

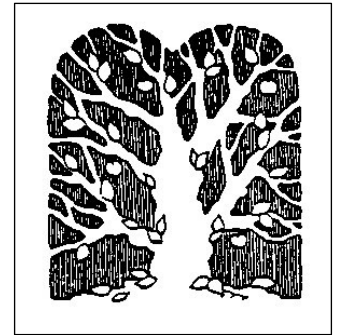
# B'er Chayim Bulletin

March 2022

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Dear BCC Membership,

During the last two years, we have seen that “Curb Your Enthusiasm” is much more than a TV show—it’s become a way of life. Now (again), things are looking up at B’er Chayim this month; COVID numbers are receding, and long-awaited congregational happenings look more likely to reach fruition. Best never to tempt fate, but plans need to be made and can be adjusted as required.

This year—with easily-accessible vaccines, masks, and “endemic” replacing “pandemic”—last year’s hopes might finally be realized. The long-awaited movie night at temple is slated to be on Saturday night, March 19. Though the list of movies has been growing longer, Doug Schwab is ready to provide the best choice when we are ready. Let’s try for March 19. Remember: the weekly Shabbat Update and the [berchayim.org](http://berchayim.org) website is the place to stay current. [Personal aside: I discovered [chaiflicks.org](http://chaiflicks.org), a new Jewish/Israeli-oriented streaming service. Already, I have seen several good documentaries and Israeli TV shows. They have subtitles, as needed. Israel’s film industry is thriving.]

Our well-received Hanukkah celebration in December and the projected infection trajectory portend a hybrid seder for the second night of Passover(!). We (the board and spiritual leader) very much want this to happen. Second Vice-President Ken Levitt is at the helm for this and other events. The second seder is Saturday, April 16. It may seem far away, but we have all experienced how quickly time can speed up when you’re not paying attention. For

many, COVID has ironically made this worse: “I’ve been doing nothing, but life is going by so fast.”

And this means that it is never too early to prepare for High Holy Days (fill in the year). I am always on the lookout for participants, but there have been few takers. Please let me know if you are interested in learning how to chant Torah/Haftarah or in learning other areas of the synagogue service. If there are several people, a class might be best. Individual instruction works too. I understand how intimidating service participation can be, but it gets less so with repetition. Now is the time ideal time to begin to prepare without the pressure.

Best to keep the faith as we hope for a busy 2022,

Kol tuv,

Cantor Richard Bessman



## President's Message

Dear B'er Chayim Congregants,

Last month I commented to the congregation that this was ideally a time of rest, yet we find ourselves at loose ends. Cantor Bessman commented that this would pass, and for most of us, it is passing. As the days get longer and it warms up we become more optimistic. We were encouraged to think of a vaccine and/or boosters as something that would rescue us. However, ultimately, it isn't our circumstances so much as how we respond to our circumstances which makes our world what it is. We can reach out, healing the world or our immediate community and we heal ourselves in the process. We are rescued by accepting responsibility rightfully ours and reaching out.

Serving on a committee needn't be very demanding. Volunteer to serve on the committee, or inquire about the possibility, and almost certainly good things will come from taking some initiative.

Best wishes to all,  
Gregg Schaaf



## Yahrzeit Donations

B'er Chayim is extremely grateful for contributions received. When sending a donation to B'er Chayim, please include your name as you would like it to be listed in the bulletin. Thank you!

### Donor

Ferne Jaffe  
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### In memory of

Harry Olin  
Jane Schwab  
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## Cornice from the B&O Railroad Queen City Station Cumberland. Md.



For Sale by B'er Chayim Temple

For more information contact  
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[www.berchayim.org](http://www.berchayim.org)

4 ea Cornice from the B&O Railroad Queen City Station Cumberland. Md.

The 3 larger cornices are about 24x12x5.5 inches. The one smaller is 16x10x4 in. They all have some missing parts but for being 150 years old, they are in nice shape. Two of the larger ones have been varnished. The other two are just stripped.

People talk of keeping up and restoring old buildings. These are from an historic building, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Queen City Station, in Cumberland Md, that could not be saved. The proceeds from the sale will help keep B'er Chayim's almost 170 old building an active historic structure.

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/313889773109?mkevt=1&mkcid=16&mkrid=711-127632-2357-0>





## **B'er Chayim Temple Community Seder April 16, 2022**

We are hopeful that we may be able to hold a second night Community Seder this year as COVID protocols appear to be changing. In order to make plans, we do need to get an idea of who might attend if we are able to hold the service/dinner in person. ZOOM will also be available.

Please send a reply to [info@berchayim.org](mailto:info@berchayim.org), call 301-722-5688 and leave a message, or speak with Cantor Bessman or a board member. Your name and how many in your party will be helpful. We will keep you up to date via the Shabbat Update as to details, menu and pricing.



## March 2022

Thurs, March 3	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Hebrew/Education
Saturday, March 5	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service
Thursday, March 10	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Adult Hebrew
	7:45 pm – 8:30 pm	“Aseret: The Big Ten”
Friday, March 11	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, March 17	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Adult Hebrew
	7:45 pm – 8:30 pm	“Aseret: The Big Ten”
Friday, March 18	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 19	10:00 am	Torah Study
	7:00 pm	BCC Film night An American Pickle
Thursday, March 24	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Adult Hebrew
	7:45 pm – 8:30 pm	“Aseret: The Big Ten”
Friday, March 25	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, March 31	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Adult Hebrew
	7:45 pm – 8:30 pm	“Aseret: The Big Ten”
Saturday, April 2	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service

## We remember

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending March 5, Hadar-II 5782***

Michael Margolis  
Charles A. Togut  
Dorothy Feldstein  
Rebecca Kaplon  
William E. Lehman  
Dorothy B. Hurwitz  
Albert Moses  
Lichtenstein  
Harry E. Mendelsohn  
Beatrice Weiss  
Samuel Hamburger  
Warren Everard  
McConnell  
Herman Joseph Miller  
Reva Zelda Rubinovitz  
Frumma Duk  
George Silverman  
Joseph H. Gerson  
Elias Klawan  
Nettie Mendelsohn  
Catherine Parness  
Max Gottlieb  
Martin Rothstein

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending March 12, Hadar-II 5782***

William Miller  
Marvin J. Kaplon  
Regina Schindler  
Sol Abramson  
Hattie Lippel  
Nachum Spear  
Moshe Hirsh Weedman  
Lena Kauffman  
Jean Mazzucca

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending March 19, Hadar II 5782***

Nathan H. Brodell  
Oscar Irvin  
Norton Naviasky  
Nathanial S.  
Guggenheimer  
Henry M. Weisman  
Gittle Yolles Fliefel  
Benjamin M. Kamens  
Esther Marx  
Samuel Granet  
Simon Kochman  
Shuliang Li  
Libby Milberg  
Dina Abrams  
Alan Glasser  
Meyer Greenbaum

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending March 26, Hadar II 5782***

Ruth Nobel  
Sidney Nobel  
Esther B. Rosenbaum  
Samuel Fliegelman  
Harriet Granet  
Irvin L. Morton  
Louis Fichter  
Constance Grolman  
Dr. Blaine Schindler  
Henri Schwab  
Ethyl B. Dantzic  
Esther Platt Klawan  
Dorothy Edna Olin  
Timothy C. Peach, Jr.  
Toby M. Kaplon

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending April 2, Nissan 5782***

Maxine Rosenbaum  
Kenneth Rubenstein  
Clara Hersch  
Sara Gottlieb  
Elkano Mayer Gerson  
Stella Wertheimer  
Bernard Hirsh  
Barnett Beneman  
Frederick J. Kaplon  
Rae Schindler

### ***Yahrzeits for week ending April 9, Nissan 5782***

John F. Markley  
Louis Schwartz  
Sara Goodman  
Dewey Brumberg  
Walter Brock  
Rose R. Luddeke  
Eva S. Weisman  
Mollie Baron  
Nathan Boorda  
Helen M. Kaplon  
Gary Atkinson Snow  
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## Ways in Which You Can Help B'er Chayim

### Endowment Fund

Western Wall Memorial outside of sanctuary.  
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

### Yahrzeit Plaques

Cost of plaque - \$250  
Preparation of plaque – about one month  
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

### Tree of Life/Memory Leaves

Cost of leaf - \$40 which includes engraving  
Preparation of leaf – about 2 weeks.  
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

### Building Fund

Contributions may be given for general  
building use (subject to Board approval).  
Contact Debbie Lang for more information.

**Jane & Leonard Schwab Jewish Life Fund**  
This fund will be used to enhance Jewish life in  
the B'er Chayim community. Please make  
checks payable to the "Jane and Leonard  
Schwab Jewish Life Fund."

### eBay Fundraising Project

<https://www.ebay.com/str/berchayimtemple>

Do you have items you would like sell  
on eBay with the proceeds benefitting  
B'er Chayim? Contact Larry Brock  
or Brian Lang for more information.

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Contact Cantor Bessman for more information.

