

# B'er Chayim Bulletin

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## Nefesh Mountain Presents “Live from the Barn at Levon Helm Studios” – a Hanukkah 2020 Holiday Concert!

Great news from Nefesh Mountain! They will be presenting a one-time-only Hanukkah show for the holidays, in exclusive streaming partnership with **NUGS.TV**. This special evening of music will be live-streamed on December 12, 2020 from the Barn at Levon Helm Studios in Woodstock, New York, and will feature original material as well as a selection of hand-picked classic bluegrass tunes, songs from Bob Dylan and The Band, and some of Woody Guthrie’s timeless and rarely-performed Hanukkah songs. Tickets are available online now at [www.nefeshmountain.com](http://www.nefeshmountain.com) (click on the Tour link).

## Virtual Hanukkah Celebration



Please join us on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. for a special Hanukkah Shabbat service on Zoom. Although we won’t be able to celebrate together in person as we usually do, we look forward to being able to spend this time together, albeit virtually, to enjoy the holiday. We will have music by Cantor Bessman and Wes Mason.

Also, as is our tradition, we will light our menorahs together at the beginning of the service so have them ready. We look forward to seeing everyone. We will be using the same Zoom log-in we use for every Shabbat service.



Did you know?

**B'er Chayim participates in the Cash for Causes program through Martin's Food Stores!**

The Cash for Causes program, otherwise known as “scrip,” or “Martin’s cards,” is an easy way to make a financial contribution to your congregation. Purchasers have the option of ordering Martin’s gift cards in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, or a custom amount, through B’er Chayim. The organization receives 5% of the order, which is an easy way to raise funds. Cards are ordered monthly and distributed to the purchasers. If you would like to participate, or have questions, email Rebecca, [admin@berchayim.com](mailto:admin@berchayim.com), or call the office.

## From Cantor Bessman



Dear BCT Members,

We are planning a festive (although somewhat Zoom-limiting) Hanukkah celebration for Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As it is the second night of Hanukkah, we will light the menorah (two candles) before lighting the Shabbat candles. You can count on some good music, thoughtful prayers and a little brightness to help us through these next few months. Things in the Covid-19 world change quickly. As of this writing, the building is closed and the numbers are up, *but* vaccines are on the way and it looks like we can see the tunnel's end at long last. Next year in the temple—for sure.

Before Hanukkah, let's get excited about the first adult education class of my tenure which takes place on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. What shall we study? The universe of Jewish knowledge is surprisingly vast. I spent five years in the seminary and I barely scratched the surface. There are many choices of topics. "Masterpieces of Jewish Literature" is my number one choice. There is enough material to last many years, but I see this as a one-year course, meeting once a month, less any summer months. It's all up to you. My goal for this bulletin's column is to invite everyone who wishes to attend adult education to tune in on Thursday. I am interested in hearing what interests you and how you would like to see the class structured.

Until then, I hope everyone keeps safe and remains vigilant.

Labriut (to health),

Cantor Richard Bessman



## From the President

Dear B'er Chayim Congregants,

On Friday we started a new chapter in spiritual leadership at B'er Chayim. Rabbi Perman ended his tenure at our temple as Cantor Bessman took over and lead our Shabbat services for the first time. I will miss the wonderful services of Rabbi Perman but look forward to watching Cantor Bessman on Zoom. Cantor Bessman brings a wealth of experience as a spiritual leader. His blend of Conservative/Reform style will fit well with B'er Chayim's culture. For those of you who experienced Cantor Bessman's first service this Friday it was clearly evident that he has a great approach toward leading services as well as a wonderful voice. This is the benefit that we get hiring a Cantor to lead us. In the brief meetings that I have had with Cantor Bessman, I can sense his enthusiasm, his warm personality, and his love of Judaism. In the next few weeks, I hope that you will welcome Richard into the B'er Chayim family. Since we can't do this in person, call him and say hello, or just join him each week on Zoom for Shabbat services.

Stay well. I think we can finally see the light in the end of the tunnel.

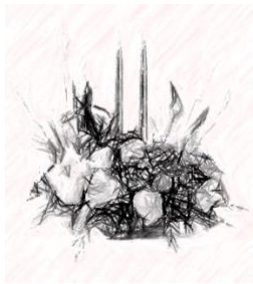
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A video montage of some of Rabbi Perman's time with us may be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/mM7vIfIggEM>.

To Ben and Beth  
Goldstein, we  
extend a warm  
welcome to B'er  
Chayim Temple!

### Donation Acknowledgements

B'er Chayim is eager to acknowledge those who contribute through yahrzeits and other donations. When sending a donation, please include your name as you would like it to be listed in the bulletin. Thank you!



## Donations

### Yahrzeits

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### Tree of Memory Leaves

Valeria Arch

Helen Schreiber  
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### Thank you to

Leslie Leibowitz for a donation in memory of Helen Schreiber.  
Denise & Jay Karp for a donation in honor of Rabbi Perman.  
Jennifer Shufro for a donation in honor of Rabbi Perman and in appreciation of Yom Kippur Services.



*A Menorah from the Middle East.*

*Thanks to Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab  
for these lovely historical Menorah  
pictures.*



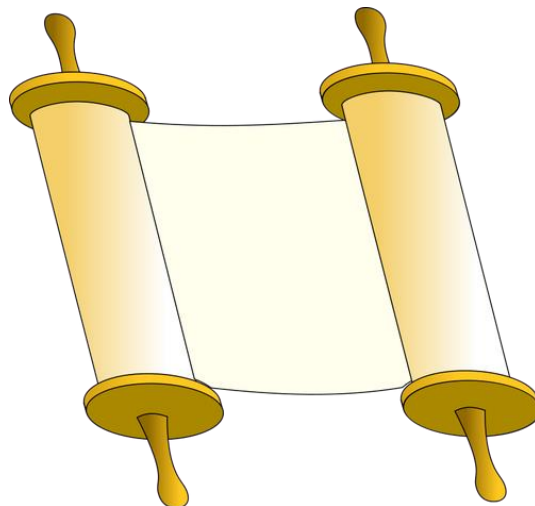
*A beautiful Menorah from Hungary, 1940s.  
All the toppers are images of Kosher  
animals.*



*A Menorah from Eastern Europe, mid-1900s.*

## December 2020

Thursday, December 3	7:00 p.m.	Adult Education
Saturday, December 5	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Service
Thursday, December 10	Sundown	First night of Hanukkah
Thursday, December 10	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, December 11	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, December 17	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, December 18	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
		Eighth Day of Hanukkah
Saturday, December 19	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Torah Study
Thursday, December 24	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, December 25	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Monday, December 27	10:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting
Thursday, December 31	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew



## We Remember

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending November 28, 2020/12 Kislev 5781***

Diane Mirkin Bush  
Jack Arch  
Hilda Irvin  
Bertha L. Mendelsohn  
Helene Manasse  
Hattie August  
Norman Brock  
Dove Ber Klionsky  
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### ***Yahrzeits for week ending December 5, 2020/19 Kislev 5781***

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### ***Yahrzeits for week ending December 12, 2020/26 Kislev 5781***

Adelaide Morton  
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Abe Feigus  
Moses Lippel  
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### ***Yahrzeits for week ending December 12, 2020/26 Kislev 5781***

Bernard Grolman  
Sally Helen Kalet  
Lillian Weinstein

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending December 19, 2020/4 Tevet 5781***

Sigmund Tanzer  
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Simon Rosenbaum  
Edith Becker  
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### ***Yahrzeits for week ending January 2, 2021/18 Tevet 5781***

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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 and Leonard  
Schwab Jewish Life Fund."

### eBay Fundraising Project

Do you have items you would like to donate to  
be sold on eBay with the proceeds going to B'er  
Chayim? Contact Larry Brock or Brian Lang  
for more information.

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

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

