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### **Brewery Tour and Tasting**

Sunday, April 17, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Bus leaves from the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

All aboard! Hop on the bus and visit Resurgence and the Pan American Grill in downtown Buffalo and sample some of their unique selections. Learn about the history of brewing in Buffalo, the buildings you will visit and about the brewery process at each location. The tour includes round-trip transportation from the Broder Center, beer tastings and snacks.

The cost per person is only \$40. Reservations are on a first-paid, first-served basis. There are only 22 spots available.

For more information, call Sandra at (716) 628-4959 or email sandrawolchok@gmail.com.



### Join Us on the First Night of Passover! 22nd Annual Seder

Friday, April 22
Brookfield Country Club, 5141 Shimerville Road
5:45 p.m. Service, 6 p.m. Seder
Laurie Criden & Jennifer Patrick, Co-Chairs

Reservations are due by April 11. See page 9 for details.

### Joint Pesach/Yizkor Service

Friday, April 22, at 10:30 a.m. Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive

### Yom HaShoah Commemoration: 'We Remember'

Sunday, May 1, 1 p.m. 805 Delaware Avenue

The Holocaust Resource Center, with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo and TBZ, will hold a Yom HaShoah Commemoration that will include the premiere of a documentary titled, "We Remember - Six Local Holocaust Survivors Speak."

In addition, a new exhibit at our Cofeld Judaic Museum titled "Saving a Legacy: Jewish Cultural Reconstruction in Buffalo, NY" will be introduced.

The Commemoration will also include music from a combined choir and a violin interlude played by Sarah Donatelli, granddaughter of a Holocaust Survivor.

### Save the Date!

The All-Day Party Is Coming Soon!



### Golf Tournament and Wine Tour and Dinner Monday, August 8 Transit Valley Country Club

Come for all or part of the day.
Watch your Bulletins and emails for all the details.
This event is open to the entire community.



### Letter from the President

### **Congregational Involvement**

I've written in this space a few times various themes on congregational engagement at Temple Beth Zion. Indeed, congregational engagement is at the very core of our new model of shared clergical responsibilities.

I believe deeply that many, many of our congregants are willing—even eager—to spend some time contributing to the vibrance of our Congregation.

One of the complaints I have heard in the past is "it's the same people" on this committee or that committee or reading at services... and so on. First, I don't agree with the premise. In the relatively short time I've been really active in Temple affairs, I have been fortunate to meet and work with many new people. New to me AND new to involvement and leadership at TBZ. Second, what I have found is we all tend to "tap" people we know to help us when a need arises. That is why I have asked any of you who want to engage to reach out to me, to other Trustees or to the Temple office to let us know you are interested. Today I am making a more direct appeal.

We are looking to see more new faces interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. If you have ever considered taking a leadership role in our Congregation; or if you know someone else who might be, there is no better way to do that than a position as a Trustee. This is a hard-working, dedicated group of people - willing and capable leaders. Often Trustees come from involvement on one of the various committees: Social Action, Ritual, Governance, Membership, Development. Send me an email at president@tbz.org to let me know you are interested. If a particular committee interests you, let me know that. I will forward every name and interest to the Governance Committee, which will try to match interested candidates with TBZ needs. Openings occur every year at every level. Don't wait—there is no better time than now to get involved!

L' shalom, Warren Clark

### TBZ Hospitality Initiative

The TBZ Hospitality Initiative has been engaging TBZ members as Shabbat Greeters to welcome members and guests at Friday evening worship services. Next month, we will be completing our fourth year of continuous active service to our Congregation.

This duration could only be obtained through the dedication of our Shabbat Greeters. Along the way, Greeters have received some valuable training and had many meaningful experiences, while having contributed to the effectiveness of TBZ hospitality.

Now that the weather will be getting better, and April is National Volunteer Month, we hope you'll give us a call (Madalyn Fliesler, 392-1127 or Linda Snitzer, 626-1084). We'll gladly provide more information and be happy to add you to our roster. When you attend Shabbat services, please let any of our Shabbat Greeters tell you how easy it is, and how much satisfaction they obtain from knowing they make our Temple more welcoming.



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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.

| Saturday, April 30<br>Shabbat Morning Service<br>Bar Mitzvah of Bradley Kantor  | 10:30 a.m.                       |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Friday, April 29 Joint Passover/Yizkor Service @ Congregation Shir Shalom Classical Service Jewish Spirituality Center of WNY Service   | 10:30 a.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.   |
| Thursday, April 28<br>Afternoon Service at Broder   | 5:30 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, April 23<br>Shabbat Morning Service<br>Canterbury Woods Service   | 10:30 a.m.<br>11 a.m.            |
| Friday, April 22 Brief Shabbat Evening Service @ Broder Brief Shabbat Service @ Brookfield Country Club Seder @ Brookfield Country Club | 5:45 p.m.<br>5:45 p.m.<br>6 p.m. |
| <b>Thursday, April 21</b> Afternoon Service at Broder   | 5:30 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, April 16<br>Shabbat Morning Service<br>Bar Mitzvah of Saul Myers  | 10:30 a.m.                       |
| Friday, April 15<br>Shabbat Evening Service   | 7 p.m.                           |
| Thursday, April 14<br>Afternoon Service at Broder   | 5:30 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, April 9 Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of David Bulan  | 10:30 a.m.                       |
| Friday, April 8 Shabbat Evening Service Service @ Broder  | 7 p.m.                           |
| Thursday, April 7<br>Afternoon Service at Broder  | 5:30 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, April 2 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Meltser   | 10:30 a.m.                       |
| Friday, April 1 Shabbat Alive Service Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  | 7 p.m.                           |



### Letter from the Cantor

### The Exodus Then and Now

Here we are in the month of April and many of us are furiously rushing around to solidify our preparations for Pesach. This fast-paced work we do in preparation during springtime is akin to Torah. In my experience as a 21st century Jew, I find so many similarities between Torah and how it translates to modern times. The thematic messages of history have a funny way of repeating to reflect our transitions as we evolve. More specifically, during this time of year, in our own way of preparations, we relive the hasty reality of the Israelites as they prepared to leave Egypt as we prepare for Passover.

Torah tells us how the Israelites rushed around in a state of haste as they prepared to leave Egypt via Moses' instructions from G-d. I can only imagine the fear, trepidation and anxiety that they felt during this time, the genesis of the Exodus. We learn from Torah that the Exodus is the beginning of their journey to "the promised land." But fear can be overwhelming and often debilitating when the unknown is worked up to be an abyss of tsuris in our minds.

At TBZ we are at the beginning of our own journey, preparing for a new senior staff and lay leadership model. As with any new adventure, there is anxiety, but there is also excitement for changing the nature of synagogue life we have known. We have a firm and solid foundation to build from, and now we also have the opportunity to "widen our net" and tailor our synagogue to fit all who enter. This is a pivotal time for our community and it is important for all of us to make the most of this opportunity.

In closing, I'd like to share this meaningful passage from our prayerbook, from the emet vemeunah (truth and faith) prayer, which leads us into the singing of "Mi Chamocha."

Standing on the parted shores of history, we still believe what we are taught before ever we stood at Sinai's foot; that wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt; that there is a better place, a promised land; that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness.

That there is no way to get from here to there except by joining our hands, marching together.

Let us continue to march toward our promised land together.

Chag kasher sameach - Have a zissn pesach! Cantor Penny S. Myers

### Special Gift to Cofeld Museum

The Cofeld Judaic Museum will receive a generous and historically significant gift this month. Sisters Lisa and Wende Dasteel will donate the beautiful silver coffee and tea set that was given to Rabbi Israel Aaron from Temple Beth Zion to commemorate his 25 years as Beth Zion's Rabbi from 1887 to 1912. We are also grateful to Lisa and Wende's mother of blessed memory, Johna Desbecker Dasteel, and all those before her who have been caretakers of the gift that honored Rabbi Israel Aaron.

This set will be a valued and treasured addition to the museum, and we look forward to officially accepting it into the collection in April and displaying it for all to see.

# An Update on the Search For a New Rabbi at TBZ

We are happy to report that we have Rabbi Jonathan Freirich poised to join our Congregation. Over several months, our Rabbinic Search Committee has worked diligently to reach this moment.

The 17 member Committee continued the thorough process of reviewing applications from a number of candidates interested in our TBZ family. The goal was to find a rabbi with strong pulpit and pastoral skills and a history of community involvement. Importantly, we sought an individual with interpersonal skills and an ability to work collaboratively to complement our existing clergy and staff in leading our Congregation.

After interviewing several candidates, an invitation was extended to Rabbi Jonathan Freirich for a visit to Buffalo, and he arrived on a very cold and wintry February weekend. In addition to meeting with Rabbi Scheldt, Cantor Myers and Susan Goldberg Schwartz, he had several meetings with Search Committee members and the Board officers. Rabbi Freirich attended Shabbat services and a special event Saturday evening, where he was able to meet many of you. Thank you to the many members who took the opportunity to attend the special Havdalah Service and Education Session Rabbi Freirich led during this visit.

Rabbi Freirich has a strong rabbinic career with diverse experience supported by a foundation of Reform Judaism upbringing, rabbinic studies and teaching diploma, and a Master's in Hebrew Letters. This experience includes holding director-level positions at Hillel and being the solo-Rabbi at Temple Bat Yam, a reform congregation in Lake Tahoe. Currently, he is serving as Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth El, a leading Reform congregation in Charlotte, N.C. He is known to be an individual with a strong pulpit presence who has the ability to build solid congregational and community relationships. Through his intellect and teachings, he is a valued study partner to colleagues and congregants. In addition to his ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, he is a member of the Union of Reform Judaism, an affiliation granted only after a rigorous application and interview process conducted by the CCAR, the governing body for rabbis of Reform Congregations, which ensures that rabbis demonstrate the knowledge, experience and ability to lead Reform congregations.

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich has been warmly and well received by our TBZ community, including clergy and congregants. Our Search Committee strongly and enthusiastically recommends him and the Board of Trustees has unanimously approved his appointment pending Congregational ratification at the Annual meeting in June.

Please reach out to Warren Clark or any member of the Board of Trustees if you have any questions.

### Passover Food Donations Needed

Town Square Food Pantry is collecting food to be distributed to clients for Passover. In addition to Passover food items being available to clients, all Jewish clients will receive special dinner items for their own Passover Seder.

Specific items needed include: matzo, matzo ball soup mix, gefilte fish, grape juice, Passover dessert items, such as candy and sponge cake mixes. Please drop off donations at either the Broder Center or Delaware Building by April 14.

# Rabbi Continues To Bless Our Congregation

Last December, when the Board announced the move to a new clergy leadership model, we emphasized the importance of Rabbi Adam Scheldt to that vision.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are pleased to report that we have finalized an important part of this vision to keep him as a part of our TBZ family and our clergy leadership by unanimously approving his continuing appointment pending Congregational ratification at the Annual meeting in June. Rabbi Scheldt and Cantor Myers are valued members of our family and they provided a strong foundation as we sought a third member of the clergy team.

Over the past three years, Rabbi Scheldt has blessed our congregation with a sense of thoughtfulness and spirituality. His quiet, steadfast nature has been the source of strength and comfort for many, establishing strong ties within our TBZ family and the larger Buffalo Community through his work with the Town Square Food Pantry, Kulanu Group and establishing the Jewish Spirituality Center of Western New York. He has challenged us with his teachings to see the world and do our part to make it better. We thank him for his leadership thus far and look forward with great anticipation to our shared future.

Amy Schaefer and Stephen Yonaty

# Cantor Myers Chosen to Serve On Executive Council by Peers

Cantor Penny S. Myers has recently been unanimously nominated by her cantorial peers to serve on the Executive Council of the Cantors Assembly for a three-year term. Cantor Myers will be officially appointed as well as receive her Hazzan/ Minister Commission on Monday, April 4, at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City.

For over 10 years, Cantor Myers has infused Temple Beth Zion and our Buffalo community with her energy and enthusiasm for Judaism and is a champion for our people. Her talent and expertise in the cantorial art, and knowledge of Jewish music history has led her to leadership positions both in the larger Buffalo community as well as within the Cantors Assembly. Her infectious and joyful bimah presence has enabled her to give concerts most recently in Toronto, Long Island and Philadelphia.

This July, Cantor Myers will represent Temple Beth Zion with members of Cantors Assembly and hundreds of Jews as they attend a profoundly important Cantors Mission to Spain. A few years back, Cantor Myers joined her colleagues on a mission to Germany, where she was chosen as a soloist to premiere a new piece of music written by Cantor Charles Osborne of Temple Sinai in Toronto. This piece, titled "I Did Not Speak Out," was performed at the Dachau concentration camp.

### Welcome, New Members

Jennifer Fazekas Jodi Dauber & Joseph Ridler Evan Sherman & Dorothy Shuldman

### **New Prayer Books**

A great big thank-you to Dr. Grant Golden and Deborah Goldman for their generous donation to the temple. Their gift, in memory of Grant's parents, Dr. Lawrence and Nancy Golden, will be used to purchase new High Holy Day prayer books.

Mishkan HaNefesh will replace the Gates of Repentance. There will be two separate books for the holidays. A gold one will be for Rosh Hashanah and a silver one for Yom Kippur. The books are designed in the same style as our current prayer book Mishkan Tefilah. As with all new material, it will take some time for all of us to be completely comfortable with the change. Cantor Myers will be working on this throughout the spring and summer and there will be opportunities during Elul Studies in the fall to become familiar with the new prayer books.

Congregants were invited to participate in mock services as we looked at the new High Holiday prayer books. Four different services were held from November to February. More than 100 congregants came to the services led by Rabbi Pokras, Rabbi Scheldt and/or Cantor Myers. The services covered various parts of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. There was an overwhelming positive response to the new books. With the approval of the Ritual Committee, Laurie Criden, co-chair of the committee, gave a report to the board. After the presentation, the board unanimously agreed to adopt and use the Mishkan HaNefesh. Nine hundred fifty copies of each book will be ordered.

We are in the discussion phase of what to do with the Gates of Repentance. We will keep copies for families to borrow when then cannot attend High Holy Day services. The other copies will be either sold or given to temples in need.

# Interfaith Congregational Conversations To Explore Israeli-Palestinian Relations

Sunday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo Sunday, May 22, at 7 p.m.

### Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Amherst

The April event will be a simulation of a Presbyterian Church General Assembly. A "hands-on" experience of how the GA works and how issues get discussed, presented and voted upon.

The May 22 event will feature a brief documentary titled "The Promise." This documentary explores the theme of Israeli and Palestinian narratives.

The film interviews an Israeli teenager and a Palestinian teenager who describe their experiences of the tensions between their people quite differently. We will discuss issues the documentary raises as well as other issues raised in the previous two sessions.

These conversations are designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of the complex issues that affect the State of Israel and to prepare those who also intend to make the four-congregation trip to Israel (winter 2017) to make the best use of our visit and the opportunity to meet the voices "on the ground" that are affected by and influencing Israeli-Palestinian relations.

To R.S.V.P. or for further information, please contact Jamie Adamczyk at 884-9437, Ext. 326, or <u>jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org</u>.

### March Through the Arts at PALS

In March, the PALS classrooms were transformed into the working studios of some of the great art masters of all time. Our artists in residence explored with watercolors, finger paint, clay and paper. Please stop by the classroom to see these wonderful masterpieces.

The Purim holiday also brought out the acting bug in our PALS students. The children learned new songs, made costumes and performed a Purim play for their parents and guests at our school Purim celebration.



We are so excited to be able to offer more of what makes PALS special and sets us apart from other area early childhood facilities with a new extended care and flexible scheduling option in September. If you would like more information about our PALS preschool, contact Melissa Milch-Klein at 836-6565 or pals@tbz.org.

### Brotherhood

The April Achim program will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 10, at the Meadows of Weinberg Campus. It will and feature Shawn Schofield as our guest speaker. Ms. Schofield is with the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York and will speak about the BBB's Charity Review Program. Come on out, join us.

Passover, with all its traditions and programs and activities at Temple quickly approaches. We wish everybody a Happy Passover. However, there are members of Jewish community who cannot afford to purchase the traditional Passover foods that we unfortunately take for granted. We encourage you to assist these families. See the list of requested items and additional information on page 4.

Philip Chazen

### **Mazel Tov**

To Andrew Oestreicher, who was recently elected as the NFTY Membership Vice President. NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth of the Reform Movement, has offered thousands of young people the opportunity to explore and live Reform Judaism through teen-powered engagement. Andrew has served in leadership positions locally in TBaZY and regionally in NFTY of Northeast Lakes. He is very excited to take this next step in his NFTY leadership role.

To Adina F. Garfinkel, Case Manager at the Erie County Department of Senior Services, who has been recognized as a Distinguished Professional in her field through Women of Distinction magazine. She will be featured in the upcoming edition of the magazine. Adina holds a BA in psychology; she is also certified in trauma counseling, is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and a Class Leader for Powerful Tools for Caregivers. Mazel Tov on this much-deserved recognition of your hard work on behalf of senior citizens and caregivers.

### Religious School

### Mitzvah Project of the Month

Seventh grader Mia Freiman began her Bat Mitzvah project a year in advance with great success! She connected with the Garden Project of the Food Bank of WNY (http://

www.foodbankwny.org/Programs/ GardenProject) and planted, weeded and harvested her own garden plot. Mia, together with her family, spent time every week beginning last spring until the end of the growing season in late summer, and will be doing so again this year. Last year, they grew tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, peppers and squash,



much of which was donated to the Town Square Food Pantry.

Using the following framework for creating a meaningful project, this is how Mia described her work:

**ACTIVE**: Each week at the garden, at least 30 minutes is spent clearing, planting, weeding and/or watering. Additionally, it involves work at home recording hours, making signs and ensuring that the family schedule and the Garden Project schedule work out.

**ENGAGING:** The Garden Project is fun and interesting. Mia learned many gardening techniques, like the best way to grow a plant, how to get rid of bugs and the easiest way to harvest. The Garden Project also makes a recipe book with recipes from all of the participants.

**INFLUENTIAL:** Mia said that the Garden Project made her want to help others more and that she liked seeing how excited people were to receive fresh produce at the Food Pantry.

**ONGOING:** This is a seasonal project, which starts with weeding in April and ends with the final harvest in late September. This is an annual project that she will be starting up again this April!

**UNIQUE:** The Garden Project is more than just collecting and donating items – you actually do real work, and you are able to meet other people from different parts of Buffalo who are interested in doing the same thing.

\*\*Mia will be looking for volunteers to join her during the harvest season in late August/early September, as she will also be preparing for her Bat Mitzvah on September 10

\*\*\* Save the Date \*\*\*

Shabbat Halimud ~

Teacher Recognition Shabbat

Friday, May 13

805 Delaware Avenue

Shabbat Service ~ 7 p.m.

Followed by a special Oneg honoring our teachers!











Annual Religious School Mother's Day Flower Sale Sunday, May 8 9 a.m. to noon Broder Center Parking Lot

Cash-and-Carry or use the Pre-order form found at www.tbz.org/education/

Call Kara at 836-6565 or email kara@tbz.org for more information



### **Insurance Reduction Class**

Thursdays, May 5 and 12, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

We are pleased to offer the New York State-approved motor vehicle insurance and point reduction program.

Receive 10% off your collision and liability insurance premium for three years and up to four points reduced from your driving record for 18 months.

You must attend both sessions to get the certificate; it is a six-hour program. The cost of the program is \$30 per person for TBZ members and \$35 per person for non-members.

Classes will be taught by TBZ President Warren Clark. To register contact Kara Kane at 836-6565 or <a href="mailto:kara@tbz.org">kara@tbz.org</a>. Class size is limited by state law, so advance registration is required.

### **Upcoming Events**

### Play And Learn School

| April 8       | No PALS – Staff Development Day |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| April 20 & 21 | Model Seders                    |

April 22 No PALS – Passover begins April 29 No PALS – Last day of Passover

### **Religious School**

| April 1 | Shabbat Alive @ Delaware |
|---------|--------------------------|
| April 3 | Sunday Tots              |

PASS

Lunch & Learn for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade families

April 10 Faculty meeting
April 17 Passover program
April 22 First Seder

April 24 – 30 No Religious School – Passover break



### The Adolescent Brain

It has been said that working with teens is like nailing jello to a tree! Today's teens face pressures we never imagined and a future we can't predict. Following up on some wonderful activities our TBaZY Board members and their parents have experienced, we would like to invite all parents of tweens and teens to explore navigating the mysterious workings of the adolescent brain during a presentation and discussion. This event for parents will be led by Bonnie Glazer, President of the Child and Adolescent Treatment Center, and licensed clinical psychologist Emily Ets-Hokin, Ph.D., on Thursday, April 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Broder Center. Refreshments will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. to me at youth@tbz.org to reserve a spot for you and your friends, and look for a flier coming by email.

Four of our TBaZY members attended NFTY-NEL's Spring Boards in Toronto in March and voted to elect NFTY-NEL's new Executive Board members while sharing friendship, music, learning and a February beach blast with Jewish teens from the Northeast Lakes Region. More information about NFTY-NEL can be found at http://northeastlakes.nfty.org/, and registration is now open for the year's final event, Spring Kallah at Camp George in Seguin, Ontario, from April 15 to 17. You can register your teen at http://northeastlakes.nfty.org/get-involved/events/. This is a great opportunity to introduce your Grade 8 - 12 student to lifelong Jewish friendship and learning. After accompanying our team to Spring Boards, I am once again reminded how these empowering events, planned and run entirely by the teens themselves, engage participants in learning about Jewish values and leadership while having tons of fun. If you are interested in finding out more, having your teen attend or need scholarship assistance to attend an event, please let me know!

TBaZY hosted a very successful Purim Carnival here at TBZ March 13 along with teens from Beth Tzedek, Shir Shalom and Kadimah School. We had so much help setting up the Saturday night before. Thank you to all who helped and all who donated items for the silent Persian auction. This annual event is the biggest fundraiser for the youth groups of our three synagogues. TBaZY's next after-service get-together for teens, run by TBaZY, will be after Shabbat Alive on April 1 at Delaware. An announcement will be made at the service about where to meet for some fun.

Jr TBaZY had a blast finding Jewish clues at the Buffalo Museum of Science on February 28. Our next event is a family ball game outing at 1 p.m. on April 17 to watch the Buffalo Bisons play Pawtucket. To get the best seating and ticket price I need to hear from you as soon as you know you would like to go, so please call (716) 270-8283 or email youth@tbz.org. Look for a flier about this event in your email soon. Please also save May 22 to go playing in the ponds at Reinstein Woods for a special not-to-be missed NYS Wet and Wild program. And parents - get a head start on understanding your teen by attending April 14's event above!

Shalom, Nancy Spector Director of Youth Engagement



### Sophie Meltser Saturday, April 2

Daughter of: Karen and Henry Meltser Mitzvah Project: Sophie's Cupcakes Donating to: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



### David Bulan Saturday, April 9

Son of: Michelle and Stuart Bulan Mitzvah Project: Light the Night Walk with Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Donating to: People, Inc.



### Saul Geddy Myers Saturday, April 16

Son of: Cantor Penny and Bennett Myers Mitzvah Project: Coaching Youth Soccer Donating to: Temple Beth Zion



### Bradley Kantor Saturday, April 30

Son of: Kristie and Steven Kantor Mitzvah Project: Donations for Jewish Family Service Refugee Relocation Donating to: Jewish Family Service

### Thank You

For all the great new and gently used books that were donated for the benefit of the Jewish Family Service Immigrant And Refugee Parenting Program children's library. I am grateful to all those who supported my Mitzvah Project. - Noah Kotzin

From the Caring Community Committee to Allison, Aaron and Deborah Pieri, Margy Zeckhauser, Jen, Adam, Marc and Melody Rosen, Adina Garfinkel, Sharon Winer, Clareanne Silver, Ellen Capell, Steve Binder, Hunter Myers, Sharon Meer, Kitty Goldman, Jack Karet, Renee Herman, Pattie Abeles, Marcia Valente, Amelida Weinmann, Amy Schaefer, Aaron, Emma and Eliot Isenberg and Leslie and Charlie Garfinkel and everyone else for all your help with the Purim baskets.

From Sharon Winer to Helen Weintraub, Alan Yasgur, Margy Zeckhauser, Frima Ackerhalt, Sue Bruckheimer, Sharon Beckman and Jane Goorevich for baking and plating their desserts for the March Oneg Shabbat. After an inspiring Service it is so nice to eat and chat with our fellow congregants. If you are interested in baking, please contact Sharon at swiner4@gmail.com.

To Kaarsten Wisnock for hosting Women of the Book.

### Office Schedule

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will close at 2 p.m. Friday, April 22, and will be closed Friday, April 29.



### **Presidents Message**

"Sisterhood is every woman - concerned with doing things that are worthwhile," stated Rabbi Harry Danziger. We in Sisterhood believe that, and on Friday, May 6, we have chosen Leslie Garfinkel to receive our Woman of the Year Award at our annual Sisterhood Sabbath.

Leslie has been involved with Sisterhood, Temple Beth Zion and our community for many years. Among the many worthwhile activities she has done is: Chair the Caring Community Committee, Prepare Chanukah and Purim baskets for Temple members and visit people in Hospitals and Nursing Homes. She also organizes our December 25 volunteering at Friends of



the Night People, organized and served breakfast and lunch for Mitzvah Day for many years and has been in charge of the Oneg Shabbat for Woman of the Year.

At present time she is still involved with many of those activities while being a Sunday School teacher and librarian at Temple and packing and delivering Kosher Meals on Wheels every Tuesday and Friday.

A Dental Hygienist for many years, she still managed to be involved in the community and lend a hand whenever needed.

She is married to Charlie Garfinkel and has managed to pass on her dedication to her two wonderful children, Bradley and Adina, as well as her loving nieces, Heather and Morgan.

In her spare time, if she has any, she enjoys reading, knitting and spending time with family.

Please join us at 7 p.m. Friday, May 6 at 805 Delaware Avenue when Leslie will receive the Nancy J. Borins Woman of the Year Award.

Marilyn, Susan and Sharon Co-Presidents of Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood

### **Donors to Feature Vintage Fashions**

Sunday, May 22 Ramada Hotel, 2402 North Forest Road

Join us for A Trip Through Time at the Annual Donors Brunch. The show will feature vintage fashions from the Theodore Roosevelt House. Be with us as representatives show us styles from various eras and the clothing worn from the inside to the outside.

The cost per person for brunch and the fashion show is \$38. Reservations are required by May 12. Send your check, made out to TBZ Sisterhood, to: Sharon Nadler, 120 Fennec Lane, East Amherst, NY 14051.

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(Open to the community)
Shaw Festival Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Thursday, June 16
(Open to the community)

A delicious buffet lunch, followed by a matinee at the Festival Theater to see the dazzling musical "Alice in Wonderland."

This musical version of "Alice in Wonderland" was especially commissioned for the Shaw acting company. This classic story of Alice's adventures is brought to life with a little girl, a white rabbit and a trip down a hole into a mysterious underground world!

The cost, which includes the bus trip, a buffet lunch and the matinee, is \$115.

The bus will leave TBZ Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, at 10:15 a.m.

If would like to go on the trip, please fill out the form below and send it with your check made out to "TBZ Sisterhood" addressed to Marilyn Schillroth, 116 Hilton Blvd., Amherst, NY 14226. Any questions? Call Marilyn 832-4757.

\*\* Please note: Participants must bring either a passport or an enhanced license to cross the border.

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\*\*In keeping with our Jewish tradition of "All who are hungry come and eat," we encourage everyone to attend the Seder regardless of financial circumstances. Please call Mark Criden, our Executive Director, at 836-6565 if you have concerns about the fee.



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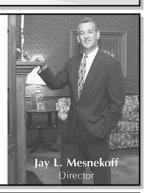
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April 15 and 16

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