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Temple Beth Tzedek Membership Committee's

Drive Up Event!

Sunday October 15, 2023 11 AM - 1 PM

Mahzor Return!

Now is the time to bring back the books you borrowed for the High Holidays!



Vaccination Clinic

Staffed by our own Marcia Goldstein, Rite Aid Pharmacist

Flu RSV Covid (the latest one)

Let Marcia know which one, two, or even all three you wish to receive by emailing her at cappuccinomarcia@gmail.com or by calling 716-432-2963.

Please bring all insurance cards when you come!



Please bring donations to support JFS's Resettlement Program.



New Linen & Other Household Supplies: bath towels and wash cloths, comforters, sheets, pillowcases (twin, full, or queen sized), and seasonal blankets.

Notebooks, pens and pencils (one new set, and a cheap composition book or legal pad from the dollar store is fine)

Shower Curtain and Shower Liners, and Hooks (new)

Hangers for Closets (new)



Cleaning Supplies (everything should be new and in original packaging—Dollar Stores are great for some of these items.

Multiples of cleaning items like liquid all-purpose cleaner and dish soap or sponges are most welcome!)

And so much more! See a full list of needed items at <https://bit.ly/3RteYQv>



Healing Service

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM
beginning Wednesday, October 11

We will recite the daily prayer service,
followed by Psalms and Prayers for Healing
for ourselves and for loved ones in need of healing.

For more information call Rabbi Rich at 716-838-3232
or email rabbirich@btzbuffalo.org

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Service times

WEEKDAY

Sunday Shaharit 8:30 am
Mon-Fri Shaharit 7:30 am
Daily Minha/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm

SHABBAT

Kabbalat Shabbat 6 pm
Shaharit 9:30 am

GATHERING TIMES FOR MA'ARIV & HAVDALAH

October 7 7:30 PM
October 14 7:20 PM
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October 28 6:55 PM

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Temple Beth Tzedek customarily honors two distinguished members with special Aliyot during the morning service for Simchat Torah, this year on Sunday, October 8th.

This year, we honor Steve Jacobs as Chatan Torah (bridegroom of the Torah, for the Aliyah of completing the reading of the Torah) and Myra Werbow as Kallah B'reishit (bride of B'reishit, for the Aliyah of renewing the reading of the Torah with the book of B'reishit/Genesis).

Steve Jacobs is a native Buffalonian married to Sharon Malek. They live in Williamsville where their three children were born and raised. Steve is graduate of Bennett High School and the University at Buffalo. He has been an active member of Temple Beth El, Temple Shaarey Zedek, and Temple Beth Tzedek, serving as a committee member, board member, and an officer. In addition he has served as one of the Shabbat Honors Coordinators for many years and as an occasional davener at daily minyan. He is a past recipient of the Buffalo Jewish Federation Young Leadership Award and he was a long-term board member at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo. Steve is employed by Lawley LLC as an insurance advisor. Steve was an instructor at Erie Community College teaching insurance pre-licensing courses. He has given 866 units of blood to the



American Red Cross as a platelet donor. Steve enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, playing tennis, and attending baseball games.

Myra Werbow was born in New York City and grew up in Richmond, Virginia. She was educated at Virginia Tech. Myra married Allan Werbow, z'l, who would become Executive Director of Temple Shaarey Zedek and of Temple Beth Tzedek. Myra and Allan moved to Buffalo in 1966 and rapidly made temple life a pillar of their lives. With their three sons. Myra spent many years as advisor to our youth programs, USY, pre-USY and Machar. She has served on committees including Adult Education co-chairperson, Sisterhood/Women's Network including being VP, Gift Shop, Catering, and many others. Myra is a regular presence at Shabbat and holiday services and at daily minyan.



Sunday, October 8, 2023
Simchat Torah Youth Service:



9:00 Pre-Program Breakfast: Cereal Bar!
Mix your own bowl with cereal and add-ins!

9:30 Simchat Torah Activities and Songs

10:30 Join in the sanctuary service for Simchat Torah dancing
RSVPs help us plan - Please email youthed@btzbuffalo.org



Where can you get the best gifts for the best prices?

Well, at the Women's Network Judaica Shop, of COURSE! We have the following:



- A) New merchandise just arrived for the new year!
- B) Best prices and
- C) A SALE!



Oh yes, this sale is for 20% off all merchandise. (Sale excludes Kosher Parchments)

Gifts for everyone and for all occasions.



Call for appointment:

Carolyn 716-818-8637

Myra 716-839-0962

Linda 716-400-5394

We are extending our sale until Friday October 20, 2023!



We are looking forward to serving you.

Happy Sukkot from Carolyn Myra, and Linda!



**ADULT
LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES**

Jewish Choices in Eating

Sundays 4:45-6:00, October 22, 29, November 5, 12
In person at Temple Beth Tzedek

This class will explore traditional Jewish dietary law as well as contemporary issues related to kashrut in the synagogue and the home.



Lunchtime Torah Express

Weekly on Tuesdays, 12:00-12:30,
beginning Tuesday, October 17

On Zoom – one-time pre-registration is required
at: www.bit.ly/tbtexpress

Bring your favorite Torah commentary as we study
the weekly parsha together.

**CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS
HOLIDAY OF SUKKOT**

Shake a lulav! Smell an etrog!



Temple Beth Tzedek Kesher
Inclusion Outstretched Arm will be
hosting a Sukkot Celebration on
Wednesday afternoon, October 4, 2023.
Join us from 4:30 until 6:00 PM in person at TBT or on
Zoom for special holiday experiences led by Rabbi Sara
Rich, followed by a festive dinner in the Sukkah -
weather permitting, (or the TBT Social Hall), Klezmer
music and an opportunity to visit with friends.
Everyone is invited to stay for evening services at
TBT at 6:00 PM.

Kesher Outstretched Arm activities are intended to
ensure that people of all abilities have opportunities to
participate in our beloved Jewish traditions.

For more information, Contact TBT at
716-838-3232 or Sharla at 716-207-1104.

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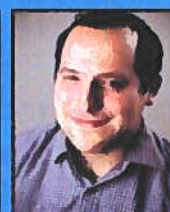


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Everyone is invited to enjoy an instrumental musical performance by local musicians Moshe and Miranda Shulman, followed by an hour of laughs with comedian Eli Lebowicz! Fresh from performing at the Chosen Comedy Festival this summer, Eli has been performing his brand of very Jewish comedy in communities all over North America.

Children ages 3 to 7 will enjoy organized activities during the comedy hour.
Pre-registration is required, and space is limited.

Sunday, October 29 | 1:00 PM
Temple Beth Tzedek Social Hall
1641 N. Forest Rd, Williamsville, NY 14221



Pre-Sale Tickets | Individual \$15/Families \$54
Tickets at Door | Individual \$18/Families \$60

or visit: <https://bit.ly/MusicandComedyJCC>

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From The Rabbi

The joyful season of Sukkot is upon us. As commanded in the Torah, we construct sukkot, temporary dwellings, and spend meaningful time in these sukkot throughout the week.

Leviticus 23:42-43 tells us, “You shall live in booths seven days...in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

The Talmud raises an important question: If we observe this holiday because the Israelites dwelled in sukkot after leaving Egypt, then why do we celebrate Pesach in the spring and Sukkot in the fall? Why isn't Sukkot observed the week following Pesach?

Rabbi Hama ben Rabbi Hanina answers this challenge with a story. Two merchants enter a province at the same time. They soon learned of one another, and realized that their businesses would be in competition with one another. One came to the other to discuss a solution, and offered the following proposal: “If both of us open together in the province, we will bring down prices. Rather, you open for one week and I will open for one week.” By alternating weeks of doing business, each could maximize their profit without competition.

Similarly, if the two holidays were so close together, they would be in competition with one another. There would be no way we would have the endurance to celebrate both with full fervor. Instead, the Torah spaces them apart from one another, so that we can fully focus during the springtime on the miracles of the Exodus, and in the fall we can devote ourselves to celebrating the seasonal harvest and the shelter God provided for us in the desert.

Even joy can be exhausting! Although coming almost directly from Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur into Sukkot can feel like a marathon, we should reset our minds and hearts to the meaning of Sukkot, and bring all of our joyful energy into celebrating this holiday.

I look forward to seeing you in the sukkah at Temple Beth Tzedek during Shabbat and Yom Tov, throughout the week of Sukkot, and especially at the Outstretched Arm program on October 4th. Wishing you a Chag Sukkot Sameach!

Rabbi Sara Rich



VIDEO Yahrzeit Board

As many of you know, we have a video yahrzeit board that displays the virtual plaques the week of the yahrzeit. If you would like to purchase a physical memorial tablet to be placed on the wall in the courtyard (along with the virtual plaque on our video board) the cost is \$600. What you may not know is that you have the capability of adding a short biography about your loved one and a picture. This can be accessed through the search function on the board or through the link on our website and weekly announcements email. It also will be displayed automatically the week of the yahrzeit, along with the virtual plaque. The cost for the biography and picture is \$180. For more information on ordering or information on how to see a sample of this, please contact Andy Gewurz at 716-390-2883 or Kim Jones in the synagogue office at 716-838-3232.



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Linda 716-400-5394 or
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Returnable bottles and cans, oh my!

Did you know that we have a Temple Beth Tzedek account at Millersport Recycling Bottle and Can Redemption Center? Those nickels add up to help with funding our youth programming. After our recent drive-up event, we collected over 1000 bottles and cans to return.



The Millersport Recycling building is on Millersport Road, corner of North Westfield, in the Grover Cleveland Plaza, one building down from Natalie's Restaurant.

Millersport Recycling accepts all bottles and cans, not just certain brand name bottles and cans. No need to run from store to store to make your returns. Millersport Recycling gives not for profits an extra 1% to the dollar amount from bottles and cans that are turned in.

If you return your own bottles and cans to Millersport Recycling, ask that they credit the Temple Beth Tzedek account. Need a pick up? Contact Steve Lippa.

From The Women's Network

As we have learned, the middle of Elul is the season when David has the husband of Bathsheba killed so that he can marry her himself. David hopes this surreptitious murder will conceal the fact that he impregnated Bathsheba while she was married. Nathan the prophet predicts that the Devine will punish David for his actions by killing Bathsheba's child. The bible focuses on David's regret and grief during these events. However, the midrashoth Savina Tubal raises different questions. She imagines Bathsheba was raped and that the King forced both the death of her husband and a marriage on her. How is the death of Bathsheba's child a just act? Are we to imagine a loving and righteous deity imposing such a brutal and unfair penalty.

The arrival of the High Holy days brings up our feelings about the notion of the Divine as judge. Like Bathsheba, we may reject the thought that we are judged and punished at this season. Yet we still may be able to find the new year a period of reflection and increased awareness of how we act in this world. Like Bathsheba, we may use the new year to speak our truth about what offends our sense of justice. G'mar Chatimah Tovah.

Join us for an interesting presentation given by Linda D. Pollack entitled "You Never Know What's Coming, Do You! Buffalo's Not for Profit Sector: A Volunteer's Perspective" Breakfast will be served. Cost \$12.00. Contact Linda Barat, Chairperson, for reservations. November Program: Chair Pam Buyer "Create Your Own Succulent Garden, November 7th at 1:00pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Our fundraising committee met, and chose these projects for the coming year. A Broadway melody concert, chaired by Penny Myers. A thanksgiving pie bake, co-chaired by Helen Weinstein and Pam Cohen. A deli-night with movie, co-chaired by Leona Spindler and Myra Werbow. And a Purim spiel, co-chaired by Rachel Anderson and Rochelle Sanders.

We have two other ideas on our list which we need volunteers to chair, Sistergrams and Pesach Candy. Please let me know if you are willing to chair one of these events. We will also have a raffle of a hand knitted sweater, tickets \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. If you are available to help with any of these projects, please contact the chairpersons. We definitely need your help.

Rachel Anderson President

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In memory of Karla Wiseman
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From the President

President's Message delivered as the High Holiday Appeal 2023:

Here I am again, as I mentioned last year, outside my comfort zone, asking for donations to the High Holiday appeal. It is not something I am comfortable doing, but as it is the responsibility of the president, here I am. *Hineni!* Last year I shared with you stories of my father, his love for trees, and some of the lessons he taught me of planning and planting for the future.

This year, let me tell you about my mother, Rebecca Seeder Seligman. She was born in a small village in Poland. Sokolko became one of the many ghettos that would be created and then destroyed by the Nazis. She was the third of four children, the only girl. Her parents, Elijah and Zipporah, were an arranged marriage. He was a Talmudic scholar, brilliant but poor. She was the daughter of an affluent family who ran a confectionary store. It was a perfect match!

As the family legends go, Grandpa went to shul every day to study and pray, and Grandma worked in the family store. That was until the Cossacks rode into town and burned the house where they lived to the ground. My grandfather was injured, and, when well enough to travel, heeding the threats that the next time it would be worse, he left for America. Zipporah and the four children remained behind until they could join Elijah in America. That separation lasted about 7 years. When it was finally time to leave Poland, my grandmother's sisters, Liba and Golda, offered to keep the two younger children to save my grandmother an arduous trip with four children in tow. But Zipporah was determined to reunite her family. That's a good thing or I would not be here, telling this story. At some point the exchange of letters with Zipporah's sisters stopped and my Hebrew name (all right, it's really Yiddish) is Liba Golda to honor their memories.

Once Zipporah and her children got off the boat in New York, they found they faced a long train ride to Chicago to meet Elijah, who was living with his sister, Cranie. They had no idea just how far apart those cities were. Once in Chicago, Zipporah enrolled her younger children in school. At age 12, my mother was placed in kindergarten because, although fluent in Yiddish, Polish and Russian, she spoke no English. Determined to get out of the humiliating experience, she learned English in a hurry. She mastered proper grammar and, to me, spoke without an accent. Larry tells me that isn't exactly true, she had an inflection and some odd sentence structures that were a giveaway that English was not her native tongue.

Determination became the hallmark of Rebecca's spirit. My brother, sister, and I were taught to solve problems, not wallow in them. When my second-grade sister forgot to walk kindergartener-me home for lunch one October day, the principal called my mom to come rescue me. Ruthie wasn't in trouble for neglecting me. I was told that I was old enough to walk by myself. (Remember it was a different era and children roamed freely.) Mom and I spent the afternoon practicing various routes to walk home. My mom stressed the need to learn independence, even from my big sister. We were taught self-reliance so much so, that once when my brother broke his finger playing baseball, he splinted it himself. Our parents did notice the popsicle sticks and gauze and he did get proper medical attention.

My brother, my sister, and I used to joke that if you looked up the word 'stubborn' in the dictionary, the definition would be Rebecca Seligman. She was stoic, rarely complained, and found ways to surmount her problems. As her vision was failing and her children were conspiring to take away her car, she enrolled herself in a two week course at the Michigan School for the Blind, wanting to learn some life skills while she still had some vision.

She had some expressions that are mini lessons in life.

- ◇ Do a favor before you ask a favor.
- ◇ Don't be jealous of those who have more; there are many who have less.
- ◇ Vote in every election. It's a privilege of citizenship.

How do these lessons correlate to Temple Beth Tzedek?

Do a favor to help a fellow congregant by offering a ride to shul or making a friendly phone call. Be kind. One day that good deed might be reciprocated.

Don't be jealous of those who have more. Be as generous as you can be within your own budget. It doesn't matter what someone else gives; are you doing your best to support the shul?

We read in Exodus 25: The Lord spoke to Moses, saying "Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts, you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him. And these are the gifts you shall accept from them: gold, silver, and copper; blue, purple, and crimson yarns, fine linen, goats' hair, tanned ram skins, dolphin skins, etc., etc.

We at Temple Beth Tzedek have no real use for goats' hair or dolphin skin (and how was one to get dolphin skin during desert wanderings? – but that's another topic, not for today). We can, however, make good use of modern-day gold and silver. Just as the Israelites gave willingly from their hearts, we ask you to do the same. We rely on your generosity to be able to offer our services and programming. The Lord told Moses to accept these gifts to build a *mishkan* – a sanctuary. We've built a sanctuary. Now we need to support it. One lesson gleaned from this Torah story is that when we act with generosity, G-d will dwell among us.

"Vote in every election" can be interpreted as participate in the community. Join a committee. Come to services and events. Your presence matters. A gift to the Life and Legacy campaign would be your vote to ensure Temple Beth Tzedek's future. A generous gift today helps keep our doors open.

Today I ask you to be as generous as you can be in your high holiday pledge. At Temple Beth Tzedek, we abandoned the traditional dues structure and use a pledge system, allowing congregants to pick their own level of giving. Are you doing your best within your own budget? Our finance committee worries about our future. We should all be concerned. We need everyone to do their best. One hundred percent participation would be wonderful, whether your gift be large or small. Do your best. Your gift from the heart. You can fold down a tab on your Rosh HaShana ticket indicating that you support this congregation. This is your vote that Temple Beth Tzedek is worthy of your consideration. Our programs and services rely on the generosity of our congregants.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as president of Temple Beth Tzedek. It takes all of us to help our congregation grow and prosper. To those who have made High Holiday pledges already and to those who are in a Giving Circle, thank you. Please join them and be as generous as possible.

L'Shanna tova! May we all be blessed with a year of health and happiness.

Linda Boxer

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From the Brotherhood

Shana Tova from TBT Brotherhood!

It's the start of another year, and the guys are gearing up for a lot of fun, friendship, camaraderie and ruach! So we want you to be part of it, too. What does that mean? Well, let's look back at what we did last year.

We enjoyed Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah. We hiked the Eternal Flame trail at Chestnut Ridge in Orchard Park. We dined on Latkes & Lomein last December. We spent a Sunday afternoon shooting pool at Bison Billiards. We celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut in style in May with a special guest. We honored our beloved Cantor, Mark Spindler, with a special brunch in early August as our Man of the Year. And we ate hotdogs, baked beans and potato salad at Sahlen Field before the Bisons took the bases.

We also maintained our tradition of teaching the mitzvah of tefillin to our youth through the World Wide Wrap, led Shabbat morning services, and continued our support of the Abayudaya Jewish community in Uganda, working with the Buffalo Jewish Federation to send \$7,500 in support of their new poultry farm.

All that, and a lot of smiling and laughing along the way. Because that's our purpose – to engage Jewish men in Jewish life, to strengthen our congregation and community, to support our members and their families, to reach out to the young and the unaffiliated, and to have a great time doing it all.

In fact, we had such a terrific time last year, and accomplished so much, that we were even honored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for our efforts and the quality of our programming.

So we're going to do it again! And for membership dues of only \$30 for the year, you can be part of the action, because while we love and welcome everyone, you have to be a member for some of it.

Sign up now for our membership drive, we hope that you did and joined us for our Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah again, on Oct. 2. We pulled out the grills and put our culinary talents to the test while imbibing samples of some adult beverages. (Don't worry. No GWI here – we grill first, drink second.)

Plus, there's more to come, like a Veterans brunch in November, a Chanukah Shabbat dinner in December and some Asian delicacy in January, a special brunch and guest speaker in February in collaboration with Women's Network, the World Wide Wrap and Men's Club Shabbat, and much more.

In fact, while we have so many ideas, we want to know what you want to do, because we want this to be your Brotherhood. This isn't the Men's Club of the past; this is the Men's Club of the future. And if you're not already part of it, ask yourself why not? So hop on the bandwagon and come along for the ride.

Want to learn more? Call me at (716)430-5838 or email me at tbtmensclub613@gmail.com.

See you in shul.

Jonathan Epstein

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 3 PM

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**Mazel
Tov**

**Kim & Rich Jones on the engagement
of their son, Ron to Emma Catipovic**

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marriage of their son**

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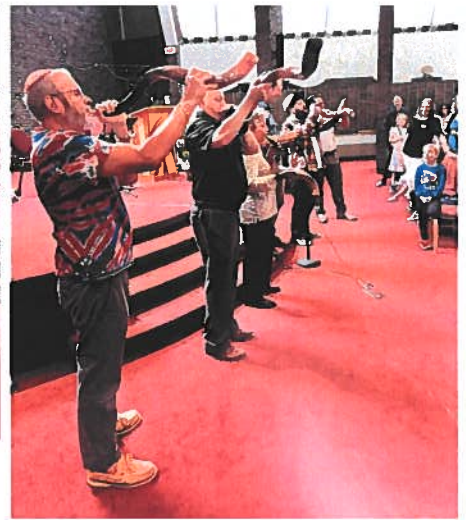
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Mah Koreh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

From the desk of Einav Symons

It certainly was a blast on the first day of school, not just that of the shofar!

Students learned about honey production from a professional apiary, along with blessings for apples and honey. The students wrote great acrostic poems for the words S-O-R-R-Y and T-E-S-H-U-V-A. Younger students enjoyed learning about the story of Jonah from Gail Lewis's amazing puppet show! Making sukkah decorations for TBT, TBZ and CSS while learning about Hiddur Mitzvah was the focus in the Succot rotation. Finally, the students explored the Torah in the sanctuary with Rabbis Guttman, Alex and Rich. The morning culminated with the sounds of the shofar as we all prepared to usher in the new year.

This year, parents participated in a getting-to-know-you activity with other parents. This opportunity was so successful that parents stayed to schmooze until the end of Religious School and even asked for more opportunities like this in the future! On October 8th, the whole school is invited to participate in a Simchat Torah program at TBT at 9:30 AM. Regular classes will resume at CSS on October 15th, with a meet-the-teacher opportunity for parents. Ganainu will meet on October 22nd, along with a Kg/1st Family program. The 2nd grade family program will take place on October 29th.

This year, Rabbis Gutmann, Alex and Rich will be teaching in the grades 6-7 classes and focus their teaching on current Jewish perspectives to ethical dilemmas. The first Friday night service for CRS will take place at Congregation Shir Shalom on October 27th at 7 PM.

CRS is an inclusive, pluralistic Community Religious School that inspires Jewish identity, literacy, and values. Our Rabbis, educators and role models foster an environment where leadership, lifelong friendships and family connections thrive. The Community Religious School serves the students of Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and unaffiliated families. One community, one community school. CRS provides engaging curriculum which includes holidays, Israel, Torah, ethics/values, life cycle, history, food/cooking, art, and music. The Hebrew curriculum is taught as private, remote lessons to students from 1st through 7th grade. Hebrew is reinforced during in class T'fillah time on Sundays. Our amazing madrichim (grades 8-12) serve as role-models and are an integral component of CRS. Family programs are scheduled for each grade to follow this year's theme of M'dor L'dor. Please check out our website www.crsbuffalo.com for registration and updates.

For more information on our academic program for students Pre-K through 7th, our Madrichim program for 8th-12th graders, or to become a supporter, please contact Einav Symons, the CRS Director at 716-574-6016.



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Families of K and 1st grade students, please RSVP to youthed@btzbuffalo.org

TORAH TALK

Join us as we explore Torah and Jewish prayer through the arts, creative movement, games, and student-led discussions.

September: 12, 19, 26
October: 3, 10, 17
November: 7, 14, 28
December: 5, 12, 19
January: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
February: 6, 13, 27
March: 5, 12, 19, 26
April: 9, 16
May: 7, 14, 21, 28
June: 4

Tuesdays
K-1: 3:15-4:30 PM
at Park School
2-4 Grade: 5:00-6:15 PM
at Temple Beth Tzedek
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Dinner will be served at TBT after 2-4 Grade Program
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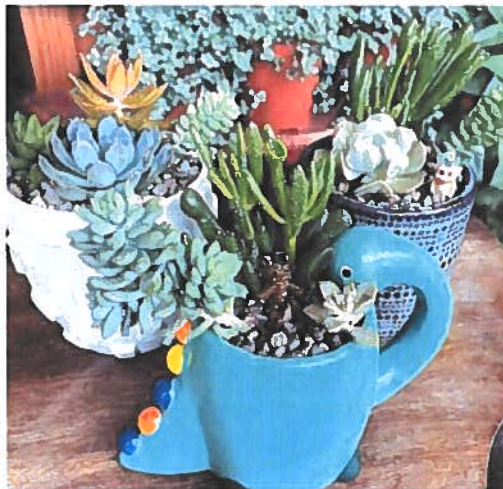
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An Invitation Just For You!

WOMEN'S NETWORK of Temple Beth Zedek
Invites YOU to a program to

"Create Your Own Succulent Garden"

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 1:00pm In TBT Social Hall



STAFF FROM:
Life is Succulent garden shop
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plant related items) will bring
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very own creation

PRICE FOR PROGRAM:
\$40.00 for WN Members
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Includes: 2—4 succulents, soil,
rocks and assorted pottery.

Light refreshments will be
available throughout the
afternoon.

RSVP is a must by
October 26th, 2023

(walk ins on the day of program
can not be accommodated)

Checks are be made out to: WN
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And mailed to: Chairperson of
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Olney Drive West, Amherst, NY
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We're happy to announce that you can now log in to your account on our website. To login for the first time and set up your account, go to btzbuffalo.org and click on the log in button in the top right corner then click on forgot password. Follow the instructions from that point on.

If you have open charges on your account, you can make a credit card payment or make additional donations.



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Thank you very much for your efforts. Thank you for asking your friends and neighbors to assist in this wonderful program.



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Contact Beth Kassirer

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October Calendar

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 16 Tishrei Sukkot 9:15-11 AM TBZ Mazel Tots	2 17 Tishrei 6:30 PM Brotherhood Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah	3 18 Tishrei 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:30 Ritual	4 19 Tishrei 4:30-6 PM Outreached Arm Sukkot Program	5 20 Tishrei	6 21 Tishrei	7 22 Tishrei
8 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah CRS at TBT	9 24 Tishrei	10 25 Tishrei 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:00 PM Board	11 26 Tishrei 7:00 PM Membership	12 27 Tishrei 7:00 PM Keshet	13 28 Tishrei	14 29 Tishrei
15 30 Tishrei 11 AM - 1 PM Drive Up Mahzor Return/Donations/ Vaccination Clinic	16 1 Cheshvan	17 2 Cheshvan 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express	18 3 Cheshvan 7:00 PM Finance	19 4 Cheshvan 1-2 PM Babies & Books 7:30 PM Adult Ed	20 5 Cheshvan	21 6 Cheshvan Lifelong Learning Mavdalah
22 7 Cheshvan 9:15-10:45 AM Ganeinu 10:30 AM Sisterhood Program 4:45-6 PM Jewish Eating Choices	23 8 Cheshvan	24 9 Cheshvan 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board on Zoom 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express	25 10 Cheshvan 7:30 pm House	26 11 Cheshvan	27 12 Cheshvan	28 13 Cheshvan
29 14 Cheshvan 9:30 - 11 AM Mishpacha 1:00 PM Fred Sales Program 4:45-6 PM Jewish Eating Choices	30 15 Cheshvan	31 16 Cheshvan 7:00 PM Officers 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express				