

# B'er Chayim Bulletin

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## Preparations ready for the Goods & Services auction

We hope to see you at the silent and live auction to be held October 6 at the Temple. This important fundraising event is open to the entire community. The silent auction will begin at 6 pm with the live auction to begin at 7 pm. Wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts will be served.

"We have collected items that fit into three major categories: memorabilia, services and restaurant items, and fine arts," said Temple President Doug Schwab.



Items include gift certificates from local eateries; memorabilia representing Cumberland, the Western Maryland Railway, Old German Beer, and more; art including works by John J. Wellington, Charles Amos, Alexis Lavine, Nancy Oppenheimer, Lee Ann Wright, and Yaacov Agam; jewelry; massage

gift certificates, Persian rugs; tickets to a variety of concerts and sporting events; wine and cigars; an aerial sightseeing tour of Cumberland, homemade delicacies; handmade crafts; and much more.

Bring your friends and join us for this fun-filled evening!

## Persistent rain doesn't dampen sukkah enthusiasm



(Above) Folks enjoy the sukkah after Friday night services. (Right) Rabbi Perman blesses the sukkah.



## From the Rabbi

Another Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have passed and it is now time to look forward to all that can be accomplished in the year 5779. While everyone's priorities are rooted, of course, in family as well as professional and personal obligations, I think that our tradition still demands that we engage not only in the Jewish community but in our society at large.



For example, there is an effort underway in Cumberland to help settle vetted and government “approved” refugees within our community so that they can find permanent homes for themselves and their families. The main idea behind the effort is that we all need to do our part to help those who have been persecuted in other lands and could potentially thrive within a free, fair, and democratic society. Thankfully, as I mentioned during the holy days, our temple will be doing its part to support this effort.

At the same time, while my efforts outside the congregation are often focused on the welfare of human beings, I am also an animal lover and would like to spend at least a part of this coming year focused on “tsar baalei chayim” and how Judaism focuses not only on the protection of human life but of animal life and welfare as well.

We Jews are commanded not only to take on our own but also to work on the issues that our society is struggling with as well. There is so much division, rancor, and name calling going on within our society at large as well as within the Jewish community. Recently I posted about a subject that was important to liberal Jews concerning the welfare of the state of Israel and I was blasted for it by many members of the Orthodox/right wing Jewish world. There is no longer a willingness to listen but only to argue and be combative. Let this new year of 5779 be one of peace for us, for our families, and for all of God's creatures.

As a final thought, a big thank you to everyone who made our High Holy Days so special. It is truly a team effort to bring the spirit of our liturgy to life and to help everyone find a deeper and more powerful connection to God.

Gamar Tov,  
Rabbi/Cantor Mark J. Perman

Join Rabbi Perman  
for an adult education session entitled,

**“Jesus the Jew”**

**Thursday, October 4 at 7:30 pm**

In “Kosher Jesus” Rabbi Shmuley Boteach writes about how Jesus was essentially a charismatic and innovative Jewish leader. Although Christians claim him as their own, he is really one of ours. This class, called “Jesus the Jew,” will look at his Jewish roots and why Jews should not be afraid of respecting the man and his teachings.

## President's Corner

Fall is here. The rain may be gone for now. After our High Holidays we are grateful to everyone who had a hand in its success. Thanks to Rabbi Perman for guiding us through our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. I think that everyone knows that it is not an easy task to be both Rabbi and Cantor and we are happy to have Rabbi Perman as our Rabbi. Everyone I spoke with enjoyed the music for Kol Nidre; it really put you in the mood for the holiday. Thanks also to Debbie Lang and Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab for integrating the congregation into the service. Thanks to the many board members who sat on the bimah and to the Brock family for coordinating our BreakFast. The board had a great discussion about plans for next year's High Holidays and if you have any feedback, let me know.

We had a very soggy sukkah this year but Rabbi did get to do a blessing in a break between the raindrops (see the Temple Facebook page for the video). Gayle Griffith now has the new website live ([www.berchayim.org](http://www.berchayim.org)) and it looks great. Check it out and give us some feedback.

Some Temple activities to have on your calendar are the November 3rd matzo ball soup and salad lunch after services and the January 6th presentation of the book, "The GI's Rabbi" by Mark Zaid. Lee Schwartz will be happy to order you a copy of the book if you are interested. Movie nights are scheduled for March 10th and June 30th.

Lastly, please come to our Temple fundraiser—our Goods and Services Auction on October 6th at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in helping with set up or during the event, please contact me by phone or by email.

Welcome to Elizabeth Hill, Beth Smolko and Pierce Stern who have shown interest in membership and to new members Judi and Bill Merriman from Oakland, MD.

Doug

## Donations to B'er Chayim

### September Yahrzeits

#### Donor

#### In memory of

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### Other Contributions

Tadd & Sandy Schwab in memory of Rabbi Max Selinger.

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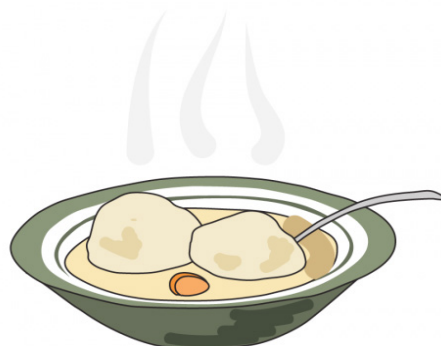


## October 2018

Thursday, October 4	7:30 pm	Adult Education <i>Topic: "Jesus the Jew"</i>
<b>Saturday, October 6</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b>
Saturday, October 6	7:00 pm	Temple Goods and Services Auction
Wednesday, October 10	6:30 pm	Mahjong
<b>Friday, October 12</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Service</b> <b>Oneg: Smith-Drelich family</b>
Monday, October 15	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Friday, October 19	6:00 pm	Pot Luck Dinner
<b>Friday, October 19</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Service</b> <b>Oneg: Wollett-Redding Family</b>
Saturday, October 20	10:00 am	Torah Study
<b>Friday, October 26</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Service</b> <b>Oneg: Shapiro family</b>

## Looking ahead. . .

Thursday, November 1	7:30 pm	Adult Education Topic: TBD
<b>Saturday, November 3</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Noon</b>	<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> <b>Matzo Ball Soup Lunch</b>



# **...We Remember**

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending October 6, 2018/27 Tishrei 5779***

Morris Rosenbaum I  
Jack Yankelevitz  
Jacob Feigus  
Helen Feldman  
Robert Kaplon  
Albert Margolis  
David Schwab  
Philluamana Dipilato  
Selma Glasser  
Lillian Silverman  
Tobias Lazarus  
Max Jacobsen  
Martha Stern  
Irving Millenson

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending October 13, 2018/4 Heshvan 5779***

Bertram G. Lazarus  
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Nathan Rosenau  
Eleazer L. Bergman  
Sadye Price  
Ruth Hohing  
William B. Schindler  
Martin Schwartz  
Hilda Silverman  
Irving A. Sack  
Susman Rosenbaum

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending October 20, 2018/11 Heshvan 5779***

Abraham Mandell  
Amy Meltzer Snow  
Charles Alpert  
Aaron Lazarus  
Shlomo Lazarus  
Osher Margolis  
Ruth Hersch Mayo  
Abe Wolf  
George Castelle  
Esther Shapiro  
Mary Gerson  
Ethel Kroh Gottesman  
Frederick Leonard  
Irving Rosenbaum  
Rabbi Meyer Samberg

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending October 27, 2018/18 Heshvan 5779***

Lester Sallerson  
Morris Lipson  
Lena Wesoky  
Jeanette Shields  
Boruch Stern  
Boruch Lipson  
Rose C. Brown  
Sarah Lichtenstein  
Minnie Dantzic

## ***Yahrzeits for week ending November 3, 2018/25 Heshvan 5779***

Hortense Bernstein  
Ann Spear  
Jacob Gottlieb  
Earl Glenn  
William Learish  
Morton Pallik  
Sophia Rosenbaum Schwartz



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Elena Manasse      Michael Manto  
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## Ways In Which You Can Help B'er Chayim

### Endowment Fund

Western Wall Memorial outside of sanctuary  
Contact 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 may 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.



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