spotlight, he quietly goes about creating headlines, inserting the necessary commas and fixing what needs to be fixed. Thank you, Milt.

Mazel Tov! To Kenneth Rogers, Chair of the Richmond Ashland National Register District Initiative, for receiving a 2013 New York State Historic Preservation Award. The award was given in recognition of excellence in the protection and rejuvenation of New York's historic and cultural resources. The award ceremony took place in Albany on December 5.

To Aliesa Adelman for being named to Buffalo Business First's "Forty Under 40." The awards are given in honor of young leaders under age 40 who are proven performers in their industry and the community.

To Sharon and Larry Klein on the birth of their son, Isaac Harrison, on December 10. Isaac's big brother is Jacob, and grandparents are Lynn and Bob Klein and Mary Scituate, and great-grandmother is Maxine Weissman.

Policy on Privacy of Congregants' Information and Sharing of Membership Mailing List

TBZ is committed to protecting the privacy of its members' personal information entrusted to TBZ. To that end, when TBZ receives requests from outside organizations or individuals to share its member information, it has been TBZ's practice to decline such requests, except in certain limited circumstances. For example, TBZ annually provides member names and addresses to our umbrella organization, the Union for Reform Judaism, allowing our members to receive Reform Judaism magazine, and to the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, so that Federation may identify unaffiliated Jewish households in the community and so that our members may receive the Jewish Journal.

In light of TBZ's commitment to safeguarding the privacy of its members' personal information, the Board of Trustees determined to adopt a uniform policy. Through yeoman work by Howard Rosenhoch, with input from Susan Bring Tobe and Amy Schaefer, the following formal policy was written, and the Board adopted the "Policy on Privacy of Congregants' Information and Sharing of Membership Mailing List," which can be found in full on our website, www.tbz.org. Those without web access can call Julie Feldman at 836-6565 to receive a printed copy.

- 1. It is the policy of TBZ to protect the privacy of the personal information entrusted to TBZ by its members.
- 2. Unless compelled by law, TBZ will not provide any TBZ member's personal financial information.
- 3. Except in limited circumstances, TBZ will decline requests for all personal information of TBZ members.
- 4. All requests for TBZ members' contact information will be evaluated based on the following factors:
 - a. The type of information requested must be well defined;
 - b. The proposed use must be appropriately limited;
 - c. The purpose or purposes for which the information is proposed to be used must be seen as beneficial to TBZ and/or the community as a whole;
 - d. The purpose or purposes for which the information is proposed to be used must be seen as not detrimental to TBZ's members;
 - e. The requestor must give assurance that the information will not be used for improper or commercial purposes, or for any purpose beyond the use authorized;
 - f. The requestor must give assurance that all copies of the information will be returned to TBZ or destroyed once the authorized limited use is concluded.
- TBZ will not disclose any TBZ member's telephone numbers or e-mail addresses without first notifying the member of the request for such information, and affording the member the opportunity to decline such request or opt out.
- 6. All requests for personal information of TBZ members must be made to TBZ's Executive Director.
- 7. No request for personal information will be provided without the unanimous consent of TBZ's Executive Director, Senior Rabbi and President.





The App Generation: Howard Gardner and Katie Davis

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Are you baffled by how younger people live in a digital world? Are you living in that world and don't see what the fuss is about? Howard Gardner and Katie Davis look at what's different for today's adolescents, and how Apps can either stunt or spur creativity, limit or encourage personal connections.

This event is free and open to the entire community through the generous support of the TBZ Brotherhood and Sisterhood, JCC of Greater Buffalo, and Eduardo and Amy Heumann.

Talmud Study With the Rabbis

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4 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.

Women of the Book

With Director of Lifelong Learning Susan Goldberg Schwartz Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m. (offsite)

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.

For additional information and meeting location, contact Kara Kane, 836-6565, Ext. 112.

PASS - Parents At Sunday School

Sunday, January 12 - History of Reform Judaism Sunday, January 26 - History of TBZ 9 a.m., Broder Center

TBZ's children come to school to learn about Judaism several times each week. When you bring your children to school, why not stay and learn too? Join Rabbi Pokras for a bagel and cup of coffee and study and some learning too.

Adult B'nei Mitzvah

Sundays beginning January 12 10:15 a.m., Broder Center

It's never too late to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah! The TBZ clergy team, along with Susan Goldberg Schwartz, have created a comprehensive curriculum that includes learning and discussions about Jewish rituals and lifecycle, Torah, Talmud, God and Theology, Israel, Mitzvot, Jewish identity and Hebrew.

For additional information or to register, contact Kara Kane, 836 -6565, Ext. 112.

Shabbat Shirah: Our Shabbat of Song

Friday, January 10, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue Details on front page.

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat Shabbat And Our New Members

Friday, January 17, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

Happy Half-Hour begins at 6:30, service at 7

Join us as we officially welcome our new members of the TBZ family! A special Shabbat service will be held in honor of the more than 100 new families who have joined our TBZ family over the past two years. Our clergy will offer a special blessing to those who are new to our family.

A Special Oneg will follow the service, so come and get acquainted with our newest family members. It is the togetherness and caring among our family that gives strength to our TBZ community.

Tot Shabbat

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road Friday, January 17, at 5:45 pm.

This is a special service, especially for children ages 2 - 8. We will celebrate Shabbat and Tu B'Shevat through stories, songs, crafts and special treats. Led by Rabbi Adam Scheldt and Susan Goldberg Schwartz.

Open to the entire community!

Beth Zion Will Host Joint Musical Shabbat

Friday, January 24 6 p.m. Dairy Potluck Dinner, 7 p.m. Service 805 Delaware Avenue

Congregations Beth Abraham (CBA) and Temple Beth Zion (TBZ) will join forces in observing a musical Kabbalat Shabbat. Rabbi Gary Pokras, Rabbi Adam Scheldt and Cantors Penny Myers and Irwin Gelman will lead services, with instrumental accompaniment by musicians from both synagogues.

This will mark the fifth time TBZ and CBA have have come together to welcome Shabbat in joyous song and celebration. This time it's TBZ's turn to play host.

Call Becky at 836-6565 to reserve your place for dinner and let us know what dish you are bringing.

Welcome!

Welcome, New Members!

Michael & Nancy Gross John & Jennifer Karcz Sheldon Schneiderman Stacey Scheff Michael & Jill Komm

Youth and Education

Family Education 2013-2014 Zerizut – Just Do It – With Enthusiasm!

This year our Family Education program is focused on doing mitzvot WITHOUT hesitation and WITH enthusiasm, adding to the understanding that Mitzvot are commandments from G-d and that they can make a difference in the world.



We began the year discussing the importance of Equal Education for all with our 7th grade class. We discussed meeting the specific needs of all individuals from the very young and throughout their school years. We learned about different types of educational environments and how they can assist in meeting the needs of different learning styles. We learned what we can do to be supportive of different educational needs and to speak up and advocate for education for all.

Our Kindergarten class, along with the other consecration students, prepared for their Consecration by learning about Tzedakah and the importance to help others in need. As this group of young students began their formal Jewish Education, they learned how important their giving of weekly Tzedakah is to help others.

Our 3rd grade families spent their Family Day talking about loneliness, in particular among the elderly population. Gail Siskin, Director of Wellness at Canterbury Woods, spoke to the group about the aging process and how older people may need to adjust to new living environments. By doing activities to simulate how aging affects both vision and dexterity, the students were encouraged to remember that although the physical body may be changing, the person is still the same person and wants to be treated the same as they always have been.

We are looking forward to the next Family Education programs and bringing opportunities to our families to practice "zerizut" in the community!

Upcoming Events

Play And Learn School

Betsy Abramson, Family Education Coordinator

PALS resumes Martin Luther King Day - PALS closed PALS Ice Cream Social and Open House Parent/Teacher conferences **Religious School** Dec 22 – Jan 5 Winter break – No Religious School classes Classes resume 4th Grade Family Day Sunday Tots

P.A.S.S. - Parents At Sunday School

Jan 12 **CHUGGIM** Jan 12 Madrichim meeting Jan 12 Faculty Meeting Jan 19 **CHUGGIM** Jan 26 P.A.S.S. - Parents At Sunday School

Jan 6

Jan 20

Jan 23

Jan 7

Jan 12

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Jan 12

Jan 27 - 31

6th & 7th grade program at JCC Jan 26

Ready, Set, Grow at PALS!

PALS students are mensches and scholars. We study Torah together weekly and practice incorporating our Jewish values into our daily life. We learn together how to be responsible for words and actions as well as our belongings. The ability to realize the impact of our words and to recognize social cues is truly a lifelong lesson, one that your child will learn at PALS.



PALS students are scientists and **ecologists.** This fall we studied the beautiful colors and learned about the changes in the

trees that we saw. Students experimented with corn by taking apart stalks and using each element for different types of activities. Encouraging curiosity and appreciation of our environment are gifts we encourage and foster at PALS.

PALS students are farmers and community explorers. After an exciting and adventure-packed trip to a pumpkin farm, the Zekitot (3 year olds) and Tziporim (4 year olds), returned to school and put all of their new-found knowledge to play by growing their own pumpkins! The children watered their crops and monitored the growth of their vines. The vines were transplanted to an outdoor bed before the snow arrived so that we can keep this terrific project "growing" all year long. Children learn through hands-on age-appropriate interactions with their world and their community at PALS.

PALS students are architects and historians. The PALS



children built a Sukkah together. Every class had a developmentally appropriate (and very important) role in the construction. At the end of the project, each group was able to enjoy the "fruits of their labor" by enjoying a snack in the sukkah. The students also learned about the Mayflower by

building their own "ship" on the playground. The children loved using their "telescopes" and spotting Plymouth Rock for the first time. The ability to personalize information and make it "one's own" is valued at PALS.

PALS students are party planners and chefs. The classes planned their own Thanksgiving feast for loved ones. They made invitations, centerpieces even planned the entertainment. They also made delicious latkes Chanukah cookies. Welcoming families in to our



PALS community is what we are all about.

The Play And Learn School (PALS) at Temple Beth Zion is GROWING! Please be our guest at our Ice Cream Social and Open House on Thursday, January 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We have classes for 2, 3 & 4 year olds and are located at 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst. Come see what PALS is all about!

Please contact PALS Assistant Director Melissa Milch-Klein, 836 -6565, or PALS@tbz.org for more information.



January Filled With Fun

TBaZY and TBaZY Jr have a lot of exciting events coming in January. Please join us for the following:

TBaZY (grades 8-12): Colden Snowtubing at Kissing Bridge Sunday, January 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet us all at Broder at 10 a.m. to check in, followed by a caravan of parent drivers to and from the event. Price is \$10 per paid TBaZY member and \$15 for unpaid participants. For this event to succeed, parent drivers are needed. Please also bring snacks from home and spending money to purchase pizza lunch there.

TBaZY Jr (grades 3-7): Skyzone Jump, Sunday, January 12, from noon to 1:30 p.m. When parents pick up, please come with your TBaZY participants to Anderson's for ice cream. Skyzone cost is \$10 plus ice cream.

Thank you all for your continued support for TBZ Youth.

L'Shalom, Hannah Donner Director of Youth Engagement at TBZ

Got Crackers? Kesher Annual Chili Cook-off

Saturday January 18 Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Frank and Jessica Altman's House

We: Make the corn bread and have chips and salsa, too.

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

RSVP: Jessica Meyers Altman <u>veghead18@gmail.com</u> or Tina Taylor at <u>tina@tbz.org</u> or 836-6565.

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

Meet Cub Scout Pack 156

Cub Scout Pack 156, led by Warren Klein and Hannah Klein, assisted the TBZ Caring Community Committee with the delivery of Chanukah baskets. Pack 156 is a Jewish Cub Scout Pack and meets twice a month on Sundays at the JCC Benderson Building. The troop is open to boys in grades 1– 5, so if your son is interested, contact Warren at 536-3261.







Nathan Bruce Saturday, January 18 Son of: Patrice and Douglas Bruce Mitzvah Project: Team Work Workshop Donating to: Buffalo Animal Shelter



Samantha Blake Spokane Saturday, January 25

Daughter of: Bari and Bryan Spokane Mitzvah Project: Sami Supports Youth Sports Donating to: The Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo



Still Time to Join

Shalom! We hope that everyone had a de-light-full Chanukah and wonderful New Year. Please make sure you have remember to send in your membership, whether new or re-join. Annual membership is still only \$25 and 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. Help us continue our service to the Temple and congregation.

January's Achim program will be held on the 12th at Weinberg Campus Meadows' community room. The residents will enjoy an informative program and very nice community breakfast. Why not stop by and see what Achim is all about?

Please feel free to contact the us at <u>TBZBrotherhood@aol.com</u> with any suggestions you may have on Brotherhood. Thank you for your previous support of Brotherhood and we look forward to your continued support in this year.

Sincerely, Philip Chazen

See You in the Sunshine State



Rabbi Pokras and Mark Criden are heading to Florida in February to visit TBZ members. Get-togethers will be held on the East Coast and on the West Coast.

If you winter or live in Florida or know of a current member of TBZ who does, please contact Julie Feldman at 836-6565 or julie@tbz.org so we can be sure to include everyone who wishes to join us.

Thank You

The Caring Community Committee would like to thank Jessica Meyers Altman, Jen Rosen, Jane Ruslander, Steven Binder, Claire Goldberg, Elaine Klein, Nina Lukin, Lynn Klein, Nadine Ryback, Clareanne Silver, Adina Garfinkel, Amy Freedman, Sue and David Goldberg, Susan Bruckheimer, Ellen Capell, Carol Caserta, Amelida Weinmann, Andy Shaevel, Peggy Stone, Pattie Abeles, Linda Gleason, Marilyn Schillroth, Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Warren Klein and Cub Scout Pack 156, and Leslie and Charlie Garfinkel for all your help with the Chanukah baskets.



Presidents' Message

As we begin the New Year, we need to reflect on our past and prepare for the future. We have had many successes in the past years. Sisterhood has been in existence over 100 years. Hundreds of remarkable women have come before us. They entrusted us with this wonderful organization. We have worked tirelessly to live up to the image that has been handed down to us. We are very hopeful for the future. We need the support of all the women of Temple Beth Zion to remain an active and viable group. As the New Year begins, please help us with our endeavors. We need new people and new ideas.

Please join and offer your thoughts on how we can improve. Attend our programs and help us with our fund-raising. We want to honor all of the women who came before us by keeping this organization strong, stable and respected. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our wishes for a happy and healthy New Year

Kaaren, Shellie, Marilyn and Sharon Co-presidents of Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood

Sisterhood Walkers

Our "Sisterhood of the Walking Scarves" walking group has moved indoors while the weather is inclement. We have recently welcomed two new "regular" walkers, and each of us will be easy to spot as we will be sporting brand new pink plaid cashmere scarves! We generally meet on a weekend morning at 8:30 in the food court of the Boulevard Mall. We have a great time, chat the whole time, and do some window shopping too (which is how we have come to have new scarves) so join us!

If you are interested in walking with us, contact Carole Weingarten via e-mail to weincsw@verizon.net.



Members of the "Walking Scarves" include (from left to right) Marilyn Schillroth, Carole Weingarten, Clareanne Silver, Sharon Winer, Margy Zeckhauser, Janet Frankel and Amy Heumann.

Sisterhood Onegs

We hope everyone enjoyed the baked goods that Sisterhood provided on November 22. My gratitude and admiration for a job well done goes to: Getelle Rein, Elaine Klein, Peggy Stone, Sue Carrel and Errol Craig Sull. They provided some wonderful home made treats that made Shabbat a little more memorable. We provide the baked goods on the fourth Friday of every month. If you would like to bake for us, or contribute in any other way please get in touch with me, Sharon Winer, at 741-4200 or swiner4@gmail.com.

Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center



January Special: Selected Jewelry 50% Off!

Regular Hours:

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

Please Support Your Temple Gift Shop

Chanukah Bazaar Wrap-up

This year's Chanukah Bazaar was a terrific success. It is a pleasure to provide the opportunity for one-stop shopping for our community and a joy to see our Sunday School students.

Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted in a variety of ways for the annual Chanukah Bazaar. Sharon Beckman, Susan Bruckheimer, Mary Anne Clarke, Janet Frankel, Ruth Geldres, Halli Glina, Elaine Klein, Robert Klein, Beth Marcus, Sharon Meer, Marie Levy Meyers, Susan Nadler, Getelle Rein, Sheila and Joel Ross, Marilyn Schillroth, Clareanne Silver, Judy and Cliff Swadron, Peggy Stone, Carole and Norm Weingarten, Maxine Weissman, Sharon Winer, Donna Yablin and Margery Zeckhauser. If I missed your name, please know that your help was nonetheless appreciated. Your efforts on behalf of the Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop are greatly appreciated.

Lynn Klein



Carole Weingarten stands at one of the many tables of items available for purchase at this year's Chanukah Bazaar.



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If you plan to attend services and wish to add the name of a loved one to the Yarzheit list, call Ann Marie in the Temple Office at 836-6565, Ext. 111.

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Knitting Affinity Group

The Knitting Affinity Group is an active group of our Temple. This is our third year, and we enjoy an evening of relaxing knitting, crocheting and conversation. If you would like to join us, please email me at doxiemom33@verizon.net for more information. We meet regularly on the second Thursday of every month at the home of Marie Levy Meyers. There is no requirement to participate in our Mitzvah projects. Feel free to bring whatever you are working on! Everyone is welcome!

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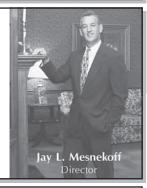


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