

Beth Tephilath Moses Hanukkah Bulletin



December 2-9, 2018

24 Kislev- 1 Tevet

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A Hanukkah Message

We light the Hanukkah Menorah to remind us of our quest to illuminate the darkness of the world. And to remember the miracles the G-D has performed on our behalf over time. In the Parsha Vayeitzei, we are reminded that in Jacob's dream that he saw the ladder which represented an opportunity for him to climb closer to G-D, as Moses climbed Mt. Sinai. The angels represent Moses and Aaron, and G-D stood atop the ladder just as HE stood atop Mt. Sinai to give the Torah. This opportunity still exists for us through our study of the Torah, which continues to act as a bridge from Heaven to Earth.

The holiday teaches us that the light of knowledge, peace and understanding can still shine brightly if we are willing to try to climb that ladder. The candles on the Menorah can act as a beacon to lead us to the understanding which we all seek. We celebrate the small jar of oil that burned for eight days which offers us a constant reminder of our special relationship with G-D. The four-sided dreidel, whose letters mean "A Great Miracle Happened There," manifests the continued message of our community.

Let this light of love, hope and generosity which can shine over the world, be emblematic of this holy season bringing us a rekindling of hope and faith in the future.

I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your president for another year; and I would like to thank all those individuals who donate their time and effort to the synagogue.

On behalf of the board of trustees, we continue to wish you and your family good health and happiness during this holiday season.

Dr. Robert Shore

Events

Hanukkah Party:	Sunday evening, December 9, 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 8:	(10 Tevet) Asarah B'Tuvet: Fast Day
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Monday, January 7:	Tu B'Shavat Seder following Services
Monday, March 20:	Erev Purim Service 7pm
Saturday, April 13	Shabbat HaGadol
Thursday, April 18:	Search for Chommetz
Friday Eve, April 19:	1st Seder Erev Pesach
Saturday am, April 20:	Peach Services 10 am, Yiskor Approx. 11:30
Saturday eve, April 20:	BTM Community Seder, 6:30 pm
Friday, May 2:	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Thursday, May 9:	Iyar 4 Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) Please light a candle on Wed. eve. Candles are available in our Gift Shop. (Donations are appreciated.)
Saturday, May 18:	Annual Mother's Day Shabbat (luncheon following services)
Saturday, May 18:	Erev Shavout
Thursday, May 23:	Lag B'Omer
Sunday, June 16:	Father's Day

Please **refrain from talking** or greeting friends during services.

Congrats!!!

The Tzinares/Keslacy Family has a new addition. Michel and Linda Keslacy announce the birth of their new granddaughter, LUCINDA ORI, born to Dr. Elizabeth Keslacy and her husband, Alex Tzinares. Lucinda weighed in at 7 lbs, 8 oz and was born on Friday, November 2. She joins sister, Giulia Tzipora, age 2.

Ellie and Bill Kaye's son, Michael and his wife, Irit have purchased a home in Southfield. The grandchildren are now much closer to us.

Get Well Wishes

Claire Hauptman

Martin Rubin

Did we miss a special event? If we weren't notified in writing, it did not appear. Remember to send us your information (preferably by email) to **elliek23@yahoo.com** and it will be included in the next bulletin.

Congrats!!!

Sisterhood News...

Colleen Nelson is currently BTM Sisterhood President. There are no meetings scheduled for January or February.

For Your Information...

Our Hanukkah Gift Shop will be open on Sunday, December 2 from noon to 2 pm. Please stop by and see our beautiful selection of gift items. If you are in need of supplies/gifts on other dates and receive a 10% discount, please call Mary Robinson-Potter at **(586) 463-4704**.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the BTM Building Fund by sending a greeting or congratulation, tribute or condolence, please contact Linda Keslacy at **(586) 247-8524**.

Movie Night has been discontinued due to non-participation.

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If you would like to help a needy family celebrate Hanukkah, for \$18, Had Ezra will do so for you. Yad Ezra is the only Kosher Pantry in Michigan. Please call (248) FOOD (3663) or to donate online, **yadezra.com**, or send your check to **Yad Ezra, 2850 11 Mile Rd, Berkley, MI 48072**. As an incentive to donate to this important charity, which acts as a safety net for so many, there is a special MI Tax law allowing eligibility for a **50% tax credit** on gifts of \$400 (per couple) or \$200 (per single person) for donations to food pantries.

Thank you to Dr. Robert Shore, Linda Keslacy, Ellie Kaye, Mary Potter, Colleen Nelson, Morgan Nelson and the office of Kay A. Schwarzberg.

We're Celebrating Hanukkah



Please join us as we celebrate the beautiful holiday of Hanukkah on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4:30 pm. Congregation BTM is located on South Ave just north of Robertson.

There will be a candle lighting ceremony, lots of food, socializing, and a 50/50 raffle.

Donation: \$10 per person, children under 12 - \$5, ages 2 and under are free. **Reservations only** by Monday, December 3 to

elliek23@yahoo.com or text (586) 295-0775. If you don't have a computer, please call (586) 463-2463 and leave a message.

Please make your checks payable to **Congregation BTM** and send to Ellie Kaye, 21030 Harrington, Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Please bring your own menorah if you have one.

You must have a reservation. Checks/cash will be also be accepted at the door as long as you have a reservation.