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February 2024

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The TBT Women's Network & Men's Club
Present A Special Speaker

Dr. Richard S. Laub

Date: Sunday, February 11

Time: 10 AM

Location: Temple Beth Tzedek

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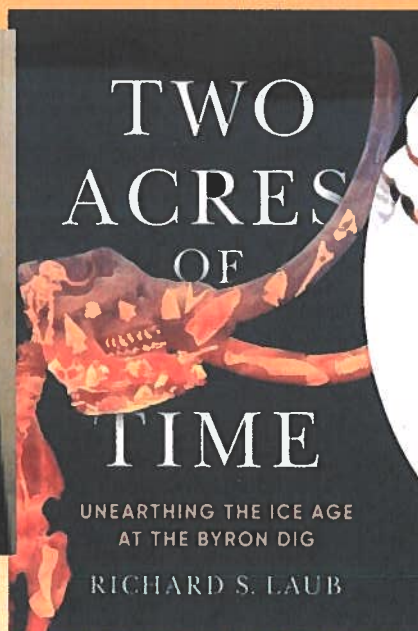
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**Join us for a Sunday brunch of bagels, lox,
pastries, and fruit.**

Richard S. Laub served as Curator of Geology at the Buffalo Museum of Science from 1973 until his retirement in 2011.

For 29 of those years he directed the excavation of the Hiscock Site in northern Genesee County, a site containing fossils and artifacts documenting the past 13,000 years of western New York history. His book, *Two Acres of Time* (Columbia University Press, 2023) recounts the discoveries, interpretations, and challenges of that project.





As a symbol of sweetness and joy at Purim,
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a Mishloach Manot basket.

Opportunities are available to sponsor baskets to
the whole congregation for \$180 or
to specific congregant families for a cost of \$20 for 5 baskets.
Please make donations no later than March 10, 2024.

Forms for this were sent in December.
If you will be out of town or choose not to receive a basket,
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Questions?

Contact Marcia Goldstein at
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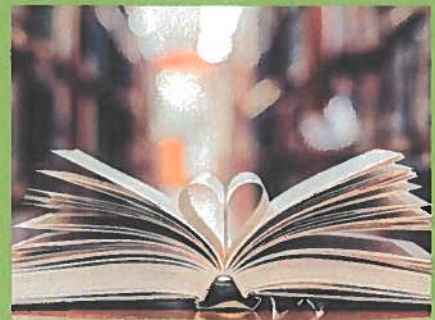
Need a new form?

Contact the TBT office at 716-838-3232.

From the Library

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Service times

WEEKDAY

Sunday Shaharit	8:30 AM
Mon-Fri Shaharit	7:30 AM
Daily Ma'ariv	6:00 AM

SHABBAT

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 PM
Shaharit	9:30 AM

GATHERING TIMES FOR MA'ARIV & HAVDALAH

February 3	6:15 PM
February 10	6:20 PM
February 17	6:30 PM
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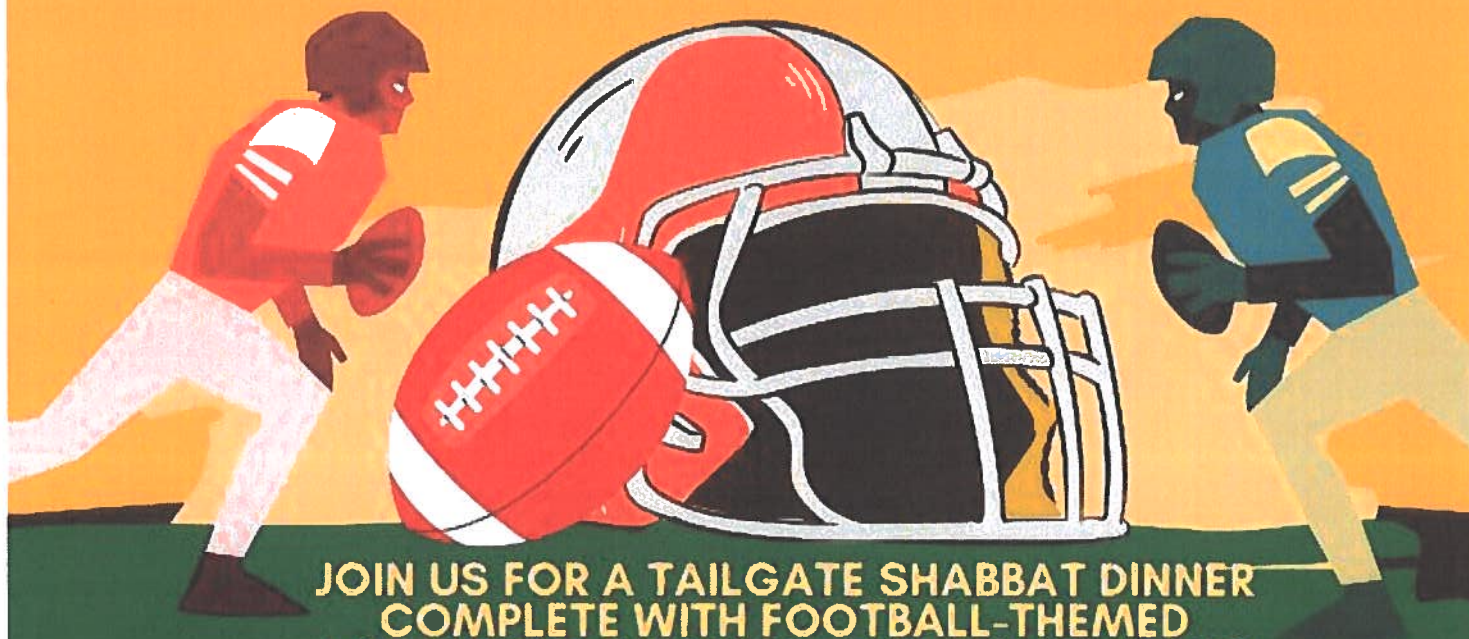
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From The Rabbi

What is Purim Katan? A Small Explanation

In addition to our robust suite of holidays in the Jewish calendar this month on the 14th day of Adar I or Friday February 23, we celebrate Purim Katan (minor Purim). Purim Katan is only celebrated during Jewish leap years which take place 7 out of every 19 years. The lunar year is slightly shorter than a solar year and in order for Passover, in the month of Nisan, to take place in the spring it is necessary to add an extra month to the calendar every 2-3 years. Because Nisan is considered the first month of the year Adar is the final month of the year, and a second Adar (Adar II) is added during a leap year to prevent Nisan from occurring too early.

In the book of Esther we are told to observe Purim in the month of Adar. The mitzvot that we are meant to observe during Purim are hearing the megillah, feasting, giving money to the poor (matanot l'evyonim), and gift packages of food to family and friends (mishloach manot). However no instructions are given about what to do when there are two months of Adar in a year!

The Mishnah in Tractate Megillah comes to tell us that if one read the Megillah in the first month of Adar and then there was a second month of Adar added to the calendar the Megillah should be read again. This implies that it is important to read the Megillah in Adar II. Today the calendar is set in advance and because we know which years will be leap years we always observe full Purim in Adar II. However on Purim Katan, like on Purim, we add joy to the day and refrain from fasting, eulogies and reciting Tachanun during daily prayer. The Shulkhan Arukh tells us it is meritorious to be in a more joyful mood and to even have a special meal on that day as a symbolic nod to the full Purim that we will be celebrating on the 14th of Adar II.

Generally, our rituals and customs for holidays are meant to prompt a feeling within us. For example lighting the menorah helps us remember the miracles that the Jewish people have witnessed, and is meant to evoke gratitude and hope. Eating matzah during Pesach is meant to remind us of the affliction of the Israelite slaves and prompts us to feel humble and empathetic toward those who are still not free. What is unique about Purim Katan is that we are supposed to feel joyful without a ritual to prompt us.

I call Purim Katan to our attention this year because the attacks in Israel on October 7, Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, was a horrific start to our year and the losses have mounted since then. We do not look to erase what has happened or to ignore our genuine sadness and fear. However our calendar this year presents us an extra chance to remember the message of Purim: we can overcome our hateful enemies, and one day find cause for celebration. We need this extra joy and hope this year. On Purim Katan I encourage you to feast a little and to find small ways of adding joy to your day. Hopefully a little joy will go a long way, until we can fully celebrate Purim together next month. Purim Katan Sameach!

Rabbi Sara Rich



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

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From the President

I think Temple Beth Tzedek is unique. It is a special place to be. We are the only Conservative/Masorti synagogue in the greater Buffalo area. We have dedicated clergy. We have kind members who help one another. And we are the world's first universal designed sacred place. Come learn more about this distinction when a plaque acknowledging this status is dedicated on February 4th at 10:30 a.m., the date fittingly picked because February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month

Where we are not unique is that we are one of the many congregations saving a seat for a hostage held by Hamas. As is written in our Shabbat siddur, "God whose mighty hand makes nations free, release all captives, hear our humble plea." We have a reserved seat in both the sanctuary and minyan room for Yosef Chaim Ohana; he's 'our' hostage. Many of us have already made a donation (\$20 minimum) to receive a dog tag necklace that says Bring Them Home. The tags are available in the office. While we pray that all the hostages will be returned to their loved ones soon, we hold a seat for Yosef. The proceeds for the tags are going to support the efforts of the hostage's families pleas for their safe release.

Get ready for the Super Bowl Shabbat dinner Friday February 9th, sponsored by the Youth Education Committee. Please note the change in schedule for that evening, dinner will be at 6 p.m. and services will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Women's Network and Men's Club invite you to a brunch on February 11th with Dr. Richard Laub recounting his paleontological and archaeological work.

Have you placed your order for Mishloach Manot for our congregation? Or sent Purim greetings to benefit the Women's Network? Celebrate Purim by buying a ticket for the drawing of a hand crafted sweater.

We have minyan each weekday morning and evening, including the Healing Service each Wednesday, Shabbat services, Lunchtime Torah Express on Zoom each Tuesday at noon, Torah Talk and so much more. The winter days may be cold but our congregation is warm and welcoming. Participate.

More information about all of these events can be found in the pages of this edition of the Shofar and on the website.

Despite the winter weather we try to keep our doors open, but sometimes we have to pivot to Zoom. Please watch your email and check the website. We do our best to notify the congregation of any closings. Remember when the Town of Amherst has a driving ban we will close our doors. During a driving advisory please use caution and your best judgment so we can all be safe.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Linda

Linda Boxer, President



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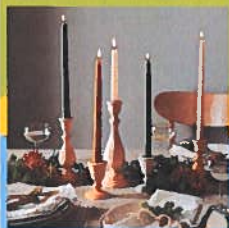
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Stay safe and stay well!

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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.

From The Women's Network

After a very mild December Old Man Winter arrived with a vengeance. I hope everyone stays warm and safe during this trying time. For me this has been reminiscent of the winters we endured when I first arrived in Buffalo 24 years ago.

Back in December Marian Lustig organized a delightful Chanukah program. We played a game of Jewish Jeopardy and our beloved Cantor won the prize. The game was followed by a delicious lunch of bagels and lox. Kudos to Marian.

Mark your calendar for our next program presented by Dr. Richard S. Laub who will be recounting his paleontological and archeological work on at a dig in Byron NY that uncovered a mastodon skeleton. Dr. Laub has been curator of Geology at the Buffalo Museum of Science for thirty-eight years. This is a joint program with TBT Brotherhood. Linda Barat and Jonathan Epstein are chairing this program. Brunch will be served, and the cost is 18.00.

Purim is just around the corner and my team, Pam and Steve Cohen, have been diligently updating our script. We have a superb cast for our schpiel, so we hope to see you on March the 17th at 10:00 am in person. Fingers crossed our weather will be much better by then. Brunch will be served, and we will be working on the menu this week so please stay tuned for more information in the near future.

As you know Women's Network is raffling a beautiful hand knit sweater and we have decided to make the drawing during our Purim program so hurry up and buy your tickets to help support Women's Network.

Coming up on May 5th & 6th our region, the International Northeast Region, will be holding a conference in Toronto. Please consider joining us. We are planning on getting a 12-person vehicle so we can all travel together, and the Women's Network of TBT will offer a stipend towards the overall cost. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us. If you have never been to one of these conferences you will find that they are extremely interesting, educational and spiritual. It also provides the opportunity to meet and make new friends from around our area.

Looking forward to early summer, we will be planning a Ladies Night Out so stay tuned for further information on this event.

Hoping that the balance of winter will be mild and pleasant.

Rachel Anderson, President

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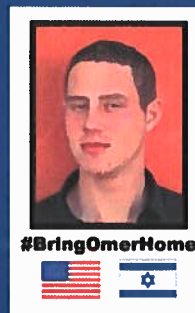
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MY JEWISH LIFE**
FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024

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MY JEWISH LIFE

My Jewish life is an intimate, introspective class that invites participants to explore options for integrating Judaism into everyday life. Through text study, site visits, and hands-on experiences, we will discover Judaism in the synagogue, at home, at work, in nature, and in relationships. Note: the locations for each session will depend on the topic, but will be in the vicinity of Amherst and Buffalo. Facilitated by Rabbi Sara Rich.

\$54 / 8 sessions

Thursdays | 7:30 - 9:00 pm | In-Person

February 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21, & 28

For more information, contact Mike Steklaf at mike@buffalojewishfederation.org.

Mah Koreh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

From Einav Symons



The month of January was full of activities! Grades six and seven had lessons with Rabbis Alex, Brent and Rich. CRS students, parents and staff enjoyed a wonderful time at the square-dancing Havdalah at CSS. This event really demonstrated an increase in engagement of parents from TBZ, TBT and CSS as volunteers at the school. Our kosher kitchen was utilized to prepare all the kosher food for the event! We are looking forward to expanding our cooking this way for the community.

In January the 5th graders had an in-depth look into the meaning of community at a family education program with Rabbi Rich. The students all learned and celebrated Tu-Bishvat, even making special birdfeeders for the winter in the Ganainu program with Morah Ashirah!

For me one of the highlights was seeing the Israel teen connection come to fruition. Students in 6th grade from CRS and Kadimah learned about the artist Hanoch Piven and his work. Each student prepared a self-portrait which they shared at our first zoom meeting with 6th graders in Israel. Our students demonstrated sensitivity to the Israeli teens as they shared having to get to mamad (shelter) when sirens sound. Our students were excited to share their passions for video games, make-up and craft making with the Israeli teens. I look forward to the continuation of this collaboration.

While February is a short month at CRS we are looking forward to the Superbowl Friday night service at TBT on February 9th. Our 6th graders and their parents will learn together at their family education program on February 11th. We are planning to see the play *Kindertransport* at the JRT with our 5th-7th graders and a group from the *Better Together* program at Amberleigh Senior Living. In February we are also excited to welcome our guest teacher Gon Erez, who will be leading sessions on the current situation in Israel for students in grades 5-7 and their parents. This program will be open to the general community as well with the leadership and support of the Israel Task Force- a group of community members, teachers, mental health workers, and concerned and committed individuals. I thank them deeply for being in the forefront of activism and support to our students and adults since October 7th.

This year CRS students, teachers, parents and leadership has committed to collect all the weekly Tzedakah along with additional donations from our families and the greater Buffalo community and send it to Israel. We have partnered with the Hasten Family Foundation to provide funds to Israelis in need. Now more than ever American Jews can play a crucial role in assisting Israelis from all walks of life. The fund has no overhead so 100% of every dollar raised goes directly to those in need. This partnership will enable direct response and feedback from the recipients, so the students will be able to see the impact of their Tzedakah.

The specific recipients include:

1) Israelis that have been evacuated from their homes in both the north and south. The total number of people is over 200,000. The fund buys gift cards from a major retailer in Israel and distributes them to evacuees in need of clothing, food, etc. The gift cards empower those in need to buy what they need without feeling like they are being given a handout. Furthermore the fund purchases the gift cards at a 10% discount enabling your donation to go even further.

2) Soldiers in need of warm clothing and other items not currently being supplied by the Israeli government. Given that 350,000 soldiers have been called to duty the government has been overwhelmed and many of the soldiers needs are falling through the cracks. The fund works with experts who are in touch with commanders in the field as well as the Ministry of Defense to ascertain the needs and supply whatever is needed.

3) Children who have lost one or both parents as a result of the attack on October 7. The children are being provided both immediate financial assistances, as well as a goal of \$200,000 per child to be used when they turn 18 for major life events. After turning 18, government assistance is minimal and thus the fund aims to help fill that gap.

4) The Shalev family from Kibbutz Be'eri. The family survived the attack on their kibbutz, but their home was burned down while they hid in a safe room. They have three young children and have temporarily relocated to Denver to heal. The fund has been assisting them with living expenses and therapy costs.

As you can see the needs are endless and we are honored to be able to provide any assistance we can. Thank you in advance for your participation and open heart. Together we can help Israel move forward and once again thrive.

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. 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 for registration and updates.





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
Grades 2-4:
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@bttzbuffalo.org



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 June 2 2024

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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 Kim Jones in the synagogue office at 716-838-3232.



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.



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DASH'S RECEIPTS FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE 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, non-perishable food, and other items as requested for 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'asai 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
716-634-1147



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>

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February 2	5:10pm	February 3	6:15pm
February 9	5:19pm	February 10	6:20pm
February 16	5:28pm	February 17	6:30pm
February 23	5:38pm	February 24	6:40pm
March 1	5:46pm	March 2	6:50pm
March 8	5:55pm	March 9	7:00pm
March 15	7:03pm	March 16	8:05pm
March 22	7:12pm	March 23	8:15pm
March 29	7:20pm	March 30	8:25pm

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

February Calendar

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 22 Shevat	2 23 Shevat	3 24 Shevat
4 25 Shevat	5 26 Shevat	6 27 Shevat 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:30PM Ritual	7 28 Shevat	8 29 Shevat 7:00 PM Keshet	9 30 Shevat 6:00 PM Super Bowl Shabbat Dinner 7:15 PM CRS/TBT Shabbat Service	10 1 Adar 1
11 2 Adar 1 9:15-10:45 AM Ganainu 10:00 AM Dr. Richard S. Laub Program	12 3 Adar 1	13 4 Adar 1 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 2:00 PM Sisterhood Board on Zoom 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:00 PM Board	14 5 Adar 1 7:00PM Membership	15 6 Adar 1 7:30 PM Adult Ed	16 7 Adar 1	17 8 Adar 1
18 9 Adar 1 10:30AM- Noon Caregiver Support Group	19 10 Adar 1	20 11 Adar 1	21 12 Adar 1 7:00 PM Finance	22 13 Adar 1	23 14 Adar 1	24 15 Adar 1
25 16 Adar 1 9:30-11AM Mishpacha	26 17 Adar 1	27 18 Adar 1 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:00 PM Officers	28 19 Adar 1 7:30 PM House	29 20 Adar 1		