

Shabbat Update August 13, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

Monday was the deadline to sign up for the Jewish Museum of Maryland tour with our friends at Hagerstown's Congregation B'nai Abraham on Sunday, August 14. Deadlines are made to be broken, so let us know if you are coming by **today**. I have been there (without a tour), and it was most worthwhile. The tour begins at 11:30 am. Being on Lloyd Street, you can be sure that pickles are nearby—and they are—for lunch at Attman's Deli. "Sandwiches piled so high You'll see



August 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

corn beef Coming through the rye!" Cost: \$5.00 (reduced group fare) for the museum tour. RSVP Ken Levitt at kjlevitt@frostburg.edu or me. The museum requires proof of vaccination and usage of a mask while onsite.

B'er Chayim Temple Picnic is still set for Sunday, August 28. Time and place are being worked out. It might be a little warm, but it will be worth it.

Friday, September 16, we look forward to the annual Potluck Dinner in the Great Outdoors of Allegany County. There are several beautiful places our second vice president, Ken Levitt, is checking out.

High Holy Days are now in our sights. Let me know how you would like to participate. There is still ample time to prepare. One Sunday morning in October 2022, the first installment of BCT's Book Club takes place. Bagels included. The title of our first book? Good question.

From Ken Levitt:

"We Were The Lucky Ones" by Georgia Hunter to be the first book of the Temple book club. I am only choosing the first book, but members of the club will select the books going forward, and the person who suggested the book that is read will lead the discussion. I think one book every 3 months would be a good start.

"The author of the book, Georgia Hunter, based the book on the extensive research she did of her family's history. She maintains a blog describing her research. There is a great deal of very interesting background information from her research at the bottom of her [blog page](#).

"I found this book interesting because of my own family's history. Most of my family died in the holocaust but didn't know their stories. This book helped me to understand what it must have been like for the members of my family that didn't make it out.

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Friday
August 12
7:30 pm
EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE
In person &
ZOOM

Sunday
August 14
Tour of
Jewish Museum
of Baltimore
see Rabbi's
column for
more details



Yahrzeits for week ending

August 13

Mark Baker

Benjamin Levin

Lena Gula Shear

Samuel Boorda

Larry Cody

Scott Parness

Alice Sack

Lazar Platt

“I would add that there will be a Hulu movie about the book ---- filming is beginning this Fall, and I think it is scheduled for release in 2023.”

Thanks for the recommendation, Ken. I won't wait for the movie.

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

Kol tuv,

Rabbi Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

Va-et'chanan

וַאֲתַחֲנַן

[Moses] Pleaded with the Eternal

Deuteronomy 3:23–7:11

SUMMARY

- Moses pleads with God to let him enter the Land of Israel with the people, but God once more refuses his request. (3:23–28)
- Moses orders the Children of Israel to

Leah Seiff Bauer

Robert Marchand

Emma White

Kurt Steinberger

Mina Judenberg



**Happy
Birthday**

August 1
Howard Pallik

August 2
Barbie Corwell
Lydia Savramis

August 6
Betsey Hurwitz-
Schwab

August 18
Polly Jo
Hightower

August 19
Howard Reynolds
Bruce Dubins

August 24
Bebe Goldman

August 28
Nancy

pay attention and follow the laws given by God in order to be worthy of the land they are about to receive. (4:1–40)

- Specific areas of the land are set aside to serve as cities of refuge. (4:41–43)
- The covenant at Sinai and the Ten Commandments are recalled. Once again, the people are exhorted to heed God's commandments. (5:1–30)
- Moses speaks the words of the Sh'ma, the credo of Judaism, and commands Israel to show their love for Adonai and keep God's laws and ordinances. (6:1–25)
- Moses warns the people not to commit idolatry by worshiping the gods of the nations they will conquer in Israel. (7:1–11)

Friedenberg

Happy Anniversary

share your birthday and anniversaries dates with our friends and families...contact info@berchayim.org



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*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.

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prayerbooks for ZOOM
services:*

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