



## TBZ Sisterhood Is Pleased To Name Leslie Garfinkel 2016 Woman of the Year



**Sisterhood Shabbat**  
**Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m.**  
**805 Delaware Avenue**

The entire community, including family and friends, is invited to celebrate with Sisterhood as we present Leslie the Nancy J. Borins Woman of the Year Award.

A special Oneg, sponsored by Sisterhood, will follow the service.

## Yom HaShoah Commemoration: 'We Remember'

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

The Holocaust Resource Center, with support from TBZ and the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, 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, including the TBZ choir, and a violin interlude played by Sarah Donatelli, granddaughter of a Holocaust Survivor.

## Shabbat Alive Shabbat Halimud – Teacher Recognition Shabbat



**Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m.**  
**805 Delaware Avenue**

Services will be followed by a special oneg reception in honor of PALS and Religious School teachers and our wonderful High School Madrichim.



**Mother's Day Flower Sale**  
**Sunday, May 8, 9 a.m. to noon**  
**Broder Center Parking Lot**  
Cash-and-Carry



## Rabbi Jonathan Freirich to Join Temple Beth Zion Clergy Team



See page 4 for a message from the Rabbinic Search Committee Co-chairs.



## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

A part of the Task Force on Staffing model that hasn't been discussed is the creation of a President's Advisory Committee. The concept was recommended by the Task Force to give historical perspective and guidance to incoming leadership. I am pleased to announce that Past President Orrin Tobbe has agreed to chair this important effort. In addition to his leadership at Temple Beth Zion, Orrin has served on the Union for Reform Judaism Board for 10 years and served as URJ Regional President. I do not believe there is anyone better equipped to advise our current and incoming President; and I thank Orrin for taking this on.

One project I had hoped to work on during my presidency was to lead an in-depth discussion of the many designated funds the Board or families have set up to remember or honor loved ones who had passions for particular aspects of Temple Beth Zion's work.

Each month, in this publication, donations are listed and usually one fund is highlighted detailing what it is set up to assist. Last month the focus was on the Corinne F. and Michael F. Ellis Landscaping Fund. This fund provides resources for special landscaping projects at both of our buildings.

I'd like to call your attention to two particular funds. Our Caring Community Fund is seriously underfunded and could use your contributions. This fund helps the Caring Community Committee in numerous ways. At Purim, the committee delivered 175 Shalach manot bags. They bring wine and challah to grieving families, help out at the Food Pantry, bring meals to people who are sick or recently home from the hospital. The list goes on and on. Money and volunteers are ALWAYS needed. I want to thank Leslie Garfinkel, who is the Chair and tireless leader of the committee – and to congratulate her on being this year's Sisterhood Woman of the Year.

Another, lesser known fund is the Torah Restoration Fund. Rabbi Pokras had all of our sacred Torahs evaluated by a Master Sofer a few years ago. The total dollar amount to restore all the scrolls to "kosher" was substantial. Rabbi Pokras started a group of "Holy Rollers" – congregants who were willing to spend some time doing the work that can be done by lay volunteers. We have resurrected that group and will begin working on Torahs again this spring. We need donations (for supplies and for the work that we must engage the Sofer to do). I joined this effort and found enormous satisfaction in having a small part in this holy work.

If you are looking for a way to honor a friend or loved one's birthday or anniversary, remember a loved one or appreciate a person or special event, please consider a donation to one of the various funds (including the Unrestricted Fund). For more information, you can call Ann Marie Randall at the office or click on the "Giving" tab at [www.tbz.org](http://www.tbz.org).

L' shalom,  
Warren Clark



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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.

### Thursday, May 5

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 6

Tot Shabbat Service @ Broder

5:45 p.m.

Sisterhood Shabbat Evening Service @ Delaware

7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 7

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

**B'nai Mitzvah of Isabella and Max Rubin**

### Thursday, May 12

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 13

Shabbat Alive - Shabbat Halimud Service

7 p.m.

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

### Saturday, May 14

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Sommer**

### Thursday, May 19

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 20

Shabbat Evening Service at Broder

7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 21

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Seth Altman**

### Thursday, May 26

Afternoon Service at Broder

5:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 27

Classical Service

7 p.m.

**Honoring Veterans**

Jewish Spirituality Center of WNY Service

7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 28

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

**Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Altman**

## Honor Our Military Personnel & Veterans

Friday May 27, at 7p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

Come for our annual special Shabbat Service to honor 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 are with us and remember those who are gone.



## Letter from the Cantor

### Delivering a Message

A priest, a rabbi and Donald Trump walk into a Convention Center...and nobody walks out!

Something very strange happened at the AIPAC conference in Washington, D.C., in March. News of the presidential party ticket hopefuls addressing nearly 19,000 supporters of Israel spread faster than wildfire through a California drought. It was certainly a sight and spectacle to behold. The protesters and haters were assembled en masse outside with their signs painted with a similar theme: don't support Trump by being present to listen to his first political address on foreign policy.

Weeks before the policy conference, rumors of staging a walk-out in demonstration against Trump flared up and were cause for great debate. People on all sides of the political spectrum were up in arms about the dogmatic Trump and the way he has handled himself over the past months. It seemed that regardless of our differences there was a universal opinion for this businessman who lacks the polished, diplomatic skills with which we have become accustomed as a person considering a run for President to have.

When the time came for him to address us, what I had hoped for actually occurred. There was no walkout, there was no staged demonstration, save for the folks who didn't have tickets and were picketing outside. Instead, the tens of thousands of us politely listened to the remarks of all the speakers, even Trump.

In the moments leading up to waiting in security checkpoints I realized that regardless of past declarations of bigotry and sexism towards "others," if we were to stage a walkout, then we would be no better than him. Turning a blind eye to bigotry and intolerance by walking out on Trump would only reflect the same sentiments he spews out via his rhetoric. Furthermore, if there was a walkout and Trump becomes the next President of the United States, will the same volatile Trump pull all support for Israel because of a walkout? I worried as I waited.

But that is when I realized that sitting politely while looking in the face of intolerance as we did with Trump was the most powerful way for us to send our message *btzelem elokim* we are all made in G-d's image, yes...even Donald Trump. And there is no room for 19,000 supporters of Israel to be behaving badly, one bully is enough for the world.

If you are interested in attending the AIPAC Convention next year, please feel free to contact me.

Cantor Penny S. Myers



TBZ at AIPAC,  
left to right:  
Howard and  
Valerie Rosenhoch,  
Phil Glick, Ellen  
Goldstein, Cantor  
Penny Myers and  
Rachel Shatkin.

## Rabbi Freirich Is Chosen

We and your Board of Trustees are delighted to announce that, pending congregational approval at the June 10 Annual Meeting, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich will begin his Temple Beth Zion rabbinate July 1. Rabbi Freirich will join Cantor Penny Myers and Rabbi Adam Scheldt to complete our clergy team.

In the April issue of the Bulletin, we shared information about Rabbi Freirich and can tell you that he and his family are eagerly anticipating coming to Buffalo and becoming part of the TBZ community.

The Search Committee put in countless hours through the process of reviewing applications, holding meetings and conducting interviews. Our thanks to committee members Jessica Meyers Altman, Susan Bruckheimer, Jennifer Field, Jordana Gelber, Grant Golden, Ralph Halpern, miriam treger honig, Daniel Kotzin, Toby Laping, Donatella Oppenheimer, Larry Rubin, Matthew Schwartz, Ellen Weiss, Kaarsten Wisnock and Kim Yonaty.

Susan Bring Tobe and David Goldberg  
Rabbinic Search Committee Co-Chairs

## Rabbi Pokras Headed to Maryland

Rabbi Gary Pokras has accepted a position as Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Ami in Rockville, Maryland. His official duties begin July 1. Speaking on behalf of his family, Rabbi Pokras said that they are grateful for their time here at TBZ and looking forward to their next adventure. And if you find yourselves in the Rockville area, please stop by!



## Be There on August 8

Make plans now to join us on Monday, August 8, for the Summer Celebration featuring our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament and 6<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Tour. This event raises vital funds for education programs at TBZ.

The day begins at Transit Valley Country Club with a fabulous lunch on the newly renovated outdoor patio. At noon, those on the Wine Tour board a luxury air-conditioned coach to tour wineries in Niagara County. Temple sommelier Mark Criden leads this popular tour.

The Golf Tournament has a 12:30 shotgun start with 18 holes on this premier golf course. Our golfers love the "best in foursome" format that allows them to play their own ball.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres follow the Wine Tour and Golf Tournament. The event is capped off with a delicious dinner and rousing auctions in the country club dining room.

David Goldberg is Chair of this amazing and highly successful event. Join us for the wine adventure (space is limited), on the golf course, or just come for cocktails and dinner.

If you are interested in participating, volunteering and/or being a sponsor for this event, please contact any members of the committee or Julie Feldman at 836-6565.

## Pride Weekend



This year's Pride Parade and Festival will be on Sunday, June 5. This year, TBZ's marchers will be joined by other marchers from the Jewish community. At the time of this writing, we welcome Nickel City Jews, Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service contingents, and rumor has it that more groups may join us.

The Parade steps off from Buffalo State College at noon and marches down Elmwood Avenue to Allen Street. The Festival happens at Canalside, from 1 to 7 p.m., and will feature music, other entertainment and exhibitors. TBZ will again have a table in the exhibitors' tent at the Festival. This year, TBZ will again march under our "B'etzelem Elohim" ("We are all created in the image of God") banners. Our theme expresses in two words our Jewish commitment to embracing and supporting all of our diverse members, as well as the Biblical inspiration for that commitment.

If you are planning to march in the Parade, please register in advance at [www.JewishPrideWNY.org](http://www.JewishPrideWNY.org). There is also a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/JewishPrideWNY](http://www.facebook.com/JewishPrideWNY), and you can follow on twitter: [www.twitter.com/JewishPrideWNY](http://www.twitter.com/JewishPrideWNY). If you don't have Internet access, call the Temple office at 836-6565 to register by phone. If you would like to help staff the table at the exhibitors' tent, email Anna Marie Richmond at [annamrichmond@MSN.com](mailto:annamrichmond@MSN.com), or leave a message at the Temple office. All you need to staff the table is a smile! The TBZ Pride T-shirts (and hats and buttons) with the rainbow logo, displayed here, are again available for purchase. You can go to [www.zazzle.com/templebethzion](http://www.zazzle.com/templebethzion) to buy yours. If you don't have Internet access, you may call the Temple office for assistance.

If you'd rather not march, please come and cheer on our marchers from anywhere along Elmwood Avenue. After the Parade, stop by the TBZ table at the Festival and say hi. It should be a beautiful day; spend part of it with TBZ!

And don't forget to come to the Kulanu Pride Shabbat Service on Friday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at 805 Delaware Avenue.

Also in June, the Holocaust Resource Center is bringing a meaningful exhibit to Buffalo titled "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals." Watch your June Bulletin and TBZ emails for details on when and where you can view the exhibit.

## Special Shabbat Service

Friday, June 17, at 6 p.m.  
805 Delaware Avenue

Come for a special evening as we say  
farewell to Rabbi Pokras and Mark Criden

During the service we will have the opportunity to thank  
each of these men for their service and dedication to TBZ

In addition, Brotherhood will present their  
Man of the Year award to Mark Criden

A special oneg will follow the service

## 'March Through the Arts'

Our theme for March, "March Through the Arts," was an amazing hit with the entire PALS community. The first artist we studied was Wassily Kandinsky.

From his abstract art, we learned about the mathematical term of concentric circles. From Matisse's cut-out picture, "The Snail," we cut out and pasted squares and rectangles in many different sizes and colors.

During our Picasso period, we studied the drawing of Don Quixote, and the children "copied" what they saw. Developmentally, to transfer what children see with their eyes to their own paper would be a higher-level skill. We were quite impressed, as were the children, with their ability.

Using a variety of utensils, other than brushes, we re-created van Gogh's masterpiece "Starry Night." Next was one of our favorite artists, Jackson Pollock. We copied his technique in our classroom by splashing paint on large sheets of paper taped to the floor. The results were amazing.

If you haven't yet done so, please send in your 2016-2017 PALS registration. If you believe (as we do) that PALS is the best preschool in town, please help spread the word about PALS to your friends and neighbors to help us continue to grow. Our new schedule of flexible full day/every day options makes PALS a completely family friendly school.

For more information, please contact Melissa Milch-Klein. 836-6565, Ext. 139, or pals@tbz.org.



*Their concentration speaks volumes - these are serious artists!*

## tbz Brotherhood

Thank this year's members for their support of Brotherhood.

The next Achim program will be on May 1 in the Meadows Lounge at Weinberg Campus. It is a musical program by Verse-Atility, an a cappella barbershop quartet of tenth-graders from Williamsville who have been together for a little over two years. The vocal coach is Holly Cannon, a social studies teacher at the school. The members of Verse-Atility include Aba Otseidu, Elise Kulka, Abby Bilson and Leah Heffter. Leah and her family have been frequent program hosts for Achim. Please join us for this enjoyable program and to show our appreciation for Verse-Atility and the Heffter family.

Philip Chazen

## Uniongrams

The students listed below are members of the 2016 Confirmation and Graduation classes. Students will be Confirmed at the Shabbat Evening Service on Friday, June 10. Graduates will receive a special blessing at the service.

There is no finer way of honoring the occasion than by sending a congratulatory message in the form of a Uniongram. You may do so by circling the name of the student you wish to congratulate and send this form with you check (\$3 per Uniongram), made payable to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion, and mail to miriam treger honig, Realty USA, 6000 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.

### Graduate

Alexis Boehnlein  
Andrew Oestreicher  
  
Amy Feldman  
Jennifer Kingsley

### Parents

Nikki Boehnlein  
Susan Freed-Oestreicher and  
David Oestreicher  
Edwin and Julie Feldman  
Hal and Julie Kingsley

### Confirmand

Drew Boehnlein  
Leah Heffter  
Alli Kingsley  
Talia Mekinulov  
Elliot Snitzer

### Parents

Nikki Boehnlein  
Steven and Maria Heffter  
Hal and Julie Kingsley  
Roman and Sebnem Mekinulov  
Eric Snitzer and Ellen Rich

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ Uniongrams (\$3 each). Please note any special messages on a separate sheet of paper (i.e., Grandparents, Mazel Tov and Congratulations...) **All orders must be received by June 1.**

## Insurance Reduction Class

Thursdays, May 5 and 12, from 6:30 to 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 [kara@tbz.org](mailto:kara@tbz.org). Class size is limited by state law, so advance registration is required.

Save the Date for  
Temple Beth Zion's

## 166th Annual Meeting

Friday, June 10, at 6 p.m.

805 Delaware Avenue

Watch your mailbox later this month  
for complete details.

## Artful Sundays

In addition to advising our TBaZY youth groups, Nancy Spector has had the great honor this year of introducing our kindergarten through seventh-graders to the inspiring creativity of Jewish artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century during Sunday Religious School art classes.

Kindergarteners and first-graders learned about the large, abstract color paintings of Mark Rothko and tried their own hand at creating his fields of soft, glowing color with pastels and oil pastels.

Second-graders learned that Lee Krasner is famous for cutting up her paintings and rearranging them into beautiful abstract collages, and then made their own creations using her technique.

Third-graders studied the entrancing portraits of Amedeo Modigliani and created portraits of their classmates in his painting style.

Fourth-graders experimented with Israeli artist Yaacov Agam's method of combining two paintings onto a "folded" three-dimensional surface, creating a work of art that hangs on a wall but that you must move around to experience fully.

Fifth-graders learned about Marc Chagall's beautiful paintings, many of them celebrating Jewish life in his shtetl in Russia at the turn of the century. They created their own memory scenes in his style. (See photo on left below)

Sixth-graders studied how Pop artist Roy Lichtenstein adopted the subject matter of the "pop" ular culture of our times, from comic books to washing machines, creating paintings using a technique called Benday dots to blend his colors. This method was the technology for mass-printing images before the digital age. Students experimented with making their own images of objects or characters from today's popular culture to create a dialog.

And finally, seventh-graders learned about Sol LeWitt's invention of conceptual art, where the idea is more important than the final artwork. Each student created rules for other students to generate an image and talked about the all-important question this raises: "What is art?" (See photo on right below) This question, like many important questions Jews grapple with, doesn't come with an easy answer.

Thank you, Nancy, for inspiring our students to use the visual arts to express their Jewish identity.



## 3rd Annual Mitzvah Fair

Sunday, May 15, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

For parents and students

Finish the school year by participating in the Religious School Mitzvah Fair. Bring non-perishable food for donation to the Town Square Food Pantry. Gently used children's books will also be collected for summer reading programs.

In addition, come and learn about volunteer opportunities and Mitzvah projects for future B'nai Mitzvah students.

## Family Mitzvah Project



*A well done Mitzvah! On Sunday, April 10, the Bellavia-Frank, Murphy, Wojcik and Kane families spent part of their morning helping residents at ElderWood Bassett do a painting project. All of the boys who attended enjoyed helping the residents create a beautiful night landscape. The staff said the paintings will be proudly displayed on the wall of artwork for all to see. It was a great opportunity for us to spend some time with the residents, and we look forward to doing more family Mitzvah projects.*

## Upcoming Events

May 13	Shabbat Halimud – Honoring our Teachers
<b>Play And Learn School</b>	
May 2 - 6	PALS Art Show on display
May 9	Mother's Day Tea
May 6	Tot Shabbat @ Broder 5:45
May 11	PALS Field Trip to Kelkenberg Farm (3s and 4s)
May 30	Memorial Day — No PALS/Office Closed
<b>Religious School</b>	
May 1	Sunday Tots 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> grade Family program @ Delaware 11 a.m. Community Yom Hashoah @ Delaware 1 p.m.
May 8	Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale P.A.S.S. – Parents At Sunday School
May 10	Last Tuesday classes
May 12	Last Thursday classes
May 15	Last Sunday classes & <b>Mitzvah Fair</b>

## Giving Thanks at Year's End

How hard it is to believe that the end of the year is nearing. Our TBaZY members attended NFTY-NEL's Spring Kallah at URI Camp George in Seguin, Ontario, on April 15 - 17 to wind up the year of NFTY-NEL events. We thank outgoing Membership Vice President Andrew Oestreicher and outgoing Programming Vice President Lexi Boehnlein for their service to the Reform youth community. Thanks to the wonderful Sydney Bluman for attending in my stead as advisor.

Jr TBaZY will wind up the year by visiting Reinstein Woods after Religious School on Sunday, May 22, for lunch and a pond adventure led by NYS Wet and Wild Workshop facilitators. I hope you will join us for this last fun event of the year. It is free to TBaZY Jr members and will include lunch. Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 20, by emailing youth@tbz.org or calling (716) 308-9285. Look for a flier about this event in your email soon.

Many thanks to Bonnie Glazer, President of Child and Adolescent Treatment Services, and licensed clinical psychologist Emily Ets-Hoken, Ph.D., for a wonderful program in April about the adolescent brain.

Nancy Spector  
Director of Youth Engagement

## Mazel Tov

To Seth and Kryssy Bruckheimer on the birth of their son Maghnus Issac. His big brother, Klayton, and grandparents Mike and Susan Bruckheimer welcome Maghnus. He is the great-grandson of the late Arnold and Ruth Fernandez, of Blessed Memory. Maghnus will be named at Temple on Friday, May 27. An Oneg Shabbat, sponsored by Mike and Susan Bruckheimer, will follow the service. The TBZ congregation is invited to join the family for this joyous occasion.

## Thank You

To Joan Alexander for hosting Women of the Book in April. To join us for the May 10 meeting, contact Kara at 836-6565, Ext. 112.

## Garden to Benefit Town Square Food Pantry

A garden to benefit the Town Square Food Pantry is in early planning stages. If you would be interested in participating in this effort, please contact Howard Wiseman at (716) 523-7658 or by email to hlw1954@verizon.net.



In addition, if you are one of those amazing gardeners who tends to grow more food than you can use, consider donating the extra bounty to the Town Square Food Pantry. Fresh vegetables and fruit are always welcome.



**Isabella M.T. Rubin**  
Saturday, May 7  
Daughter of: Beth Rubin & Catherine Traino  
Mitzvah Project: Adoption STAR



**Max A.T. Rubin**  
Saturday, May 7  
Son of: Beth Rubin & Catherine Traino  
Mitzvah Project: SPCA of Erie County



**Nathan Sommer**  
Saturday, May 14  
Son of: Mark Sommer & Laura Watts Sommer  
Mitzvah Project: Vive La Casa  
Refugee Play Program



**Seth B. Altman**  
Saturday, May 21  
Son of: Greg & Robyn Altman  
Mitzvah Project and Donating to: Families in need at Health Sciences Charter School



**Sophie Altman**  
Saturday, May 28  
Daughter of: Frank & Jessica Altman  
Mitzvah Project: Jewish Family Service  
Refugee Resettlement and Journey's Edge  
Donating to: Heart Works

## April Lunch and Learn

Third through fifth-graders of TBZ and Congregation Shir Shalom and their families enjoyed a terrific Lunch and Learn program called "Exploring the 4s of Pesach," with Jennifer Judelsohn of Soukworks Studio.

Families learned together how the Pesach story and celebration are relevant to Jewish life today by creating new family rituals and traditions.





## Presidents' Message

The Sisterhood 2015-16 year is winding down, and we still have a few more activities. We hope to see you at them.

Sisterhood Sabbath – Friday, May 6: Sisterhood members will participate in the service, and our Nancy Borins Woman of the Year Award will be presented. This award is presented annually to a deserving Sisterhood member who has demonstrated exemplary dedication (and volunteerism) to the goals of Sisterhood, to the members of Temple Beth Zion and to the greater community. This year's honoree is Leslie Garfinkel. The service will be followed by a special delicious Oneg sponsored by Sisterhood.

Annual Donors Brunch – Sunday, May 22: See details below.

Sisterhood offers something for everyone. One of the first programs for the 2016-17 year is our 37th Annual Merrill Molien Haven House Scholarship Luncheon, scheduled for noon on Tuesday, July 19, at the Broder Center. Haven House is a local shelter for abused women and children.

In August you will receive a mailing with a list of programs for the 2016-17 year.

It has been an honor for us to be the Presidents of Women of Reform Judaism Sisterhood of TBZ, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to continue again for the next year.

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

## Donors to Feature Vintage Fashions

**Sunday, May 22, at 11 a.m.**

**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 Inaugural Site. 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. Please also include your phone number and email address.



*The April 13 Theatre Bus Trip was great fun. Some of the 33 attendees are pictured here. There are a few seats available for the May trip. See the column on the right for all the details. Join us!*

## Ruth Fernandez SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP Broder Center

Stop by for lovely jewelry and scarves  
for Mother's Day

### Judaica Shop Hours

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**Thursday, June 16**

**(Open to the community)**

A delicious buffet lunch, followed by a matinee at the Festival Theatre 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 you 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.

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### "Alice in Wonderland" - Deadline May 9

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to see the play "Alice in Wonderland" on June 16 in Niagara-on-the-Lake. I have enclosed my payment (\$115 per ticket).

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## **Interfaith Congregational Conversations**

Sunday, May 22, at 7 p.m.

Congregation Shir Shalom,  
4660 Sheridan Drive, Amherst

This session 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, contact Jamie Adamczyk at 884-9437, Ext. 326, or [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org).

## **Office Schedule**

The Temple Beth Zion administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 30.

## **Yom Hazikaron**

Remembrance Day  
of the Israeli Fallen Soldiers  
& Victims of Terrorism

Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m.  
Temple Beth Tzedek,  
621 Getzville Road

The program is open to the community.

For more information,  
call (716) 704-5420.

## **Holocaust Education**

Fifteen TBZ Religious School teachers attended an intense and informative conference on Holocaust Education for Jewish Educators on Sunday afternoon, April 10, sponsored by the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo and led by U.S. Holocaust Teacher Fellow Drew Beieter. Through discussions, interactive hands-on activities and small-group work, all of the participants left with new insights into teaching the Holocaust in relevant and meaningful ways to today's students and their families. Below, from left, Sydney Bluman, Rachel Lipman and Naomi Wiseman explain their photo collage that shows the "Shift from Normalcy."



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Anna Bookbinder	Celia Norman Malin
Nancy J. Borins	David Myers, MD
Hattie C. Brock	Sadie Rabin
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Harry S. Cohen	Benjamin Seeman
Doris Goldman Cohn	Franklin Pollak Shaw
Rebecca G. Cohn	Harriett Shire
Theodore Ellerstein	Rebecca Skerker
Gertrude Fingold	Ethel K. Solender
Rae Starsky Fink	Bonny Grace Levy
Sidney Fleischman	Vitali
Dorothy C. Frankel	Charles Wallach
Edward Geranstein	Bessie Weinberg
Jacob Goldwater	Rae W. Weinberg
Dr. Lewis J. Greenky	

### May 13 and 14

Lydia M. Block	Arthur E. Lyon
Sophie Burg	Bertha P. Munsell
Celia Chick	Dr. Mathew Podolin
Lucille Sherris Cole	Rebecca Thompson
Abe Cornblum	Ritchie
Gertrude R. Cristall	Bella Maisel Rock
Benjamin Fingeret	Sue B. Rosen
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Anne Goldberg	Gertrude Silverberg
Kornhaber	Wertheimer
Jay Levy	Dr. Leonard Wolin
Jacob Lindenbaum	Shirley Zemsky

### May 20 and 21

Dr. Israel Aaron	Estelle Meyer
Lawrence Arnold	Lillian C. Miller
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Peggy Wile	A3C David Newman
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Louis Joseph	Esther Morris Walters
Sol David Leisner	Robert Warner, M.D.
Henry Lovitz	Melba Morrison
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### May 27 and 28

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