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From The Rabbi

This year's timing of Cheshvan in late October and November is perfect. The Jewish month of Cheshvan is also referred to as "Mar Cheshvan," or "bitter Cheshvan," because it is the one month in our calendar that has no holidays. However, this year, Cheshvan overlaps with the secular time of preparing for Thanksgiving in the United States. We have the opportunity to focus on the primary message of Thanksgiving: Gratitude.

Gratitude is found throughout Jewish sources. We have biblical stories of characters expressing their gratitude to God, like when Leah gives birth to Yehudah, whose name contains the root *יָדָה* which means "to thank." We are commanded to offer sacrifices in thankfulness, and our book of Psalms contain many songs of gratitude (*Hodo l'hashem ki tov*, Give thanks, for God is good).

As it seems our natural inclination as humans is to focus on our problems and deficiencies, gratitude is a practice that we must engage in with intention. Prayer is one way to infuse gratitude into our lives. We start our morning with a prayer, "Modeh Ani l'fanecha," a simple line of thankfulness that we are waking up to a new day. There are many other prayers and Psalms of gratitude in our services, and blessings we can recite throughout the day. Others keep a gratitude journal where they record the highlights of their day, as a reminder to see the good in life among the other challenges that a day can bring.

I hope that your month offers many opportunities for you to find gratitude and to appreciate the many blessings in our lives. I am grateful to each of you for being who you are, and for your dedication to our sacred community. I hope you enjoy this poem about gratitude by Rabbi Rami Shapiro.

Minyan by Rabbi Rami Shapiro

*Spirituality is living with attention.
Living with attention leads me to thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving is the response I have
To the great debt I accrue with each breath I take.
Attending to the everyday miracles of ordinary living
I am aware of the interconnectedness of all things.
I cannot be without you.
This cannot be without that.
All cannot be without each.
And each cannot be without every.
Thanksgiving is not for anything,
It is from everything.
May I cultivate the attention
to allow the thanks that is life
to inform the dance that is living.*

Rabbi Sara Rich



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Every year the Torah Fund Cabinet picks a theme for the next year so it was over a year ago that this year's theme was chosen: Kol Yisrael Averim Ze ba'Zeh, All Israel is responsible for one another. This theme was chosen before Hamas attacked Israel and destroyed our peace of mind. More than ever, we need to educate our future rabbis, cantors, educators and scholars. Donations, large and small, are welcome.

Contact Linda Steinhorn or Linda Boxer if you have questions.

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.

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From the President

Everything is taking longer these days. It's not because there is less sunlight each day. It's not because the weather grows cooler. It is because every phone call, email, text, class, meeting, trip to the grocery store requires that we first check in with one another. Who do you know in Israel? Are you okay? Are you remembering to turn off the news and take time for yourself? We all feel the pain of what has transpired. We all hope that the hostages will be returned safely. We all agree that Israel would never bomb a hospital even when others said they did. We need to talk with one another; be with one another.

Join us for services. Rabbi Rich has added prayers for Israel and prayers for peace. We've prayed for the IDF and for the captives. When we are together, we are stronger. Come to Shabbat services. Come to daily minyan. Come to the Healing Service on Wednesdays after evening minyan. We don't have to be alone in our worry and our grief. Together we can share the pain.

Are you worried about safety? It is always a concern. The Amherst Police Department, The Erie County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police are aware of our fears and have all provided extra patrols. We've had police cars driving by more frequently and even sitting in our parking lot when we are open. On Shabbat we have our guards. We are keeping doors locked as much as possible. While there is never a guarantee that nothing will happen, we strive to follow the guidelines of the Secure Community Network. Remember this: If we close our doors, they win. We should not allow their hatred to keep us from celebrating our Judaism.

Rabbi Rich and I have been compiling a list of our congregants who have loved ones in Israel. She will begin, and hopes to find helpers, to make calls to check in. Can you help make a call or two each week? We are looking to bring in our partners from JFS to help us learn how to go about this task in the best possible way. Let me know if you are willing to help.

In the same vein, we have a very long Bikur Cholim list. Our Keshet Committee and Rabbi Rich are working together to be sure our congregants are called regularly. Would you be willing to help make some of those calls? The only requirements are a telephone and a willing ear.

As our partnership with Jewish Family Services (JFS) continues, Jamie Goodwin will be our on-site person. She and Matt Stewart can help with life's issues like completing insurance applications, finding competent aides, counseling to help us cope. It's all confidential so we don't know who has been helped, but we do know this partnership has become a vital part of our community.

It's not too late to donate to the High Holiday Appeal. It's not too late to buy an Israeli Bond to support that appeal. Contact the office if you wish to contribute.

Our doors are open. Our services and activities continue. Look at the pages of this issue of the Shofar. Check the website. Take a Shabbat flyer each week. Sign up for programs and classes. Let's be together.

Am Yisrael Chai.

Linda Boxer, President

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From the Men's Club

Brothers and Sisters:

The horrifying news to which we awoke on October 7, when we learned of the unprovoked terrorist attacks on Israel, is still reverberating around the world. More than 1,400 Israelis slaughtered, more than 200 people kidnapped. Babies killed, soldiers beheaded, women violated. Innocent lives taken in unspeakable acts of brutality. A horrific loss for Jews not seen since the Holocaust. And while most people around the world have reacted in outrage and solidarity with us, there are still those who would condone, defend, or even encourage such atrocities. They must not be tolerated.

But we must also take care of ourselves. We are all in mourning, and we are all experiencing sadness, anger, fear and a host of other emotions. There is a natural reaction to recoil, to pull back, even to hide and conceal our Jewish identity at a time like this. But that is exactly the opposite of what we must do.

Instead, we must stand tall and stand proud, asserting who we are, and not allowing ourselves to be deterred or intimidated. We must speak out and defend each other. We must unite. We must demand action. We must support each other. And we must be together.

This is a time when it is so important to come to shul and to gather for events, in defiance of those who would want to weaken us. It is a time to wear our Jewish identity with pride, and to be strong in our solidarity with Israel and with one another.

Your Temple Beth Tzedek Men's Club is here to support you, to be with you, and to bring us all together. We had a wonderful gathering before the attacks, when we enjoyed our annual Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah on October 2. And then we met up with our brethren from Rochester and Pittsburgh for a BBQ at Presque Isle State Park in Erie, PA on October 22.

This month, we'll be hosting a special Veterans Day Sunday brunch program on November 12 with a guest speaker, Rabbi Sean Gorman. He will be talking about his experiences as a military chaplain in the U.S. Navy. Rabbi Gorman is currently the executive director of the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism and MERCAZ-Canada. Rabbi Gorman is also a close friend of our member Scott Herman, so our thanks go to Scott for organizing this event. We'll be joining Sunday morning minyan 8:30 AM, followed by our brunch program at 9:30 AM. Please join us.

And keep an eye out for other events and opportunities coming up. The Men's Club is here for you. We hope you'll be a part of our efforts. Membership is only \$30 for the year. Please contact me for more information.

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Mah Koreh B'CRS? (What's Happening at CRS)

From Einav Symons

The Community Religious School is a bustling location every Sunday morning! With a later start to the school year due to the Holidays, the staff and students have already solidified a great routine! In October, CRS celebrated Simchat Torah at Temple Beth Tzedek. The grades six and seven students have been studying with Rabbi Rich and exploring issues surrounding disagreements and debates, as well as exploring ethical issues in a session called "Is it OK to eat meat?". Rabbi Gutmann will be teaching in November classes on Cyber bullying and lead a session called "Unplug or Plug In?". In October, students and parents in grades K-2 participated in family programming and in November, the 5th and 3rd grade students will explore our theme for the year M'dor L'dor together with their family. Our first CRS Friday night service took place at Congregation Shir Shalom. How wonderful it was to welcome the Shabbat together! On November 12th, CRS students and parents will have an opportunity to visit the Cofeld Judaic Museum at Temple Beth Zion. Cathy Shuman Miller will lead art sessions for our students in November. This has always been an exciting opportunity for engagement and learning through art. Our youngest students are inspiring in their enthusiasm as they participate with their parents in our Ganainu program for pre-K children with Ashirah Lazarus-Klein.

I would like to thank our staff, madrichim and the education committee for all their support and commitment. A special thank you to CRS Parent Council and Todd Sugarman, CSS President, for bringing into fruition our official CRS fully stocked Kosher kitchen! Just like food and cooking are inseparable from Jewish life, now they will be inseparable from our Jewish learning.

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. Family programs are scheduled for each grade to follow this year's theme of M'dor L'dor.

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. Please check out our website www.crsbuffalo.com to register and for updates.



Hanukkah begins with a program of JEWISH TRIVIA!

Please bring your favorite menorah or dreidel

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2023

Cost: \$18.00

Bagels and Lox Brunch
with Jelly Doughnuts



10AM — NOON
TBT'S
SOCIAL HALL

RSVP BY:

11/15/2023

To: **Marian Lustig**
Chairman

Text/Call:

716-465-2705 or
mblustig@gmail.com

An Invitation Just For You!

WOMEN'S NETWORK of Temple Beth Tzedek
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, a garden shop
(who specialize in succulents and
plant related items) will bring
everything for you to make YOUR
very own creation

PRICE FOR PROGRAM:

\$40.00 for WN Members
\$45.00 for Non—WN Members
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 to be made out to: WN
of Temple Beth Zedek

And mailed to: Chairperson of
the program — Pam Buyer, 31
Olney Drive West, Amherst, NY
14226 By 10/26/2023





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.

PJ Library

**2023-2024
School year**

Mishpacha! (Family)

A fun-filled Jewish
learning experience for
children ages 2-8 and
the ones who love them

**Sunday
mornings**
Temple Beth Tzedek
1641 N. Forest Road
Williamsville
9:30 - 11:00 am

Oct. 29, 2023
Nov. 26, 2023
Dec. 10, 2023
Jan. 28, 2024
Feb. 25, 2024
Mar. 31, 2024
Apr. 28, 2024
May 5, 2024
June 2, 2024

Open to the Community!

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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
\$360/year

Dinner will be served at TBT after 2-4 Grade Program
Register by emailing Zahava at youthed@btzbuffalo.org

TEMPLE BETH TZEDOK

Donations and yahrzeits are always accepted. Please mail them in to the synagogue office, email them to office@btzbuffalo.org or you may call the office at 838-3232. We take checks, cash or credit cards.

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-ACCEPTED-

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btzbuffalo.org**



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DASH'S RECEIPTS FUNDRAISER to BENEFIT WOMEN'S NETWORK

Our Dash's receipt program has emerged as an unqualified success. In case you are unaware of how this amazingly painless fundraiser works- here's the plan. Simply save your Dash's receipts. Turn them into the synagogue office when convenient. We collate them and take them back to Dash's office. They then send us a generous rebate check.

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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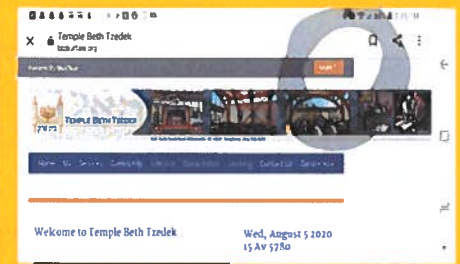
We have several bins in the synagogue by the coat racks for collection of wool socks, food for the needy and items for refugees coming in to our community.

Please remember there are always people in need in our community. We thank you for your help!



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.



THE WORKS OF OUR HANDS—

Ma'asaei Ya'Denu

Come join your friends.
Make new friends.
Experts to beginners – All are welcome. Knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, cross stitch, quilting and even mending!

**Wednesdays,
10 to noon**

Contact Beth Kassirer

(bkassirer@aol.com or
634.1147)



**Join us in person or on
zoom for morning and
evening minyan**

The zoom link for weekday minyan Morning and Evening and Havdalah Saturday night:
<https://zoom.us/j/7316333673>

Meeting ID: 731 633 3673

SHABBAT SERVICES WILL BE ON
TBT LIVESTREAM

[https://player2.streamspot.com/?
playerId=f8214582](https://player2.streamspot.com/?playerId=f8214582)

TEMPLE BETH TZEDEK

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CANDLE LIGHTING MINCHA/HAVDALAH

November 4	6:50pm	November 3	5:47pm
November 11	5:45pm	November 10	4:39pm
November 18	5:35pm	November 17	4:32pm
November 25	5:30pm	November 24	4:27pm
December 2	5:30pm	December 1	4:24pm
December 9	5:30pm	December 8	4:23pm
December 16	5:30pm	December 15	4:23pm

Shofar Ad Space Available

The Shofar reaches over 500 families. An ad in the Shofar is a wonderful way to expand your business footprint. If you would like more information about advertising in the Shofar, please contact Kim in the synagogue office at 838-3232 or kjones@btzbuffalo.org

November Calendar

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 17 cheshvan 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 7:00 PM WVN Board on Zoom	2 18 cheshvan 7:00 PM Finance	3 19 cheshvan	4 20 cheshvan
5 21 cheshvan 9:15-11:00 AM Mazel Tots CRS 4:45-6PM Jewish Eating Choices	6 22 Cheshvan	7 23 cheshvan 1:00 PM WVN Program—succulent garden 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:30 PM Ritual	8 24 Cheshvan 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 7:00PM Membership	9 25 cheshvan 7:00PM Keshet	10 26 cheshvan	11 27 cheshvan
12 28 cheshvan CRS at TBZ 9:30AM Brotherhood Brunch 4:45-6PM Jewish Eating Choices	13 29 cheshvan	14 1 kislev 5-6:15PM Torah Talk 7:00PM Board	15 2 kislev 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express	16 3 kislev 7:30PM Adult Ed	17 4 kislev	18 5 kislev
19 6 kislev 9:15-10:45 AM Ganeinu CRS	20 7 kislev	21 8 kislev	22 9 kislev 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 7:30PM House	23 10 kislev Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 11 kislev Office Closed	25 12 kislev
26 13 kislev 9:30-11AM Mishpacha	27 14 kislev	28 15 kislev 5-6:15PM Torah Talk 7:00PM Officers	29 16 kislev 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express	30 17 kislev 8:00PM Youth Ed		