

B'er Chayim Bulletin



May 2021

Iyar / Sivan 5781

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From the Cantor

Dear BCC Membership,

As avid followers of the Shabbat Update, I'm sure that few of you are surprised upon hearing that the Temple is open to in-person services once again. Mask wearing and safe distancing are mandatory—sacrifices that we all know are temporary, the end within our sights. (Remember: services are and will remain accessible through Zoom.) Onegs are also in our not-too-distant future.

In addition to onegs at the Temple, we have other activities planned for the future—think springtime and summer. Snow is falling at the moment, so let's wait until the next paragraph to hear about some outside activities that are being considered. This month you are invited to tour Fez, Morocco on May 23rd, 2021 at 11:00 am, from the comfort of your living room (with tour guide Moshe Gold). Mid-morning seems to be the preferred time.

Zoom fatigue has definitely set in. I hear about it from you, colleagues, therapists interviewed on the radio, and I definitely feel it myself. At the last board meeting, we started discussing congregational get-togethers that can take place safely. I heard how BCT has had Shabbat services, Havdalah services, and picnics in previous years all outside. Such outdoor activities sound perfect. Many of us haven't seen each other in over a year; many of us haven't met the spiritual leader of the congregation ever. The time is near.

If I have been overly harsh on Zoom, I apologize to all its shareholders. Limitations notwithstanding, it does offer opportunities unseen before the internet age. Our touring of the Middle East is one example. Visiting other congregations around the world another. There is a wealth of Jewish-related activities available to us as never before, all the more meaningful in that we are a smaller congregation with fewer opportunities for Jewish engagement.



Anyone interested in attending an excellent Jewish-oriented lecture series this summer—one that would not have been easily accessible prior to COVID-19—should consider the George L. Mosse/Lawrence A. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies' Twenty-First Annual Greenfield Summer Institute lecture series.

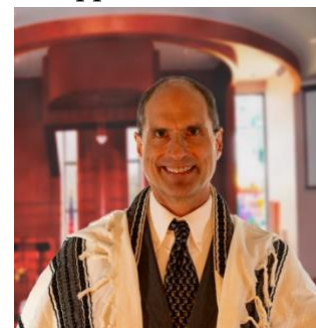
This year the title is *Jews and Politics: America, Israel, Europe* and takes place from July 19-22, 2021. It is hosted (on Zoom) by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I have been to a few and they were excellent; however, parking became a problem and sometimes various chores, work and other activities seemed more pressing. Usually, I was living elsewhere. Always I received their brochures and always I was sorry not to attend. This year I can and will. There are eight lectures over four days. Visit jewishstudies.wisc.edu. The cost is minimal. I will be going to four of the eight lectures at a cost of \$50. That will be enough Zoom for me.

We are doing some spring cleaning at the Temple. Rebecca and I are wading through a few mountains of books—books of: scripture; commentary; prayer; Jewish education; Jewish interest; general non-fiction; fiction; the land of Israel; Zionism—you name it, we have it. Please feel free to stop by and see what you may want to add to your collection. Spring cleaning means that many books will not be around next fall, but please don't worry about our library. We have enough extra books to share with you.

I'm looking forward to a beautiful summer in Cumberland outdoors filled with opportunities to meet temple congregants, Jews from other parts, a few hikes and several bike rides.

Until then, hope to see you at services,

Cantor Richard Bessman



We Remember

Yahrzeits for week ending May 1, 2021 / 19 Iyar 5781

Esther Meyer
Richard Neff
Ben Schindler
Samuel Yankelevitz
Minnie Levin
Rae Pariser
George Rothstein
Israel Schmitt
Harry S. Gerson
Seymour Sallerson

Yahrzeits for week ending May 8, 2021 / 26 Iyar 5781

Hattie Brock
Tzipe Feldstein
Joseph Rosenberg
Nochum Hillel Shear
Eliyahu Stein
Benjamin Marx
George R. Beneman
Allan T. Hirsh, Sr.
Dani Levi
Joseph Feldstein
Gary Kaplon
Goldie Klawan
June Minkelgreen
Milton Beneman
Ira Dubins
Sandra Learish
Louis Schoffman

Yahrzeits for week ending May 15, 2021 / 4 Sivan 5781

Rabbi Morris Baron
Bertha Esther Miller
Solomon T. Abramson
Paul Beerman
Yakov Kauffman
Ida Margolis
Rose Rothstein
Sue Kamens Thal
Jacob Goodman
Sumner Hirsch
Harold Marx
Henry Sauer
Sara R. Beneman
Leonard Parness
Leonard Schwab

Yahrzeits for week ending May 22, 2021 / 11 Sivan 5781

Myer Cohen
Samuel Mirkin
Stuart Rosenbaum
Gladys S. Schindler
Hirsh Tzvi Schmier
Esther Weinberg
Rose R. Levy
Rachael Silverman
Charlotte Shapiro Arzt
Jacob Millenson
Irwin Pariser
Bess K. Lazarus
Arnie Sack
Lillian Dantzig Twigg

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

David L. Abramson
Rose Eskin
Jacob Feldman
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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

Yahrtzeits

Donor

George and Tina Beneman
Ferne Kaplon Jaffe
Judi Lazarus-Haag
Elena Manasse
Debra Schaaf
Paul Snow
Elizabeth Weisman and William Hirsch
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Barnett Beneman, George R. Beneman, Milton Beneman
Helen Kaplon, Gary Kaplon, Frederick J. Kaplon,
John F. Markey
Bob Manasse, Henry Manasse, Joseph Mazzucca
Richard Neff
Gary Snow
Molly Baron, Elizabeth Baron Weisman, Eva S. Weisman
Elizabeth Baron Weisman, Rabbi Morris Baron



May 2021

Thursday, May 6	7:30 p.m.	Adult Education
Friday, May 7	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, May 13	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, May 14	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, May 15	10:00 a.m.	Torah Study
Thursday, May 20	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, May 21	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service
Sunday, May 23	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Tour of Fez, Morocco
Thursday, May 27	7:30 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
Friday, May 28	7:30 p.m.	Erev Shabbat Service



Cityscapes and desert images from Morocco.

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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 going to B'er Chayim? Contact Larry Brock or Brian Lang for more information.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Contact Cantor Bessman for more information.

