

## Shabbat Update November 27, 2021

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Dear BCC Membership,

For this week's Shabbat Update, I would like to concentrate on our somewhat irregular schedule for the next fortnight.

Thursday, November 25, no Adult Hebrew. Why? It's Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 26, no Friday evening services. It's a parking thing due to the popularity of the annual Christmas lighting downtown. However, on 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.

Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm is the community Hanukkah candle lighting and reception at the Gordon Roberts House. One of the rooms will be decorated for Hanukkah — a first. Thank you, Rachelle.

Friday, December 3, Hanukkah candle lighting, dinner, and Shabbat services at B'er Chayim Temple! Tentative schedule: 6:30 pm candle lighting followed by dinner and

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### 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 25  
HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

**Friday  
November 26  
NO EREV  
SHABBAT  
SERVICE**

**Saturday  
November 27  
Shabbat  
Saturday**

Shabbat services at the regular 7:30 pm time. Freshly-made latkes provided for all. You should receive an email shortly that includes potluck information. We invite everyone to bring their menorah from home; the more people who do, the more beautiful it will look. For those of you who are unvaccinated or tune in from afar, we will be zooming the entire event. No need for anyone to be excluded from the party.

Saturday, December 4. No Shabbat morning services because we would like to see everyone attend Friday evening's Hanukkah celebration.

Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 am is the Annual Congregational Meeting. Please contact Doug Schwab to place your deli order.

In Parashat Vayeshev, a great epic begins—filled with anger, jealousy, betrayal, and lust. There is a little love (Jacob's special treatment of son #11), though it leads to the sordid nouns listed above. If there should ever be a musical, I don't see how it could end well.

Happy Thanksgiving, and Shabbat shalom,  
Cantor Richard Bessman

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## This Week's Torah Portion

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### Vayeishev

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[Jacob] Settled

Genesis 37:1–40:23

Summary:

- Jacob is shown to favor his son Joseph,

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

Friday  
December 3  
6:30 pm  
Community  
Menorah  
Lighting

Potluck Dinner  
To Follow  
Fresh & Hot  
Latkes Featured

Informal  
Services  
to be held in  
Vestry  
7:30 pm

Hanukkah Oneg  
to Follow

In Person & Zoom

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

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whom the other brothers resent. Joseph has dreams of grandeur. (Genesis 37:1-11)

- After Joseph's brothers had gone to tend the flocks in Shechem, Jacob sends Joseph to report on them. The brothers decide against murdering Joseph but instead sell him into slavery. After he is shown Joseph's coat of many colors, which had been dipped in the blood of a kid, Jacob is led to believe that Joseph has been killed by a beast. (Genesis 37:12-35)
- Tamar successively marries two of Judah's sons, each of whom dies. Judah does not permit her levirate marriage to his youngest son. She deceives Judah into impregnating her. (Genesis 38:1-30)
- God is with Joseph in Egypt until the wife of his master, Potiphar, accuses him of rape, whereupon Joseph is imprisoned. (Genesis 39:1-40:23)

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### ***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.

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**KATZ'S DELI SANDWICH LUNCH**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL**

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### **Yahrzeits for week ending**

**November 27,  
2021  
23 Kislev 5782**

Diane Mirkin Bush

Milton J. Feldstein

Harold Goodman

Jack Arch

Harry Stein

Hilda Irvin

Berrill Friedland

Alene Marks

Bertha L.  
Mendelsohn

Philip G. Miller

Ethel Mortkovitch

Hattie August

Norman Brock

and the recent  
passing of  
Rae Brodell

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## 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](mailto:doug@dougschwab.net) .

## 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  
\[info@berchayim.org\]\(mailto:info@berchayim.org\)](#)

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**"Virtual"  
instructions -**

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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.*

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prayerbooks for ZOOM  
services:*

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