

Shabbat Update November 13, 2021

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Dear BCC Membership,

Those who could attend Monday night's tour of the Jewish Museum in New York enjoyed a pre-Hannukuh gift. Our guide to "Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art" was excellent. She made the art and its relevance come alive to an audience hundreds of miles away. In seven days, many of us experienced two museums in the area (the Jewish Museum of Maryland last Tuesday). Never realized so many Jews settled out east.

A visit to one or both of these museums may be something we could do as a congregation. Israel is usually the first choice for out-of-town excursions; however, we are fortunate to have several places to experience closer to home—at far less expense and worry.

The Torah is set to Parashat Vayetzei. Last

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 11
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew**

year, I noted that most of Jacob's children are chronicled here. Eleven of the leaders for the (12) tribes of Israel are named. The number "twelve" is easier to remember than the actual names, much less the different mothers (and birth order of the sons). I usually remember the specifics for only a couple of months— that's one reason why an annual revisiting of Torah portions is so fruitful. It is a mishigas of a family. Leah begins with Reuben (1), Simon (2), Levi (3), Judah (4); Rachel's maidservant Bilhah births Dan (5), Naphtali (6); now Leah's maidservant Zilpah adds Gad (7), Asher (8); back to Leah with Issachar (9), Zebulun (10); at long last Rachel's first, named Joseph (11); and next week her number two, Benjamin (12) finally arrives. Other things happen in Vayeitzei. Please come Friday night to find out.

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

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. We had a very nice one Saturday with salad, cheese, cold cuts (fake, of course) and schnapps.

Note: The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 am (via Zoom or at the temple).

Tomorrow, Adult Education continues at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Friday, Shabbat evening services are also at 7:30 pm, at the temple and on Zoom.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

In Person &
ZOOM

Friday
November 12
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
In Person &
ZOOM

Monday
November 15
7:00 pm
Board Meeting

SAVE THE
DATE

December 12
11:00 am
ANNUAL
CONGREGATION
MEETING
more details to
follow

**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

**November 13,
2021
9 Kislev 5782**

Dorothy Miller
Rebecca Parish
Hyman Gerson
Morris
Mendelsohn
Sally Pallik
Ira Rosenbaum,
Jr.
Isaak
Serebryanaya
Sam Beerman

This Week's Torah Portion

Vayeitzei

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And [Jacob] Left

Genesis 28:10–32:3

Summary

- Jacob dreams of angels going up and down a ladder. God blesses him. Jacob names the place Bethel. (28:10-22)
- Jacob works seven years in order to marry Rachel, but Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah, Rachel's older sister. (29:16-25)
- Jacob marries Rachel but only after having to commit himself to seven more years of working for Laban. (29:26-30)
- Leah, Rachel, and their maidservants, Bilhah and Zilpah, give birth to eleven sons and one daughter. (29:31-30:24)
- Jacob and his family leave Laban's household with great wealth. (31:1-32:3)

Join us for
Shabbat.



Onegs are Back!!

As Cantor Bessman mentioned in his column,

Martha Lazarus
Bessie G. Lyons
Anna Jaffe Mirkin
Marion Beerman
Golda Gordon
Robert C. Hohing
Ernest Luddeke
William Luddeke



Happy Birthday

November 3

Karen Lauer

November 10

Michael Manto

November 17

Chuck Lang

November 21

Marlene Sallerson

Happy Anniversary

November 8

Nancy & Curtis
Friedenberg

share your birthday
and anniversaries
dates with our friends
and families...contact
info@berchayim.org

the B'er Chayim Board is officially reinstating Onegs.

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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"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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Those links will take you
to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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