

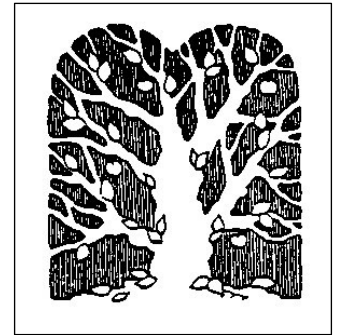
# B'er Chayim Bulletin

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Dear BCC Membership,

First, let's recap the last month of April. I recently re-realized that many are not able to read the Shabbat Updates. Thankfully, the building is now open and masks are optional. We hope everyone will be comfortable returning to the Temple.

That certainly seemed to happen at our Passover seder. It was a great success. Over forty people attended, taking part in the traditional prayers, eating delicious food, and we were all glad to be back. Thanks to all who made the evening the success that it was, most notably Gayle Griffith and Debbie Lang. The Board's matching fund drive for the World Union for Progressive Judaism's (WUPJ) Ukraine Emergency Support Program has ended. Thank you to those who were able to donate. Unfortunately, the emergency continues.

Now that Passover and the seders are behind us, we can focus on upcoming plans for congregational get-togethers. Ken Levitt, the Second Vice-President, heads the Temple Activities department. Last year, we had some fine plans that went unrealized. This year should be different; COVID is no longer the pandemic it was, at least in this country. Here's hoping it stays that way! We will try to schedule events when everyone is in town. What and when?

We're thinking of something for everyone: cultural, culinary, social, and some much-needed fun for our community. The weekly Shabbat Update (emailed Wednesday mornings) and the Home page of the temple website ([www.berchayim.org](http://www.berchayim.org)) are always good places for finding current temple-related information.

I heard that several people are interested in visiting Israel. I have several ideas about places to visit, but I would like to hear from everyone. Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Masada (and the Dead Sea), Safed are must-sees. The Negev and Eilat are also possibilities. Ten or eleven days seems to be a reasonable time. We are aiming for Spring 2023. Please share with me your thoughts while itineraries are flexible.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the Temple, at one of our events, or even on Zoom.

Cantor Richard Bessman



### Some facts that make me proud to be Israeli/ by Tal Cohen-Inbar

This week, Israel marked the memorial of the fallen soldiers and victims of the terror on Tuesday the 3rd, and on the next day, Wednesday the 4th, celebrated Israel's Independence Day. Here are some facts that make me proud to be a part of the Israel nation:

1. In bad times everyone helps one another and volunteers to help to the other person in anyway they can.
2. Israel is one of the five countries that put special symbols on their paper money that blind people will be able to recognize.
3. Waze - the first social navigation app- was invented by three Israeli guys in 2008: Ehud Shabtai, Amir Shiner, and Uri Levin.
4. The technology used by NASA to send videos from Mars to earth was developed by Israeli scientists.
5. Israel has 12 Nobel prizes: five in chemistry, three in economics, three for peace, and one in literature.
6. Israel leads with academic degrees compared to the population size. It is also true for doctors and start-ups companies.
7. Last, but very important, food: pittim, bamba, cherry tomatoes and shkedei marak (soup nuts) - all invented in Israel.

Happy Independence Day Israel!!



### **Yahrzeit Donations**

#### Donor

Ellen Rabinowitz  
Paul Snow  
Ferne Jaffe  
Lance Glasser  
Elizabeth A Weisman  
& William Hirsch  
Robert Weisman  
George & Tina Beneman

Elena Manasse  
Judi Lazarus-Haag

#### In Memory

Etta Klein  
Gary Snow  
Helen Kaplon, Frederick Kaplon  
Alan Glasser  
Molly Baron Eva Weisman  
Elizabeth B Weisman  
Elizabeth Baron Weisman  
Barnett & Belle Beneman  
Milton & Margaret Beneman  
Edward & Ethel Gottesman  
George Beneman  
Robert Gottesman  
Jean & Joseph Mazzucca  
John F Markley

## May 2022

Thursday, May 5	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Hebrew/Education
Friday, May 6		No Service
Saturday, May 7	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service
Thursday, May 12	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Hebrew/ Education
Friday, May 13	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, May 19	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Hebrew/ Education
Friday, May 20	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, May 21	10:00 am	Torah Study
Thursday, May 26	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Hebrew/ Education
Friday, May 27	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service



## IMPORTANT EVENT – save the day and register:

The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) will be holding their Women's Empowerment Awards event on Friday May 13 from 2-7 pm. It will be virtual so anyone can attend. There are three "related to" B'er Chayim women involved in this event. I am a co-chair of the event, along with Lynn (Friedland) Magid Lazar (daughter of Bernice Friedland). Rachel Schwab Schulties, daughter of Tadd Schwab and granddaughter of Jane and Leonard Schwab is one of the honorees. It promises to be an exciting and interesting afternoon. As a sponsor, I have four "household" guest passes. If you would like to attend as my guest, please let me know at [bhs@9northcentre.com](mailto:bhs@9northcentre.com) by May 10. If you want to go ahead and register and pay, you can register here - <https://wrj.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/wrj/event.jsp?event=128>.

It would be great if we had some attendance at the event.

Here is the schedule for the afternoon

- 2:00-2:20 pm – Welcome message (you may recognize the folks who welcome you!)
- 2:30-3:15 pm – Workshop block (learning sessions with the honorees)
- 3:15-3:30 pm – Break
- 3:30-4:15 pm – Workshop block (another fabulous learning opportunity)
- 4:15-5:00 pm – Break
- 4:30-5:00 pm – VIP private session with Dana Bash
- 5:15-7:00 pm – Honoree celebration with keynote speeches and concert by *Fourtelling*

Keynote by Dana Bash, CNN Chief Political Correspondent.



*Fourtelling* is an incredible group of women musicians.



Thank you all,  
Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab

## **We remember**

### ***Yahrzeits - week ending May 7, Iyar 5782***

Howard Feldstein  
Milton Beneman  
Gary Kaplon  
Goldie Klawan  
June Minkelgreen  
Allan T. Hirsh, Sr.  
Dani Levi  
George R. Beneman  
Abraham Rothstein  
Hattie Brock  
Seymour Sallerson

### ***Yahrzeits - week ending May 14, Iyar 5782***

Esther Meyer  
Leonard Parness  
Leonard Schwab  
Richard Neff  
Samuel Yankelevitz  
Sara R. Beneman  
Aaron Benjamin  
Friedland  
Henry Sauer  
Sumner Hirsch  
Louise Sommer  
Harry I. Margolis  
Henry Manasse  
Ida Margolis  
Paul Beerman  
Sue Kamens Thal  
Bob Manasse  
Israel Sack  
Rabbi Morris Baron  
Elke Klein  
Sandra Learish  
Leonard Bessman

### ***Yahrzeits - week ending May 21, Iyar 5782***

Bess K. Lazarus  
Eliyahu Stein  
Joseph Rosenberg  
Nochum Hillel Shear  
Tzipe Feldstein  
Harry S. Gerson  
Irwin Pariser  
Jacob Millenson  
Rose R. Levy  
Esther Weinberg  
George Rothstein  
Gladys S. Schindler  
Israel Schmitt  
Stuart Rosenbaum  
Minnie Levin  
Samuel Mirkin

### ***Yahrzeits - week ending May 28, Iyar 5782***

Gertrude G. Kochman  
Minnie B. Brumberg  
Sylvia R. Schwab  
Louis Schoffman  
Morton Peskin  
Frank H. Kaplon  
Ira Dubins  
Eileen Moret-  
Fliegelman  
Joseph Feldstein  
R. Larry Bauer

### ***Yahrzeits - week ending June 4, Sivan 5782***

Fred Brooks  
Jeanne Gerson  
Myer Cohen  
Anne Pariser  
Louis Margolis  
Harold Marx  
Jacob Goodman  
Milton Lavine  
Patty Hightower





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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.

