

# Shabbat Update November 6, 2021

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Dear BCT Membership,

Nothing much new in this week's Shabbat Update.

November's happenings should have long been on your calendar. In case not:

The Jewish Museum in New York has scheduled a tour for B'er Chayim of its exhibit titled, "Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art." This virtual event is for our membership, prospective members, family, and friends. It takes place on Monday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. To learn about the exhibit, visit <https://thejewishmuseum.org/index.php/exhibitions/afterlives-recovering-the-lost-stories-of-looted-art>. Please email Betsy Hurwitz-Schwab (bhs@9northcentre.com) to reserve a Zoom ticket. There is still time.

Sunday, November 7, Daylight Saving Time ends. An extra hour to study Torah.

Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, this year again, there is no interfaith Thanksgiving get-together due to ongoing COVID concerns.

### November Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services  
continue*

**Thursday  
November 4  
7:30 pm**

**Adult Education  
In Person &  
ZOOM**

**Friday  
November 5  
NO**

**Erev Shabbat  
Service**

**Saturday**

Sunday, November 28 (sundown), Hanukkah begins. Now that we have restarted onegs, I am hopeful we will have an in-person Hanukkah celebration at the temple this year.

**November 6**  
**10:00 am**  
**Shabbat Service**  
**In person &**  
**ZOOM**

As you know, onegs are back. They are more casual than before the pandemic, but you can count on wine, juice, challah, cookies, and—this Saturday, at least—some real food (perhaps salad and even fake meat for those vegans out there). We expect that anyone who stays after services will be vaccinated and virus-free to the best of their knowledge. Zoom is great, but it's not yet possible to share food with friends on the platform.

Tomorrow, Adult Education makes its monthly appearance at 7:30 pm. For now, still only on Zoom. Saturday, Shabbat morning services begin at 10:00 am (Zoom or in person). This week's parashah is Toldot. Jacob and Rebecca, it seems, are up to no good as they conspire to deceive Isaac. How can this be so? We will hear a midrash aggadah or two Saturday to help us understand that it's all good. You may ask, "What is a midrash Haggadah?" Tune in Saturday morning to find out, and hope to see you at the oneg afterward.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

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## This Week's Torah Portion

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**Tol'dot**

**תּוֹלְדוֹת**

**The Generations [of Isaac]**

**Genesis 25:19–28:9**

Summary

- Rebekah has twins, Esau and Jacob. (25:19-26)
- Esau gives Jacob his birthright in

**Yahrzeits for**  
**week ending**

**November 6,**  
**2021**  
**2 Kislev 5782**

William Learish  
Sophia  
Rosenbaum  
Schwartz  
Carrie W.  
Bergman  
Yoseph  
Lichtenstein  
Rebecca J.  
Dantzig  
Branetta Hirsch  
Bernard B. Lipson  
Sy B. Pariser  
Sondra Schindler  
Jacob Goldenberg



**Happy Birthday**

**November 3**  
Karen Lauer

**November 10**  
Michael Manto

**November 17**  
Chuck Lang

- exchange for some stew. (25:27-34)
- King Abimelech is led to think that Rebekah is Isaac's sister and later finds out that she is really his wife. (26:1-16)
  - Isaac plans to bless Esau, his firstborn. Rebekah and Jacob deceive Isaac so that Jacob receives the blessing. (27:1-29)
  - Esau threatens to kill Jacob, who then flees to Haran. (27:30-45)

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### ***Onegs are Back!!***

As Cantor Bessman mentioned in his column, the B'er Chayim Board is officially reinstating Onegs after our Shabbat services this week.

This first step is simple... the temple provides paper goods (of course), grape juice, and wine plus challah. Anyone attending is welcome to bring something to enjoy with that wine or juice, either just for yourself or enough to share. Just remember if you join in oneg socialization that you should be vaccinated.

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### **Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art**

You are invited to join the congregation on Monday, November 8 from 7 to 8 pm for a virtual tour of "Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art" from the Jewish Museum in New York.

"During World War II, untold numbers of

**November 21**  
Marlene Sallerson

**Happy Anniversary**

**November 8**  
Nancy & Curtis  
Friedenberg

share your birthday  
and anniversaries  
dates with our friends  
and families...contact  
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**"Virtual"**  
**instructions -**

To watch on **Zoom** -  
send an email to  
[admin@berchayim.org](mailto:admin@berchayim.org)  
and the ID and  
Password will be  
emailed back to you.  
The **ZOOM** Id and

artworks and pieces of cultural property were stolen by Nazi forces. After the war, an estimated one million artworks and 2.5 million books were recovered. Many more were destroyed. This exhibition chronicles the layered stories of the objects that survived, exploring the circumstances of their theft, their post-war rescue, and their afterlives in museums and private collections.”

More about the exhibit can be found here:

[Afterlives: Recovering the lost stories of looted art](#)

This is sure to be a very interesting tour. To sign up for the tour and receive the Zoom link, please RSVP to Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab at [bhs@9northcentre.com](mailto:bhs@9northcentre.com). We are able to host 50 people for the tour.

*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](http://www.berchayim.org)). Those links will take you to Mishkah T'Filah for Shabbat Services.*

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