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Information on the 2015 - 2016 Kol Nidre Campaign has recently been mailed. The Annual Giving Campaign is critical to the mission and membership of Temple Beth Zion.

See page 5 for a special message from your 2015 - 2016 Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs, Grant Golden and Deborah Goldman David and Marilyn Brock

#### **Library Book Bash**

Thursday, October 8, 4:30 – 8 p.m. TBZ Library at Broder Center



Come join us to give some TLC to our Library as we celebrate National Jewish Book Month. We will dust the books, clean the shelves and restore 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 us know you will attend.

#### Celebrate Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah Service
(help us unroll the entire Torah)
Sunday, October 4
805 Delaware
5 p.m. potluck dinner
6 p.m. Simchat Torah Service
If you can join us for dinner, or if you have any questions, please let us know by emailing Larry Rubin at lrubin@kavinokycook.com or calling Becky at 836-6565.



Joint Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor With Other WNY Progressive Synagogues

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

#### Fever Pitch Coming to TBZ

Saturday, October 17, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue



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.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Call the temple office at 836-6565 to reserve.



### Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

A few months ago, I asked in this space what you, the congregants, want from your engagement with Temple Beth Zion. I asked the same question of the new Board of Trustees, and of a gathering of many of the Past Presidents of our Congregation.

The high-level answer was overwhelmingly to help secure the long-term sustainability of Temple Beth Zion. Many of those I heard from are involved in some way volunteering at TBZ - many deeply and passionately involved. I heard from some that TBZ hasn't had a "culture of volunteerism" for a long time. Initially, I tended to agree. However, the more I thought about it the more I disagree. That statement sells short the incredible efforts and time of countless members of our TBZ family: Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Unmatched Hospitalilty and Social Action; various committees and task forces; individual efforts; and, of course, the Board of Trustees. The truth is, we engage how and when we can - and at times of our lives when the need or desire strikes us.

It's a powerful irony to me—how incredibly proud (bordering on insufferable) my parents would have been to see me become President of the Temple they loved so dearly. The truth (and irony) is I am probably only President because when they passed away a few short months apart in 2003, I began to attend services weekly to honor and remember them. I was asked to serve on the Ritual Committee then, and my engagement grew deeper as I attempted to help where I could. My father's wise words to me as a very young man: "Don't complain about something unless you're willing to try to make it better" guided me into volunteer efforts all of my adult life. In fact, I was a volunteer Director at the Better Business Bureau for 31 years before beginning a "paying job" there 5 years ago.

So we engage and volunteer. The number of volunteers I know of at TBZ is far too numerous for this space. That said, we can ALWAYS use more. I ask each member to consider what you might offer of yourselves, when the timing is right, to help ensure Temple Beth Zion will be here for generations to come. As we begin the New Year, we can all be faithful to the Jewish ideals of "tzedakah" (charity) and "tikkun olam" (repairing the world) to whatever degree we are moved to do.

L' shalom and Shanah Tova, Warren



#### **New Members**

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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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Thursday, October 1 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, October 2</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, October 3 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 4 Potluck Dinner Erev Simchat Torah Service	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Monday, October 5 Joint Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service at Congregation Shir Shalom	10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, October 8</b> Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 9 Shabbat Evening Service at Broder	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 10 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Noble	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 15 Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 16 Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 17 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Weinmann	10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, October 22</b> Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 23 Shabbat Evening Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 24 Shabbat Morning Service Canterbury Woods Service	10:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
<b>Thursday, October 29</b> Afternoon Service at Broder	5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 30 Meditative Prayer Service Classical Service Honoring Military Personnel and Veterans	7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 31 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.



Letter from the Rabbi

#### **Exploring Our Spirituality**

The first time I engaged in mindfulness practice, I was 4 or 5 years old. I had been diagnosed with chronic asthma, and after my doctor had finished giving my teddy bear a checkup, he had a few words for me. He turned to me and suggested that when my chest felt tight, I should stop what I am doing, be very quiet, close my eyes, and focus on my breath. If I felt scared that I couldn't breathe? Be very quiet and think about calming my breath. If I didn't know where my medication was? Trust that my mom and dad would get it for me, and that in the meantime, no matter where my imagination should take me, I should always calm my mind and Focus. On. My. Breath. His meditative instruction served me well as a young child, and literally, it is oxygen for me even now.

Over recent decades, life has seemingly shifted toward fast-paced intensity. The internet and smart phones have truly allowed us to pack more into a day. And there never seems to be enough time. Everyone is overloaded with work and things to do. Life begins to take its toll. We may not quite realize it, but we have a tendency to feel unanchored and adrift or constricted by our burdens with little ability to stretch out and realize the wonderful things in our lives.

Many of us have sought out a yoga class, read books on Zen-Buddhist meditation, or even treated ourselves to a massage to try to find a sense of calm in our lives. We may not realize that starting this month, our answers might be far closer than we think.

During morning services on Yom Kippur, I announced to the congregation an incredibly exciting and groundbreaking introduction to our corner of the Jewish world. I shared with everyone that, this month and moving forward, TBZ will host The Jewish Spirituality Center of Western New York. I say *incredibly exciting* because it offers all of us the unique opportunity to explore our personal sense of spirituality in meaningful and accessible ways. And likewise, this is truly *groundbreaking*, because there are currently only a handful of similar centers across the whole of North America.

The Jewish Center for Spirituality of Western New York has been created to spark, enrich, and deepen spiritual and personal development through creative Jewish learning and practice. The Center offers an array of opportunities to creatively engage the spiritual needs of us as individuals as well as the community. Ongoing courses in mindfulness, meditation, and embodied practice (think yoga) are complemented with contemplative text study, Mussar learning, monthly prayer services, and opportunities for personal spiritual exploration. Immersive retreats and special programs are even in the works as well.

For years, studies have shown that people who engage in a spiritual or mindful practice report greater physical health, greater mental peace, and greater overall satisfaction in their lives. The opportunity to explore your own sense of spirituality and deepen

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#### **Exploring Our Spirituality**

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your experience as you live day by day, is a phenomenal one, and now that opportunity is right at your door step.

Looking back, when I was so very little, I had no idea that my doctor had essentially instructed me to meditate—I just wanted to breathe. His words were truly sage advice, not just for me, but for us all. I would like to invite you, your friends, your family—even your neighbors down the street—to come and enjoy a little breath of fresh air with us. Cultivate peace. Deepen your experience of life. The Jewish Center for Spirituality of Western New York is waiting for *you*.

For more information, go to <u>www.jscwny.org</u> or call me at 716-836-6565.

Rabbi Adam Scheldt

## the JEWISH SPIRITUALITY CENTER of WESTERN NEW YORK

Below is information on some of the offerings at the JSCWNY. For more information, additional opportunities and to register for classes, please visit the website at www.jscwny.org

#### **Embodied Practice**

Sundays, 9 – 10 a.m., Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road Instructor: Jean DuBow

Calm your mind and enrich your body with an hour of embodied practice. Open to all levels of practice - from absolute beginners to advanced practitioners.

#### Yoga 55

Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:45 9.m., 805 Delaware Avenue Instructor: Jean DuBow

Designed for those age 55 and above, this embodied class relies on yoga poses as well as yogic stretches to restore and enliven your body in a comfortable, affirmative, and positive space. Start moving gently to keep moving as we age gracefully.

#### Introduction to Mindfulness

Instructor: Rabbi Adam Scheldt and guest lecturers

Our Introduction to Mindfulness class will help you build the skills necessary to explore mindfulness practice, and live life with intention. Classes serve as learning laboratories to not only experience mindfulness practice and meditation, but also explore new ways to incorporate mindfulness into daily life.

#### Mussar Middah of the Month

Instructor: Susan Goldberg Schwartz and Evie Weinstein

This class offers learners the opportunity to deepen their engagement with Mussar. Anyone who has already taken an introductory or other courses in Mussar is eligible for this monthly class that will help you examine your various growing edges, deepen your learning and practice, and grow both personally and spiritually.



#### P.A.S.S. – Parents At Sunday School

with Rabbi Pokras and Rabbi Scheldt Broder Center Conference Room \*\* 10:30a.m. \*\* (New time!)

Temple Beth Zion's children come to school to learn about their Jewish heritage several times a week. While your children are here on Sundays, you are invited to come and learn, too!

Join the Rabbis for a bagel and coffee as we study, learn, and get to know one another as we strengthen our TBZ community. Topics of study include ethics, spirituality, holidays, Israel, Reform Judaism and more. Come to the opening session and help us set the curriculum!

We will meet on the following Sundays: October 4 & 18, November 1 & 22, December 6 & 20. Come to one or all the sessions!

#### **Book Club**

The next Book Club meeting will be held October 20 at the TBZ Broder Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The book for this upcoming session will be "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

This selection is a work of fiction, with the story revolving around two main characters in the midst of World War II and how their lives get thrown together.

Please e-mail Juliebn26@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

#### Women of the Book

Women of all ages and backgrounds are invited to join Cantor Penny Myers and Director of Lifelong Learning Susan Goldberg Schwartz as we discover how the Jewish story and our ancient and modern texts can provide a lens for understanding our lives as Jewish women today.

Women of the Book meets monthly to learn and talk a little Torah, share our stories, and enjoy a little wine and a nosh. Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in the home of Cantor Myers.

For more information and directions, please contact Education Assistant Kara Kane, 836-6565, Ext. 112.

## Classical Shabbat Service in Honor of Military Personnel and Veterans

Friday, October 30, at 7 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

Too often we forget to consider the sacrifices that so many have made and continue to make in the service of our country. We cannot properly thank those who have given their lives, but we can honor those who serve and have served and now live as part of our community.

With this in mind, we will hold a special Classical Shabbat Service to honor our military personnel and veterans. If you are or were in the service, we hope you will come so that we can offer you a special blessing, and if not, we hope you will come to express your appreciation as we thank those who live and remember those who are gone.



#### Six13 Jewish A Capella

Sunday, October 18, at 2 p.m. Temple Beth Tzedek, 621 Getzville Road



Six13 will make their first appearance in Western New York. Presented by Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and the Iewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, Six13 is a six-man vocal band that brings an

unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage, with songs ranging from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems.

Advance purchase tickets are available until October 15 by calling Temple Beth Tzedek at 838-3232, Congregation Shir Shalom at 633-8877 or Temple Beth Zion at 836-6565. Advance purchase pricing is \$18 for adults and \$10 for those under 18 years old. Payment at the door is \$20 for adults and \$12 for those under

#### Turkey Basket Project

The Turkey Basket Project, sponsored by North Presbyterian Church in conjunction with Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Zion, has been providing turkey dinners for the lessfortunate in our community for many years. Last year, 525 baskets were distributed throughout Western New York.

TBZ is again participating in this annual food drive. We will collect food items (canned fruit, canned vegetables, boxes or bags of stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce and brownie mixes) at the Broder Center from Sunday, November 1, to Tuesday, November 17. Frozen turkeys are also needed but will not be collected until Sunday, November 22.

Cash donations, Tops or Wegmans gift cards or checks made out to North Presbyterian Church are also greatly appreciated and can be left at TBZ Broder, c/o Kara. A \$35 gift sponsors one family dinner. Please contact Kara Kane at kara@tbz.org or 836-6565, Ext. 112, for more information. Thank you for your continued support.

Sharron Frommann

TBZ Liaison

#### **How Many Legos** Tall Are You?

On September 4, PALS kids were welcomed by their teachers and decorated their cubbies in preparation for the Madison's school year. over the summer growth months was measured in Legos. We love sharing photos of our wonderful students with you.



#### Meet Our Cabinet

To preserve and enhance the vitality of our Jewish life, the following congregants have agreed to serve on the 2015-16 Kol Nidre Campaign Cabinet.

Susan Adelman, Christina Akers-DiCenzo, Eric Bernhardt, Michael & Susan Bruckheimer, Susan Chazen, Warren & Lynn Clark, Lawrence & Ann Cohen, David & Janet Desmon, Peter & Ilene Fleischmann, Philip Glick, David & Sue Goldberg, Kenneth Graber, Ralph & Harriet Halpern, Elias Honig & miriam treger honig, Leon & Cindy Komm, Stuart Lerman, Arthur & Wendee Lorbeer, Robyn Meyer, Alan & Barbara Mollot, Randall Odza, Jennifer Patrick, Kenneth Polk, Lauren & Jean Rachlin, Anna Marie Richmond, Jonathan Rodwin & Candace Lynn Bell, Kenneth & Kathleen Corff Rogers, Richard & Judith Romer, Howard & Valerie Rosenhoch, Larry Rubin and Debra Chernoff, Amy Schaefer, Sandy & Tizzy Schechter, Andrew Shaevel & Amy Marks Shaevel, Samuel & Toby Shapiro, Todd & Leslie Shatkin, Orrin & Noreen Tobbe, Marcia Valente, Julie Dressler Weinberg & Michael Weinberg, Stephen Yonaty. We gratefully acknowledge the support of our wonderful committee.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would make your Kol Nidre pledge just as soon as you receive your materials. This both lightens the load of our telephone committee and saves you from a nudging reminder call. Your gift to TBZ, regardless of the size, makes a great difference in all of our lives. We thank you in advance for your commitment and your generosity.

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

#### Honorable Menschen

To Peggy Stone, Kaaren Norman, Marilyn Schillroth, Mary Anne Clarke, Margy Zeckhauser, Amy Freedman and Marie Levy Meyers for coming in to stuff the High Holy Day ticket mailing.

To Marie Levy Meyers and Ellen Weintraub for proofing the Book of Remembrance.

To Badding Brothers Farm Market on Transit Road, which has generously donated fresh produce for the Town Square Food Pantry. The donations have been arriving weekly and will continue through the end of November.

To Amy Heumann, Leslie Garfinkel, Kaaren Norman, Debbi Coniglio, Sharon Meer, Amy Freedman, Allen Becker, Eileen Mullaney, Elaine Klein and Susan Nadler for their work for Family Promise. In two days assisting at Crossroads Lutheran Church, these wonderful volunteers cooked two different meals and fed one family the first night and two families the second. A total of four adults and eight children were fed. If you would like to join us or participate in any way, please contact Sharon Winer at swiner4@gmail.com.

#### Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, October 5, and Monday, October 12.

#### Religious School

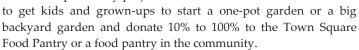
#### Mitzvah of the Month

For the first part of my Bar Mitzvah Project, I have been growing fruit and vegetables for the Town Square Food Pantry. I picked this because I love the feeling of growing flowers, fruit, and vegetables. I even started growing a peach tree from a seed. It's a lot of work; sometimes my crop is big and sometimes very small, but I love it because I'm doing a Mitzvah of helping feed the needy and taking care of the Earth! I have also weeded the PALS garden in the Shatkin Outdoor Classroom.

I'm lucky to have my two grandmothers, Oma Margit Weinmann (pictured with me on the right) and Mama Judy Lopez, who are teaching me to grow and take care of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

If you know a lot about growing things, too, I can use your help to get others to get their hands dirty and do a clean mitzvah!

The next part of my project is



Please look for more information about the next part of my project around Tu B'Shevat.

Thank you, Ben Weinmann

P.S. I'm also donating some of my tzedakah to the Town Square Food Pantry.

Upcoming Events		
Play And Learn School		
October 5	Simchat Torah/Shimini Atzeret – PALS closed	
October 7	Field trip to Kelkenberg Farms	
October 12	Columbus Day - PALS closed	
Religious School		
October 1	First Thursday class (Broder)	
October 4	Sunday Tots	
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If you have questions about **Religious School**, contact Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Director of Lifelong Learning, at <a href="mailto:education@tbz.org">education@tbz.org</a> or 836-6565, Ext. 131.

#### **Religious School Task Force**

A Religious School Task Force was created out of the Lifelong Learning Committee, under the leadership of Robyn Meyer and with the participation of: Stacey Block, Sue Goldberg\*, Steven Heffter, Jennifer Isenberg, Carri Milch, Lynn Moyer, Shauna Pokras, Matthew Schwartz\* and Evie Weinstein. The Task Force met during the first half of 2015 and created an online survey that was sent to current Religious School parents. There were over 70 survey responses, a much greater response than had been expected. After reviewing and discussing the survey results, the Task Force has made a number of recommendations that will be implemented in the 2015-16 school year.

- ★ There was a significant interest in a Thursday evening option for 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to meet at the Broder Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In response to this interest, a Thursday evening option is being offered as a pilot program for this academic year.
- \* Respondents were asked what they and their family would like to participate in, and it was clear to the task force that they wanted more opportunities to do things as a family, with other families, i.e., Mitzvah projects, field trips, holiday and Shabbat celebrations. A Family Projects Coordinator position has been created in the Religious School to work with parents to organize programs. This coordinator will establish a committee to assist with developing these programs.
- \* A survey question asked about goals and expectations of their child's Jewish Education, and the number one answer was Jewish identity, which the Task Force members thought encompassed all the other answers. The Task Force felt that better communication was key to showing parents what our Religious School offers. In addition to the weekly e-mails, it was recommended that parents be invited into school, both formally, at an Open House (scheduled for September 27) and informally, to visit the classrooms to see firsthand what the students are experiencing.

Thank you to Robyn Meyer and the entire Task Force for their enthusiasm and dedication to Jewish Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth Zion.

\*indicates Religious School faculty member

#### **Religious School Hours**

Sundays – Broder 9:00am – 11:30am Kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Tuesdays – Delaware 4:30pm – 6:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Thursdays – Broder 4:30pm – 6:00pm  $3^{rd} - 7^{th}$  grade  $1^{st}/2^{nd}$  grade Hebrew Enrichment

Thursdays – Broder 6:30pm – 8:00pm\* 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

\*New class option



#### Let the Excitement Begin

After our opening welcome event on Erev Sukkot in September, Jr TBaZY is looking forward to ice skating with Rabbi Scheldt on November 1 after Sunday Religious School. Families are welcome to participate at Northtown Center Rink at Amherst. Details will be forthcoming – but save the date to practice your hockey stops and spins.

Nancy Spector Youth Engagement Director

Shana Tova!

As Nancy mentioned last month, I have taken over as TBaZY Sr Youth Group Advisor for these next couple of months while she is student-teaching. Our TBaZY leadership is very enthusiastic about planning the upcoming events and cannot wait for everything to begin. I am thrilled to hold this position and to be given the opportunity to work with our amazing teens.

We are so excited to invite all  $8^{th}-12^{th}$  graders to our next event, on October 3 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Broder Center. We will celebrate the start of a new week with Havdalah, have some pizza and watch a movie of the teens' choice. It will be a great way for old friends to come together after the summer months of being so busy, and a perfect way to meet new people.

On the weekend of October 23 - 25, NFTY-NEL is hosting a regional event in Rochester at Temple Brith Kodesh. I will accompany many of our teens to Rochester for an engaging and informational leadership experience. Our teen leaders will come together with other 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders from parts of Ohio, Buffalo, Rochester and the greater Toronto area to learn and grow into better leaders for our community.

I am very excited to have been given this opportunity and can't wait for what's to come!

Jackie Kalter youth@tbz.org cell: (914) 715-0962

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

TGIS! is our Shabbat Attendance program for all PreK – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in our Religious School. Attending Shabbat services on a regular basis helps your child become comfortable at services, understand the Hebrew that he or she is learning and gain proficiency in its usage, all while celebrating the joys of Shabbat with your TBZ family.



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





Nathan Noble Saturday, October 10 Son of: Cara & David Noble



Benjamin Capell Weinmann Saturday, October 17 Son of: Amelida & Peter Allen Weinmann Mitzvah Project: Grew vegetables for Town Square Food Pantry

## Brotherhood

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and ushered during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Your assistance and cooperation helped provide a warm welcoming atmosphere to our members and their guests and to those new to our community. We would also like to thank Sandy Beckman for again serving as this year's ushering captain and recruiting this year's volunteers.

Brotherhood's annual membership drive is underway. We are looking forward to one of our most successful drives in many years. 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.

The Achim program held monthly at The Meadows at Weinberg Campus is one of the programs supported by Brotherhood. October's guest speaker is Steve Rice, whose talk will be "Safe Use of Medication for Seniors," a timely and important topic, on Sunday, October 11, at 10 a.m. in The Meadows meeting area, second floor. Some of the other scheduled speakers this year are Steven Sanders, Amherst Town Board; Errol Sull; Dr. David Davidson; and Shawn Stepner, WKBW Sports Director. Thank you to TBZ President Warren Clark for participating as our guest speaker in September. Warren delivered a wonderful presentation on his recent trip to Israel.

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

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

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

Sincerely, Philip Chazen



#### Presidents' Message

Women of Reform Judaism, Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion needs the support of all the women of the Congregation. All of us, whether a mother, daughter, sister, aunt or wife who are members of a Reform Congregation are needed as members of its Sisterhood. You can be involved as much as you want. Come to all or some of the programs and meet new and old friends. You can also just pay your dues to support Women of Reform Judaism and not come to programs because you are busy with your family and career.

There are other ways you can support Sisterhood.:

- \* Visit the **Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop** at the Broder Center on Sunday mornings, Thursday afternoons or by calling Lynn Klein at 689-9207 for an appointment.
- \* Buy an Elite Coupon book.
- \* Remember to purchase your **Uniongram cards** (which benefit the Women of Reform Judaism YES Fund for Youth, Education and Special Projects) to use for notes, and special occasions such as weddings, B'nai Mitzvahs, and baby or birthday cards. Coupon books and Uniongrams are both available in the Judaica Shop.

## Meet the 2015-16 Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood Executive Board of WRJ Sisterhood:

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For more information about Sisterhood, call Susan Fernandez Bruckheimer at 835-0421 and leave a message or e-mail susan\_b@roadrunner.com.

Marilyn, Susan & Sharon

Please be sure to see the enclosed insert for information on two terrific Sisterhood events!

#### 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!** 

To sign up to be part of our team, contact Marilyn Schillroth at 832-4757 or schill6@verizon.net.

## Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center

Come in and see our new merchandise!

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

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

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#### **Sisterhood Onegs**

On Friday October 23, Sisterhood will again bake for the Oneg Shabbat. We will be baking the fourth Friday of every month. We hope to supply some delicious treats after a thought-provoking and relaxing Temple Service. We would love to have some new bakers join us. You can bake at your leisure and drop it off at Temple, or I will pick it up. Please consider donating a little bit of your time for this rewarding job. Please get in touch with me at swiner4@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sharon Winer

#### **Turkey Dinner Raffle**

It's time for our highly popular turkey dinner raffle! The winner receives a complete Thanksgiving dinner for 10 (from Johnny C's), AND Johnny C's will donate an additional dinner to a family in



need (designated by our Clergy). Tickets are only \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or a book of 10 for \$15. They are available in the Judaica Shop, from Sisterhood Board members, or by calling Elaine Klein at 631-8350. They will also be available at Sunday School and at the Card Party on November 3. The winner will be selected at the card party on November 3. You need not be present to win.

#### **URJ Biennial and WRJ Assembly**

The Union for Reform Judaism Biennial and Women for Reform Judiasm Assembly are taking place November 4 - 6 in Orlando. The WRJ Assembly is a one-of-a-kind experience for Reform/ Progressive Jewish women. Attendees leave the WRJ Assembly feeling completely inspired as they return to their sisterhoods and Jewish communities.

If you are interested in attending or learning more about it, please call Susan Bruckheimer at 982-2099.



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#### **Fund Focus**

Sylvia & Alvin Small Scholarship Fund

This fund was established to provide financial assistance for youth attendance at various programs and conferences sponsored by the Temple and other national Jewish organizations

#### **Hospitality Initiative** Celebrated

Another annual appreciation event was held at the Broder Center on August 25 for the Temple's volunteer Shabbat Greeters, celebrating over three years of the Temple's Hospitality Initiative. In the course of the evening, appreciation was expressed to our greeters, their leaders, the Temple clergy, the Temple officers and trustees, the Temple's office and building staffs, and to the professional staff of the Bureau of Jewish Education, for their service, guidance, advice and unending support.

Before giving the "HaMotzie" prior to the evening's dinner, Rabbi Gary Pokras expressed his thanks for the efforts of our dedicated Shabbat Greeters, reminding us of the biblical importance of hospitality in our tradition. He recalled the amazing hospitality of Abram, who, despite his own limitations, opened all four sides of his tent, ran to meet strangers traveling in the distance, offering them immediate relief and refreshment, leading them to his abode for a more complete rest and repast. The Rabbi also spoke of our obligation to open our doors for the arrival of Elijah during the Passover Seder, so that he can announce to us the coming of the Messiah. We are reminded that Elijah may test the sincerity of our hospitality by seeming to be less than the prophet we hoped for, and one may wonder if Elijah hasn't already come, but possibly left without expressing his revelation, after receiving less than the deserved recognition and hospitality.

During our dinner, TBZ Executive Director Mark Criden, one of the original organizers of the Hospitality Initiative, expressed his pleasure at our success and his hopes for our Initiative to have the resources to extend the scope of our Hospitality beyond the weekly Friday Shabbat worship.

Matthew Schwartz, another of our volunteer greeters but in his capacity as the Director of Yad B'Yad, gave an excellent "Power-Point" presentation expanding upon several of his recent articles, showing greeters recommended methods for response to requests for accommodation by Temple members and guests with any special need for accommodation, either visible or non-visible. In an active discussion following Matthew's excellent

presentation, Rabbi Pokras commented on the Mitzvah of inclusion, with a suggestion for appropriate inquiry to members and guests who attend services by themselves. Also shown were new signs that will be used in several Temple locations to inform those with special needs of the availability accommodation.

During dessert and coffee, greeters discussed strategies for recruiting additional volunteers to expand Hospitality personnel. Among suggestions was the inclusion of regular TBZ Bulletin articles, explaining to Temple members that serving as a Shabbat greeter is scheduled no more often than one Friday evening Sabbath service per month, and always accommodates individual greeter preferences as to date and location. Also suggested returning to brief announcements during worship services.

#### Caring Community Mitzvah



Volunteers Hadar Borden, Garfinkel, Amy Freedman and Ellen Capell were at the Broder Center on September 10 to fill bags for delivery to TBZers who are in nursing homes or in their own homes but find it hard to get around. In the bags were homemade cookies, made by Margy Zeckhauser, Jen Rosen & Family, Amelida Weinmann and Elaine Klein. In addition to the cookies, each bag had juice, candies, honey sticks and a plant.

The bags were not yet delivered at the printing of this issue. We look forward to sharing the names in the November Bulletin of the volunteers who delivered these treats.

## Permanent Yahrzeit Anniversaries

#### October 23 and 24

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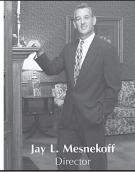


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Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials

Permanent Yahrzeit Memorials have been established for:

Martin Friedlander by Carol Oleshansky

**Robert J. Miller** by Sharon P. Miller

## We offer our condolences to the families of

Marion Borofsky
Evelyn Resler
Diana Ganson Becker
Robin Ostfeld
Mary Nuchereno
Yale Goldman