

# B'er Chayim Bulletin

July/August 2018 Tamuz/Av/Elul 5778

107 Union Street Cumberland, Md. 21502

301-722-5688



## Tishah B'av provides time for reflection on struggles



Tishah B'Av, observed this year on July 21, is a day set aside for mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. Because liberal Judaism hasn't assigned a central religious role to the ancient Temple, mourning its destruction may not be particularly meaningful to many Reform Jews. In modern times, Jews understand Tishah B'Av as a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history.

Traditionally, Tishah B'Av is a most solemn day dedicated to fasting and mourning. On the evening before Tishah B'Av, a 24-hour fast begins. In the synagogue, the Book of Lamentations is chanted, as are kinot,

which are dirges written during the Middle Ages. Sitting on low stools, Jews read sections of the books of Jeremiah and Job as well as passages from the Bible and the Talmud that deal with the Temples' destruction in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E.

Many traditional Jews begin a period of semi-mourning three weeks before Tishah B'Av on the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tamuz. It was supposedly on this day in 586 B.C.E. that the Babylonians first made an incursion into the Temple in Jerusalem. Beginning on this date, traditional Jews refrain from holding weddings, festive celebrations, or cutting their hair. The mourning intensifies on the first of Av with no meat or wine consumed,

no new clothing purchased, and no shaving allowed.

For most liberal Jews, Tishah B'Av has faded in importance as a ritual observance, as the rebuilding of a central Temple in Jerusalem has lost its priority in modern times. Although historians dispute the fact that both Temples were destroyed

on this day, Tishah B'Av has become a symbol of Jewish suffering and loss. Over the centuries, other tragic events have come to be commemorated on this day, including the brutal massacres of the Crusades, the Jewish expulsion from Spain, and the Holocaust. Today, Tishah B'Av stands as a day to reflect on the suffering that still occurs in our world.

**Join us  
for the Temple**

**PICNIC**

**Constitution Park**

**Sunday, July 29  
3pm-6 pm**

**Temple will provide  
meat, rolls, and soda.  
Please bring a dish to share.**

## From the Rabbi

If there is one thing that Judaism strives for it is “Shalom Bayit” or peace in the home. And if there is one thing that a synagogue hopes to be it is an oasis in what can often be described as a spiritual desert. At B’er Chayim we work to be a place where people can feel connected to Judaism; to their own spiritual center; and, most importantly perhaps, to a sacred community.

For me personally, I can not believe that almost two years have passed since I became your rabbi, cantor, and spiritual leader. It has been a very meaningful time for me getting to know all of you and sharing your joys, sorrows (unfortunately), lifecycle events and spiritual aspirations.

This community is, in a sense, an oasis in a desert being the only Jewish community within quite a distance. We struggle to make sense of the world through Jewish eyes at the same time being sensitive to our members who are part of a Jewish family but are not Jewish themselves.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful summer as I will be off during the month of July. If you need anything please send me an email and I will have some information soon regarding a rabbi who will be covering.

I wish only good things for you and your family going forward into the summer. I am convinced that the energy we faith communities put into enriching the lives of our congregants and our communities can have a greater impact over time than we ever dreamed possible.

Kol Tuv, (the best to you all)  
Rabbi/Cantor Mark Perman



---

## Summer festivals showcase Jewish music and film

Summer is in full swing, but it is not too late to catch the action at various Jewish cultural festivals around the country.

### **The North American Jewish Choral Festival**

*July 8-12*

*Stamford Connecticut*

Held each summer since 1990, The North American Jewish Choral Festival is the premiere Jewish choral event anywhere. It brings together singers and choirs from across North America and beyond, with a

renowned teaching staff, conductors, composers and other music professionals to sing, learn and share the joy of Jewish music. Favorite festival activities include a daily sing-along and evening concerts.

### **Yidstock**

*July 12-15*

*Amherst, Massachusetts*

Yidstock celebrates the best of Klezmer and new Yiddish music with a wide-ranging lineup of concerts that demonstrate the diversity and breadth of the

genre, along with workshops, talks, and other programs.

### **The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival**

*July 19-August 5*

*Bay Area, California*

Presented by the Jewish Film Institute, the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival is the largest and longest-running festival of its kind and a leader in the curation and presentation of new film and media exploring the complexities of Jewish life around the world.

## President's Corner

I am writing my President's article this month while camping at a Boy Scout Camp in south-eastern Pennsylvania. Everyone has their special place to feel spiritual. I truly think that the outdoors is mine. It also is good to be spiritual and social with your fellow congregants. Whether it is at one of our special events, movie night (the next one is June 30th at 7:00 pm), or just at services on Friday night you should join us from time to time.

The Rabbi will be on a month-long vacation during July. Services are not as well attended in the summer as at other times during the year. Come and spend a Friday night with us. You may just enjoy it.

I am trying to promote our Goods and Services Auction on October 6th every month. We still need some committee members and lots of things to auction off. If you are interested in helping or have something to donate or even some good ideas, please get in touch with me. My contact info is on the last page of the bulletin.

Doug

B'er Chayim Temple of Cumberland, MD  
is having an auction of Goods and Services  
October 6, 2018

Currently looking for services and merchandise for auction.  
Contact Doug Schwab - [doug@dougschwab.net](mailto:doug@dougschwab.net)

Framed Photography  
Historical Items  
Cumberland Historical items  
Meals at area restaurants  
Wine- Cheese-Drinks  
Memorabilia  
Art Rugs  
Goods and Services Auction  
Brewery Memorabilia  
Judaica  
Challahs  
Wine  
Liquor Bottle Chess Set  
Food  
Drone Video of your event  
Homemade Chocolate  
Historic Books

## Donations to B'er Chayim

### June Yahrzeits

#### Donor

#### In memory of

Louise Gerson Hall

Jeanne Lazarus Gerson  
& Milton Gerson

Robert Weisman  
Elizabeth Weisman  
& Bill Hirsch

Morris Baron  
Morris Baron

Bernice & Bernard Hirsh  
Clarke Castelle  
Michael Granet

Albert C Eskin  
Paul Castelle  
Greta Granet

### Other Contributions

The Friedland Family: Bernice, Steve, Lynn, Bruce  
Lorna Rosenberg

## Temple to host 4K for Cancer team

On August 1, a team of approximately 23 runners on the 4K for Cancer team will arrive at B'er Chayim Temple. These folks are running four thousand miles to support the efforts of the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. The runners left San Francisco on June 17th and will complete their run on August 4th at Federal Hill in Baltimore. Check out their progress at <https://4kforcancer.org/2018-team-baltimore/>.

We will be providing dinner, snacks and breakfast, as well as transportation for the runners to get showers. **If you would like to help, please contact Debra Schaaf at [debraschaaf@gmail.com](mailto:debraschaaf@gmail.com) or 301 697-4808.**

## July 2018

<b>Saturday, July 7</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b>
Wednesday, July 11	6:30 pm	Mahjong
<b>Friday, July 13</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Services Oneg - Clarke Family</b>
<b>Friday, July 20</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Services Oneg - Dubins Family</b>
<b>Friday, July 27</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Services Oneg - Schaaf Family</b>
Sunday, July 29	3:00 pm	Temple picnic

## August 2018

Thursday, August 2	7:00 pm	Adult education
<b>Saturday, August 4</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b>
Wednesday, August 8	6:30 pm	Mahjong
<b>Friday, August 10</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Services Community Oneg</b>
<b>Friday, August 17</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Services Oneg - Beshie Mandell &amp; Bernice Friedland</b>
Saturday, August 18	10:00 am	Torah Study
Monday, August 20	7:00 pm	Board meeting
<b>Friday, August 24</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Services Oneg - Elena Manasse</b>
<b>Friday, August 31</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Services Oneg - Sallerson Family</b>

# ...We Remember

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending July 7, 2018/15 Tamuz 5778***

Mickey Parker	Miriam Goldie Klawan
Abe W. Schwab	Sophia Serebryanaya
Lee H. Waingold	Della Y. Cator
Mary Schindler Liebowitz	Elly Gerson Daymont
Arthur Lazarus	Morris Kline
Julius Wilner	Rebecca Pariser

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending July 14, 2018/22 Tamuz 5778***

Rosalind Caplan	Abraham H. Lewine
Eva Rosenbaum	Ben Lyons
Morris D. Fram	Jack B. Becker
Julie Frey	Herschel Lange
Clarence Lippel	Brian Held
Max Silverman	Matilda Pallik
Edward Gottesman	Fannie Wilner
Jacob I. Grossman	

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending July 21, 2018/29 Tazmuz 5778***

Selma Friedman	Harold Yankelevitz
Tim Alvarado	Sidney G. Holstein
Rachel Waingold	

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending July 28, 2018/7 Av 5778***

Leah Seiff Bauer	Samuel Boorda
Alice Sack	Benjamin Levin
Robin Jean Schlosburg	Lena Gula Shear
Sam Olin	Henry Lippel

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending August 4, 2018/14 Av 5778***

Flora Abrams	Samuel Kaplon
Dave Klein	Rita Millenson Lowenberg
Esther Lavine	Martha L. Peskin
Hadassah E. Lefkowitz	Julius Schindler
Seymour Roy" Scher"	Eliot Elliott
Maxine Feigus	Merrill Flora Bernstein
Samuel Wolfe Kaplan	Minna R. Millenson

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending August 11, 2018/21 Av 5778***

Pearl Marks	Emma White
Benno Rapp	Robert Marchand
Imel Steinberger	Lazar Platt
Bertha Goldfine Cohen	Scott Parness
Mina Judenberg	Larry Cody
Kurt Steinberger	Sara Mendelsohn

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending August 18, 2018/28 Av 5778***

Morris Wolf	Elsa Lichtenstein
David Aaron Lazarus	Bronya Valdman

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending August 25, 2018/5 Elul 5778***

Margot Steinberger	Max Spear
Anna Mandell	I. Robert Lichtenstein
Abraham Olin	Monroe Rosenthal
Donald Truesdell	Sidney Dantzie
Samuel Arzt	Sarah Mendelsohn
Richard G. Kagey, Jr.	Ruth Scholl
Jacob Nathan	Harry B. Beneman

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending September 1, 2018/12 Elul 5778***

Samuel J. Feigus	Joseph Shapiro
Jerry Morton	Abraham Kaplon
Barbara Snow Sokoloff	Rabbi Aaron H. Lefkowitz
Anita Feit	Mae Viola Bernstein
Sara Feldstein Ridgway	Bess Fichter
Ida Feldman	



## Directory: Whom To Call

Rabbi Mark Perman  
mperman@berchayim.org (860) 212-5668

President	Doug Schwab 240-580-0403 doug@dougschwab.net
First Vice President	Bruce Dubins 301-268-2425 Bruce.Dubins@Versoco.com
Second VP	Marlene Sallerson 301-777-2926 marlene@sallerson.org
Corresponding Secretary	Marilyn Brock 301-729-8257 marilynbrock48@gmail.com
Recording Secretary	Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab 301-759-9385 bhs@9northcentre.com
Financial Secretary (Dues)	Debbie Lang 301-729-2042 dlang1@atlanticbb.net
Treasurer	Gayle Griffith 301-697-6664 (c) 301-722-8345 (w) gayle@atlanticbbn.net
Membership	Bruce Dubins dubinsbruce@yahoo.com
Plaques/Tree of Life	Gayle Griffith 301-697-6664 (c) 301-722-8345 (w) gayle@atlanticbbn.net
Religious School	Deb Litman 301-268-7407 dlitman814@atlanticbb.net
Bulletin	Deb Litman 301-268-7407 dlitman814@atlanticbb.net
Cemetery	Larry Brock 301-729-8257 lbrock@gapselfstorage.net
Hadassah	Beshie Mandell 301-729-2773
Grocery Scrip	Elena Manasse 301-729-8308 ebmanasse@atlanticbb.net

### Board Trustees

Elena Manasse Michael Manto  
Deb Litman Debby Schaaf Gregg Schaaf

## Ways In Which You Can Help B'er Chayim

### Endowment Fund

Western Wall Memorial outside of sanctuary  
Contact Treasurer Gayle Griffith for more information.

### Yahrzeit Plaques

Cost of plaque - \$250  
Preparation of plaque - about 1 month  
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information

### Tree of Life/Memory Leaves

Cost of leaf - \$40, which includes engraving  
preparation of leaf - about 2 weeks  
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information

### Building Fund

Contributions of any amount June be made and June be given for general building use, or a specific building project (subject to Board approval).  
Contact Debbie Lang for more information

### Jane & Leonard Schwab Jewish Life Fund

This fund will be used to enhance Jewish life in the B'er Chayim community. Please make checks payable to the "Jane & Leonard Schwab Jewish Life Fund" and send them to B'er Chayim.

### Hadassah

Cards and certificates for all occasions  
Contact Beshie Mandell for more information

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

This is a fund solely under the discretion of the Rabbi. Contributions can be made to this fund by making arrangements directly with the Rabbi.



האיחוד ליהדות רפורמית  
SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA