



Sha-POP Shirah Friday, January 30, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

Come join our amazingly talented Temple Beth Zion musicians and choristers as we celebrate Shabbat in this solely musical service inspired by the POP music of today. This lively evening will feature music by artists Pitbull, Iggy Azalea, Daft Punk and more!

We welcome the entire community to join us for this special annual service.



WNY Jewish Community Trip to Israel Sunday, June 28 - Thursday, July 9

Please join us on a trip that combines the spirituality of a traditional tourism experience in Israel with elements of a solidarity mission. We will travel all over Israel, visiting ancient and modern sites, and meet with Israelis to learn about the realities of life in Israel today.

The estimated cost of the trip, including airfare from Toronto, is \$5,000 per person. More details can be found on the TBZ website: <http://www.tbz.org/community/israel-trip/> or by calling Rabbi Pokras at 836-6565.



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.

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. Contact Julie at 836-6565, Ext. 134, or simply mail in your contribution.

Larry Rubin & Debra Chernoff,
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2014-2015 Campaign Co-Chairs

PALS Open House

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Thursday, January 29, from 9:30 a.m. to noon
For toddlers who will be 2 years old by December 1

Friday, January 30, from 9:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For 3 and 4 year olds



Follow the leader and head to the PALS Open House!

Come see the Play And Learn School in action.

To join us for all or part of the day, or to get more information about the 2015-2016 school year, contact Melissa Milch-Klein, at 836-6565, Ext. 139, or pals@tbz.org.



Letter from the President

Vote for the Soul of the State of Israel

Union for Reform Judaism has asked Temple leaders to encourage congregants to vote in the upcoming World Zionist Congress. The vote occurs every four years and will run from January 15 through April 30, 2015.

I personally had never paid much attention to this in the past; but doing my diligence as an elected leader, I read the recent plea and thought I should share this with you.

Consider: There is a bill in the Knesset that threatens the fabric of Israeli democracy.

Consider: Reform rabbis are free to perform marriage rites for Jews anywhere in the world — except Israel.

So who is who?

ARZA, Association of Reform Zionists of America, serves 1.5 million Reform Jews in North America. It is a vehicle for the collective participation of Reform Jews in Israel. It puts emphasis on advocacy, travel and Zionist education in America. ARZA represents Reform Jews in the World Zionist Congress, providing a strong voice for Reform Jews in America and Israel.

World Zionist Organization (WZO) was founded by Theodor Herzl at the First Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897. Today it chooses representatives for the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Jewish National Fund, and other affiliates. WZO utilizes the World Zionist Congress to establish its policies and elect leadership to the bodies that define executive policy, departmental direction, and budget decisions.

World Zionist Congress is WZO's supreme institution and legislative body. The Congress meets every four years in Jerusalem. It is the ONLY body in which all of World Jewry is represented democratically. It makes decisions that affect the status of Reform Jews in Israel and across the world and the funding available to Progressive Jews in Israel.

Voting is the single most effective way for the Reform Movement to influence policy in Israel. Our Reform Movement seeks a democratic Israel, which represents and supports ALL expressions of Judaism, which respects women's rights and which strives to obtain a peaceful resolution to the Palestinian issue.

Please watch the TBZ weekly email newsletter after January 1 for details on the election and how to vote.

Speaking of January 1, I trust you all had wonderful Chanukah. I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015!

L' shalom

Warren E. Clark

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat Shabbat

Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

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

Join us for a special Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Service. Come for an evening that will include the traditional foods and treats of Tu B'Shevat. A Special Oneg will follow the service.



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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.

Friday, January 2

Shabbat Service at Broder

7 p.m.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

Saturday, January 3

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 8

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 9

Shabbat Evening Service

7 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 15

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 16

Shabbat Evening Service

7 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Marshall Pokras

Thursday, January 22

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 23

Tot Shabbat Service at Broder

5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service at Delaware

7 p.m.

Classical Service at Delaware

7 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Kaitlyn Stapleton

Thursday, January 29

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 30

Shabbat Shirah Service

7 p.m.

Saturday, January 31

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Special Oneg

Mazel Tov to Sara and Angelo Sciandra on the December birth of their daughter, Olivia Rose.

The Oneg following services on January 23 is generously sponsored by grandparents Susan & Mike Bruckheimer and great-grandfather Arnold Fernandez in honor of Olivia's naming.



Letter from the Cantor

Take the Path of Interaction

"Listen to my music and see what it can do.
There's something here that's as strong as life,
I know that it will reach you"

From song 2112 from Canadian progressive rock band Rush.

We sit at an intersection of two roads. One path is meaningful interactions, and the other path is complete alienation. As technology continues to evolve and become seamlessly woven into every moment of our lives, we must be ever so vigilant to have living, breathing moments in real time, in real life and not through the camera lens. I speak specifically to the next generation of Jews and those who will follow, all of whom are growing up in a digital age.

Ironically, technology has become ever-present so that everything we need and want is instantaneous at the touch of a screen. In theory, one needs not to actually step foot into a synagogue to participate or observe Shabbat services, but yet the irony is that while we are able to become more accessible to one another, the human experience in "real time" between one another vis a vis through a handshake, hug, or face to face human interaction is becoming as obsolete as the "brick" cell phone.

It is daunting for adults who are juggling schedules, errands, households and making time to come to TBZ for services. Furthermore, how can we expect to "connect" with one another in a language which most of us aren't fluent, prayers most don't understand, and music we might not be familiar with?

I often struggle with how to balance the traditions we have inherited as a people and customs of TBZ while being mindful of the reality of the world today. How can we solicit interest in our children and provide them with a Jewish experience that is authentic to Judaism and (possibly) more importantly, relevant to the kids who are growing up in a culture where the synagogue is no longer the central part of their lives?

This year's celebration of Shabbat Shira will, G-d willing, provide all of us with answers to these questions.

In order to celebrate the promise in all of us, we'll acknowledge the present by using some popular top 40 songs of today and adapt the melodies to our prayers. We call it **Sha-Pop Shira**.

This service will use music from Pitbull, Iggy Azalea, Daft Punk, plus preserving melodies that are beloved to TBZ all the while merging the customs of our people.

Please join us on **Friday, January 30, at 7 p.m.** in our Delaware building as we celebrate Shabbat. Regardless of advances in this technological world we live in, nothing is as strong as a life or more meaningful than being together breathing the same air, hearing each other's voices, and being part of something larger than social media. At TBZ, there's something here that's as strong as life, and I know that we will reach you.

Cantor Penny Myers

P.S. Please mark your calendar now for a special concert event. "It Takes a Village to Raise a Cantor" will be held on Sunday, March 29. Cantors from near and far will join me for a spectacular evening. Come to see familiar faces and hear amazing voices! Stay tuned for details.

Israel Update by Aaron Pieri

In the May issue of the Bulletin, we congratulated lifelong TBZ member Aaron Pieri and wished him well as he headed off to Jerusalem to begin his course of study at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion as a rabbinical student! We have invited Aaron to share his experiences with all of us, and we are delighted that he has accepted:



There is a Yiddish saying that I learned from one of my professors here in Jerusalem. It says, “A shlekhter sholem iz bezer vi a gutter krig” (A bad peace is better than a good war). Spending these past six months in Jerusalem, I’ve realized this to be the ultimate Israeli truth.

My time in Israel so far has been a turbulent one to say the least. Two days into the summer semester, Gaza started firing rockets into Israel. No more than a week later, the Israel Defense Forces initiated Operation Protective Edge, eliminating not only many rockets from Gaza, but eliminating the tunnels terrorists had built in order to attack Jews in Israeli cities. During student orientation, the sirens went off, and I had 15 seconds to get to a bomb shelter. It made me realize that I had never been in a situation in my life before where violence on such a large scale could break out at the drop of a hat. It made the times where there was a cease-fire moments of hope, even if they were only few and far between.

Despite all of this, however, my friends/classmates and I have learned a valuable Hebrew expression to help us move on from the violence. It’s “Lizrom (LEEZ-rom),” which means, “to roll with the punches.” The beauty of Israel is that even though they could be going through a tough time such as war and violence, they are still able to go about their lives as if nothing had ever happened.

All the prayers that I grew up with at Kabbalat services (Shalom Rav, Oseh Shalom, Mi Sheberach) have taken on more profound meaning than they have had in the past. I’ll admit that when I used to pray for these things in the States, I would limit the scope to only the people I know and the situations I am familiar with.

This is not unheard of in our liturgy. The Amidah, the central part of our prayer service, is divided into three parts, the second of which is the Petition stage, where we ask G-d for many different things. I urge you the next time you pray to broaden the scope of what you are praying for. Pray not only for yourself, your family, your friends, or the Jewish community you live in, but pray for the world. Pray for the world so that we may be closer to worldwide “refuah shleimah,” a complete healing of the soul of the world. Maybe, if we can do this, one day we might be able to not only have a “bad peace,” but a good one.

With the words I have left, I just want everybody to know that I am doing great! I love all of my classes and have bonded with all of my classmates I can now call friends. I want to thank everybody for all of the well-wishes and prayers you have sent my way, and I can’t wait to see you all again when I return to Buffalo toward the end of May.

Aaron Pieri

Calling all Talented TBZers!

Do you have a special talent that we can highlight? Can you sing? Dance? Play an instrument? Tell jokes?

We are holding a Variety Show following services for Purim on Friday, March 6. If you are interested in auditioning, contact Cantor Myers at pennysmyers@tbz.org or 836-6565, Ext. 130.

tbz Opportunities

Keeping Your New Year's Resolution

We all have multiple blessings. Some of us have multiple children, some multiple residences. And there is one multiple blessing we all share: two New Years to celebrate. As Jews, both Rosh Hashanah and January 1 provide opportunities for reflection and resolution.

Making – and breaking – New Year’s Resolutions is well-worn territory, the subject of countless jokes and clichés. But this year, why not make a resolution with staying power? Resolve to review your financial status and estate planning.

Many events may have occurred in your life in recent years for you to consider a change in your estate planning: a change in family, a change in tax laws, a change of assets, a change of needs and desires, a change of job or business, or perhaps a change of residence. Sound advice from a reputable attorney, tax accountant, or estate planner can help determine estate planning options that best suit your situation and goals.

The will is the most common estate planning tool. When properly drafted it will specify how you want your assets distributed and specify donations to charitable causes. Yet less than half of all Americans have a will.

Thousands of charitable organizations, including Temple Beth Zion, are helped each year by bequests. Perhaps you would like to remember Temple Beth Zion in your will and become part of the Rabbi Joseph and Janice Fink Legacy Society. Becoming a member of the Legacy Society couldn’t be simpler. It requires only a current gift of \$1,000 or more to Temple Endowments or an indication of intent to create a financial legacy of \$1,000 or more for Temple. Membership may be public or anonymous.

Charitable bequests are an important part of Temple Beth Zion’s future. Please help insure that future by calling Mark Criden, 836-6565, or Peter Fleischmann at the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, 882-1166.

Town Square Food Pantry Update

Our efforts toward fighting hunger in Western New York are still underway. As with many construction plans and projects, we have run into snags and delays. As frustrating as delays always are, however, we have kept working to move things forward sooner than later. In concert with our partnering organizations, we have readjusted our timeline and are now hoping to open after the holidays in early January. Admittedly, we are disappointed that inevitable delays have kept us from feeding those in need, but the extended time has presented us with the ability to be better prepared! And that, friends, means that we have the ability to continue gathering food, supplies and assistance!

If you are over age 16 and available on Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30 and 2:30, we would love to have you come and volunteer when the pantry opens. Before opening, volunteers will be invited to a welcome session where we will meet one another and learn about the wonderful work we will all be doing! And if you’re younger than 16, you can help by getting donations, learning about social action and coming to some great social action opportunities that are also in the works!

Volunteer to Be a Cofeld Cataloguer

Are you interested in helping update the museum? Can you use excel? Are you between 12 and 120? If so, you can join the Cofeld Cataloguers! We are turning the museums record cards into a more usable spreadsheet so that we can better know our entire museum holdings, undertake a new inventory and show off more of our collection! If you want to participate, all you need to do is pick up an envelope from the front desk at the Broder Center from the Cofeld Cataloguers box and complete a brief form to indicate which pack number you have taken. Inside each envelope there will be 15 copied museum cards with easy instructions. To obtain the catalogue spreadsheet, simply email Chana Kotzin, Cofeld Museum Chair, at cofelddcats@gmail.com All you need to do is retype the card information and send back to the same cofelddcats@gmail.com email. Chana will recheck each entry, add some additional technical information, and put the information into a master sheet. To become a Cofeld Cataloguer, you'll need to know how to use excel and have a few hours to spare. A "best try" is all that is required. Come and join us. Our goal is to "crowd convert" several hundred cards into a massive spreadsheet that we can sort, categorize and use more quickly. Then we can move onto next steps, when we will need volunteer photographers to image each item. Join the team of Cofeld Cataloguers today.

Photographs Needed

Archival photographs are needed for the Temple Beth Zion archives and the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project! Do you have early internal photographs from 599 Delaware Avenue, which tragically burned in 1961? A researcher is interested in the Tiffany windows that were part of this wonderful building designed by Edward Kent.

Currently, the only surviving photographs that exist of these ornamental memorial windows are in a 1957 Ph.D. Dissertation by Robert Koch, and unfortunately they are not of good quality. These windows were endowed by five families, and each window was created in memory of family members.

These memorial windows were in the names of: Marcus, Bergman, Geiershofer, Altman and Warner. Although we have a handful of photographs inside the sanctuary, they are taken looking toward the bimah (which would be the usual aspect). However, what we need are photographs taken from the bimah looking out to the windows or simply images of the windows themselves. There were also other windows, including a large decorative window. Can you help us document this beautiful building? Perhaps you have other photographs of the Temple rooms too? If so please call Chana Kotzin, Ph.D., at the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project at 204-5388. There is an urgent need for these images. Alternatively, you can email Chana at archivesproject@bjebuffalo.org. Thank you.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Thursday, January 1; Friday January 2; and Monday, January 19.

An Invitation From The Pokras Family

*With great joy we invite our entire
Temple Beth Zion family to share in our simcha
as our son*

Marshall Allen

Is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

*Saturday January 17, 2015
At Ten Thirty in the Morning
Temple Beth Zion
805 Delaware Avenue*

*Luncheon Reception following services
with Live Jazz, Klezmer and Dancing
in the Rabbi Fink Auditorium*

*Kindly RSVP by January 4 to:
marshallsmitzvah@gmail.com*

We welcome donations of non-perishable food items

tbz Brotherhood

Shalom,

We hope that everyone had a delightful Chanukah and wonderful New Year. As you turn to the first page of your new calendar, why not write your new check to join Brotherhood. 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.

December's Achim program, the annual visit by the Junior Choir led by Cantor Myers, was extremely well received, very entertaining. Next December's Chanukah program may be 11 months away, but the Weinberg residents are already looking forward to it.

January's Achim program will be held on the 12th at Weinberg Campus Meadows community room. The residents will enjoy an informative program by Errol Sull, a Brotherhood member and frequent presenter, and very nice community breakfast. Stop by and see what Achim is all about.

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

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

Philip Chazen

Chuggim at Religious School

Our monthly elective classes give students an opportunity to learn, create and spend time outside the traditional classroom setting. From writing a newspaper and making challah and latkes to playing instruments and doing mitzvot, our students look forward to their chuggim each week! Students will have the opportunity to pick a different chug for the second half of the year.



Above is our Music chug featuring our great brass section.

At right, our Bubbie's Kitchen chug is shown making challah.



Mussar in Our Religious School

As we approached Thanksgiving and participated in the annual Turkey Basket Project, we learned about the Mussar soul trait of **Hakarat Hatov – Gratitude**. We created a Tree of Gratitude, with each student filling out a leaf sharing something that they are grateful for.

7th grader Niki Heffter helped put up the leaves.



A MUSSAR THOUGHT...

on *Hakarat Hatov/Gratitude!*

Say thank you to every person who does even the slightest thing that is helpful or beneficial to you.

"It is good to give thanks to God and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High..."
(Psalms 92:1)

Consecration 2014/5775

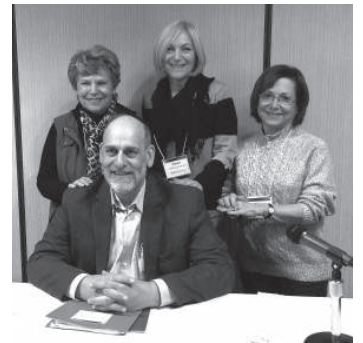
A beautiful Consecration Ceremony was held on Friday, December 19 during our Shabbat Chanukah Service. Our consecrants marked the beginning of formal Jewish education. The students sang a number of prayers and songs, are were called to the bima for a special blessing. We look forward to sharing a photo of the Consecration class and their names in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Highlights of the Mussar Kallah

The 12th annual Mussar Kallah took place in Zion, Illinois, November 13 – 16, and three TBZ members were fortunate to have attended. Ethel Melzer, Director of Adult Education at the Bureau of Jewish Education; Evie Weinstein, former Director of the BJE and current Mussar teacher; and Susan Goldberg Schwartz experienced Mussar practice and study with people from around the country and world. With the Kallah theme of **Transitions**, they investigated the *middot* (soul traits) that impact the range of transitions in our lives—the big ones and the little ones, the expected and the unexpected, the eagerly anticipated and the ones that cause us concern.

The Kallah faculty focused on the traits of Trust, Order, Enthusiasm, Patience and Joy, and showed how Mussar can be our guide through our life's challenges and transitions. Check out www.mussarinstitute.org for more information about The Mussar Institute.

Ethel Melzer, Susan Goldberg Schwartz and Evie Weinstein with Alan Morinis, founder of the Mussar Institute



Upcoming Events

Play And Learn School

Jan 5	PALS resumes
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day — PALS closed
Jan 23	Tot Shabbat and Teddy Bear Picnic
Jan 26 - 28	Parent/Teacher conferences
Jan 29 & 30	PALS Open House (during school hours)

Religious School

Jan 1 – 4	Winter break – No classes
Jan 6	Classes resume
Jan 10	5 th grade Shabbaton
Jan 11	7 th Grade Family Day/Mah La'asot
Jan 11	Sunday Tots
Jan 11	Madrichim meeting
Jan 11	Faculty meeting
Jan 18	No Religious School
Jan 25	P.A.S.S. – Parents At Sunday School
Jan 25	6 th & 7 th grade program at JCC



Tot Shabbat and Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday, January 23, at 5:45 p.m.
Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Bring the kids and their favorite teddy bears for a child-friendly Shabbat service. We will also share snacks, songs, friendship and crafts.

If you want more information, contact: Melissa Milch-Klein at 836-6565, Ext. 139, or pals@tbz.org.

PALS Turkey Tzedakah

The Zekitot (3 year-olds) and Tziporim (4 year-olds) learned about helping others. We began a turkey drive to "dress our naked turkey" with feathers. For each \$1 that was raised, the turkey gained a feather. This lesson in generosity (and early math) has been a highlight of our year.

Below is a picture of our dressed turkey and a photo of the tzedakah presentation to Rabbi Adam Scheldt. The enthusiasm and generosity of our children was really something to behold.



Best Dressed Turkey!



Thank You

To Karen Wiseman for hosting Women of the Book.

To Robin Ostrov, winner of the Sisterhood Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle, who donated the meal to a family in need.

To David Goldberg and Adina Garfinkel for picking up Thanksgiving meals donated by the Turkey Basket Project and delivering them to families.

From Sharron Frommann to all who donated to the Turkey Basket Project. Despite the winter storm, the Turkey Basket Project went off without a hitch. The participation of the Religious School and PALS, both with monetary donations and food donations, was a great part of the success.

The entire project works 100% on donations, so to the members of the Congregation who supported us with checks and gift cards, we cannot thank you enough.

This year we were able to provide 503 families with a complete turkey dinner, which enabled them to have dinner in their own homes.

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted all year long and can be sent to: Sharron Frommann, 18 Palmdale Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.

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Mazel Tov!



Marshall Pokras
Saturday, January 17

Son of: Rabbi Gary and Shauna Pokras
Mitzvah Project: Created a book for patients at Women & Childrens Hospital



Kaitlyn Stapleton
Saturday, January 24

Daughter of: Timothy and Sheryl Stapleton
Mitzvah Project: Holiday cards for nursing home residents
Donating to: SPCA

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Youth Groups

TBaZY Celebrates Chanukah

On December 19, members of TBaZY Sr participated in our congregational Chanukah service by writing and reading their own responses to Shabbat evening prayers. Both the Jr and Sr youth groups also worked together to create Chanukah decorations for the evening, and our Social Action Vice President, Eva Muir, announced TBaZY's first charitable project for this year. Throughout the month of January, please donate your used cell phones, iPods, PDAs and tablets for recycling. Donation boxes will be available at both the Broder Center and our Delaware building. Proceeds from this drive will go to American Friends of the Open University of Israel.

Don't miss TBaZY's fun social event at Niagara Climbing Center for Grades 8-12 the evening of January 10 for only \$12 for members and \$15 for non- members. Email me at youth@tbz.org for more information and registration information. Our next social event will be February 1 – more information will arrive by email.

Many of our TBaZY members will be attending NFTY-NEL's Winter Kallah event in Toronto from January 30 to February 1, where local family members of Temple Emanu-El will be housing participants. Registration is open now, and scholarships are available – again, email me if your teen wants more information.

TBaZY Sr's Membership Vice President, Andrew Ostreicher, has had the honor of being selected as a member of NFTY-NEL's iStreet Fellows, who will learn about Israel through several webinars and then share his learning with others.

TBaZY Jr continues to have a lot of fun. On December 7 at our Chanukah Party after Sunday Religious School, students decorated Chanukah treats and made decorations for our congregation and their homes. On February 1, after Sunday Religious School, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat and learn all about how much we depend on trees.

Remember I'm always around on Wednesday nights at Hebrew High and also on most Thursday nights for Religious School.

Nancy Spector
Youth Engagement Director

Presidents' Message

Sisterhood has had a busy December. Our Family Chanukah Party and Chanukah Bazaar were a huge success, and we had a wonderful time gift-wrapping at Barnes and Noble. January promises to be more relaxing while we plan for our February 8 "Sip and Paint" program and our March 22 "Women's Seder." Please let us invite you to partake of all our monthly activities: We have our new book club, we bake every fourth Friday of the month for our Temple onegs, we walk for exercise every weekend in the Boulevard Mall during the winter months, and we're always doing charity work both for our Temple and for the community. Please feel free to call us for information on any of the things you're interested in. We would love to hear from you.

Stay warm!

Marilyn, Sharon, Shellie and Kaaren



Oneg Bakers

Sisterhood bakes for the onegs that are held on the fourth Friday of the month. You don't have to be a member of Sisterhood to participate. If you are interested in baking for the Onegs, please get in touch with me. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the fourth Friday in December to sample our delectable treats.

Sharon Winer
swiner4@gmail.com

Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center

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

Check out our new merchandize!

January Special:
50% off a large selection of jewelry

Special appointments may be made by calling
Lynn Klein - 689-9207

Please Support Your Temple Gift Shop

Elite Coupon Books Available



We are now selling the 2015 Elite coupon books in our gift shop for only \$20. These make a great holiday gift for your hairdresser, nail tech, paper carrier, babysitter or anyone else who may work for you, as well as for friends and family. Get them before our supply runs out.

Books are available at the Sisterhood Judaica Shop located in the Broder Center.

Passover Candy Sale

We will conduct our annual Passover Candy Sale from January 25 until February 8. We will be selling Bartons kosher for Passover confections. Every package bears the U seal of Kashruth. We will also have a candy catalogue of Kosher candy and gifts.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Temple Beth Zion Religious School and PALS Scholarship funds.

If you are interested in purchasing Passover candy, macaroons, etc., please pick up an order form at Temple either at Delaware Avenue or the Broder Center and mail it back to: Temple Beth Zion Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst NY 14226 with the correct payment by February 8. Please make checks payable to TBZ Sisterhood.

If you have any questions call Susan Bruckheimer, 982-2099, after 4 p.m. or email at susan_b@roadrunner.com

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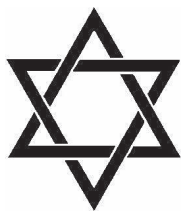
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Looking for a way to honor a friend's birthday? Trying to think of a gift for a special anniversary for a couple that has no room for more tchotchkes? Please consider making a tribute donation in honor, memory or appreciation of that special person or event.

When you select a particular fund, your gift is targeted toward an area or areas that are most meaningful to you or to those you are honoring. Donations can be made by using the form on the reverse side of this page or by calling Ann Marie Randall at 836-6565, Ext. 111. Secure online donations can be made on the TBZ website at www.tbz.org by clicking on the "giving" tab.



Back by Popular Demand: Membership Directory

In January, letters will be mailed to each member of our congregation describing our efforts to republish what has been a valuable resource for our members — a membership directory. The membership directory enables our members to reach each other without barriers.

Inclusion in the directory is, of course, voluntary. We hope that everyone will be included, but we certainly respect everyone's right to privacy. Please be assured that the directory is designed for use only by our members and not for any commercial purpose.

The January letter will provide you two opportunities:

1. To make sure the information we have for you in our records is up to date.
2. To allow you the opportunity to choose what information you would like us to include for your listing in the directory.

If you have any other questions or comments, please contact Mark Criden at 836-6565, Ext. 135, or criden@tbz.org.

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If you are interested in sponsoring an Oneg to celebrate a simcha or otherwise honor a loved one, please contact Ann Marie Randall at 836-6565, Ext. 111.



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January 23 and 24

Jeanette Bialosky	Dr. Samuel Kavinsky
Abzug	Belle Sigman
Fanny Abrams	Kutzman
Bergman	Evelyn Gerstman Leff
Henry D. Boodson	Dr. S. Albert Levitan
Dorothy Clayman	Arline R. Mayer
Rev. Bernard Cohn	Esther L. Milch
John F. Desbecker Sr.	Frances Rosenberg
Clara Goodman	Morrison
Dozoretz	Jacob Morrison
Maurice Dunay	Eugene Pack
Nathan Falk	Max Robins
Ester Fogelbaum	Daniel A. Roblin
Ruth B. Gafter	Minnie M. Roblin
Dr. Lawrence H.	William Rosenhoch
Golden	Rubin Rothman
Fannie E. Goldman	Leonard J. Russ
Joseph Goldstein	Nathan Slotkin
Isidore Harris	Sophia Soronson
Max Harrison	Bertha F. Sperling
Dr. Norman Heilbrun	Leo M. Sterin
Lillian Wolff Jacobson	Isabel Stiller
Edward H. Kavinsky	Mina Tiede

January 30 and 31

Samuel H. Berman	Delia J. Neafach
Rose B. Bilsky	Rosella F. Rosen
Jerry Blanke	Harold A. Rosenfield
Maurice Blinkoff	Joseph Rosenthal
Dr. Robert Blum	Ann F. Ryback
Robert Ellis M.D.	Ruth Israel Schuller
Newman Ellis	Dr. Louis A. Siegel
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Beatrice Feldman	Cary M. Speier
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Goldene F. Halpern	Edna Cutler Wiener
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Yetta G. Levy	Alfred M. Zisser
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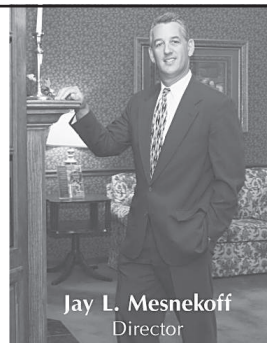
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Paul Borins	Theresa Henschel
Dr. Irwin Cohen	Meyers
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Lena Michaels Jaffey	Alvin S. Small
Louise Ullman Kostick	Melvin Tasman
Sarah Kutner	Justice Jacob Tick
Edmund Lazarus	Eli Tishman
Joseph J. Lenzner	Martin Warenoff
Stanley A. Levy	Eugene Warner
David B. Levi Jr.	Herman Wile
Siegfried Levi	Louis R. Wolkind

January 9 and 10

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Frances Wolf	Abraham
Bergmann	Kirschenbaum
Louis N. Blatt	Ruth Rae Lawrence
Dr. Bruce Block	Sol J. Levy
Jeannette Block	Carolyn P. Lewin
Samuel Block	Sarah "Ty" Goldman
Harold Brock	Mandelcorn
David Brown	Rachel R. Marks
Sylvia C. Cheplove	Annette I. Ray
Michael Cohen	Eugene Roblin
Miriam Cohen	Ida Rodenberg
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Dr. Marvin Israel	Sarah Rapoport Weil
Marvin Jacobs	Ilene Julie Weiss
Rena Frank Jellinek	Lenora L. Weiss
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January 16 and 17

Charles Beck	Sarah Nathan
Regina Borg	Leah Roblin
Bertha Chernoff	Louis Ross
Belle D. Daniels	Rose Karnofsky
Bessie Ettlinger	Ruttenstein
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