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Sisterhood Board Spotlight

Back by popular demand! This month's Spotlight highlights members of the Sisterhood Board.

Turn to page 9 to learn a little more about some of the Board members of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion. Members of Sisterhood continue to support each other and their Temple in new and challenging ways.

We're Here For You

Although our buildings are closed for now, our clergy and staff are available to you. You can call the Temple office number at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message and your call will be returned. You can also reach members of the staff by leaving a message on their extension number or by sending email. The list of staff email addresses and voicemail extensions can be found on page 2.

If you would like to add the name of a family member in need of healing to our prayer list, please contact Darcie at darcie@tbz.org or (716) 836-6565, Ext.132. In order to respect people's privacy, we will only accept names from members of the immediate family.

Additionally, if you will be observing the Yahrzeit Anniversary of a loved one and would like their name added to the Yahrzeit list, please contact Darcie.

An Unusual End to the School Year

Our PALS-Kadimah and Religious School programs did not get to finish the year in the usual way. What did happen was a lot of creativity and Zooming. We humbly thank our families for understanding and supporting what was necessary and required for the safety of our community. Thank you to our teachers who stayed connected with their students and provided continued learning under difficult circumstances.

We hope you will read about this year's virtual PALS-Kadimah Moving Up Ceremony on page 4.

Please turn to page 7 to see highlights from the End-of-Year Religious School Art Project. We are sure you will love it!

It's Here!



Our new self-service portal for dues, tuition, and donations will officially launch on July 6! ShulCloud is software designed to help synagogues, their staff and members connect with each other.

TBZ members will receive an email that will allow you to establish access to your account. For information and instructions, turn to page 11.



Letter from the Executive Director

As my first year as TBZ's Executive Director draws to a close, I am humbled by what an incredible organization I get to call my professional and spiritual home.

TBZ is full of passionate, dedicated people working hard to fulfill our mission. Serving our congregants means everything to our staff, who regularly sacrifice their own time and resources to complete projects just so. Our trio of clergy use their varied talents to foster Jewish education, provide pastoral care, and hold meaningful worship services during which we relax, reflect, pray, mourn, and rejoice. Our volunteer leadership spends countless hours steering us forward. Members of Sisterhood, Brotherhood, assorted committees and task forces, teachers, and musicians, all play different roles but are dedicated to the same cause.

We are a family. We celebrate simchas together, and support each other through pain and loss. TBZ means something different to every one of us, but we share a recognition of its value. The synagogue is there for us at the very times we need it most.

It has been quite an eventful year, filled with too many cherished moments to list. The tiniest sampling of highlights includes making Sukkot decorations at Sunday Tots; delivering turkeys around town for Thanksgiving; the Chanukah bazaar and service; lunches with Past Presidents; witnessing Rabbi Freirich receive an MLK award and the recognition of Cantor Myers and her family at the JDRF Gala, both in the same month; feeling a tremendous energy on the first day of Religious School, and then feeling the same warmth and positivity on the final day, run seamlessly on Zoom; and watching my son run down the aisles at Delaware just as I did years ago.

There is so much going on, always, and I encourage everyone to get involved and grow your connection. You will find or even create something meaningful.

This year I focused on getting to know many of you, beautifying and shoring up our spaces, improving behind-the-scenes business processes, and building our partnerships with our tenants and assorted organizations within the greater Jewish community of Buffalo.

Turning my focus to the year ahead, there is no avoiding how Coronavirus has changed our lives. As I write this in mid-June, we remain uncertain about how and when we will safely gather again. Yet despite physical distances, the TBZ family has remained connected, and even increased our engagement efforts. I'm proud of us for that, but cannot say I'm surprised; supporting each other is what we do.

With Gratitude,
Jeff Clark



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The Temple Beth Zion Annual Meeting will take place on June 30, 2020. The 2020-2021 Board of Trustees, as voted on during the Annual Meeting, will be published in the August issue.

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All Shabbat services are available via Zoom.
Torah study is held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.
Zoom links are provided in the weekly email
and can also be found at www.tbz.org.
Instructions for using Zoom can be found on page 10.

Friday, July 3 Kabbalat Shabbat Service Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	6 p.m.
Saturday, July 4 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, July 10 Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, July 11 Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Anna Kupferman	10:30 a.m.
Friday, July 17 Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, July 24 Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, July 25 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Friday, July 31 Classical Shabbat Evening Service	6 p.m.
Saturday, August 1 Shabbat Morning Service	10:30 a.m.

Stay Connected, Stay Informed

Each week, Temple Beth Zion sends an email that provides information and highlights opportunities. Additionally, when requested by the immediate family, we share news of the passing of a congregant or family member of a congregant. If you wish to receive email notifications from TBZ, please contact Julie Feldman at julie@tbz.org.



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*Letter from the
Clergy Associate*

Celebrating Our Freedom

As I sit writing this in the middle of June, we are approaching the Fourth of July, our Independence Day, and many of us are feeling a little less free than usual. It has been a difficult few months for everyone. During a pandemic which has curtailed many of our activities, there have also been a series of demonstrations protesting the targeting and the lack of freedom experienced by a large percentage of our U.S. residents. The crowds of protesters have mostly been wearing masks but the physical distancing recommended by the medical experts has not been observed. At the same time, other demonstrators are protesting the restrictions which have been put in place to keep us safe. The restrictions are beginning to be lifted, slowly and with caution. As we carefully watch the rates of infection and hospitalization, we pray that they continue to decrease. How can we celebrate our nation's freedom when we are experiencing all of these restrictions?

Let's see what Judaism has to say about freedom. Most of the Torah tells the story of a quest for freedom. From Exodus to Deuteronomy, we read the story of a people seeking freedom from slavery, a home of their own and the ability to write their own laws. Yet Judaism also emphasizes that with freedom comes responsibility. Being dependent on one another is part of our human condition. The Torah repeatedly tells us to practice kindness, generosity and compassion to our children, our parents, employees, the poor, the widow, the hungry or the stranger. Talmud teaches that "everyone is responsible for one another." We are not free to do as we wish if that action wrongly harms another person. Moreover, we are not only commanded to do no harm, but we are told we must perform good deeds and try to make the world a better place. Judaism strives to balance dependence and independence.

And so, as we approach Independence Day, let us consider the rights and responsibilities that come with the blessing of living in a democracy where being dependent and independent are profoundly intertwined. Let us not focus on our separation but, instead, be grateful for all of the many ways we remain connected.

Wishing all of you a safe, happy and healthy Fourth of July!

Judy Henn



Moving Up

Like most other graduations and moving up ceremonies, our PALS-Kadimah Moving Up Day ceremony was held virtually. I was honored and excited to be with our students and their families as we celebrated their growth and accomplishments of the past year.

As many of you know, this was my first year as PALS-Kadimah Director, and what a year it has been! I learned so many life-changing lessons from our children - such as that Spinosaurus is the *actual* king of the dinosaurs, and that toddler boy bands jamming out to a Twinkle Twinkle Little Star/Old MacDonald mash-up blow the Backstreet Boys and NSYNC out of the water. But all kidding aside, our kiddos have taught me the foundations of leadership and community almost every moment that they are in the classroom. For example:

- ★ Building the strongest buildings and plans are better accomplished when more hands and voices collaborate together.
- ★ Fear is more easily combatted when holding a caring hand.
- ★ When something seems unfair, do not be afraid to raise your voice and ask for help.
- ★ When something breaks, it can be rebuilt in a way that can be more creative, beautiful, and stronger than its original.
- ★ We *can* play together in the sandbox whatever the weather: rain, snow, or sunshine.

I will do my best to carry these lessons in my heart, as this once again proves that all of life's most important teachings are learned in preschool.

Zahavah Fried, PALS-Kadimah Director



Engagement Update



Ahhhh...it's summertime. The most glorious (in my opinion) season in Buffalo. The days are long, and usually sunny. The nights are warm, and rarely too hot. There are (well, were, prior to Covid-19) fairs and festivals and fetes every weekend. Our insulated boots and down parkas (worn for many months too long, it seems every year) are shed for sandals and sundresses and shorts. Ice cream becomes the almost-expected dessert rather than the sometimes-treat.

According to Rabbi M. Schneerson z"l, we need to recognize "the importance of using the summer as a time for strengthening the body and strengthening the soul." According to the Rabbi, "How dear is a Jewish body! For it, so much Torah is poured out! Maintaining a healthy and sound body is among the ways of G-d." He then goes on to state, "If it is necessary to devote energy to [the soul] throughout the year, how much more so is it necessary to strengthen this endeavor with additional power during the time when we are...showing interest in the health of the body".

In these Covid days we obviously need to show an increased interest in the health of our bodies, as well as the bodies of those around us. We don our masks. We wash our hands more than ever. We "socially distance." While most of the usual summertime events have been cancelled, many of us will continue to enjoy the long, warm days with a walk or a bike ride. While we may not be getting together with our friends and extended family for cook-outs and cocktails, we can sit outside and "share" these moments with one another using FaceTime or Zoom.

So, I say, let's focus on our bodies **and** our souls. Let's enjoy the summer's long warm days with "physically distanced" get-togethers. Let's balance our (well, at least my) daily ice cream with the season's abundant fruits and vegetables. And, most importantly, let's remain socially connected within our Temple Beth Zion community. Our community is looking for connection, and although in-person monthly events will not be planned until this pandemic is over, let's continue to form and strengthen our connections in new ways. Please contact me at any time with your questions, comments, suggestions for "physically distanced" get-togethers, or just to say, "hi." I want to connect with each and every one of you. And, I wish you all a healthy summer for both body and soul.

Jody Goldstein (Your Engagement Committee Chairperson)
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The Sisterhood (and Brotherhood) of the Traveling Torah

The Temple Beth Zion B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2020 is charting a pathway through new territory – and reinvigorating an ancient Jewish custom. Many of our students are reaching their b'nai mitzvah dates, for which they have been actively preparing for two years, as we continue to worship remotely from our own homes during the Covid-19 crisis. These students and their families must confront choices...Should they reschedule the ceremonies, or keep their dates? If they reschedule, to when? If they keep the original date, what form will their b'nai mitzvah take? Temple Beth Zion has offered b'nai mitzvah families the option of rescheduling, and several families with dates during NY PAUSE have rescheduled. However, as the Covid-19 crisis has persisted, many of our students are opting to celebrate their b'nai mitzvah at or near their originally scheduled dates. We are now creating modified celebrations compliant with Department of Health and World Health Organization guidelines to meet the needs of each family. Some of our students are chanting from the *Tikkun*, a bound volume that reproduces the exact text of the Torah scroll using the Hebrew calligraphy that appears on the scrolls. Others have chosen to chant from a Traveling Torah.

For generations Jews have brought a Torah into their home to provide additional comfort and spiritual protection during a crisis. There is also a long-held practice of bringing a *Sefer Torah* (Torah scroll) to a home to reside with a family before a *simcha* (celebration), such as a wedding, bris, or other celebration. Beginning with the Bar Mitzvah of Jude Freirich in late May, some of our families have chosen to bring a Torah Scroll into their home before the celebration, enabling the b'nai mitzvah to chant their portions directly from a scroll.

Because there is an ancient tradition of transporting scrolls from place to place, *Halacha* (Jewish law) has established clear guidelines for the procedure. To name a few: the scrolls, inside their mantels, must be wrapped in tallitot when they are not stored in an ark or in use; they must always be held upright when they are carried; all people in the presence of the scroll must be fully dressed and conduct themselves respectfully while in the room in which they scroll is stored. The reception of a Torah scroll into a home carries with it the duty to comply with all of these laws, and the obligation to protect and care for a very valuable ritual object. We have also addressed concerns relating to the possible transmission of disease by alternating scrolls, and allowing a lengthy resting period for each scroll between home visits.

Our clergy, working in conjunction with the Ritual Committee, have developed written guidelines for the transport, care and use of the scrolls by our b'nai mitzvah families who choose to undertake these obligations. We have developed a short ritual, celebrating of the transfer of the Torah from the custody of the Temple to the custody of the family. For all of our b'nai mitzvah students, the Clergy are working to assist in developing the most meaningful ways that they can participate in our ancient tradition as part of the celebration of the entry of our newest generation of Jewish adults into our community.



BPO Offers "Musician Portraits"

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra began a very exciting project with their friends at WNET PBS. The television station has created "Musician Portraits" featuring Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra musicians in solo roles and in chamber music.

We hope you enjoyed the first program that aired on June 15 and featured Roman Mekinulov (pictured here), cellist and Eric Huebner, pianist. Roman Mekinulov is Principal cellist of the Buffalo Philharmonic, Artistic Director of BRAVO Workshop and a member of Temple Beth Zion.



"Musician Portraits" airs at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, through July 7, on WNET PBS.



Anna Rachel Kupferman
Saturday, July 11

(Postponed from Saturday, April 25)

Daughter of: Allison Kupferman
& Alon Kupferman

Please join Anna for her Bat Mitzvah as she leads the Morning Shabbat Service for her Temple community via Zoom. The link can be found at www.tbz.org.

Mazel Tov!

To Ellen Goldstein on being chosen to receive the prestigious Semper Fidelis Award from the Buffalo Seminary. "Established in 1997, the prestigious Semper Fidelis Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates a profound and extraordinary commitment to the Buffalo Seminary, and who serves as an inspiration and model for everyone. It is presented to a graduate who is actively involved with the school and with the outside community and who can and does express her point of view."



Shalom,

TBaZY is moving full steam ahead even through these unusual and tough times. So far, we have had a gathering and our TBaZY elections via Zoom. Congratulations to our new TBaZY board:

- President - Eli VanWey-Shapiro
- Programming Vice President - Lewis Shaevel
- Religious and Cultural Vice President - Emma Rothkopf
- Membership Vice President - Aaron Weinmann
- Communications Vice President - Nathan Weiss
- Financial Vice President - Ari Klein

To our outgoing TBaZY board members Samantha Kane, Perryn Field and Ethan Kane, we thank you for all you have done for TBaZY and TBZ and we were proud to work with you!

Plans are underway for additional virtual programs this summer as well as participating in a CJEL (Center for Jewish Education and Learning) teen survey and teen community gatherings.

For more information about TBaZY or teen programs, please feel free to reach out to either of us.

Beth Shapiro (bshapiro44@gmail.com)
Tammy VanWey (tamaravanwey@gmail.com)



From the Director

At the beginning of this pandemic, I attended a webinar hosted by the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) and the ARJE (Association for Reform Jewish Educators) titled "Scenario Planning for Educators." I had never heard the term "scenario planning" before. These days? It seems like everyone in Jewish leadership and elsewhere is using this tool to help see their way forward through this time of crisis and uncertainty.

Summer is when Religious School Directors review the past year and plan for the next. In pre-virus days I would be jumping in to update schedules and calendars, make faculty assignments, evaluate curriculum choices, explore mitzvah projects, rearrange classrooms, select textbooks, order supplies, collect registrations for the next school year, and more. All of these things will happen this summer – but all under the framework of scenario planning.

This summer started by implementing these new skills. The first step was to specifically identify all the relevant uncertainties we face for the coming school year and assess their likelihood. That narrowed down the focus from a million "what-if's" to only a handful. The next step is envisioning how each of these plausible scenarios will impact a variety of different concerns and populations here at TBZ. This analysis will help me, along with others in TBZ leadership, to make decisions about what things will look like next school year. My peers across the U.S. and Canada are all doing the same and kindly assisting one another in the process, and I am seeing a lot of bold and creative plans for curriculum and structures come out of this situation!

What exactly will Religious School look like next year? Where and how will we gather? I don't yet know, but I will within the next few weeks.

What I do know is that I am 100% committed to providing a Religious School in the fall that is safe, engaging, and relevant to our students. I assure you that our teachers and Madrichim will be properly prepared for whatever shape this takes. Our curriculum will be adjusted to make the best use of our time together. And we will continue to honor *L'Dor Vador*, the responsibility we have to pass our knowledge and love of Judaism from generation to generation.

Watch your emails for Religious School 2020-2021 registration materials! And have a very safe and happy summer.

L'shalom,
Beth Steinberg, Religious School Director
beth@tbz.org

Religious School Found-Object Self-Portraits

Hanoch Piven is an award-winning Israeli illustrator, educator and expert in creativity. His personality and his art are extremely playful. He specializes in creating portraits using fun, everyday objects. Our Religious School students created self-portraits using everyday objects in the style of Hanoch Piven to display their feelings about who they are. Students were encouraged to think about themselves and to share what they feel is important for others to know about them. We are thrilled to share with you some of the creative and fun entries.



April - Grade 1



Esther - Grade 6



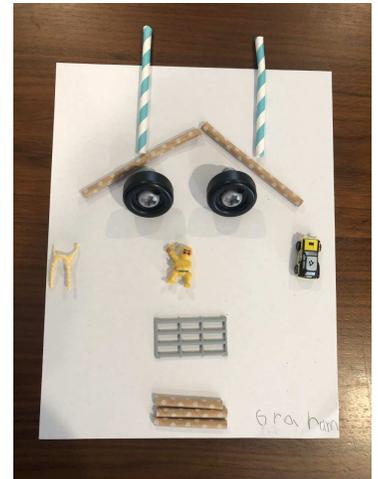
Madelyn - Grade 1



Aaron - Grade 5



Sofia - Grade 7



Graham - Kindergarten



Madison - Grade 4



Zoe - Grade 5



Maylon - Kindergarten

Presidents' End of Year Report

Sisterhood started out this year with many wonderful activities and giving! Beginning last summer, with our sold out Theater/bus trips, and our annual Haven House luncheon, our list continued until mid March. After our Opening Luncheon in September, featuring the Jewish community's first Security Coordinator Susan Case DeMari, it was time to decorate the Sukkah. In October many of our members participated in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk. November's programs included hearing a speaker from Women of Reform Judaism who informed us on current women's reproductive rights, hosting our "Games Galore" card party, attending the play "Oh My God!" at the Jewish Repertory Theater, and a "Demo and Dine" program at the home of Lynn Klein where we ate and learned to make delicious goodies!

December brought our Chanukah Bazaar, giving jelly donuts to Religious School children, and our Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap. In January we learned to make our own bagels, thanks to Sandy Wolchok, along with having a delicious lox and bagel lunch. We had more things planned but had to cancel the rest due to the Coronavirus.

Many of our fundraisers were cut short, however we did make the following 2019-2020 commitments: We have pledged to contribute towards Scholarships for Religious School and PALS, money for security personnel, Summer Celebration, money towards a new curtain for the ark at Broder, and we are one of the sponsors for the Stained Glass Concerts. These pledges for this year amount to \$6,900. We have also pledged \$10,000 for new furniture in the Broder Center lobby.

We hope that soon we will be able to again socialize, have fun, be educated and keep on supporting our temple! We hope you will join our Sisterhood family!

Susan Bruckheimer 835-0421

Marilyn Schillroth 832-4757

To Carole Weingarten, who has continued to be creative and informative with the weekly Sisterhood emails. Carole has started mini surveys and the results are often predictable and sometimes surprising. If you do not currently receive the emails and would like to, contact Carole at weincsw@verizon.net. One of the survey question and results are below.

During the pandemic, what have you missed the most?

Top answer: Spending time with family, friends, and especially grandchildren.

Ruth Fernandez Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

We hope that the nicer weather and eased restrictions have allowed you to go out more often. We are hoping the Broder Center will open soon, even if it is on a limited basis. Once visitors are allowed in the Broder Center, we will be able to help you with your Judaica needs for Confirmation, Wedding, B'nai Mitzvah or just personal items. We are happy to show you pictures of what we currently have in stock. Call us with your requests.

But....until we can open we wanted you to know we care about you, and hope you are well. If there is anything we can do to help you, Dee and I are only a phone call or email away. Call us even if you just want to chat.

Susan (716) 982-2099, nana4susan@gmail.com

Dee (240) 446-1211 omegapress@aol.com

Stay safe Stay healthy Stay put

Warmly,

Dee and Susan, TBZ Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Sisterhood Updates

Our **walking group** is not meeting until further notice. However, we have all been in touch with one another and are happy to report that everyone is doing well, and continuing to walk on their own when weather permits. We encourage everyone to take a walk outside when you can, and make every attempt to stay active as much as you can. We cannot wait till we can once again walk together!

If you know of a Sisterhood member who is ill, has had surgery, or an accident or a death in her family, please take a moment to notify our Corresponding Secretary Susan Ward Nadler by calling her at 689-4682 or sending her an email at: shoshana37@yahoo.com so she can send a note on behalf of Sisterhood. We'd like to let our members know that we are thinking of them, so please help us do that by letting Susan know.

Please know that we are thinking about all our Sisterhood members. We hope you are able to watch Shabbat services as they are live streamed or on Zoom. Face-Time with family and friends, call one another. Deliver a treat to a friend, or shop for someone you know who cannot or should not be out. And remember, you are not alone!

Stay Home Stay Safe Stay Well

Sisterhood Board Spotlight

Please enjoy learning more about some of the members of the Sisterhood Board of Temple Beth Zion. We hope you enjoy reading some personal insights into the people who are an important part of our Temple community. Sisterhood Board members were invited to answer 5 of a selection of questions.

Dee Block

* My Favorite Part of Being a Sisterhood Board Member:

I love doing things for others; that makes me happy.

Whether it's serving on a committee, helping with luncheons, working in the gift shop with Susan, making others smile.

* Dream vacation: Anywhere that my kids are.

* What makes me laugh: Looking at old photos of when my kids were young and my grandchildren and reliving those priceless memories, things the kids would say or do to make me smile and laugh.

* I cannot live without: My girls - Abby and Daisy both rescue girls.

* Favorite pastimes: scrapbooking, gardening, hosting, walking my girls.



Lynn Klein

* Three words that describe me: Friendly, enthusiastic, caring.

* One thing people don't know about me: I was Gertrude the Ibis, the mascot for The University of Miami football team and led cheering for 80,000 screaming fans at The Orange Bowl for two years.

* I cannot live without: Family, friends and dessert.

* I am most grateful today for: A caring husband, two sets of identical twin sons, and nine grandchildren, all of whom are healthy.

* Favorite part of being a Sisterhood Board member: The many close friendships resulting from involvement on various committees, including Haven House and the Judaica Shop.



Julie Newberger

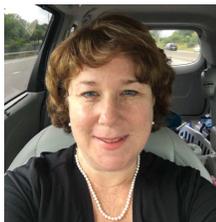
* Favorite part of being a Sisterhood Board Member: Helping with activities for TBZ with very nice and caring people.

* Dream vacation: Sitting by the ocean

* Favorite pastimes: Taking long walks, cooking and reading.

* Something I've learned in the last week: Life is much better with a vacuum cleaner that works.

* Thing I'm most grateful for today: The health of my family.



Getelle Rein

* Favorite part of being a Sisterhood Board Member: Getting to know and being friends with our amazing, wonderful women.

* Dream vacation: Israel (I've been there three times!)

* What makes me laugh: My three great-grandsons.

* First job: Being a Home Economist for Philco Distribution.

* Thing I'm most grateful for today: My family and being healthy.



Marilyn Schillroth

* My favorite part of being a Sisterhood Board member is having and working with so many close friends from temple. Our board members care about each other, as well as our main goal of helping Temple Beth Zion! I also enjoy participating in our social offshoots like the "walking group" and Scrabble group.

* Three words that describe me: My husband, Jim, generously describes me as kind, thoughtful and smart.

* What makes me laugh: I especially enjoy being with young children because to me they are delightful and make me smile!

* Favorite pastimes: Taking long walks and reading good books, particularly novels.

* I'm grateful for: My beautiful family, my husband, my two children, my two grandchildren, my sister Shellie, and all of my extended family and wonderful close friends.



Judy Swadron

* Favorite part of being a Sisterhood Board Member: I enjoy the friendship of my fellow Sisterhood ladies and formulating plans to help TBZ.

* First job: Secretary to the Chairman of the Marketing Department at UB.

* I was fortunate to have many dream vacations over the years with my wonderful husband (and sometimes family & friends) but Bermuda was our favorite.

* Favorite food: A good barbecued steak.

* Thing I'm most grateful for, especially in these trying times: The health, love & support from family & friends.



Zoom links are provided in the TBZ weekly email and can be found at www.tbz.org/education/adult-education.

Talmud Talk and More

Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Live via Zoom

All our Judaism, especially Reform Judaism, starts in the Talmud.

Everyone is welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning. All topics open for discussion – Talmud is only the beginning!

Torah Study

Saturday mornings

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Live Via Zoom

TBZ's clergy delve into the week's reading from Torah, the Five Books of Moses. Learned and open-ended, join this group and discuss how our ancient texts continue to bring meaning to our Twenty-First Century lives.

E-mail Rabbi Freirich (rabbi@tbz.org) if you'd like to be included in a weekly e-mail about Jewish Learning.

Religious Leaders Gathered for Peaceful Protest in Downtown Buffalo

VOICE-Buffalo and faith groups held a rally on the steps of Buffalo City Hall on Wednesday, June 3. Approximately 300 people of different faiths and backgrounds gathered to peacefully call for conversation, action and justice, along with demands for change. Among the religious leaders at the rally was Rabbi Jonathan Freirich of Temple Beth Zion who said "We are seeking police reform, protecting police who want reform, and partnership."



Zoom Instructions for Participants

Many of us had never heard of Zoom until a couple of months ago. Zoom has become a highly valued internet tool, enabling us to continue to provide Shabbat Services and other opportunities for learning and interacting. Zoom links to services, Torah Study, and other opportunities are provided in the weekly TBZ email and on the Temple website: www.tbz.org. We hope you find the following instructions and standards for Zoom to be useful.

Before an event:

You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones.

To join a Zoom event:

At the start time of the service or event, click on the link provided on the TBZ website or your weekly email. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.

You may also join a service or event by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided.

To join by phone:

If you prefer to attend via your phone: Dial the teleconferencing number provided for the service or event. Enter the Meeting ID number when prompted using your phone keypad.

Zoom Etiquette

- Please mute your audio unless you are the speaker.
- Unless your appearance or background is distracting, turn on your video. A simple background - plain wall, potted plant, or a bookshelf works perfectly. Position yourself so that light is coming from in front of you (behind the monitor) rather than behind you.
- Look at the camera. This takes a bit of getting used to since you want to look at the other participants faces, but try to look at the camera.
- Adjust your camera if it is too low or high. Your camera should be at eye level.
- If you can, connect to the internet via an ethernet cable. Zoom works well on wireless, but the quality is best on a solid wired internet connection.
- If you can, hold off on eating during the videoconference.
- Even though it's tempting, try not to multitask.
- Try to arrive at the start of the service or event.
- Refrain from private behavior – we can see you!

Day of Prayer & Reflection

A large crowd gathered peacefully for the Day of Prayer & Reflection, held on June 7 in Martin Luther King Park. Representatives and members of Jewish Agencies and Synagogues took part in the Community Prayer for Peace, Power, Policy and Justice. Among the TBZ attendees were Cantor Penny Myers and her family, Rabbi Freirich and his family, and Maddie Weinmann.

Thank you, Amelida Weinmann, for taking and sending us the photos below.



Temple Beth Zion

Our Mission Statement

Temple Beth Zion is a Reform congregation that enriches Jewish lives, promotes Jewish values, strengthens Jewish bonds and fosters lifelong learning. Our congregation celebrates the rich diversity of our Jewish community, preserves sacred traditions while encouraging innovation, and affirms our Judaism through words and deeds.

*Adopted by the congregation
on June 8, 2012*



We're excited to establish a way to access your member account on the new Temple Beth Zion online membership management system powered by ShulCloud. Used by more than 900 congregations, ShulCloud will allow you to easily manage your own account information, register for events, submit donations, and connect with other members who opt-in to the online membership directory.

ShulCloud is designed to provide a secure and private way to view your transaction history and set up one-time or even recurring payments. There is so much you can do!

How to Get Started:

1) On July 6, you should receive an email from kara@tbz.org. Open it and click on the link that is provided. You will automatically be brought to your Member Profile Page. (The email will be sent to all members for whom we have an email address. If you are unsure if we have a current address for you, please email kara@tbz.org.)

2) Create your new personal TBZ member password.

- Note this link will expire after 30 days.

- Your username is your email address.

3) Review and update your personal information and privacy preferences. You can:

Click the [My Profile](#) tile to verify and edit your profile information.

Click the [My Family-Edit](#) tile to verify and edit your family information.

Click the [My Directory Listing](#) tile to verify and edit your display and sharing preferences. The listing includes only your name until and unless you choose otherwise. You will be able to allow other TBZ members the ability to look up your address, phone number, email address...whatever YOU choose.

4) Explore! Click on the "Members" link in the upper right corner to check out your personal dashboard. Upload a photo for your profile. Link a bank account. Submit a donation in honor of a loved one. Have fun!

Shulcloud is an online Congregant directory visible only to other TBZ members. If, when the last TBZ directory was printed in 2012, you selected the option to keep ALL of your information private, your name will not be visible to other congregants. We encourage you to access your account on July 6 and update your information. If you do not have computer access and would like to verify that your information is current, you can call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565.



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Established to enable Irv's legacy of anonymous giving to continue. Donations will be used to provide financial support to families or individuals who are in great need due to unforeseen circumstances, such as sickness, death, or job loss.

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TOWN SQUARE FOOD PANTRY

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Donations

We've had a number of questions regarding donations, given that our office has been closed.

The staff of TBZ remains on the job. This includes, but is not limited to, collecting the mail and processing items that come in the mail and online. Donations and dues payments continue to be handled in a very timely manner. Please do not hesitate to send donations to honor an anniversary, birthday, recovery, kindness or other simcha or mitzvah, the honoree(s) will receive notification of your gift.

If you prefer to mail donations and dues payments, they can be mailed to: Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14226. You can also make secure online donations by clicking on the "Giving" tab at www.tbz.org.

If you have questions and prefer to speak with someone, call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message and your call will be returned.

COVID-19 Resources

Below is a list of just some of the many resources available. If you have a need that does not fit one of the organizations or descriptions below, please call the Temple office at (716) 836-6565 and leave a message or contact a member of the staff directly using the email addresses provided on page 2.

- * **Crisis Services:**
24-hour Hotline 834-3131
Addiction Hotline 716-831-7007
Kid's Helpline 716-834-1144
- * **JDC for Kosher Meals-on-Wheels:**
639-7600
- * **Erie County Department of Health:**
858-7690
- * **Erie County Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline:**
1 (888) 364-3065
- * **Jewish Federation:**
www.buffalojewishfederation.org
- * **Hillel at Home:** https://welcome.hillel.org/hillelathome/
- * **Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association:** Offering interest-free, confidential loans to those with a need, especially recognizing the financial hardship brought about by COVID-19. Email info@wnyhbla.org or call (716) 204-0542 for more information.

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We offer our condolences to the families of:

Bertha Ader
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 Eda Weiss



2020 Summer Celebration Cancelled

It is with great regret that we have decided to cancel the August 3, 2020 Summer Celebration/Golf Tournament/Wine Tour. The health and safety of our participants, volunteers and staff are of the utmost importance to the members of Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and Buffalo Jewish Federation. Additionally, it has become clear over the past several weeks that there are too many roadblocks to providing a good experience and the community togetherness that our event is known for. We'll be back bigger and better on **August 2, 2021**, so mark your calendar now.

In the meantime, we hope that you and all those you care about are well and that we see each other soon.

Kenneth Polk Tom Lansing Rob Goldberg



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