

Shabbat Update August 7, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update

Dear BCC Membership,

Debbie Lang and I met yesterday to discuss honors for the upcoming High Holy Days. Please let us know if you would like to participate, especially if you think you might be overlooked.

Follows is an abridged version of my August bulletin article. Please note the dates and times. There are a few changes from previous years.

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

August Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim
Temple is open for
in-person
services.
Same safeguards
will be in place.*

*ZOOM services
continue*

**Friday
August 6
NO SHABBAT
SERVICES**

**Saturday
August 7
10:00 am
Shabbat
Services
In person &
ZOOM**

Friday

(Yellow Fever), or live without great concern for 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. It starts with the Whiskey Rebellion the night before. Note: Services on Friday, September 10th, will begin at 6:00 pm so that 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. Oneq follows.

- Sunday, August 22: Congregational picnic. Location TBA. 4:30 pm.

- Saturday, September 25: Havdalah. Lakewood Community Pavilion.

August 13
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Services
In person &
ZOOM

LATER IN
AUGUST

Friday
August 20
Shabbat Under
The Stars
7:30 pm
Bel Air Pavilion
with BYOD
(Bring Your Own
Dinner) at 6pm

Sunday
August 22
4:30 pm
Annual
Congregational
Picnic
Location TBA



**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

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."

Cantor Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

R'eih

Cohen
Minna R.
Millenson
Pearl Marks
Irmel Steinberger
Mina Judenberg

Happy Birthday

August 1

Howard Pallik

August 2

Barbie Corwell
Lydia Savramis

August 6

Betsy Hurwitz
Schwab

August 8

Zak Andrews

August 18

Polly Jo Hightower

8/19

Howard Reynolds
Bruce Dubins

8/24

Bebe Goldman

8/26

Lee Schwartz

8/28

Nancy
Friedenberg

8/31

David Pallik

See [This Day I Set Before You Blessing and Curse]

Deuteronomy 11:26–16:17

SUMMARY

- God places both blessing and curse before the Israelites. They are taught that blessing will come through the observance of God's laws. (11:26–32)
- Moses' third discourse includes laws about worship in a central place (12:1–28);
- injunctions against idolatry (12:29–13:19) Z
- and self-mutilation (14:1–2);
- dietary rules (14:3–21);
- and laws about tithes (14:22–25),
- debt remission (15:1–11),
- the release and treatment of Hebrew slaves (15:12–18),
- and firstlings (15:19–23).
- Moses reviews the correct sacrifices to be offered during the Pilgrim Festivals—Pesach, Sukkot, and Shavuot. (16:1-17)

Judi Lazarus
Haag

[share your birthday and anniversaries dates with our friends and families...contact info@berchayim.org](#)

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"Virtual" instructions -

To watch on Zoom - send an email to admin@berchayim.org and the ID and Password will be emailed back to you. The ZOOM Id and Password will be the same each Friday evening. Please remember that Rebecca is part time, leave yourself enough time.

Following along in prayerbooks for ZOOM

*services:
Links for prayerbooks
are found on our website
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Those links will take you
to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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