

Shabbat Update November 20, 2021

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Dear BCT Membership,

At Monday night's board meeting, we added a couple of events and made other calendar changes for this month and next (note the *'s) —most on account of Hanukkah and other autumnal happenings.

(Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving.)

* Friday, November 26, no Friday evening services at the temple. It's a parking thing. The annual Christmas lighting downtown is quite popular. The following morning,

* Saturday, November 27, 10:00 am. Shabbat morning services. Easy parking.

* Sunday, November 28 (sundown), Hanukkah begins. If you need a box of Hanukkah candles, we have several at the temple. Please give a call.)

* Wednesday, December 1, at 6:00 pm. The Allegany County Historical Society and the Gordon Roberts House have invited the synagogue community to a Hanukkah candle lighting and reception. Our member, Rachelle Valladerez, told us that one of the rooms at the Gordon Roberts House will be decorated for Hanukkah. Thank you, Rachelle. A couple of weeks ago, the Jewish Museum of

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 18
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM**

**Friday
November 19
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
In Person &
ZOOM**

Maryland (JMM) in Baltimore had a Zoom meet-and-greet for us Western Marylanders. Then we learned more about the Jewish presence out here in Appalachia. This event is further indication that Jewish life proudly continues in rural America.

Speaking of the JMM, I was fortunate to visit the complex Monday. I toured its two historic synagogues (The Lloyd Street Synagogue—1845 and Chizuk Amuno—1876) and saw part of the permanent collection. Parking happened to be very easy as I was lucky to get a spot across the street. Traffic leaving was another matter. I've become spoiled from Cumberland's lack of congestion.

* Friday, December 3, time TBA. Hanukkah candle lighting, dinner (think latkes), service. This year, we are planning on resuming the time-honored Hanukkah celebration at the temple. As you know, we are doing our best to be careful. Though vaccinations are up, COVID numbers are also rising. Outside temperatures are decreasing and indoor activities are thereby increasing. Seasonal flu may reappear this year. But, this year is still better than last. I hope all who participate in onegs (meaning eating and drinking) are vaccinated and healthy. We have had several enjoyable onegs recently, and I believe such activities are sustainable with vigilance. Remember, services will continue to be hybrid. As the year progresses, more activities may utilize this model. We wish all to participate in ways that are comfortable for the individual and the community.

* Saturday, December 4. No Shabbat morning services because of Friday evening's Hanukkah celebration.

Remember, Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 am is the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew continues at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Friday, Shabbat evening services are also at 7:30 pm, at the temple and on Zoom. Saturday, this month's Torah study begins at 10:00 am. We will address the many facets from which to view Parashat

Thursday
November 25
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

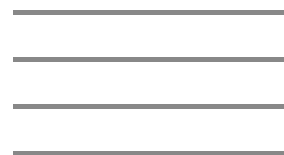
Friday
November 26
NO EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE

Saturday
November 27
Shabbat
Saturday
Service
10:00 am
In Person &

Sunday
November 28
First Night of
Hanukkah

Wednesday
December 1
6:00 pm
Allegany
County Historical
Society Open
House At Gordon
Roberts House

December 12
11:00 am
ANNUAL
CONGREGATION
MEETING
Katz's Deli
Lunch



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

Vayishlach.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4–36:43

Summary

- *Jacob prepares to meet Esau. He wrestles with a "man," who changes Jacob's name to Israel. (32:4-33)*
 - *Jacob and Esau meet and part peacefully, each going his separate way. (33:1-17)*
 - *Dinah is raped by Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, who was chief of the country. Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi take revenge by murdering all the males of Shechem, and Jacob's other sons join them in plundering the city. (34:1-31)*
 - *Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin and is buried in Ephrah, which is present-day Bethlehem. (35:16-21)*
 - *Isaac dies and is buried in Hebron. Jacob's and Esau's progeny are listed. (35:22-36:43)*
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**November 20,
2021
16 Kislev 5782**

Margaret G.
Beneman
Helene Manasse
Sonny Hersch
Dove Ber Klionsky
Ron Schindler
Ike Olin
Fannie Wolf
Milton Bernstein
Samuel A. Gerson
Robert Brodell
Ricka Rosenbaum
Millie Gottlieb
Steinberger
Lillian B. Holstein
David Shear
Dr. William Snow

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

Onegs are Back!!

B'er Chayim Temple 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.

KATZ'S DELI SANDWICH LUNCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2021

As in the past, we are planning to order deli sandwiches from Katz' s Deli in New York City for anyone who would like to stay for lunch after the Congregational Annual meeting. We had a good response in the past and it was a nice social follow-up to our annual meeting.

Lunch sales are open to anyone, friends and Temple Family. The cost for lunch is \$17 which includes a full sandwich with ¼ pound of either corned beef or pastrami; a whole deli pickle and a Dr. Brown's cream or cherry soda.

Contact me (Doug) no later than 12/07/2021 with your order. Doug: 240-580-0403 or doug@dougschwab.net .

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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:*

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