

# Shabbat Update October 15, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

The High Holy Days are over, but a major Chag (pilgrimage festival) is underway (“major” being redundant, of course, in that all Chaggim—as Torah-mandated festivals—are intrinsically major). And, the sukkah has returned to the temple for Sukkoth 5783!

Come see the sukkah with its skillful decorations. We have a set of the “Arba Minim,” the four species needed for the special blessings made during this festival: etrog (citron); lulav (palm tree branch); hassadim (myrtle); and aravot (willow).



### October 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*

Leviticus 23:40 is a good Torah reference.

Nine days are left to register for the once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel with Friendly Planet departing on February 17, 2023. This is a customized trip for us and our friends in Hagerstown. "Remember, each one of us has the power to change the world." So says Yoko One. For climate change, not so easy; however, Yoko is on to something. She is 50% accurate regarding the number of people needed to make BCC's trip to Eretz Yisrael a reality. Two more registrations by October 20, 2022 will make it happen. Israel leaves everyone changed (so does interstellar travel, but flights to Israel are cheaper—costs for both are sure only to go up). Tell your friends and family. They will thank you. Visit our website which has in-depth information about the trip [here](#).

This week, we read Exodus 33:12-34:26 for an additional dose of the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy which I heard were discussed at length on Yom Kippur. (I fell asleep.)

I look forward to seeing everyone Friday--to appreciate the sukkah and enjoy Shabbat evening services. I wouldn't be surprised if we have kiddish and oneg (weather permitting) in the sukkah.

Chag Sameach and Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Richard Bessman

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This Week's Torah Portion

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Friday  
October 14  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In Person &  
ZOOM

Saturday  
October 15  
10:00 am  
Torah Study  
ZOOM

Monday  
October 17  
7:00 pm  
Temple Board  
Meeting

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**Yahrzeits for  
week ending**

**October 1**

Eleazer L.  
Bergman

Sadye Price

Ruth Hohing

Edward Pallik

William B.  
Schindler

Martin Schwartz

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## ***Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot***

**חול המועד סוכות**

### ***Intermediate Days of Sukkot***

***Exodus 33:12–34:26***

Summary:

On the Shabbat during Sukkot, we are reminded of the age-old desire to know God. Moses implores God to let him see God. While God will not allow Moses to see God's face, God tells Moses, "I will make My goodness pass before you..." Perhaps we experience the divine presence through the goodness we create in the world. The Torah then sets forth the thirteen attributes of God, among them that God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. By emulating these very attributes, we create the goodness which allows us to know God.

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Hilda Silverman

Robert Goldfine

Susman  
Rosenbaum

Charles Waingold

Zelda Miller

Oscar Sommer

Ann Miller

Amy Meltzer  
Snow



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**October 5**

William Hirsch  
Frank Shap  
Debby Schaaf  
Doug Schwab

**October 18**

Sue Arnson  
Lynne Brodell  
Hansell  
Margie Hartman

**October 20**

Fred Klein

**October 23**

Bernice Friedland

**October 27**  
Louise Hall

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

**October 11**  
Betsey & Doug  
Schwab

Katy & Howard  
Pallik

**October 13**  
Amy & Steve  
Owens

**October 19**

Betsy Weisman &  
Bill Hirsch



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**"Virtual"**  
**instructions -**

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send an email to  
[admin@berchayim.org](mailto: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](http://www.berchayim.org)).  
Those links will take you  
to Mishkah T'Filah for  
Shabbat Services.*

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