

# B'er Chayim Bulletin



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“Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack, I don't care if I ever get back!” Those were the days, eh? Now you can get plenty of Cracker Jack memorabilia from B'er Chayim's eBay site and



help support the Temple financially! Thanks to the generosity of Valeria Arch and the invaluable work of Larry Brock, Ken Levitt, Brian Lang and Doug Schwab, Dr. Jack

Arch's collection of Cracker Jack memorabilia and many other unique pieces are being offered for sale: music boxes, decanters - you have to see it all to believe it.

Check out all the available must-have items at the Temple ebay site:

<https://www.ebay.com/str/berchayimtemple>



## From the President

Dear B'er Chayim Congregation,

I hope this finds you all doing well. As with the past 14 months the Coronavirus is still having a major effect on our lives. B'er Chayim is still closed for in-person prayer and adult education. On the positive side, our Friday and Saturday Zoom services continue to be a great success. Each week we have between 25 and 30 congregants celebrating Shabbat with Cantor Bessman.

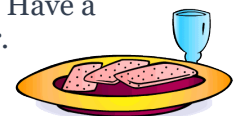
Although we have not been able to be together physically at B'er Chayim, we have held some wonderful Zoom events for our community and more are planned in the upcoming weeks. On Friday the 26th of February, we celebrated a Shabbat service with a Purim theme. On the 28th of February, the Jane and Leonard Schwab Jewish Life Fund sponsored a virtual tour of Jerusalem, led by a certified Israeli guide. On Sunday the 28th of March, B'er Chayim

will sponsor a virtual community Seder. All you will have to do is join us on Zoom and bring your own matzah and traditional Passover food.

For those of us who participated in our Zoom Passover Seder last year and the Tu B'shvat Seder this year, I think we can all agree that each event proved to be both fun and spiritually rewarding. So come and celebrate Passover with us and then watch Charlton Heston in The Ten Commandments on TV.

Hopefully, we will all be vaccinated soon, assume our new “normal,” and enjoy these activities in person. In the meantime, Cantor Bessman and the Temple Board will try to provide you with as many cultural and spiritual activities as we possibly can, although they are virtual. As we have all learned, Zoom is the next best thing to physically being there. Have a wonderful, happy, healthy Passover.

Bruce



The congregation mourns the passing of longtime member Helena Sauer. Helena had been living with her daughter in Las Vegas and passed away on February 9th at her daughter's home. Helena was 98½ years of age. Funeral services will be private at a later time when the family is able to travel to Cumberland.



## From Cantor Bessman

Dear BCC Members,

It has been a somewhat chilly February here in Cumberland this year, but springtime is in our sights. Well-stocked displays of seeds are out in the stores and people are talking about what they will be planting. I can also tell that the winter months are ending from the Torah readings (as they relate to the exodus from Egypt) and from the arrival of Purim. Purim means that Passover is one month away with spring not far behind.

I hope that we have all recovered from the Purim merriment (along with the Talmudically-mandated libations) so that we can concentrate on making our Passover seders meaningful. For many of us, the first seder need not be governed by the internet; the second—community—seder will once again be in the land of Zoom. For this year's haggadah, Debbie Lang and I have chosen to use *A Passover Haggadah*, the CCAR publication edited by Herbert Bronstein. The temple has several copies. Anyone who needs a copy is welcome to pick one up at the temple (please call ahead to let us know that you are coming), or we can arrange to get one to you. I think it is done well and very attractive. There will be many opportunities for everyone to participate. Please let us know if you would like a reading or two.

The community seder begins at 6:30 pm (Sunday, March 28, 2021). Because it is Zoom, we will not break at the customary time for dinner. You can eat before or after, or even sneak a snack here and there during the service.

Passover is the number one important event for March. The number two main event will be the FSU Department of Music Spring Choral Concert's presentation of *L'chaim! A Jewish Composers Showcase* on Friday, March 26th at 7:30 pm. This live-streamed event can be accessed through the link below. If the link is not working for you at the time, please visit the Frostburg State University Department of Music's website. Dr. Scott Rieker, the choir director, is highly respected in the musical community. I hear that the singer who is doing the cantorial solos is also quite good.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjZI3yUw9i9AYIlojAjQhoQ>.

More people are getting vaccinated. Soon I hope to be able to meet more of you in person.

Labriut (to health),

Cantor Richard Bessman



### Donations

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Margie Hartman

B'er Chayim  
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#### Acknowledgements

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

## March 2021

Thursday, March 4	7:30 p.m.	Adult Education
Saturday, March 6	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Service
Thursday, March 11	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, March 12	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, March 18	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, March 19	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 20	10:00 a.m.	Torah Study
Thursday, March 25	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, March 26	7:30 p.m.	FSU Choral Concert (see Cantor Bessman's article)
Sunday, March 28	6:30 p.m.	Second-Night Congregational Seder via Zoom



## We Remember

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
February 27, 2021/15 Adar 5781***

Bess Naviasky  
Celia Abramson  
Sylvia Gerson  
Faye Klawan Hersch  
Ivan Lichenstein  
Homer Lowenberg  
Rebecca Marx  
Harry Alpert  
Arthur Friedland  
Marion Hartman  
Helen Kaplan  
Daniel M. Lipson  
Norman Kline  
Esther Marx  
Michael Margolis  
Jacob Schmitt  
Charles A. Togut

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
March 6, 2021/22 Adar 5781***

Dina Abrams  
Dorothy Feldstein  
Rebecca Kaplon  
William E. Lehman  
Dorothy B. Hurwitz  
Albert Moses Lichenstein  
Harry E. Mendelsohn  
Samuel Hamburger  
Warren Everard McConnell  
Frumma Duk  
Ida Friedland  
George Silverman  
Joseph H. Gerson  
Minnie Hohouser  
Elias Klawan  
Nettie Mendelsohn  
Catherine Parness  
Max Gottlieb  
Martin Rothstein  
William Miller  
Dorothy Edna Olin

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
March 13, 2021 / 29 Adar 5781***

Maurice Friedland  
Marvin J. Kaplon  
Etta Klein  
Regina Schindler  
Florence Yankelevitz  
Abraham Miller  
Joseph M. Miller  
Kenneth Rubenstein  
Hattie Lippel  
Elkano Mayer Gerson  
Lena Kauffman  
Jean Mazzucca  
Beatrice Weiss  
Nathan H. Brodell  
Oscar Irvin  
Herman Joseph Miller  
Norton Naviasky  
Reva Zelda Rubinovitz

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
March 20, 2021/ 7 Nissan 5781***

Nathaniel S. Guggenheimer  
Louis Schwartz  
Henry M. Weisman  
Gittle Yolles Fliefel  
Benjamin M. Kamens  
Samuel Granet  
Simon Kochman  
Shuliang Li  
Rose R. Luddeke  
Libby Milberg  
Nathan Boorda  
Alan Glasser  
Meyer Greenbaum  
Ruth Nobel  
Sidney Nobel  
Esther B. Rosenbaum

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
March 27, 2021/ 14 Nissan 5781***

Samuel Fliegelman  
Harriet Granet  
Irvin L. Morton  
Louis Fichter  
Stacia Miller  
Constance Grolman  
Leo Isaacs  
Dr. Blaine Schindler  
Henri Schwab  
Walter Schmitt  
Ethyl B. Dantzie  
Esther Platt Klawan  
Timothy C. Peach, Jr.  
Nathan Dantzie  
Toby M. Kaplon  
Maxine Rosenbaum  
Rabbi Edwin Schoffman

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
April 3, 2021/ 21 Nissan 5781***

Samuel Dantzie  
Sol Glicksman  
Clara Hersch  
Sara Gottlieb  
Barney Mandell  
Stella Wertheimer  
Aryeh Leib Bernstein  
Bernard Hirsh  
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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 one month.  
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

### Tree of Life/Memory Leaves

Cost of leaf - \$40 which includes engraving.  
Preparation of leaf – about two 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 is 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 have sold on eBay with the proceeds going to B'er Chayim? Contact Larry Brock or Brian Lang for more information.

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### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions can be made to the fund by contacting Cantor Bessman.

