

B'er Chayim Bulletin

September 2018 Elul - Tishri 5778/5779

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Temple auction set for October 6

Mark your calendar to attend the Temple Goods and Services auction on Saturday, October 6 in the B'er Chayim vestry. This fun-filled evening will be an important fundraiser for the temple and will feature silent and live auction items. Items will include everything from art, judaica, rugs, and local historic

memorabilia to concert tickets, restaurant gift certificates, and homemade treats. Both temple members and non-members are encouraged to attend, so feel free to invite friends. Wine, cheese, and desserts will be served during the viewing hour from 6 pm. to 7 pm and the auction will begin at 7 pm.

B'er Chayim hosts 4K for Cancer team



B'er Chayim hosted participants in the 4K for Cancer run who stopped in Cumberland during their 4,000 mile run across the United States to raise money for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. The riders arrived on August 1 and temple members provided a hot meal in the evening, fruit and bagels for breakfast the next morning, and snacks for the next leg of their ride.

Because the stop in Cumberland was toward the end of their cross-country trek, the team had some extra snacks that they had accumulated throughout their journey. They left three big boxes of snacks for us to donate locally and Lee Schwartz coordinated a donation of the food to the local Summer Lunch Box Program.

The runners were very appreciative of our hospitality and left a nice thank you card which is posted on the bulletin board in the vestry.

High Holiday participation sought



The High Holidays are fast approaching. In the next couple weeks I'll be contacting everyone to ask them to participate in the services. There are many places in each service that will need congregation assistance. If you have a certain thing you would like to do or a certain service in which you would like to participate, please let me know by calling 301-759-9385 or emailing me at bhs@9northcentre.com. Otherwise, I'll be suggesting a part for you. Thank you in advance for all of your willingness to help.

Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab

Mazel Tov!

Jeremy Drelich and Shelly Smith are now proud grandparents to grandson Ira Sebastian, born to their son, Noah, and daughter-in-law, Teresa.

From the Rabbi

The rabbis ask why it is that we have to acknowledge the High Holy Days every year and pray the same prayers. After all, the prayers do not change from one year to the next. Nor do the many insights and teachings that are behind them. But they come to the conclusion that although the holy days are essentially the same, we have changed. We have had positive times and negative times. We have had moments that we are proud of and others that we wish could have been different. And at this particular juncture every year, the rabbis conclude, we need to stop, be introspective, and see how we can atone for the past and shape our vision for the future.



In the Torah portion for Rosh Hashanah, which is Genesis 22:1, God puts Abraham to “the test” by instructing him to take his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and there offer him as a burnt offering to God. Abraham does not hesitate as he prepares to follow through on God’s wishes. When the angel then cries out to Abraham that he should not lift a finger to harm the boy and that he should instead sacrifice the ram caught in the thicket, we understand that Abraham has “passed the test” by being willing to sacrifice his most favored son to the holy one of blessing. I would argue, also, that God is testing us on a regular basis to see if we can, one day, live up to his expectations. The temptation to be cruel, selfish, self-absorbed, materialistic, and indifferent to the suffering of others is always there. But if we choose to follow God’s path despite the inner urges to do otherwise, the rabbis teach, we will be blessed with much in the year ahead on many levels.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back from their summer endeavors and to redoubling our efforts to make our community relevant, vibrant, and welcoming in the year ahead. And for those who would like to do some more preparatory work for the holy days, I will be holding a class called, appropriately, “Preparing for the High Holy Days” on Thursday September 6 at 7:30pm. At that time we will look at some texts, share our spiritual concerns, insights, and questions, and see how we can make this Ya’amim Noraim as meaningful as possible.

Shalom and Kol Tuv,
Peace and all the best for the coming year.
Rabbi/Cantor Mark Perman

Join Rabbi Perman
for an adult education session entitled,

“Preparing for the High Holy Days”

Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 pm

The class will help participants examine the questions:

“How do I get into a spiritual mindset that will make the Yamim Noraim (the days of awe) meaningful for me and my family?”

“How can I see this time as a period of renewal and reflection?”

President's Corner

Where did the summer go? Down the **drain** mostly. We have had so much rain this summer, I believe one of the rainiest on record. Thanks to Lee & Gayle, Debbie & Chuck, Rabbi, Tamar, and a few others who joined Betsey and me for the Temple picnic at the park. I wish more of you could have come. You missed some really great s'mores.

Thanks to Debbie Schaaf and Gayle Griffith, Tamar Clarke and Dave Shapiro, Debbie Lang and Jen Hartlove, and Betsey and me for helping to put on services in July when the Rabbi was on vacation. It is nice to see our congregants do services in their own way.

In July I met Jonathan Glizon, the President of Ohavay Zion Synagogue in Lexington, KY, and his wife for a tour of our Temple. They were very impressed that a temple like ours was out here in Western Maryland. I find it interesting to connect with people that contact us via our web presence. Speaking of the Web, Gayle is in the final stages of launching the new Temple Website. The new design is similar to other URJ congregations. We are on a new platform for this site and it should be much easier to maintain. If you have any interest in working on our Temple website please let either Gayle or me know.

If you are outside the Temple on Union or Centre Streets, please check out our new historic marker. Thanks to Chuck and Brian Lang for installing the sign. The sign was donated by The Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation, www.JASHP.org.

Another mitzvah done by B'er Chayim was to host Isabelle Stern and her 4K for Cancer Run Team overnight at B'er Chayim. Thanks to everyone that baked or donated food for this event. The runners left boxes of extra snacks that they had built up on their journey across the country. Lee arranged for them to be donated to the Summer Lunch Program in Cumberland.



The historic marker details the history of Jewish citizenry in Cumberland and notes B'er Chayim's distinction as the oldest continually operating synagogue in Maryland.

Now, the High Holidays are upon us. You can be expecting information regarding the Book of Memory and the Temple Holiday Appeal. Because the holidays are early, please be sure to give this a short turnaround and send it back to us ASAP. Betsey and I will be calling you about reading and honors during the upcoming High Holiday services. If you have something special that you would like to do for the services, let us know. Please come and enjoy the holidays with us this year at B'er Chayim. Our congregation has been doing High Holiday services for 165 years, since 1853. Amazing.

Doug

L'shanah Tovah!

Donations to B'er Chayim

June-August
Yahrzeits

Donor

Louise Gerson Hall

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& Bill Hirsch
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Robin Jean Schlosburg
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Kaplon
Bertha Goldfine
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Rabbi takes part in High School dedication ceremony

On Monday, August 20, Rabbi Perman joined other community leaders at the dedication of the new Allegany High School building. His benediction, which follows, set a lovely and fitting tone for the ceremony.



“Dear God we thank you for the gift of this new high school where students may come and acquire academic skills as well as wisdom that will hopefully benefit them throughout their lives. We hope that they will be able to learn here in safety, secure in the knowledge that they have the love and support of their families, their teachers, and their community. God, we bless this sacred endeavor as we recognize that as important as a building is, what goes on inside of it is what is most important.

Bless the athletes, the artists, the academically

gifted and bless those who struggle to fit in and be successful. Help them and their parents to see that their success and their value is not defined by academic prowess, achievements on the athletic field or in the arts, but rather by the kind of human beings they become. In the Jewish faith we say the Shehecheyanu prayer at a time like this. Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech HaOlam, shehecheyanu, v'ki'y'manu v'higiyanu, lazman hazeh. Blessed are you o' God for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for helping us to reach this day.”

Tashlich is a ritual that many Jews observe during Rosh Hashanah.

Tashlich means “casting off” in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of flowing water. Just as the water carries away the bits of bread, so too are sins symbolically carried away.

Since Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish new year, in this way the participant hopes to start the new year with a clean slate.

September 2018

Saturday, September 1	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Shabbat Morning Service Selichot Service
Thursday, September 6	7:30 pm	Adult Education <i>Topic: Preparing for the High Holy Days</i>
Friday, September 7	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service Oneg: Litman family
Sunday, September 9	7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Monday, September 10	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah Service Tashlich
Tuesday, September 11	10:00 am	Rosh Hashanah second day study session
Wednesday, September 12	6:30 pm	Mahjong
Friday, September 14	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service Community Oneg
Saturday, September 15	10:00 am	Torah study
Sunday, September 16	2:00 pm	Memorial Service at Eastview Cemetery
Monday, September 17	7:00 pm	Board meeting
Tuesday, September 18	7:00 pm	Kol Nidre service
Wednesday, September 19	10:00 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Yom Kippur morning service Yom Kippur afternoon service Yizkor service Nilah service Break the fast
Friday, September 21	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service Oneg: Brock family
Sunday, September 23	11:00 am	Sukkah building
Friday, September 28	7:30 pm	Simchat Torah/Erev Shabbat service Oneg: Griffith Schwartz family
Sunday, September 30	7:00 pm	Yizkor/Shemini Atzeret service

...We Remember

Yahrzeits for week ending Sept. 1, 2018/21 Elul 5778

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

Yahrzeits for week ending Sept. 8, 2018/28 Elul 5778

Lena Brodell
Sarah Gerson
Harry Mandell
Belle Beneman
Robert Dezen
Maurice Milberg

Yahrzeits for week ending Sept. 15, 2018/6 Tishrei 5779

Abe Feldstein
Lenore Ber
Roseann Bernstein
David Gottlieb
Jenny Rosenberg
Helen Teitelbaum
Ruth R. Millenson
Reba Alpert
Clara Price
Ervin Hartman
Chaye Yankelevitz
Ida Yankelevitz

Yahrzeits for week ending Sept. 22, 2018/13 Tishrei 5779

Barbara Dubins
Harry Fram
Henrietta H. Fries
Milton S. Granet
Harry Kauffman
Leslie Wade
Ron Dubansky
Schreiber Florence
Billie Gurenson
Miriam Klawan Mirkin

Yahrzeits for week ending Sept. 29, 2018/20 Tishrei 5779

Anna Feldstein Kelter
Edward Pallik
Max Judenberg
S. Martin Kornblatt
Samuel Wertheimer
Lena Arch Barson
Robert Goldfine
Charles Waingold
Dr. Saville Gabriel Weisman
Isidore August
Albert L. Luddeke
Henry Luddeke
Rebecca Millenson
Zelda Miller
Oscar Sommer
Ann Miller

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



may their memory be for a blessing
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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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