

Shabbat Update September 4, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update

Dear BCC Membership,

It's the first of the month which means this Shabbat Update will be long, as it includes much of my bulletin article for September. First, a couple of additional items. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the High Holiday Appeal and Book of Memory. It is not too late, although your name may not make it into the pamphlet. Rosh Hashanah begins next week. That is not news, of course. Due to the upsurge in COVID cases, some may Zoom services who otherwise may have attended in person. I recently added links to the prayerbooks we use for the High Holidays onto the Home Page of our B'er Chayim website (berchayim.org). If you like, you may also check out copies from the office. Just let us know when you are coming so we will be sure to have them ready.

This Friday is the first Shabbat of the month, so services are on Saturday at 10:00 am. Remember to sing Shalom Aleichem as you welcome Shabbat into your home Friday evening.

September Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services
continue*

**Friday
September 3
NO
Erev Shabbat
Service**

**Saturday
September 4
10:00 am
Shabbat Morning
Service**

**Monday
September 6
7:30 pm**

Following is my column for September. It includes our service schedule along with other useful information:

Two Fridays ago, we enjoyed Shabbat Under the Stars at the Bel Air Pavilion. It was beautiful. The near-full moon, along with a gentle breeze, almost made up for the heat and humidity of late August. Even though it was BYOD, Debbie Lang couldn't help bringing enough food to share. Also, she proved that mayonnaise is superfluous to a restaurant-quality coleslaw salad. We hope to have more outdoor services/activities soon. Unfortunately, the congregational picnic has been canceled for this year, although I am hopeful that the planned outdoor Havdalah service in September will be able to proceed. Recently, the CDC formally approved Pfizer's vaccine (it is no longer under emergency use authorization) allowing everyone to immunize with confidence.

High Holy Days are upon us at last, but the Delta variant is forcing us to be especially careful—even for those vaccinated. The Board and I agree that the building can stay open for services with safety protocols in place. (Note: the situation is fluid and may change.) I think all should be well as the sanctuary is good-sized and worshippers should be able to remain socially distanced. We ask that those who attend in person be vaccinated and wear masks at this time. The Zoom option will continue for those uncomfortable or unable to be physically present. We wish for everyone to have a meaningful and spiritual experience. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

As noted in the last bulletin, September is jam-packed with events, both spiritual and secular. The secular:

- September 11-12: Heritage Days. It starts with the Whiskey Rebellion the night before. Services on Friday, September 10 will begin at 6:00 pm enabling congregants to attend Shabbat services before making a stand at the

Erev Rosh
Hashanah

Tuesday
September 7
10:00 am
Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service

Wednesday
September 8
10:00 am
Rosh Hashanah
Second-day
Torah Study

Friday
September 10
6:00 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service

Wednesday
September 15
7:00 pm
Yom Kippur
begins
(Kol Nidre)

Thursday
September 16
10:00 am
Yom Kippur
Morning Service
and Yizkor

3:00 pm
Afternoon
Service

5:00 pm
Ne'ilah Service



Allegheny 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).

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

- 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 service/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.

Bruce Dubins, Debbie Lang, and I are busy ensuring that everyone who wishes to participate with a part in High Holy Day services is included. If you haven't done so, please reach out to one of us. It's not too late.

Shana Tova Umetuka (May you have a good and sweet year) and G'mar Chatima Tova (May you be inscribed in the Book of Life"),

Cantor Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

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
Serebryana

George Waingold

Beatrice Welik

Robert I. Dezen

Carl E. Fields

Happy Birthday

September 1

Nitzavim

נִצָּבִים

You Stand [This Day]

Deuteronomy 29:9–30:20

Summary

- Moses tells the assembled people that God's covenant speaks to them and to all of the generations who will follow. (29:9–14)
 - God warns the Israelites that they will be punished if they act idolatrously, the way the inhabitants of the other nations do. (29:15–28)
 - Moses reassures the people that God will not forsake them and that they can attain blessings by following God's commandments. (30:1–20)
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Beth Goldstein

September 19

Irma Dezen

September 21

Mark Perman

**Happy
Anniversary**

September 2

Tamar & Alan
Clarke

September 3

Gayle Griffith &
Lee Schwartz

September 28

Larry & Dottie
Hohing

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and anniversaries
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and families...contact
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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, and leave
yourself enough time.*

*Following along in
prayerbooks for ZOOM
services:*

*Links for prayerbooks
are found on our website
(www.berchayim.org).
Those links will take you
to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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