

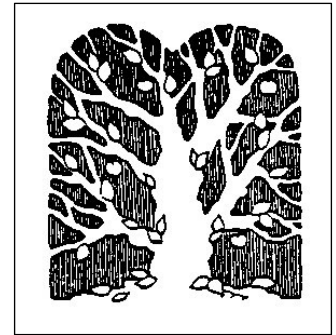
B'er Chayim Bulletin

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Dear BCT Membership,

Ken Levitt, Head of the B'er Chayim Congregation's Activities Department (aka BCT's second vice-president), is excited about starting a reading club here. Maybe it will be rolled into Adult Jewish Education classes, maybe not. Either way, it should happen sometime after Labor Day. He has one title in mind. As do I.

It Could Happen Here—Why America is Tipping from Hate to the Unthinkable—And How We Can Stop It, a concerning read by Jonathan Greenblatt, is my current choice. Greenblatt is the CEO of the ADL ("the world's leading anti-hate organization with a distinguished record of fighting antisemitism and advocating for the just and fair treatment to all"). The description of the Anti-Defamation League just quoted will be found in the book. *It Could Happen Here* is essential reading not only for Jews; you will discover why the ADL's charter is rightly concerned with basic rights for everyone. Sometimes slippery slopes are real. Not a terribly fun summer book, but here in the Land of The Free, a patriotic one.

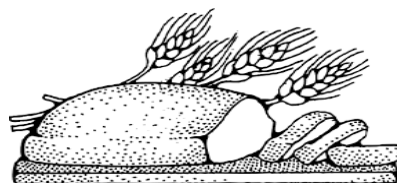
The Temple's first-ever post-Shabbat-service buffet get-together with Cantor Bessman will take place on Friday, June 10, at 5:30 pm. Erev Shabbat Services are from 5:30-6:20 (I'll have a watch in hand), followed by a leisurely, unhurried dinner with our temple family. I can almost hear someone's suggestion that we begin later, or have dinner first then service. Well, unlike the Torah, times and sequences are not set in stone. And, don't worry about what to bring—we'll figure out something easy and not too burdensome. It shouldn't be about great cuisine anyway, just great community. Service attendance not required to attend meal, though it is Shabbat so Friday business attire will be appreciated—but (again) not

required.

During the last few weeks, I have contacted several Israel tour operators. Tours can be tailored to our requirements and interests. Travel is picking up everywhere (revenge travel, they call it). The first weeks of March 2023 is a good time. We might even be able to be there for Purim if we plan it right and soon. Ask Tal: there's no better place to be for that holiday. Key numbers: 15 participants is the minimum. Sky's the limit for maximum, but fewer people mean a smaller bus and greater intimacy. Generally, itineraries do not include air travel as airlines no longer offer group discounts for these kinds of personalized excursions. Travel through March is less expensive and not as congested. Land package prices hover around \$4,000-\$4,500 depending upon choices of hotels and excursions. I asked for mid-high quality hotels. Not five stars, but four-plus. Breakfasts are always included, as well as a Shabbat meal. Everything is adjustable, as it is a private tour. Please contact me for more information. If we want to do it by March, we will want to lock in dates as availability is sure to decrease over time. Revenge travel is spreading.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon in the Temple or on Zoom.

Cantor Richard Bessman



President's Corner:

Dear Fellow Congregants and Friends of B'er Chayim,

When a substantial person dies, we are reminded of what's important and what isn't. Taking a little time out, we take note of the good things he or she brought our way. The passing of Lee Schwartz prompted many of us to sit together and also to eat and chat with one another as part of observing shiva. Those who did so found it a comfort. We were aware of loss, but took much solace in each other and the tradition. The time out was time well-spent. He will be missed.

There is also something to be said for our making hay while the sun shines. More specifically, it is time or past time for us to revisit questions related to strategic planning. Questions like "What kind of community do we want our congregation to be" need to be addressed. A URJ publication from 2016 sets forth Ten Commandments for Successful Strategic Planning, the first, third and fifth of which are here set forth.

1. Gather a diverse and representational committee.
3. Define goals of strategic planning process.
5. Involve the whole congregation and elicit feedback.

In short, if you regularly read this Bulletin, there can properly be a place for you in this process. Please step up, express some interest and concern. Please let me, Brian Lang, Ken Levitt or our immediate past President Bruce Dubins know that you have at least some interest in planning for our collective future. I would be happy to forward to you that 2016 article. It might be just the thing to overcome any hesitation. Our new office assistant Tal, can also send it to you. The Temple phone number is 301.722.5688 . Tal's email is admin@berchayim.org .

With every good wish for you and yours as the months roll by,
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Yahrzeit Donations

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Elise Sauer
Elena Manasse
Ferne Jaffe
Marlene Sallerson
Philip Lavine
Polly Hightower
Tadd and Sandy Schwab
Paul Snow
Elizabeth Weisman
and William Hirsch

In Memory of

Henry Sauer
Bob Manasse and Henry Manasse
Gary Kaplon and Frank Kaplon
Seymour Sallerson
Milton Lavine
Patty Hightower
Leonard Schwab
Charlie Snow
Morris Baron

June 2022

Friday, June 3		No Service today
Saturday, June 4	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service
Thursday, June 9	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Hebrew/Education
Friday, June 10	5:30 pm	Buffet dinner/Erev Shabbat Service
Friday, June 17	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, June 18		No Torah Study today
Thursday, June 23	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Adult Hebrew/Education
Friday, June 24	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Thursday, June 30	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Hebrew/Education



We remember

Yahrzeits - week ending June 4, Sivan 5782

Bertha Esther Miller
Gustav Eisenberg
Mathilde Steinberger
Lois Lazarus Schwab
Rose Rothstein
Solomon T.
Abramson
Yakov Kauffman
Milton Lavine
Patty Hightower
Harold Marx
Jacob Goodman
Anne Pariser
Louis Margolis
Fred Brooks
Jeanne Gerson
Myer Cohen

Yahrzeits - week ending June 11, Sivan 5782

Hirsh Tzvi Schmier
Sophie Rosenau
David Sumner Mayo
Rachael Silverman
Charlotte Shapiro
Arzt
Arnie Sack
Lawrence Peskin
Maurice Wesoky
Greta Granet
Morris Dantzic
Jacob Hersch

Yahrzeits - week ending June 18, Sivan 5782

Charles Snow
Michael Beerman
Rose Dezen
Jennie Finkelson
Jenny Friedland
Sylvia Lippel
Daniel G. Schoffman
Fannie Luddeke
Helen Eisenberg
Shimshan HaCohen Klein
Max Greenbaum
Paul Castelle
Sue Warhaft
Victor Weiss

Yahrzeits - week ending June 25, Sivan 5782

Albert C. Eskin
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Albert Peskin
Ellen R. Kline
Lorraine Eisenberg
Anna Maria Feldstein
Hillel Bauer
Ned Pariser
Robert Kaplan
Elliott Dantzic
Ena Gurenson
Frieda Schindler Kobre
Isaac Richel
Isaac Rubel
Emmanuel M. Bernstein
Myer Sigel
Yetta Granet
Kurt Gottlieb

Lena Scheinberg
Louis P. Lutz
Pauline B. Friedland

Yahrzeits - week ending July 2, Tamuz 5782

Mary Schindler
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Willie Stein
Abe W. Schwab
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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.

