

Shabbat Update October 16, 2021

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Dear BCC Membership,

As most know, this is the month of Marcheshvon. In reading up on the often-thought meaning that Marcheshvon=bitter+Cheshvon, I discovered the linguistic classification of folk etymology. This is one such example. We may think that Marcheshvon is a bitter month of no Jewish holidays during the month of Cheshvon. Not so. First, Shabbat (the ultimate in joyous holidays) occurs several times. Second, it was never Cheshvon alone without the mar—ask



October Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services
continue*

Thursday

any Babylonian.

However, it does make sense in that Marcheshvon follows a month of several very important Jewish holy days, and precedes one very popular Jewish holiday. Mar may be seen as not so bitter but quite nice, as Shabbat can feel a little more restful when there are no other major religious activities to worry about. Rest up.

November will begin with two congregational events. Both within a week of each other, both virtual, and both free for our membership. The first you know about:

On Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm, we are invited to attend a program sponsored by the Jewish Museum of Maryland. Located in Baltimore, the museum is reaching out to those of us in Western Maryland. The link:

[JMM on the Virtual Road link](#)

New for your calendar: On Monday, November 8 at 7:00 pm, we have scheduled a (virtual) tour of the Jewish Museum exhibit titled, "Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art." More information to come. To learn about the exhibit, visit

[Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art](#)

We are now reading Parashat Lech-Lecha ("go forth"). Abram begins the long journey from his birthplace to a new land. Abram is not alone—he is with God and Sarai, his wife. After many adventures, Abram and Sarai are no more, as Abraham and Sarah continue the narrative (along with sons from which will spring two vast nations). A covenant is promised and the deal is sealed.

Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew continues. On Friday, October 15, please join us for Shabbat evening services. 7:30 pm is the time for both (Zoom or in person).

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

October 14
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
In Person &
ZOOM

Friday
October 15
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
In person &
ZOOM

Saturday
October 16
10:00 am
Torah Study
ZOOM

Monday
October 18
7:00 pm
Board Meeting
ZOOM

Thursday
October 21
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
In person &
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

**October 16, 2021
7 Cheshvan 5782**

Ruth Hohing



This Week's Torah Portion

Lech L'cha

לך-לך

Go Forth

Genesis 12:1–17:27

SUMMARY

- Abram, Sarai, and Lot go to Canaan. (12:1-9)
- Famine takes them to Egypt, where Abram identifies Sarai as his sister in order to save his life. (12:10-20)
- Abram and Lot separate. Lot is taken captive, and Abram rescues him. (13:1-14:24)
- Abram has a son, Ishmael, with his Egyptian maidservant, Hagar. (16:1-16)
- God establishes a covenant with Abram. The sign of this covenant is circumcision on the eighth day following a male baby's birth. (17:1-27)

William B.
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Shlomo Lazarus
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Abe Wolf
Amy Meltzer
Snow
Esther Shapiro
Charles Albert
Aaron Lazarus
Ruth Hersch Mayo



Happy Birthday

October 5

William Hirsch
Frank Shap
Debby Schaaf
Doug Schwab

October 18

Sue Arnson
Lynne Brodell
Hansell
Margie Hartman

October 20

Fred Klein

October 23

Bernice Friedland

October 25

Michael Sinclair

October 27
Louise Hall

**Happy
Anniversary**

October 11
Betsey Hurwitz-
Schwab &
Doug Schwab

Katy & Howard
Pallik

October 13
Amy & Steve
Owens

October 19
Betsy Weisman &
Bill Hirsch

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**"Virtual"
instructions -**

*To watch on Zoom -
send an email to
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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:*

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Shabbat Services.*

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