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Sisterhood Opening Luncheon

Sunday, September 27, at 1 p.m. Broder Center



The Sisterhood Opening "Paid-Up" Luncheon will feature guest speaker **Donna Fernandes** of the Buffalo Zoo.

Details are on page 8.

High Holy Day Information



See the enclosed insert for the complete schedule of High Holy Day services and information on various items related to the High Holy Days at Temple Beth Zion.





As we begin to prepare for the High Holy Days, later this month we will be sending to all of the members of the Temple Beth Zion family information on the 2015 Kol Nidre Campaign. The Annual Giving Campaign is critical to your congregation's vitality as a Jewish home for all.

The campaign is as much about participation as it is about the size of donations. Each and every gift matters! So when you receive your 2015 Kol Nidre Campaign materials, please send in your pledge. We are personally asking *every* congregant to make a pledge to the campaign, no matter the size of that pledge.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Grant Golden and Deborah Goldman David and Marilyn Brock 2015 Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs

Decorate the Sukkahs



Saturday, September 26 805 Delaware Avenue

Be part of a joyous (and fun) process helping Sisterhood decorate the Sukkahs at 805 Delaware Avenue.

See page 8 for details.





Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

What a trip! I wrote in this space in June that I was anxiously anticipating the Buffalo Jewish Community trip to Israel. The trip was all one could hope for — and then some! Smooth travel, great weather, wonderful food, spectacular and emotional tours, and compatible travel partners, including three incredible Rabbis. I want to focus this message on two specific areas: the geopolitical

awakening (at least for me) and the travel partners.

As I wrote in June, I have long been conflicted in my feelings toward Israel. Desperately wanting it to survive and thrive, of course; but most recently uncomfortable with the "politics" why weren't we (I feel all the more comfortable saying "we" now) trying harder for peace? Why build settlements knowing that would be a detriment to the peace process? Thanks to the Federation, which arranged for us to have three morning lecture/ discussion groups and one morning with a film producer, we got a view of how things work in Israel much different than I imagined. The phrase "it's complicated" either preceded or followed almost everything that was said to us. Indeed, Israel is a complicated place. We learned about the electoral process voting for one of (now) 10 political parties rather than an individual; most critical issues are hawk or dove on security issues. The deal-making that has to go on to form a government. The roll of the Ultra-Orthodox. We visited cemeteries and heard stories of the early Jews who settled long before Israel became a state. Yad Vashem, the memorial to the 6,000,000 of our ancestors who perished in the Holocaust literally took my breath away. The Jewish population OF THE WORLD only recently got back to where it was prior to that horror. And, of course, the Wall standing where hundreds of generations of our people either stood or prayed they might someday stand brought immediate and unexpected tears from me. Our guide presented everything personally and passionately. And the added bits from the Rabbis from Shir Shalom and Beth Tzedek and, of course, our own Rabbi Pokras made every visit all the more poignant. It would take much more space to cover all the memorable moments and lessons; but suffice to say this was a life-changing experience.

The other item I want to mention briefly is the group that traveled together. It's worth mentioning here because it was a group of about 30 from the three major synagogues. I honestly didn't know what to expect from the "others" on the trip. Most of you know there have been several collaborative efforts between/ among the organizations in recent years. I always viewed the other temples as "competition." The group turned out to give rise to many new friendships. In 10 days, I came to realize the only difference between us is how we express our Judaism. More succinctly, how we pray. It has opened my eyes to the thought that there can and should be much more collaboration than competition — and I expect to work on that in the months to come. We truly were — a Buffalo Jewish Community!

In closing, I wish you a Shana Tovah!

L' Shalom, Warren



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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.

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Kabbalat Shabbat Service

I nursday, September 3	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, September 4	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	Ĩ
Saturday, September 5	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Leo Biehl	
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Thursday, September 10	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
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Friday, September 11	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service @ Broder	6 p.m.
Saturday, September 12	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, September 13	
Erev Rosh Hashanah	8 p.m.
	0 p.m.
Monday, September 14	0
Children's Service	9 a.m.
Alternative Family Service @ Becker Farms	10 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, September 18	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, September 19	
Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
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Tuesday, September 22	
Erev Yom Kippur	8 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23	
Children's Service	9 a.m.
Family Service	9 a.m.
Yom Kippur Morning Service	11:30 a.m.
Music Interlude	1:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service	3:15 p.m.
Thursday, September 24	
Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
	5.50 p.m.
Friday, September 25	



Dear Friends,

The High Holy Days are fast approaching, and with them our opportunity for spiritual renewal through prayer and teshuvah. Teshuvah is often translated as "repentance," but I prefer the more literal meaning of the word - "return." Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur acknowledge our humanity and our desire to do right with our lives. On these holy days we recognize that no matter our intentions, we have strayed from our path, and they offer us an opportunity to get back on track. In fact, there really isn't a very good word for "sin" in Hebrew. The usual term, cheit, is actually an archery term meaning "miss the mark." The assumption is that we were trying to hit it, it's just that our aim is off. All we need to do is to turn, to return to face the right direction, and then start walking. With this simple, yet profoundly challenging act, our spirits begin to heal and we can enter the new year with renewed energy, vigor and focus.

Traditionally, we are encouraged to use Elul, the month preceding the Holy Days for honest self-reflection and beginning the process of teshuvah. That is why we have had a series of special *Elul* study sessions for at least the past twenty years - to help us focus ourselves and prepare for the High Holy Days. I love that we offer these sessions and that so many of you take advantage of them every summer.

This year, Rabbi Scheldt suggested that we take a fresh approach to our Elul teaching, and we were happy to follow his lead. Instead of text study and traditional approaches, we decided to share our own personal ways of preparing for the High Holy Days. It's a lovely idea, because not only are we sharing our own authentic Jewish spirituality, but it forces us to balance our professional preparation with our personal.

I immediately began planning my session with a focus on forgiving not only each other, but ourselves. We all need a little self-compassion, and like so many of us, I tend to hold myself to a higher standard than I do anyone else. So that is, or rather was, my plan, but plans have a way of changing and I now find myself walking a new path of teshuvah, of return, one that will take me unexpectedly through Columbia, South Carolina.

Hopefully you received my invitation a few weeks ago to join me on the Journey for Justice, a historic march from Selma, Alabama, to Washington, D.C., organized by the NAACP. I have never called Columbia home, and while I have participated in various protests and rallies, I have never been part of a civil rights movement initiative of this breadth and scope. Yet, I am quite sure that walking 20 miles of that journey in Columbia with friends new and old will be a powerful teshuvah, a return for me. It will raise my awareness of the need for tikkun here at home, it will remind me of Torah's call to pursue justice justly, and it will orient me toward God's vision for what this world one day can become; it will restore my Jewish soul, and bring it back from its wanderings.

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6 p.m.

Summer Celebration Was a Blast!

The 17th Annual Summer Celebration took place on Monday, August 10, and it was a great day. David Goldberg and Deny Adelman, with the help of a dedicated committee, ran this amazing event. It was a fun and successful day that raised critical funds for education programs at Temple Beth Zion. We are pleased to share some photos and look forward to thanking all of our sponsors and donors in the October Bulletin.



Leah Polk and Tizzy Schechter work together to prepare one of the many packages for the basket auction.

One of the foursomes included Ken Polk, David Monkarsh, Stu Bulan and Mitchell Polk. There were 88 golfers on the course at Transit Valley Country Club.





Co-Chairs David Goldberg and Deny Adelman are in place to welcome everyone to dinner. There were 165 TBZ supporters enjoyed a delicious meal.

Drs. Philip Glick and Drucy Borowitz were among the sponsors and diners.





Fever Pitch Coming to TBZ

Saturday, October 17, at 7 p.m.



The amazing all-women string quartet **Fever Pitch** has been making music together for over a decade. Their enthusiasm for music is evidenced not only in their performances, but also in their passion for music education and composition. It is their mission to perform and enhance music for the increasingly diverse audiences of this generation and the next.

Information on tickets will be in the October Bulletin and at www.tbz.org.

Family Promise

Family Promise of Western New York is a National Organization that helps homeless families in their time of need providing shelter, meals and guidance on the road toward independence.

In the year 2014 it provided 1,600 bed-nights of shelter for these families. The congregational sites hosted 17 families (68 individuals) with 60% of the clients under the age of 18. These families were kept together and given shelter and assistance during their time of need. Most of them were able to be placed in a residence. If you are interested in helping this organization, please get in touch with me. We have assisted Crossroads Lutheran Church for four years. We are always looking for more volunteers. I will be very happy to explain exactly what we do.

Sharon Winer swiner4@gmail.com

10:30 a.m.

Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, September 7; Monday, September 14; Wednesday, September 23; and Monday, September 28.

Worship Service Schedule

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Saturday, September 26 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, September 2 7 Erev Sukkot Service at Cantor Myers' House	7 p.m.
Monday, September 28	

Monday, September 28 Joint Sukkot Morning Service



Play and Learn School

All summer long we anticipate this first day of school at the Play And Learn School at Temple Beth Zion.

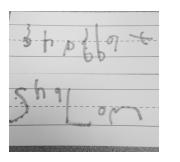
Seeing new faces and welcoming back returning families is always such an exciting time. The Play And Learn School (PALS) provides the highest-quality, values-based preschool education in Western New York. Our purpose is to provide an environment that enhances each child's social, emotional, intellectual, creative and physical development in a warm and nurturing environment.

- Our 2 year old program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to noon. Children learn to interact with each other while exploring their world through play. Music, movement and story time promote language and skill development.
- Our 3 and 4 year old programs meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (3's) and 2 p.m. (4's). This year we have a special enrichment option to add Tuesdays and Thursdays as well. Each age group follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum tailored to their unique learning styles and abilities. Children acquire the cognitive, social and independence skills necessary to feel confident as they grow.

Our head teachers, Melissa Milch-Klein, Shira Goldberg and Lauren Bloomberg, create an environment that promotes curiosity, kindness and community. Local kindergarten teachers have reported that PALS students enter kindergarten prepared to learn.

There are a few openings remaining in our 3 and 4 year old classes. Please call Melissa Milch-Klein at 836-6565 Ext. 139, for more information, or email at PALS@tbz.org.

Tot Shabbat Friday, September 25, at 5:45 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road





PALS will host the first PJ Library-sponsored Tot Shabbat Hop of the year. All are welcome! Tot Shabbat is a perfect opportunity to join other families with young children for an evening of prayer, snack, craft, song and fun.

> PALS begins Wednesday, **September 9** All paperwork must be received before your child's first day of class! Call Melissa with any questions, 836-6565, Ext. 139.

Community Selichot Service

Saturday, September 5

TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Please join us for a Community Selichot Service, which Temple Beth Zion will host in the Broder Center this year.

8:30 p.m. - Dessert and coffee schmooze

9:00 p.m. – Havdallah

9:15 p.m. – Panel Discussion

10:00 p.m. - Selichot service led by our community Cantors

The discussion topic will be *Malkhuyot, Zikhronot, Shofarot* - Rabbis discuss the meaning of the Shofar. The Rabbis participating include Perry Netter, Nesanel Cadle and Gary Pokras, moderated by Alex Lazarus-Klein.

Our Season of Celebration Continues

Celebrate Sukkot at the Home of Cantor Penny and Dr. Bennett Myers

Sunday, September 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. Join the clergy and your TBZ friends and come wave lulav, visit the sukkah, build your own sukkah and roast marshmallows by the outdoor fire. Last year, about 100 people attended. Don't miss this fun night! RSVP by calling 836-6565.

Joint Sukkot Morning Service With Other WNY Progressive Synagogues Monday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

Lunch following service

Erev Simchat Torah Service (help us unroll the entire Torah) Sunday, October 4 805 Delaware 5 p.m. potluck dinner in the Fink Auditorium 6 p.m. service in the Main Sanctuary

Joint Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor With Other WNY Progressive Synagogues

Monday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. Congregation Shir Shalom Lunch following service

Please check out our new sukkah downtown. And make sure to thank anyone you know in the Sisterhood for helping to make all of our beautiful sukkahs possible.



New Members

Gordon & Linda Bayliss David & Marsha Lettman Everett & Mandy Weiss Rachel Pierce & Eric Lipman



The Excitement Begins in September!

- NEW Additional weekday Religious School option for 3rd - 6th grades (6:30 - 8 p.m.)
- NEW Family field trips, holiday celebrations and mitzvah projects
- NEW Mishpacha of the Month
- More chuggim (electives), including students' favorite Bubbie's Kitchen
- Expanded Hebrew curriculum using Hebrew through Movement
- Outdoor learning in the Shatkin Family Outdoor classroom
- Enthusiastic teachers and madrichim, new and returning, including our Israeli shlicha, Lital
- Adult learning with the Rabbis at P.A.S.S.
- Technology in our classrooms
- Visual Tefillah! Music! Library! Art! Mitzvah projects! If you haven't yet submitted your registration materials, please return your completed forms as soon as possible. We don't want you and your child to miss out on these great Jewish learning and social opportunities.

Upcoming Events

Play And Learn School

September 2 - 4	PALS staff meetings
September 4	PALS Visiting Day
September 9	First Day, Zekitot & Tziporim
September 10	First Day, Shefanim
September 14	Rosh Hashanah – No PALS/office closed
September 22	PALS dismissal at noon
September 23	Yom Kippur – No PALS/office closed
September 25	PJ Library Tot Shabbat @ Broder
September 28	Sukkot – No PALS/office closed
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September 25	PJ Library Tot Shabbat @ Broder

Religious School

September 13	Staff orientation and
	classroom setup 8:30 a.m.
September 20	First Sunday (for students and parents)
September 27	Religious School Sukkot Open House
September 29	First Tuesday class (Delaware)
October 1	First Thursday class (Broder)

If you have questions about **Religious School**, contact Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Director of Lifelong Learning, at <u>education@tbz.org</u> or 836-6565, Ext. 131.

Religious School Opens September 20

Schedule of the Day

8:30 am	Registration and light breakfast
9:00 am	All students to their classrooms
9:15 am	All parents to the Social Hall
10:15 am	Tefillah for all students and parents
11:00 am	Students return to classrooms
11:30 am	Dismissal

TBZ Religious School Designed To Meet All Students' Needs

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, Temple Beth Zion Religious School implemented a number of programs focused on meeting the unique needs of its students. A one-on-one tutoring program for newly enrolled students as well as students with special learning needs in grades K-7; former students returning as volunteers working specifically with individuals with disabilities; and a special education teacher available as a resource for all teachers and clergy are some of the highlights added to the current curriculum.

Guided by parent/student/teacher conferences at the beginning of the school year to better understand the needs of each specific student and their unique learning styles, services are provided in the classroom setting as well as one-on-one or in small groups of 2 -3 students in our Resource Classroom.

The one-on-one tutoring program gives students the opportunity to work directly with a teacher for 20-30 minutes once a week. Emphasis is placed on foundations of Hebrew (letters, vowels, sight reading) as well as current classroom material to reinforce difficulties a student may be having retaining in the classroom. Students newly enrolled in Religious School in grades 4-7 received intensive tutoring in Hebrew foundations in order to provide them with a better understanding of the content provided in younger grades.

Push-in services are also available from a special education teacher as well as student volunteers who are interested in learning more about working with students with special needs. These services range from co-teaching (pairing of the general education and special education teachers to provide instruction) to personal aides in the classroom for individuals with more severe learning needs. Temple Beth Zion continues to welcome individuals with more challenging disabilities.

Both pull-out and push-in services are individualized and flexible. Headed by certified special education teacher Rachel Pierce, the program has created a meaningful and enjoyable experience for its participants and the school at large.

To set up a meeting or inquire about special educational services available at Temple Beth Zion Religious School for the 2015-2016 school year, please contact Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Director of Lifelong Learning, at 836-6565.

Youth and Education

Planning Underway

As I write for this Bulletin, TBaZY and TBaZY Jr are making plans for our fall and winter events.

I am excited to build on last year's successes and begin this year's youth group programming season. I am also very happy to announce that our youth engagement team has grown. Jackie Kalter will be stepping up as TBaZY's advisor while I am studentteaching this fall. Jackie, currently a 3rd year student at UB in Health and Human Services, was involved in her youth group through high school and held regional NFTY offices in Social Action and Communications. She has been a URJ camper herself and since 2012 has spent summers working at Kutz Camp in Warwick. Jackie says, "I want to help teens experience what I was fortunate to have gone through." She can be reached at 914-715-0962, and we will be sharing the email address <u>youth@tbz.org</u>.

I will still be organizing and running the TBaZY Jr events and hope many 3rd – 7th graders will attend our first TBaZY Jr. welcoming event on **September 27** at the Broder Center, following Sunday Religious School from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will be getting ready for Sukkot with a pizza lunch in the sukkah, and get to know each other through games and fun. Any parents who would like to help please let me know by phone at 716-308-9285 or email at <u>youth@tbz.org</u>.

Best wishes for the upcoming New Year. See you soon!

Nancy Spector Youth Engagement Director

Baking Affinity Group

Find that apron, dust off your rolling pin and baking dish. The Baking Affinity Group is again getting ready to supply our congregants with delicious treats once a month.

We are always looking for people to help with the baking, plating before services, as well as serving as friendly and welcoming members of TBZ during the onegs. We also need help in packing up any leftovers.

People can volunteer to bake for a few or many of the onegs. Our gentle reminder is that we bake nut-free desserts that are cut into serving-sized pieces whenever possible. Each baker is asked to bake at least three dozen pieces.

If you baked last year, an email will be sent in a few weeks. Interested in joining the group? Email me at Laurie725@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 208-6233.

Below are the dates we will be baking: October 7 at Broder November 13 Shabbat Alive at Broder December 11 Shabbat Alive at Broder January 8 at Delaware February 5 Shabbat Alive at Delaware March 4 Shabbat Alive at Broder April 1 Shabbat Alive at Delaware May 13 Shabbat Alive/ Halimud at Delaware June 3 Pride Shabbat at Delaware

All services are at 7 p.m., except June 3, which is a 6 p.m. service.





Leo Maxime Biehl Saturday, September 5 Son of: Jody Kleinberg Biehl & Peter Biehl Mitzvah Project: Carry Kindness

Library

Friends of the Library Book Bash Thursday, October 8, 4:30 – 8 p.m. TBZ Library at Broder Center

Come join us to give some desperately needed TLC to our Library as we celebrate National Jewish Book Month. We will be dusting the books, cleaning the shelves and restoring order and appeal to our unique collection. And we will kibbitz and have pizza all the while! Please contact Kara at 836-6565 to let her know you will attend.

During your down time at High Holy Day services, check out what our Downtown Library has to offer. We've made sure to have books on hand to please both children and adults. So when you're in between services, or your little one is done, grab a book to pass the time. Both TBZ Libraries are open for browsing whenever the buildings are open. To check out books, please visit the TBZ Library at the Broder Center.



Looking Forward to Serving

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

Sandy Beckman is again Usher Captain for High Holy Day services. Anyone wishing to assist in ushering at any of this year's services, please feel free to contact Sandy at ssbeck332@verizon.net or the Brotherhood at TBZBrotherhood@aol.com, or contact the Temple, which will forward your message. If you prefer to call Sandy directly, feel free to do so at 864-9174.

Our annual membership drive will kick off this month. If you are a Brotherhood member, please continue your membership, and if you are not, what are you waiting for? Your Brotherhood dues can be paid right along with your Temple dues.

Ken Graber will again be overseeing the Achim program sponsored by Brotherhood at Weinberg Campus. The program brings guests to speak on various topics, and the community has an open invitation to join us for any or all of the programs. The Achim program on September 13 will feature Warren Clark, Temple President, speaking about his recent trip to Israel, in the Meadows second-floor lounge at Weinberg.

Thank you for your support of Brotherhood.

Philip Chazen



Presidents' Message

Sisterhood is always trying to be the best that it can be. We have many programs planned for the New Year. Along with that we have many volunteer opportunities available. Every event that we sponsor has many women behind the scenes working to make it successful.

Our membership drive is going on now. Half of the \$40 in dues goes to the national organization WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism). This organization does miraculous things with the amount of money it receives. It supports causes all over the world. The other half of the money stays with us. Last year we gave \$14,000 to Temple. This supported scholarships, music programs, Torah Restoration and multiple other needs. Please join us so we can continue this level of support. We need your monetary help to keep projects going and we need your presence to make it all happen. We strive to make the world a better place. We need you to do it.

Marilyn, Susan & Sharon





Broder Center

Don't miss our opening luncheon and speaker, Dr. Donna Fernandes, Director of the Buffalo Zoo. She will be doing a powerpoint presentation on animal courting and mating. Dr. Fernandes is an interesting and dynamic speaker, and we are very fortunate to have her as our guest.

This luncheon is for paid-up members only, and we cannot accept walk-ins the day of the luncheon. Your paid dues is not a reservation to the luncheon. You must call Jane Goorevich to reserve a seat. You can call Jane with your reservation or concerns at 632-3835 or 440-3938.

Please watch for more exciting Sisterhood programs.

Sukkah Decorating

Be part of a joyous process helping Sisterhood decorate the sukkahs at 805 Delaware Avenue.

On Saturday, September 26, we'll decorate both the outdoor sukkah and the sukkah in the Sanctuary. Shabbat Service begins at 10:30 a.m., then we'll have pizza lunch at 12:15, followed by sukkah decorating at 1 p.m. Adults and children are welcome.

To let us know if you can join us (especially for lunch), please contact Susan Bruckheimer at susan_b@Roadrunner.com or 982-2099 and leave a message.

Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center

Hostess gifts Jars of Honey Everything you need for the Holy Days

The Gift Shop will be open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inquire at the Front Desk.

Special Appointments may be made by calling Lynn Klein—689-9207.

Please Support Your Temple Gift Shop

Haven House Wrap-Up

Thank you to everyone for making the 36th Annual Haven House Luncheon an amazing success. We raised more funds than ever before for the Haven House Scholarship Fund, filled a van with items from their wish list and provided hundreds of dollars in gift cards.

Co-Chair Mary Anne Clarke worked hard on the invitations, coordinating reservations, seating and many other tasks. Many thanks also to the setup and cleanup crew. In addition, thanks to Bob Klein for his creativity and work on the event.

We appreciate the support of all of the attendees, donors and everyone who brought delicious dishes and salads for the luncheon.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this our most successful luncheon yet. I hope to see you again for next year's luncheon on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Lynn Klein

Walk With Us to Fight Breast Cancer



TBZ Sisterhood is forming a team of walkers to participate in the annual American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk to take place on Saturday morning, October 17, in Buffalo.

You need not be a member of Sisterhood or even female to be part of our team. **All are welcome!**

Walk forms will be available at both TBZ buildings. To receive the online link for donating or signing up, or to sign up to be part of our team, contact Marilyn Schillroth at 832-4757 or schill6@verizon.net.

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



BROTHERHOOD YOUTH SERVICE FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> Sheila Goldberg, by Marcia Valente & Aliya Jay

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In Memory of: Sheila Goldberg, by Beth & Bob Marcus Rose Anzalone, by Beth & Bob Marcus, Brenda & Shelley Cohen Judy Chick, by Laurie & Benji Bluman In Appreciation of:

Cantor Penny Myers for preparing Gabriel Schulefand for his Bar Mitzvah, by Jennifer & Keith Schulefand.

Cantor Penny Myers' assistance at the unveiling for Paul Libby, by Barbara Libby

Cantor Penny Myers, by Ellen & Mort Weintraub

Cantor Penny Myers for preparing Zachary Liddick for his Bar Mitzvah, by Beth Grossman

CORINNE F. & MICHAEL F. ELLIS LANDSCAPING FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> **Hayley Oppenheimer Houston,** by Cindy & Randy Oppenheimer

FIGHT HUNGER & POVERTY FUND

<u>A Donation by</u>: Wayne & Sandy Wolchok, Valerie & Howard Rosenhoch, Douglas Conant, Beth Grossman <u>In Memory of</u>: **Sheila Goldberg**, by Carl & Linda Snitzer <u>In Appreciation of</u>: **Marlene Schillinger** for her work starting the garden for refugees, by Judy Zeckhauser <u>In Honor of</u>: **Deborah Goldman's** retirement, by Sol & Halli Glina **Martin Lewin's** special birthday, by Helen & George Sloan

MAX & MOLLY FREEDMAN FUND

In Memory of: Nana Stromberg, by Liz Freedman Jennifer Pinsof, by Liz Freedman Sheila Goldberg, by Liz Freedman Shari Franco, by Liz Freedman

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

In Memory of: Ray W. Kempner Sr., by Patricia Griffen Judy Chick, by Joseph Zeckheim Sheila Goldberg, by Howard & Valerie Rosenhoch Helen D. Haggerty, by George Greenberger Dr. & Mrs. Emil Sternberg, by Deborah Glazer Harold Doran, by Ruth Linsky Ruth Zeligman, by Edith Kramer In Honor of: Phyllis Itzkowitz's special birthday, by Norma & George Pearlman Diana Becker, by Norma & George Pearlman Margie & Brian Block's 50th wedding anniversary, by Michael & Andrea Kadish Martin Lewin's special birthday, by George & Norma Pearlman

RABBI M.L. GOLDBERG ENDOWMENT FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> Sheila Goldberg, by Marlyn & Arthur Rumizen Ruth & Harry Zeligman, by Marc Kramer

ARTHUR & MYRON GROSS B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

<u>In Honor of:</u> Maxwell Saperston's Bar Mitzvah of, by Marvin & Marcia Frankel

KOL NIDRE CAMPAIGN

<u>In Memory of:</u> **Sheila Lee Goldberg,** by Ed, Julie & Amy Feldman, Ken & Kathy Rogers, Mark & Laurie Criden

LIBRARY FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> Jennifer Pinsof, by Marlyn & Art Rumizen Cantor Gerald DeBruin, by Doris Bookbinder Shari Franco, by Marlyn & Art Rumizen <u>In Honor of:</u> Martin Lewin's special birthday, by Selma Morris

RICHARD & MARJORIE NEAFACH PRAYER BOOK FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> Alan Glaser, by Stewart & Faye Levy <u>In Honor of:</u> Joseph Sole's special birthday, by Stewart & Faye Levy

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of: Iris Bondi, by Eliane & Jacky Knopp, Jr. In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Gary Pokras' assistance at the unveiling for Seymour Hesch, by June Hesch and family

Rabbi Gary Pokras and Rabbi Adam Scheldt for their help preparing Zachary Liddick for his Bar Mitzvah, by Beth Grossman

Rabbi Gary Pokras' service for Sheila Goldberg, by her family Rabbi Adam Scheldt's support and guidance, by the family of Jennifer Pinsof Rabbi Adam Scheldt's service for Rose Sull, by Allan Sull

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of: Sheila Goldberg, by TBZ Brotherhood In Appreciation of: Rabbi Gary Pokras and Rabbi Adam Scheldt for their help preparing Gabriel Schulefand for his Bar Mitzvah, by Jennifer & Keith Schulefand.

DOROTHY ROSENFELDER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In Memory of: Sheila Goldberg, by Arlene & Nathan Steinhart, Lynn & Dick Hirsch

SISTERHOOD SERVICE FUND

<u>In Honor of:</u> **Lynn & Bob Klein's** special birthdays, by Sol & Halli Glina

MIRIAM & MAURICE S. TABOR MEMORIAL FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> Jennifer Pinsof, by Karen & John Tabor

TORAH PRESERVATION FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> **Mark Berman,** by Roz Algase

TOWN SQUARE FOOD PANTRY

<u>A Donation by</u> Jean Duffy, Philip Glick & Drucy Borowitz

MICHAEL D. WOLFSOHN MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL FUND In Memory of:

Dr. Howard Wolfsohn, by Gerry Lederman, Mitzi & Ira Melzer, Joyce & Marvin Siegel, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Goldstein, Ruth & Mehm Tun Thein, Jay & Nancy Carlson, Audre Bunis, Marlene & Laurence Joseph, Janet Gross & Susan Cooperman, Norma Cohen & Richard Lesses, Nan & Dick Haynes, Rita & Richard Lipsitz, Virginia Molin, Joan & Roger Simon, Molly S. Cloutier, Arlene & Robert Ball, Ree & Dick Adler, Robert & Marsha Gillette, Matthew & Christine Georger, Susan Levy, Judy Reich, Helene & Bob Fuchs, Shirley Rekoon, Sandy Rifkin, Randy Cole & Jon Slesinger, Sandra Morrison, Pamela & Ilja Weinrieb, Celia Linder, Howard Wolfsohn Judy Chick, by Gerry Lederman In Honor of:

Robert Schwartz's special birthday, by Norma Cohen & Richard Lesses Frima Ackerhalt receiving Woman of Distinction award, by Ellen & Mort Weintraub

Cindy Komm receiving Woman of Distinction award, by Ellen & Mort Weintraub

Sharon Winer receiving Woman of Distinction award, by Ellen & Mort Weintraub

YOUTH PROGRAM FUND

In Memory of: Judy Chick, by Sandy Rifkin Dr. Allen Goldfarb, by Sally Teibel In Honor of: June Adler's speedy recovery, by Sandy Rifkin

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

<u>In Memory of:</u> Sheila Goldberg, by Sara & Steve Schultz

Fund Focus Gross B'Nai Mitzvah Fund

Provides for the gift of a kiddush cup to Bar and Bat Mitzvah students on completion of their studies.

Pack a Backpack for JFS



Help support the Jewish Family Service Refugee Program by getting a child ready to enter school with everything they could need to be successful.

When you shop for supplies, you can help by purchasing an extra item for a refugee child in need.

The following items will be collected at the Broder Center during the month of September:

Binders, book covers, scientific calculators, compasses, crayons (boxes of 8 or 16), dictionaries (Burmese-English, Arabic-English, French-English, English), glue sticks, hand sanitizer, notebooks (spiral and composition), wide-ruled paper, #2 pencils, pens, rulers, child-safe scissors, tissues and wipes.

Thank you for helping fill a backpack for a refugee child in our community.

Out at the Ballgame

On Thursday, July 16, members of the TBZ community joined the fun at Coca-Cola Field when the Buffalo Bisons became the first local professional sporting organization to sponsor an official event for the LGBTQ community. A great time was had by all!

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales from the event benefited the Pride Center of Western NY, a nonprofit organization whose mission is "to work with the community to make Western New York a safe, healthy and satisfying place for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people to live, work and establish their families."

TBZ is proud to stand with the Bisons in support of the Pride Center.

Below are (left to right) Betty Scheldt, Rabbi Adam Scheldt, Michele Lash, Marcia Valente and Anna Marie Richmond.



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries September 25 and 26

I. Lewis Alexander Mildred Weil Ballow Hyman Benatovich Anna M. Block Harry Brock Rose B. Blumenthal Issac Borg Samuel M. Brown Sophia Fox Brown Leo Burwick Lilian G. Cohen Nat L. Cohen Jacob L. Davis Sara Ehrenreich Libbie Elster Max Field Robert Fishman Melanie Flintrowitz Ethel Garfinkle Hannah Fass Gerson Marvin Gerstman Edna Gladner Lewis Gorbaty

Harold Jacobs Mildred Barmon Lazarus Harold Lerman Harry Lewin Pauline Lewis Dr. John Josiah Maisel Sophia Manoff Isadore Melzer Audrey Wall Miller Susan I. Morris Lillian Peckoff Irma Davis Rosen Irving M. Rosenblat Leopold Rothschild Samuel Ryback David A. Silverman Dr. Edgar Slotkin Blanche V. Stein Gerald S. Stern Dorothy A. Susman Bertha Yablin

Letter From the Rabbi

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I will return from South Carolina just a few hours before I present my own approach to preparing for the High Holy Days during our Elul study series here at TBZ. And I think I already have gained a new and important insight before even leaving for the airport. Not all teshuvah begins with looking inward and holding ourselves accountable. Sure, we need to do that. I mean who would we be if we didn't have just a little Jewish guilt! But some teshuvah begins with simply putting one foot in front of the other, in a new way that challenges the status quo of our lives, and inspires us to be more. And the best part is we don't need to travel far. All we need is to change our direction toward home and start walking.

My family joins me in wishing you all a *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*, a Happy and Sweet New Year,

Rabbi Gary Pokras



Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

September 4 and 5

Henry Clay Ballow Leonard E. Bergman Rachel Billowitz Benjamin Borg Mollie Cohen Rebecca Sarah Cohen Fannie A. Desmon Bertha Elster Janet Greenky Engel Julia Nusbaum Fass Jerome R. Feinglass Esther K. Fernandez Abraham Feuerstein Dena Fierstein Bayla Freedman Joseph Fuhr Eleanor S. Greismar Rose Gilbert Jules Isador Glanzberg Joseph Gross Jack Haniford Dr. Joseph Jacobson

Harry Jaffey Marvin W. Kempner Minnie K. Levi Blanch Bergman Levy Pauline M. Lewis Dr. Allen S. Morris Stanley Milton Neuman Elsie Rabinowitz Hattie R. Sarles Leonard Sarles Benjamin N. Schaffer Leo Shire Meyer Lewis Sluizer Mabelle Block Spero Leon Spiller Minna Swados Beatrice R. Warner Morris Weiss Harry Wels Judge Cecil B. Wiener May Lowenthal Wile

September 11 and 12

Jane Davis Allen Dr. Carl E. Arbesman Caroline Bergman Joseph Bernhardt Raymond S. Bernhardt Sr. William Bregger Mac Brett Dr. Max Cheplove Jetta K. Cheskin Yetta Churgel Lenora Cohen Eleanor Eisinger Dr. Julius Elkes Bertha Kaminester Fleischman Jeanette Gerstman Dr. Leon Goldberg Nancy P. Golden Jane R. Grant Milton R. Hoffman Dr. Marvin E. Israel

Sylvia Joseph Jessie Kaitz Saul Kantor Mollie Katz Ray W. Kempner Sr. Lawrence Kreeger Ethel Krovetz Lena Lapides Doris Levitz Bernard Marks Morton Mevers Sr. Laura Morris S. Robert Narins, M.D. Ida Posmantur Nettie Rosenthal Mary S. Ruttenstein Sada W. Sabath Adele Snitzer Serrins Leo Werthimer Bertha Yenoff

Marian Weil Isreal

September 18 and 19

David Abrams Robert L. Algase Ernestine Ament Brian F. Berger Eugene S Berman Esther Bloom Pasquale (Pat) J. Caserta Morris Chapin Isadore B. Cohen Geraldine Bladen Croner Bertha Douglas Dudnik Esther Angert Fingeret Alan Passen Samuel H. Frank Sidney J. Freedman Bernard Bladen Friedman, M.D. Helen Fuhr Dora Gareleck Arline S. Gellman Sigmund Gellman Jacob B. Goldberg

Nellie Goldberg Sarah L. Goldman Birdie Robins Goodman Minnie G. Harris Michael C Ingrando Arnold Jacobowitz Sharon S. Jacobowitz Goldie Kushner Samuel Kushner Harry Lapides Iulius L. Louis Jerome Michel Irwin S. Morris Arnold Rickler Esther S. Rose Irving Sapowitch Harry Siegel Bernard Skerker Hyman B. Stolar Sylvia Wolkind Sarah Yasinow

Yahrzeit Anniversaries for September 25 & 26 can be found on page 10.

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials **Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials** have been established for:

Arnold I. Fernandez by his daughters Susan Bruckheimer, Karen Shahar Fernandez Amar. Barbie Cohen, and Hallie Fernandez-Markov Dr. Howard Wolfsohn by his Setel Cousins

We offer our condolences to the families of

Sheila Goldberg Rose M. Anzalone Charles E. Eichhorn Rose Lauer Jacky Knopp Jr. Diane Hassell Rachel Cohen **Janet Erenstoft**