

# *B'er Chayim Bulletin*

August 2021

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## **From our Spiritual Leader**

Dear BCC Membership,

July seemed a bit quiet around B'er Chayim Congregation. Fortunately, travel has resumed for many. Some regular Shabbat attendees are enjoying family and friends in person again. I attended the Mosse/Weinstein lecture series (as promised) and learned a great deal about the realities of "Jews and Politics: America, Israel, Europe." It's all rather complex. I reported my "findings" at the July 23 service. If you missed the service and would like to hear about what I learned, please give me a call. It was enlightening, if not a bit sobering.

July's board meeting was productive. I am happy to announce that the temple is open and masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated. You can also enjoy services from any seat in the sanctuary; come early if you want to secure a seat at the back (those always seem to fill up first). I am unhappy to remind everyone that COVID is with us and the Delta variant may set us back. Personally, I do not view the promotion of vaccination as a political statement. Vaccinations have my full endorsement. Without them, I could not have lived without fear of Polio, visited Peru (Yellow Fever), or live without great concern of a shingles outbreak. A few of us may know people who have experienced Polio. We probably know people who have had COVID (some of whom did not survive) and shingles. I know someone who went blind from shingles. With the understanding that many do not trust the safety of the current COVID vaccines, I only ask those who attend services to wear a mask if not vaccinated—you have only one Jewish spiritual leader here in Cumberland. The welfare of the individual and the community are primary values in Judaism.

September is jam-packed with events, both spiritual and secular. As a recent immigrant to these shores of the West Branch of the Potomac, I had no idea how many offerings there are. The secular:

- **September 11-12: *Heritage Days*.** Whiskey Rebellion starts the night before. Note: Services on **Friday, September 10** will begin at 6:00 pm so congregants can enjoy a Shabbat service before making a stand at the Allegany Museum. We do not easily give up our rights in Cumberland. One week later:
- **September 16-18: *The Appalachian Festival in Frostburg*.** One week later:
- **September 23-26: *DelFest*** (music festival named after Del McCoury of Bluegrass fame).

Not to be outdone, we have various religious events. First, B'er Chayim Congregation communal activities, outside of the temple (and outside):

- **Friday, August 20: *Shabbat Under the Stars*.** Bel Air Pavilion with BYOD (bring your own dinner) before the 7:30 pm service. Oneg follows.
- **Sunday, August 22: *Congregational picnic*.** Location TBA. 4:30 pm.
- **Saturday, September 25: *Havdalah*.** Lakewood Community Pavilion.

At temple (and through Zoom), the B'er Chayim Temple High Holy Day schedule:

- **Saturday, August 28:** Selichot, 7:30 pm.
- **Monday, September 6:** Erev Rosh Hashanah, 7:30 pm.
- **Tuesday, September 7:** Rosh Hashanah morning, 10:00 am.
- **Wednesday, September 8:** Rosh Hashanah second-day morning Torah Study, 10:00 am.
- **Wednesday, September 15:** Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre), 7:00 pm.
- **Thursday, September 16:** Yom Kippur morning with Yizkor, 10:00 am; afternoon, 3:00 pm; Ne'ilah, 5:00 pm.
- **Friday, September 24:** Erev Shabbat (including Sukkoth and Simchat Torah celebrations), 7:30 pm.



From the last Shabbat Update in July:

As a descendent of Moses (in spirit, if not in fact), let me continue the tradition of repetition as I remind everyone that you can find current information on the temple website, Berchayim.org. Not only are the recent Shabbat Updates and the monthly Bulletin archived there, but also the Calendar tab reveals future events. It is a good place to start, even though the information there may be, as most things in life, “subject to change.”

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer, and hope to see you soon.

Cantor Richard Bessman

Congratulations to Brian Lang!

Lion of the Year



LaVale Lion Brian Lang, left, accepts the Lion of the Year award from club President John Lewis. Lang was recognized for bringing technologies like Zoom, enabling the Lions to stay connected during the pandemic. The award also recognized his tireless energy serving customers during chicken barbecues and Christmas tree sales. Lang is an information technology specialist at Frostburg State University.

### MRJ Political Update shared by Tadd Schwab

Men of Reform Judaism and MRJ South Florida will present an Israel Political update from MK Rabbi Kariv, Anat Hoffman and Rabbi Noa Sattath on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm EDT.

Register at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_r9a3f7E3TAOJAN7Q-A6gxQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_r9a3f7E3TAOJAN7Q-A6gxQ)

for this event.

NEFESH MOUNTAIN will  
be streaming a show  
Monday, August 9, 2021  
8:00 pm Eastern Time  
(5:00 pm PDT) from  
[www.markoconnor.com](http://www.markoconnor.com)

## We Remember

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
August 7, 2021 / 29 Av 5781***

Maxine Feigus  
Samuel Kaplon  
Rita Millenson Lowenberg  
Martha L. Peskin  
Benno Rapp  
Julius Schindler  
Merrill Flora Bernstein  
Bertha Goldfine Cohen  
Minna R Millenson  
Pearl Marks  
Irmel Steinberger  
Mina Judenberg

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
August 14, 2021 / 6 Elul 5781***

Kurt Steinberger  
Emma White  
Robert Marchand  
Lazar Platt  
Scott Parness  
Larry Cody  
Morris Wolf  
Mark Baker

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
August 21, 2021 / 13 Elul 5781***

Anna Mandell  
Abraham Olin  
David Aaron Lazarus  
Elsa Lichtenstein  
Max Spear  
Bronya Valdman  
Annie Kaplon  
Margot Steinberger  
Shile Devorah Margolis  
Donald Truesdell  
Edna A. Aronson  
Samuel Arzt  
Doris Ann Herron  
Richard G. Kagey, Jr.  
Joel Joseph Lipsch  
Jacob Nathan

***Yahrzeits for week ending  
August 28, 2021 / 20 Elul 5781***

I. Robert Lichtenstein  
Marvin M. Lutz  
Monroe Rosenthal  
Sidney Dantzie  
Ruth (Wolf) Karras  
Sarah Mendelsohn  
Ruth Scholl  
Benjamin Miller  
Harry B. Beneman  
Marie Boyd Eichler  
Samuel J. Feigus  
Jerry Morton  
Barbara Snow Sokoloff  
Anita Feit  
Dr. Arthur S. Bauer  
Frances Glicksman  
Sara Feldstein Ridgway



***Yahrzeits for week ending  
September 4, 2021 / 27 Elul 5781***

Ida Feldman  
Joseph Shapiro  
Abraham Kaplon  
Rabbi Aaron H. Lefkowitz  
Mae Viola Bernstein  
Bess Fichter  
Etta Bashe Lichtenstein  
Harry Mandell  
Lena Brodell  
Boruch Serebryanaya  
George Waingold  
Beatrice Welik  
Robert Dezen  
Carl E. Fields

**Yahrtzeits**

**Donor**

Clark Castelle  
Francine & Howard Reynolds  
Nachama Miller  
  
George & Tina Beneman  
Philip Lavine  
Tadd & Sandy Schwab

**In memory of**

Paul Castelle  
Helen M. Schreiber  
Robin Jean Schlosburg  
Anita Feit  
Edward Gottesman  
Esther Lavine  
Seymour Scher  
Sidney Holstein

# August 2021

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Friday, August 13	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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Friday, August 27	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 28	7:30 pm	Selichot

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## High Holidays 5782

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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.