

June 13, 2018  
30 Sivan 5778

Dear Congregational Friend:

The summer has just started and we need to prepare for the upcoming High Holiday season. We are beginning preparations for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and seek to strengthen and enrich our community by maximizing opportunities for our congregational community members to participate in services. Unfortunately, there are not enough opportunities for all to participate every year. Our solution is to give priority to those who have experienced special circumstances (mourners, new members, new parents, newlyweds, b'nai mitzvah) this past year, and then to honor those who have not received an honor in recent years. Please don't be shy if you are offered an opportunity to participate.

To be certain that we do not overlook anybody, if you have one of the following skills, have not participated in past years, but would like to this year, please contact us by July 3 (or earlier).

**Leading davening  
Chanting Haftorah**

**Reading Torah  
Sounding the Shofar**

And if it has been so many years since you have had a chance to participate that you think we might have inadvertently missed you, and you would like to do one of the following, please contact us by July 15.

**. Opening the ark  
. Having an Aliyah  
. Dressing the Scroll (Gelilah)**

**Carrying a Scroll  
Lifting the Scroll (Hagbahah)  
English Reading**

Contact us at 838-3232 or email at [rh-yk@btzbuffalo.org](mailto:rh-yk@btzbuffalo.org)

Finally, our **ushers** make everyone feel greeted and welcomed, and, if necessary, helped to a seat and shown the current mahzor page. Please volunteer to serve in this invaluable and greatly appreciated role, **by contacting Bob Altman, chair of our Ushers Committee (please call 812-3021, or email him at [robert@robertaltmangroup.com](mailto:robert@robertaltmangroup.com)).**

B'Shalom,

*Rachel Anderson & Larry Boxer*

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