

Temple Beth Tzedek customarily honors two distinguished members with special Aliyot during the morning service for Simchat Torah, this year on Sunday, October 8. 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 officer. In addition, he has served as one of the Shabbat Honors Coordinator 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 Adviser. Steve was an instructor at Erie Community College teaching insurance prelicensing courses. He has given 866 units of blood to the American Red Cross as a platelet donor. In his free time, 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. Educated at Virginia Tech, she married Allen Werbow, z'l, (who would become Executive Director of Temple Shaarey Zedek and of Temple Beth Tzedek). Myra and Allen moved to Buffalo in 1966 and rapidly made Temple life a pillar of their lives, together with their three sons. Myra spent many years as advisor to our youth programs (USY, pre-USY, Machar). She has served on committees including Adult Education (including co-chairing), 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.