

B'er Chayim Bulletin



February 2021

Shevat - Adar 5781

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From the President

Dear B'er Chayim Congregants,

It is January as I write this, and we have lived more than a year with limited travel and exposure to the outside world. With covid vaccinations on the horizon, we should be able to resume some normalcy in the next few months. To get us through the boredom of winter and the pandemic, Cantor Bessman has suggested a wonderful diversion: a virtual tour of Israel. The tour is led by a certified

tour guide who resides in Israel. The website offers virtual tour modules of six sites in Israel. Although it is not as fulfilling as being there, through photos and live commentary it should be an enriching experience for our congregation. The tour is interactive, so you are able to ask questions during and after the tour. It lasts approximately an hour.

The Board has approved the purchase by B'er Chayim of four modules, the first of which is a group tour of Jerusalem. This should be a fascinating experience for those of us who have never been to Israel. The cost of the tour is \$220 for up to 50 participants. The Jane and Leonard Schwab Jewish Life fund is graciously funding this virtual tour. We would like to do this on Sunday, February 28th, at 11 a.m. This could be a virtual brunch, with entertainment, for our B'er Chayim community. BYOB&L (bring your own bagel & lox)! If we think that this tour is worthwhile, we will purchase three more tour modules, one per month.

I would appreciate if you would get back to Rebecca at admin@berchayim.org to let us know if you will attend. To get some idea of the number of participants, we do require an RSVP before February 14th.

I think this will be a great time. I look forward to seeing everyone in our community take advantage of this opportunity to virtually visit Israel during the pandemic. For those of you who would like to visit the virtual tour website, it is Followmoses.com.

Bruce



Tel Aviv District, photo credit Toa Heftiba

Fun Febrrrruary Facts (other than it's cold!)

- It is the shortest month of the year (you knew that already).
- The Welsh call February "y mis bach," which means "little month."
- In the Southern Hemisphere, February is a summer month, the equivalent of August.
- The month is named for the Latin word "februum," which means purification.

From Cantor Bessman



Dear BCT Members,

As I write this month's bulletin article, I'm thinking about how meaningful the Tu B'Shevat's seder will be (it's five days away). For you, it is now in the past. Please let me know how you enjoyed it.

During this month of February, I am very much looking forward to our congregational tour of Israel on Sunday, February 28th, 2021, 11:00 am ET departure time (it's via Zoom, but that counts). Temple members often travel together, with the land of Israel being a primary destination. Not everyone can afford such trips. Sometimes the timing is not right. I am sure that everyone can afford *this* trip. The timing could not be better. The temple hired a professional Israeli tour guide. He should be quite good. I have friends who have used this tour guide and they highly recommend him. See the president's column for more information.

Another major temple-related activity for the month is our Purim celebration on Friday, February 26th. We will have a Shabbat service, with Purim overtones. Fortunately, I can make a case that thematically they go together. Shabbat is a holiday we look forward to celebrating every week. Purim is a holiday of fun and

enjoyment. Both holidays provide opportunities for us to express our gratitude for salvation in prayer, song, wine and spirits.

Debbie Lang and I are on the hunt for Purimspiel possibilities. No musical reviews this year; Zoom doesn't work so well that way. For those creative writers out there who would like to write something in the next couple of weeks, please let Debbie or me know.

The last important February date to put on your calendar—no, I'm not referring to February 14th—is Friday, February 12th. Rachele Valladares will be delivering a *d'var* on parashat *Mishpatim*. Rachele has an impressive Jewish background with a great deal of knowledge to share. We have a well-educated and diverse membership. I encourage everyone to participate in ways they feel comfortable.

This month in Jerusalem, and this year in the temple.

Labriut (to health),

Cantor Richard Bessman



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Yahrzeits

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Carol and Howard Mendelsohn,
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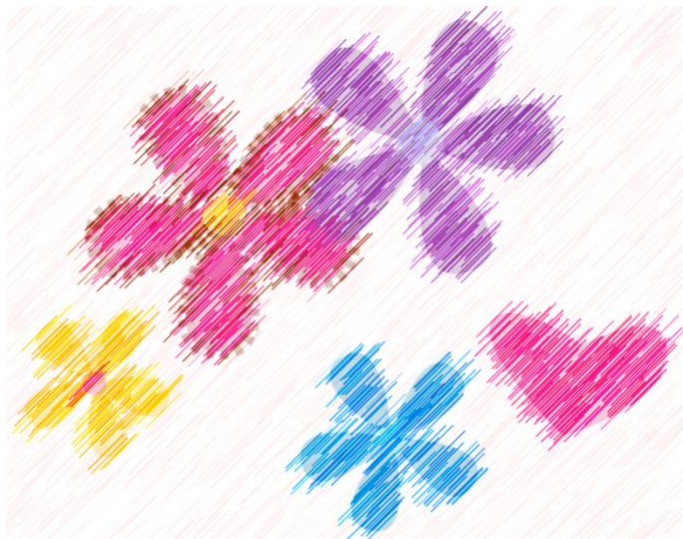
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Donation Acknowledgements

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!

February 2021

Thursday, February 4	7:30 p.m.	Adult Education
Saturday, February 6	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Service
Thursday, February 11	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, February 12	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Sunday, February 14		Valentine's Day
Monday, February 15		President's Day
Thursday, February 18	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, February 19	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 20	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Torah Study
Thursday, February 25	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew Erev Purim
Friday, February 26	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service / Purim Celebration
Sunday, February 28 <i>RSVP before February 14</i>	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Tour of Israel <i>(Jerusalem's Old City)</i>



We Remember

Yahrzeits for week ending

January 30, 2021/17 Shevat 5781

Irving Goldstein
Max Mortkovitch
Abram J. Brumberg
Simon Isaacs
Anna Lipson
Emma Feldstein
Maury Feinstein
Phyllis Sarubin
Rose Spear
Daphne Castelle
Julie Ann Miller
Harry Parish
Sara Sommer
Meyer Olin
Johanna Rapp
Jean Schwartz
Bessie Beerman

Yahrzeits for week ending

February 6, 2021/24 Shevat 5781

Madeline Guggenheimer
Jay Brieloff
Charles Schwab
Basya Serebryanaya
Lillian Tanzer Lindauer
Anita Bauer
Dr. Harry Kalet
Yakov Gordon
Jane Schwab
Miriam Schindler
Rebecca Gerson

Yahrzeits for week ending

February 13, 2021/1 Adar 5781

Louis J. Cator
Maye F. Freedman
Isaac Hirsch
Evelyn Kauffman
Roslyn Leonard
Harry Olin
Maggie Stone
Maurice H. Schreiber
Shaine Gerson

Yahrzeits for week ending

February 13, 2021/1 Adar 5781

Carol Jean Hersch
Irving Pallik
Barbara Heller
Esther Tzirel Klein
Bertha Miller
Dr. Irving Rosenbaum, Jr.
Joseph H. Lichtenstein
Marvin Rosten
Lewis Rosenbaum

Yahrzeits for week ending

February 20, 2021/8 Adar 5781

Arthur Drelich
Celia Dantzie
Benjamin Feldman
Fannie Gottlieb
Ida Jacobson
Bertha Miller
Sol Abramson
Ann Susan Anderson
Gabriel Goldenberg
Nachum Spear
Mary Londe
Abraham Jonathan Mirkin
Moshe Hirsh Weedman

Yahrzeits for week ending

February 27, 2021/15 Adar 5781

Bess Naviasky
Celia Abramson
Sylvia Gerson
Faye Klawan Hersch
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Homer Lowenberg
Rebecca Marx
Harry Alpert
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Yahrzeits for week ending

March 6, 2021/22 Adar 5781

Dina Abrams
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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. Check out all the available items at
<https://www.ebay.com/str/berchayimtemple>.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

This is a fund solely under the discretion of the Cantor. Contributions can be made to the fund by contacting the Cantor.

