

Shabbat Update December 4, 2021

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Dear BCT Membership,

Chag Hanukkah Sameach to all on this third day of Hanukkah. I hope everyone knows about tonight's candle lighting and reception at the Gordon-Roberts House, 6:00 pm.

Just two days from now, our Hanukkah candle lighting (with a few songs, of course) and dinner at B'er Chayim Temple begin at 6:30 pm. Freshly-made latkes are provided for all, courtesy of well-known regional chefs. Please bring your menorah from home—the more people who do, the more beautiful it should look. Shabbat evening services take place at the regular 7:30 pm time in the temple vestry. [We will be zooming the entire event for the unvaccinated or those who wish to tune in from afar. We want everyone to be included.]

As we all know, Hanukkah is the primary focus for Jews worldwide at (secular) year's end. In Cumberland, we also attend the Annual Congregational Meeting (this year on Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 am by Zoom or in-person). Both celebrate the continuation of Jewish life. Please get in touch with Doug Schwab if you would like to order a Katz's Deli sandwich.

Filling the week, we have Adult Education tomorrow at 7:30 (via Zoom). We will review a

December Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim Temple
is open for
in-person
services.*

*Same safeguards
will be in place.*

*ZOOM services
continue*

**Wednesday
December 1
6:00 pm
Allegany
County Historical
Society Open
House
Gordon Roberts
House
218 Washington
St.**

**Thursday
December 2
7:30 pm**

few Hanukkah songs, some Hanukkah lore and discuss programming for 2022. Please feel free to join us. We use the same sign-on system for classes as we do for Shabbat services. Remember: No Shabbat morning services this month due to Friday evening's Hanukkah celebration.

Though it may be the time to celebrate Judah Maccabee and his leadership in liberating the First Temple from the Seleucid Empire, it is best not to forget that Joseph has just succeeded in saving Egypt from a devastating famine. Turnabout is fair play as Joseph works through the complicated relationship he has with his ten brothers. Moses was not perfect, so he can be forgiven for the bit of brotherly trickery seen in this week's Parashat Miketz.

Chag Hanukkah Sameach and Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

Mikeitz

מִקֵּץ

After [Two Years]

Genesis 41:1–44:17

Summary:

- Joseph interprets Pharaoh's two dreams and predicts seven years of prosperity followed by seven years of famine. (41:1-32)
- Pharaoh places Joseph in charge of food collection and distribution. (41:37-49)
- Joseph marries Asenath, and they have

Adult Education
In Person &
ZOOM

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
In Person &
ZOOM

**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

**December 4,
2021
1 Tevet 5782**

Rabbi William

two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.
(41:50-52)

- When Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to buy food during the famine, Joseph accuses them of spying. He holds Simeon hostage while the rest of the brothers return to Canaan to retrieve Benjamin for him. (42:3-42:38)
- The brothers return to Egypt with Benjamin and for more food. Joseph continues the test, this time falsely accusing Benjamin of stealing and declaring that Benjamin must remain his slave. (43:1-44:17)

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 .

Rosenau
Selma Berger
Rose Greenberg
Gertrude Mandell
Hannah Friedberg
Platt
Barbara Siegel
Schrier
Sally Helen Kalet
Sigmund Tanzer
Israel Beerman
Frank Harry Feld
Florence Judith
Lange
Ruvim Valman

and the recent
passing of
Rae Brodell

Happy Birthday

December 13
Nicole Manto

December 29
Steven Shapiro
Howard Hansell

December 30
Gayle Griffith

Happy Anniversary

December 23
Marilyn & Larry
Brock

[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
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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to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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