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## Kesher Outstretched Arm Hanukkah Celebration

We are delighted that this Kesher Outstretched Arm event will be co-hosted by Temple Beth Tzedek Men's Club.

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

10:30 a.m. until Noon

Location: Temple Beth Tzedek

1641 North Forest Road Williamsville, NY 14221

**The event will be IN PERSON**

However

Joining on Zoom is an option:

<https://bit.ly/3FQlh8r>

RSVPs are a MUST for everyone

(RSVP to the TBT office by Dec. 1 ~ 716-838-3232)

A light lunch with latkes and sufganiot will be served, please let us know if you have any special dietary restrictions.

**Music, Fun, Gifts, Dreidels, Menorahs, Surprises, See Friends!**

Please join friends for this community Hanukkah celebration.

TBT OUTSTRETCHED ARM PROGRAM for Jews of all abilities.



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November 28 from Noon - 3 PM

November 29 from Noon - 3 PM

December 1 from Noon - 2:30 PM



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We will also be at  
Congregation Shir Shalom  
on 12/3 & 12/10  
for their Chanukah Bazaar!

## Volunteer Opportunity!

Do you have a basic knowledge of kashrut?  
Would you be interested in volunteering as a

### Kitchen Supervisor

during synagogue events?

Specialized training will be provided by Rabbi Rich.

If interested in joining our team of

Kitchen Supervisors

or for more information please

contact Beth Kassirer at

[bkassirer@aol.com](mailto:bkassirer@aol.com)

or Rusty Zackheim at [irisz@aol.com](mailto:irisz@aol.com).

Thank you!

## 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

December 2 5:30 PM

December 9 5:30 PM

December 16 5:30 PM

December 23 5:35 PM

December 30 5:40 PM

January 6 5:37 PM

January 13 5:45 PM

January 20 5:53 PM

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## Celebrate Chanukah at our Shabbat Chanukah Dinner!



Friday, December 8, 2023 @ 6 PM  
In the TBT social hall.



**Services will be at 7:15 PM  
in the Sanctuary.**

The delicious Shabbat Chanukah meal by Lori Morrison features  
Latkes, Veggie Fried Rice, & Salad Bar  
Meat Entrees: Chicken Schnitzel, Pretzel Coated Chicken,  
& Corn Flake Coated Chicken  
Vegetarian Entrée: Sweet Potato Black Bean Chili  
There will be a post-service Oneg Dessert!

There will be a Teens and Kids friendly activity!



We will be collecting non-perishable  
canned and boxed foods during this time,  
and building a traditional menorah and dreidel  
out of them!

All donations will be given to a local  
food bank afterwards

Please let us know when reserving your seat  
if you would like the vegetarian option!

Prices: Ages 14 and Up: \$36, Ages 5-13: \$10, Ages 4 & Under: Free

Space is limited, and Reservations are due by Friday, December 1

RSVP to: [rsvp@btzbuffalo.org](mailto:rsvp@btzbuffalo.org)



*We gratefully acknowledge donations in observance of  
the following Yahrzeits*

Fannie Abramson  
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Mildred Tarlow Ziller





## From The Rabbi

Did you know that Chanukah candles are supposed to burn for a minimum of 30 minutes? The mitzvah of Chanukah is not only to light the candles, but to observe the light that emanates from the menorah. This makes sense, given that we are meant to remember the miracle of the small amount of oil in the rededicated Temple lasting for a full eight days. The Jews did not conserve the oil by quickly lighting the menorah and then extinguishing the flame. The oil burned for a significant period of time each day, and miraculously lasted for eight.

We emulate this miracle with our chanukiyot each year by burning our candles for a minimum of 30 minutes. Thank you Temple Beth Tzedek Gift Shop for the beautiful candles that we can purchase for our homes!

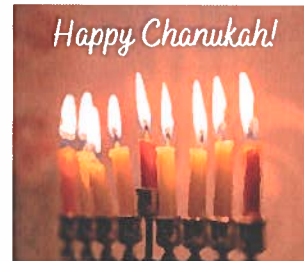
In addition to recalling the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days so long ago, we are reminded of the value of endurance. Endurance is a combination of two middot (Jewish 'soul-traits'): perseverance (netzach) and patience (savlanut). Through perseverance, we continue to work hard towards a goal, trying to overcome obstacles and fatigue. With patience, we remind ourselves that the road to our goal might be long, but we can nonetheless make progress.

Albert Einstein once said, "It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." We might chuckle at his modesty, because he was indeed quite smart, but there is power to how much stock he places in his endurance. He recognizes that having intelligence is important, but that challenges are solved slowly over time, often in fits and starts.

As a people, we find ourselves in a very trying time. We know that the resolution to the conflict in Israel, and the worldwide increase in antisemitism, are matters that we must face with endurance. This Chanukah, let us remember that as Jews, we not only have strength, but we have stamina. May the candles on the menorah remind us that we must persevere, and we must dig deep to find patience to handle life's challenges.

Wishing you a joyful Chanukah, and may your festive lights burn long and bright.

Rabbi Sara Rich



### Temple Office Hours:

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

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In honor of Joe Sterman's 95th birthday  
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In honor of the marriage of Sharla & Bruce Bleichfeld's daughter, Marnie to Steve Wong  
Janet Gunner & Glenn Pincus  
In honor of Steve Jacobs being Chatan Torah at the Simchat Torah service  
Jonathan & Judith Epstein  
In honor of Myra Werbow being Kallah B'reishit at the Simchat Torah service  
Jonathan & Judith Epstein  
In honor of a speedy recovery of Carol Davis  
Elinda & Ed Reich  
In memory of Abby Lauren Robins  
Janet Gunner & Glenn Pincus  
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In honor of Joe Sterman's 95th birthday  
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In appreciation of Rabbi Sara Rich  
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Ina Sanders

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## From the President

Those of you who know of my fascination with trees know I watch the tall beech tree outside our sanctuary window. A few weeks ago, it was lush with green leaves. The next week, the leaves were yellow. Two weeks ago, many of the leaves had fallen to the ground. Last week I was looking at the few remaining leaves wondering which one would be the last one to fall. Last year one lone leaf on the south side of the tree hung on until Tu B'Shevat. This year, a year of such turmoil and sadness, I wonder if any one leaf will last that long. I can envision that last leaf and think of perseverance. Like that leaf, we will persevere and move beyond this turmoil. One day that tree again will be lush with green leaves. Let's hope we know peace by the time that happens. Come to services and watch that tree with me.

Collectively, we worry about our loved ones in Israel as we wait for news. As much as we want to hear good news, we fear that it will not be so. Together as a congregation we draw strength. We recite prayers for Israel, for the hostages, for peace. We pray that G-d will hear our pleas. Join us. The more we are together, the better we feel.

Rabbi Rich has been reaching out to those with loved ones in Israel. The list is long and grows regularly. We are all connected to Israel, if not by family, with friends who are as dear to us as if they were family. Let us know if you'd like to join the list to receive notifications about gatherings geared toward the Israeli connection.

Our daily minyan is doing better, but there is room for improvement. Join us whenever you can. On Zoom. In person. If you have a yahrzeit and would like an in person minyan, we try hard to gather people for those days. Thank you to Jacob Sherman who has taken over the task of contacting potential participants. Add your name to the list. Wednesday evenings there is a brief healing service following minyan. Its an opportunity to take time to reflect on those who are ill and those who can use some help. It's a few extra minutes in a busy week to de-stress. Come. Join us.

We have a contingent going to Baltimore to join the USCJ Convening in early December. We hope to divide our attention to get a representative of TBT to as many sessions as possible to bring back new ideas. I've been invited and I have signed up for a lunch for shul presidents. I wonder if our concerns are universal. I'll let you know what I learn.

May the lights of Hanukkah bring a glow to your home. Be well. Stay safe.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Linda Boxer, President

## We gratefully acknowledge the following donations

### The Temple Fund

In appreciation of a Shabbat aliyah  
Norm Weiss

In appreciation of the College Student Chanukah gifts  
Sandy & Annette Rosenberg

In appreciation of a Misheberach request  
Marcia & Norm Weiss

In appreciation of Rabbi Sara Rich  
Gerhard & Ursula Falk

In appreciation of Temple Beth Tzedek  
Stephanie Boymal  
David Grayck

In honor of Karen & Richard Zakalik receiving the  
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Roz & Herb Weiss

In honor of receiving an aliyah  
Norm Weiss

In honor of the birth of Larry & Shirley Magil's  
great-granddaughter, Sophie  
Rina & Mark Kotok

In honor of Joe Sterman's 95th birthday  
Jody & Tomas Holmlund

### The Temple Fund (continued)

In honor of Steve Jacobs being Chatan Torah at the  
Simchat Torah service  
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In memory of Henry John Kisiel  
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In memory of Colette Zappia  
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### The Werbow Family Fund

In honor of Joe Sterman  
Charlotte Gendler

Services on  
Friday,  
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Sanctuary.



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## News In The Kitchen

As some of our synagogue groups have begun to use the kitchen, we wish to share part of our policy that pertains to committee use. The following is as stated in our approved kitchen policy. A complete copy of the policy is available in the synagogue office and was distributed to most committee chairs. This is still a work in progress and we make revisions at least once a year. Suggestions to make things work smoother in the kitchen are always welcome. Rabbi Rich is our Mara D'atra and has the final say about what is acceptable or may not be.

Questions or suggestions may be addressed to Beth Kassirer, [bkassirer@aol.com](mailto:bkassirer@aol.com) or Rusty Zackheim, [irisz@aol.com](mailto:irisz@aol.com).

### Kitchen Policy Updates :

All things begin with Kim and setting the date.

#### SETTING THE DATE

- The event coordinator must clear the date with Kim Jones or the Director of Synagogue Administration (DSA) or the designee. An event coordinator may be a committee chair, a family representative or a member of an outside organization.
- If there are 30 or less participants in the event, the individual or event coordinator must set the date with the DSA at least 1 week in advance of event.
- The date for an event with any number of attendees over 30 must be set with the DSA at least one month in advance but preferably more.

## SYNAGOGUE COMMITTEE

(Any standing committee of the board - not a family group)

Food :

- All food must be purchased through the Director of Synagogue Administration (currently Kim Jones) /office unless approved for purchase by the rabbi or designee.
- **NO INGREDIENTS MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE KITCHEN WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE RABBI OR DESIGNEE.**
- If you plan to use serving and/or cooking utensils, the kitchen supervisor will assist taking them out as necessary.

**Almost everything in our kitchen is labeled as dairy (blue), meat (red) and parve (green).**

Supervisor:

The volunteer kitchen supervisor will assist wherever needed.

Clean up:

Clean up is the responsibility of the committee. A fee will be assessed if cleanup is inadequate.

Synagogue committees must adhere to all policies herein recited above.

**NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS ALLOWED IN THE KITCHEN WITHOUT APPROVED VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR.**

#### FOOD AND EQUIPMENT

- All food ingredients must be purchased through the in-house caterer or office unless approved for purchase by the rabbi or designee.

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Wednesday, November 29 from Noon - 3 PM  
Friday, December 1 from Noon - 2:30 PM  
Or call for an appointment:



Carolyn 716-818-8637, Myra 716-839-0962, & Linda 716-400-5394  
Happy Chanukah!

## **Women's Network Sweater Raffle**

The Women's Network is raffling off this beautiful hand-made sweater. It has been specially made to fit up to a woman's 38" bust.

It is machine washable, and washing instructions will be included for the lucky winner.



**Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 3 for \$10.00**

**Tickets can be purchased in the TBT office.**

**All proceeds will go toward the Women's Network of TBT.**

**The lucky winner will be drawn in 2024!**

## From The Women's Network

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, even though by the time you receive the Shofar Thanksgiving will be over. And a happy Chanukah to come!

This year our celebrations will be very poignant as we thank G-d for all the bounties that he has bestowed on us. Our thoughts and prayers will turn to the hostages and their families who will have empty chairs around their tables. Let us hope and pray that they will all be returned to their homes speedily and that it brings about an end to the conflict so no one else dies.

In October the Women's Network offered a very interesting presentation led by Linda D. Pollack on historical Buffalo and the Jewish community. She closed her presentation by telling us about the worthwhile works and funding to Israel that her father did throughout his life, and the tribute that Israel made to him upon his death. There were quite a few people touched by her father's story and several of us had tears in our eyes. Thank you, Linda, for your presentation.

Pam Buyer organized our November program entitled "Build Your own succulent garden." Jake, from *Life is Succulent* came and demonstrated how to make a beautiful succulent garden. He brought with him all the items needed to make these beautiful gardens, so all attendees were able to take home their very own gardens. Thank you, Pam for organizing this unique program!

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 12th when we would like to celebrate Chanukah with you. This program was originally going to be on December 3rd but due to unforeseen circumstances we had to reschedule. You will be served bagels, lox, and latkes for lunch. And we will be playing an entertaining game of Jewish themed Jeopardy. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun! The cost for this program is only \$18:00. Thank you Marian Lustig for organizing this event, I know you have put a lot of thought into this program.

The Women's Network is raffling a beautiful hand knit sweater with lace panels and dolman sleeves made from machine washable yarn in a size 38" bust. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. You can purchase your tickets from the office. This fundraiser is in support of our Women's Network. We haven't had a significant fund-raiser since before the pandemic, so we are hoping that you will support us.

Once again, I hope you enjoy your families and friends as you gather around the table this season. And even though we are going through some very distressing times we still have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Anderson  
President



### Women's Network Chanukah Program

## Bagels, Lox, and Latke Lunch!

Tuesday, December 12

12:45 - 2 PM in the TBT Social Hall

Jewish Trivia  
will be played  
during lunch!



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Cost: \$18

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Granddaughter of Jackie Perlmutter  
Sister of Jessica Robbins

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Mazel  
Tov

To Diana Rich & Joe Schwartz on the birth  
of their grandson, Ethan Tyler Rich.

To Helene & Bernard Redlich  
on the engagement of their grandson,  
Adam Stein, to Vicky Margolin.

To Ariel Marcus & Matthew Henechowitz  
on the birth of their son,  
Jonathan Ezra Henechowitz.

To Rebecca & Jay Mesnekoff on the birth  
of their grandson Eitan Levi Mai.

To Roberta & David Essrow on the birth  
of their great grandson  
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Myra Werbow at [myrawerbow@verizon.net](mailto:myrawerbow@verizon.net)  
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## Healing Service

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM

We will recite the daily prayer service,  
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## Mah Koreh B'CRS? (What's Happening at CRS)

From Einav Symons

While it has been a very challenging two months the CRS staff, parents, leadership team, and students are demonstrating a strong cohesiveness and positive attitudes. A special thank you to the Israel Task Force for providing leadership, resources and opportunities for activism for all our students through card making and workshops.

November was a busy month with family programs and pottery with Cathy Shuman Miller. The Hebrew one-on-one lessons are continuing to succeed as students are advancing in their Hebrew and T'fillah reading with their tutors.

In December we are looking forward to Rabbi Gutmann teaching about Cyber bullying. On December 17th, Rabbi Alex will be leading the grades 5-7 students in a workshop on antisemitism. We are looking forward to partnering with and welcoming LiNK staff at the same time for a workshop for adults.

Chanukkah will be celebrated with our bazaar on December 3rd and 10th; and with activities and light adding extra meaning this year. We are individually and collectively going to continue to demonstrate Jewish perseverance and strength just like the Maccabees!

Wishing you all a Chag Chanukah Sameach!

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, 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](http://www.crsbuffalo.com) for registration and updates.



2023-2024  
School year

## PJ Library

# Mishpacha! (Family)

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

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Open to the Community!

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## 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  
\$360/year

Dinner will be served at TBT after 2-4 Grade Program  
Register by emailing Zahava at [youthad@btzbuffalo.org](mailto:youthad@btzbuffalo.org)



What do Natalie Abramson, Gert Bacol, Lana Benatovich, Linda Boxer, Elaine Brothman, Judith Brownstein, Lisa Burstein, Carol Davis, Jane Fischman, Bobbi Giller, Marcia Goldstein, Janet Gunner, Sharon Jacobs, Sharon Kostiner, Kathy Krieger, Rise Kulick, Barbara Leifer-Lavitz, Tinka Lendner, Ilene Levine, Roberta Levine, Mona Lewis, Linda Linsky, Ellen Lippa, Sheila London, Marian Lustig,

Shirley Magil, Eileen Markzon, Lori Morrison, Rabbi Cantor Penny Myers, Elinda Reich, Rabbi Sara Rich, Hon. Lisa Bloch Rodwin, Marcia Saran, Melina Saran, Ina Scheer, Phyllis Scheff, Dana Serue, Tracy Sherman, Leona Spindler, Esther Trachtman, Sheila Trossman, Helen Weinstein, Myra Werbow, Lynne Williams, and Rusty Zackheim have in common?

They have all made or pledged to make donations to Torah Fund's Kol Yisrael Averim Ze ba'Zeh General Campaign! Thank you to each and everyone. Those donating \$180 and more receive a gift of a silver pin crafted and made in Israel, bearing the word Averim. Add your name to the list!

Torah Fund is the dedicated tzedakah of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The dollars donated to this campaign help to provide scholarship funds and programming to the students at the five intuitions of higher learning, The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam. Help strengthen Jewish education and ensure the vibrancy of the Jewish people for decades to come, with your gift to Torah Fund.

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.

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.



### 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.



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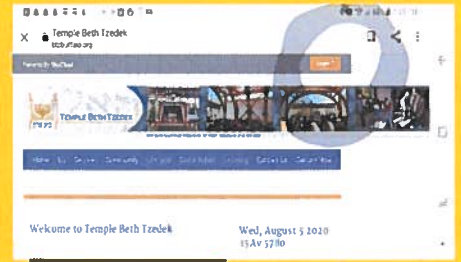
We have several bins in the synagogue by the coat racks for collection of wool socks, food for the needy and items for refugees coming in to our community.

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](http://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.



**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.



**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](mailto: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

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<https://player2.streamspot.com/?playerId=f8214582>

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## CANDLE LIGHTING MINCHA/HAVDALAH

December 1	4:24pm	December 2	5:30pm
December 8	4:23pm	December 9	5:30pm
December 15	4:23pm	December 16	5:30pm
December 22	4:26pm	December 23	5:35pm
December 29	4:31pm	December 30	5:40pm
January 5	4:36pm	January 6	5:37pm
January 12	4:43pm	January 13	5:45pm
January 19	4:52pm	January 20	5:53pm
January 26	5:01pm	January 27	6:02pm

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# December Calendar

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 18 Kislev	2 19 Kislev
3 20 Kislev 9:15-10:45 AM Ganeinu	4 21 Kislev	5 22 Kislev 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:30PM Ritual	6 23 Kislev	7 24 Kislev  Erev Hanukkah	8 25 Kislev 6PM Youth Ed Chanukah Dinner 7:15PM Services in the Sanctuary Hanukkah	9 26 Kislev  Hanukkah
10 27 Kislev 9:30-11AM Mishpacha 10:30AM-12PM Keshet Hanukkah Celebration Hanukkah	11 28 Kislev  Hanukkah	12 29 Kislev 12 PM WN Bagels, Lox, & Latke Lunch 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7PM Board Hanukkah	13 1 Tevet 3:30-5PM Wise Aging 7PM Membership Hanukkah	14 2 Tevet 7PM Keshet Hanukkah	15 3 Tevet Hanukkah	16 4 Tevet
17 5 Tevet 9:15-11AM Mazel Tots @ TBZ	18 6 Tevet	19 7 Tevet 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk	20 8 Tevet 7PM Finance	21 9 Tevet 7:30PM Adult Ed	22 10 Tevet	23 11 Tevet
24 12 Tevet	25 13 Tevet	26 14 Tevet Office Closed 7PM Officers	27 15 Tevet 7:30PM House	28 16 Tevet	29 17 Tevet	30 18 Tevet
31 19 Tevet  New Year's Eve	1 20 Tevet  New Year's Day	2 21 Tevet Office Closed 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:30PM Ritual	3 22 Tevet	4 23 Tevet	5 24 Tevet	6 25 Tevet