

B'er Chayim Bulletin



June 2021

Iyar / Sivan 5781

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From our Spiritual Leader

Dear BCC Membership,

When I came to Cumberland in November the air was chilly, the temple was closed—life was on hold. Summer has definitely arrived (the heat and allergens in the air are unmistakable). Things are opening up as more people are vaccinated and the daily impacts from COVID-19 have begun to start to recede.

We must still be careful, benefit from other countries that believed the worst was over. Vigilance is important. That said, the temple is open. We follow CDC guidelines and the temple board continuously evaluates what is reasonable for us to do as a community.

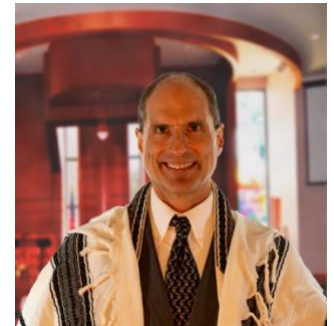
Outdoor gatherings seem safe. I heard that last year in 2020 BV (before vaccines), the temple hosted a well-attended outdoor *Havdalah* service in addition to an enjoyable outdoor Shabbat morning service. This year, we are hoping to repeat such successes. This year we should also be able to hold indoor events as summer heats up. The Board, Bruce Dubins, and I have been discussing possibilities. It may be a good time to begin seeing your temple friends *in person*, outside a small rectangular box. Please let us know what you might like to do.



June is slow in the Jewish-holiday department, rather nice after a brisk spring. For some, preparations for the High Holy Days are close at hand (yes, I know June has only just begun). I will be thinking this month in earnest about these fall holidays. If you have

favorite tunes or prayers, please get in touch with me. It is not too early: *Slichot*—the time for many that heralds the start of the High Holy Day season—falls on August 28, 2021.

On a personal note, I will soon begin writing sermons. I learned relatively late in life that getting things done early is much better than getting them done on time.



But let's not allow these preparations to interfere too much with summer enjoyment. We will have congregational activities noted above. In July there is the George L. Mosse/Lawrence A. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies' Twenty-First Annual Greenfield Summer Institute lecture series. Last month's bulletin mentioned this series. The subject is *Jews and Politics: America, Israel, Europe*. Lectures take place from July 19-22, 2021, hosted (on Zoom) by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. More information and registration can be found on their website (jewishstudies.wisc.edu) or feel free to contact me.

And, don't forget that spring cleaning at the Temple is well underway. We still have Jewish texts that you may want to add to your library.

Hope to see everyone at least once before summer's end.

Cantor Richard Bessman



From Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab – “The first Mahjong game in over a year was played outside in mid-May. It was a bit cool, but it was great to be together again.”

Zoom!

We are grateful to be able to be back in the synagogue in person for services! We will continue to use Zoom for those who would rather participate remotely. Hosts and co-hosts are needed for the Zoom sessions. Hosting is an important task that helps keep the Zoom sessions proceeding smoothly. If you're interested in providing that valuable assistance, please contact the office by phone or email. It is very simple, but you will need to sign in with a different login/password.



We Remember

***Yahrzeits for week ending
May 29, 2021 / 18 Sivan 5781***

David L. Abramson
Rose Eskin
Jacob Feldman
Rae Hirsch
R. Larry Bauer
Rose Dezen
Jenny Friedland
Frank H. Kaplon
Morton Peskin
Minnie B. Brumberg
Gertrude G. Kochman
Sylvia R. Schwab
Gustav Eisenberg
Shimshan HaCohen Klein
Daniel G. Schoffman
Mathilde Steinberger

***Yahrzeits for week ending
June 5, 2021 / 25 Sivan 5781***

Lois Lazarus Schwab
Patty Hightower
Milton Lavine
Louis P. Lutz
Myer Sigel
Hillel Bauer
Louis Margolis
Anne Pariser
Fred Brooks
Jeanne Gerson
Sophie Rosenau

***Yahrzeits for week ending
June 12, 2021 / 2 Tamuz 5781***

David Sumner Mayo
Lawrence Peskin
Maurice Wesoky
Morris Dantzie
Dora Fram
Greta Garnet
Jacob Hersch
Zelda Stein
Charles Snow

***Yahrzeits for week ending
June 19, 2021 / 9 Tamuz 5781***

Michael Beerman
Willie Stein
Jennie Finkelson
Sylvia Lippel
Helen Eisenberg
Fannie Luddeke
Paul Castelle
Max Greenbaum
Sue Warhaft
Victor Weiss
Pauline B. Friedland
Kurt Gottlieb
Lena Scheinberg

***Yahrzeits for week ending
June 26, 2021 / 16 Tamuz 5781***

Emmanuel M. Bernstein
Yetta Granet
Elliott Dantzie

***Yahrzeits for week ending
June 26, 2021 / 16 Tamuz 5781***

Ena Gurenson
Frieda Schindler Kobre
Isaac Rubel
Robert Kaplan
Ned Pariser
Anna Maria Feldstein
Robert Friedland
Lorraine Eisenberg
Albert C. Eskin
Ellen R. Kline
Robert Shapiro

***Yahrzeits for week ending
July 3, 2021 / 23 Tamuz 5781***

Harry Brock
A. Barnet Brumberg
Celia Isaacs
Myron Lee Cohn
Milton Gerson
Arthur Lazarus
Abe W. Schwab
Lee H. Waingold
Julius Wilner
Mary Schindler Liebowitz
Della Y. Cator
Morris Kline

Yahrtzeits

Donor

Marlene Sallerson
Tadd & Sandy Schwab
Philip Lavine
Ferne Kaplon
Elizabeth Weisman
& William Hirsch

In memory of

Seymour Sallerson
Leonard Schwab
Milton Lavine
Frank Kaplon

Morris Baron



June

Thursday, June 3	7:30 p.m.	Adult Education
Saturday, June 5	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Service
Thursday, June 10	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, June 11	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, June 12	10:00 a.m.	Torah Study
Thursday, June 17	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, June 18	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, June 24	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, June 25	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service



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Endowment Fund

Western Wall Memorial located near the entrance of the 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
Preparation of leaf – about two weeks.
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

Building Fund

Contributions may be given for general building use (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

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

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

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Contact Cantor Bessman for more information.

