

## Shabbat Update May 21, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

As many of you may know, Lee Schwartz passed away Monday. Lee was a pillar of Cumberland's business and cultural community, and a long-time member of B'er Chayim Congregation. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Gayle Griffith, Lee's wife, friend and partner, and to their daughter, Samantha. Funeral services will be held at the Adams Family Funeral Home, 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, tomorrow, May 19, at 3:00 pm.

This week has not been easy. Atrocities at home continue with Buffalo's recent mass murder. There is no appropriate Jewish response other than condemnation—no justification that may offer insight or meaning. These hate crimes cannot go unanswered. Any attack against one minority is an attack against all of us. The Anti-Defamation League has resources that may offer insight, if not solace:



### May Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim  
Temple is open for  
in-person  
services.  
Safeguards will be  
in place - mask  
wearing &  
observing  
safe distances*

*ZOOM services  
continue*

- Helping Students [everyone] Make Sense of News Stories about Bias and Injustice. [Click here](#)
- Table Talk: Gun Violence and Mass Shootings [Click here](#)
- Table Talk: Propaganda, Extremism and Online Recruitment Tactics [Click here](#)
- Leading Social Justice Organizations Call for National Summit on Right-Wing Extremism [Click here](#)
- ADL Says Buffalo Shooter Latest in A Long Line of White Supremacist Terrorists Who Embraced Racist, Antisemitic "Great Replacement Theory" [Click here](#)
- Buffalo Shooter's Manifesto Promotes "Great Replacement" Theory, Antisemitism and Previous Mass Shooters [Click here](#)
- The Great Replacement Theory Background: "The Great Replacement:" An Explainer [Click here](#)

Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew and Adult Education classes are canceled.

However, please attend Shabbat Evening Services Friday at 7:30 pm.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

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## This Week's Torah Portion

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*B'har*

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*On Mount [Sinai]*

*Leviticus 25:1-26:2*

Thursday  
May 19  
~~7:00—7:45 pm~~  
~~Adult Hebrew~~  
~~7:45—8:30 pm~~  
~~Adult Education~~  
~~"Aseret—The Big Ten"~~  
~~ZOOM only~~  
CANCELED

Friday  
May 20  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In-Person &  
ZOOM



### Yahrzeits for week ending May 21

Bess K. Lazarus

Eliyahu Stein

Joseph  
Rosenberg

Nochum Hillel  
Shear

Tzipe Feldstein

Harry S. Gerson

Irwin Pariser

## Summary:

- God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites that in every seventh year, the land shall observe a Sabbath of complete rest: Fields should not be sown and vines should not be pruned. (25:1-7)
- After forty-nine years, a jubilee year is to be celebrated when all the land that had been sold during that time should be returned to its original owners and slaves are to be freed. (25:8-55)
- God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites not to make idols, to keep the sabbath, and to venerate the sanctuary of the Eternal. (26:1-2)

Jacob Millenson  
Rose R. Levy  
Esther Weinberg  
George Rothstein  
Gladys S.  
Schindler  
Israel Schmitt  
Stuart  
Rosenbaum  
Minnie Levin  
Samuel Mirkin



**Happy  
Birthday**

**5/3**

Elena Manasse  
Audrey Litman  
Eli Litman

**5/4**

Katy Pallik

**5/5**

Karina Yelin  
Steve Wollett

**5/7**

Lisa Peskin  
Alex DeShong  
Sydnee DeShong

**5/15**

Beshie Mandell

**5/18**

Lyn Schwab

**5/24**

Tamar Clarke

**5/27**

Francine  
Reynolds

**5/29**

Sylvan Feldstein

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**May 27**

Debbie & Chuck  
Lang

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:  
Links for prayerbooks  
are found on our website  
(www.berchayim.org).  
Those links will take you  
to Mishkah T'Filah for  
Shabbat Services.*

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