

B'er Chayim Bulletin



September 2021

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From Cantor Bessman

Dear BCC Membership,

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 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).

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 any High Holy Day

service 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



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Thank you to Annette and Neil Schacter, and Henry and Deborah Feinberg for their contributions to the Cantor's Discretionary Fund.

September 2021

Saturday, September 4	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service
Monday, September 6	7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Tuesday, September 7	10:00 am	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Wednesday, September 8	10:00 am	Rosh Hashanah Second-Day Morning Service/Torah Study
Friday, September 10	*6:00 pm*	Erev Shabbat Service
Wednesday, September 15	7:00 pm	Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Service
Thursday, September 16	10:00 am	Yom Kippur Morning with Yizkor Service
	3:00 pm	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
	5:00 pm	Ne'ilah
Friday, September 17	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 18	10:00 am	Torah Study
Friday, September 24	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service (including Sukkoth and Simchat Torah celebrations)



We Remember

Yahrzeits for week ending September 4, 2021

Ida Feldman
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Yahrzeits for week ending September 18, 2021

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Leslie Wade

Yahrzeits for week ending September 25, 2021

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Miriam Klawan Mirkin
Philip Peskin
Anna Feldstein Kelter
Ervin Hartman
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Ida Yankelevitz
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Yahrzeits for week ending October 2, 2021

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Ways in Which You Can Help B'er Chayim

Endowment Fund

Western Wall Memorial outside of sanctuary.
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Cost of plaque - \$250
Preparation of plaque – about 1 month.
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

Tree of Life/Memory Leaves

Cost of leaf - \$40 which includes engraving.
Preparation of leaf – about 2 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 will be 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 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.

