

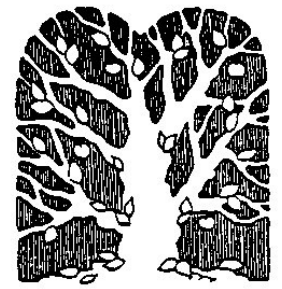
# B'er Chayim Bulletin

January 2023

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Dear BCT Membership,

Welcome to 2023! Hope everyone has been diligent in making their resolutions. To paraphrase a wise friend: “Resolutions are to be kept, not broken.” I’m interested in hearing what you have added to your Jewish life this year.

David Shapiro reminded me that the Ukraine situation has become worse with winter along with the impact of continued aggression. There are many charities worthy of your donation. His suggestion: the UNICEF Emergency Fund for the children of Ukraine. UNICEF has been helping more than 500,000 children in the region. More information can be found at [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org).

Closer to home, 2022 did not go out with a whimper. Winter interfered with the sixth night of the Hanukkah candle lighting/Shabbat services/potluck dinner and party. We wisely decided to postpone the party part. However, candle lighting and Shabbat services took place thanks to the magic of Zoom and B'er Chayim South's strong cellular connection—sadly, without the requisite latkes. Fear not, latkes and festivities are scheduled for this Saturday after morning services on January 7, 2023 (we'll need to start getting used to the “3”). Services begin at 10:00 am and will conclude by 11:30 am. Thanks go to the Religious Committee for their flexibility in handling the last-minute change. Come enjoy and share your (Jewish) new year's resolutions.

For those unable to attend the annual meeting and who missed reading December's Shabbat Updates, all proposed amendments to the constitution were passed. Committee chairs confirmed that BCT is doing well. From my report:

At last year's annual meeting, we hoped for more in-temple events and participation as COVID's disruptive forces waned. And that did happen, after a somewhat rocky start. Masking was an on-again, off-again thing for a while. Finally, it was more off than on. Hybrid services continue to enable everyone to attend.

Here is a review of the year soon to pass:

- Adult Education began its journey through the “Aseret: The Big Ten” series published by Chai Mitzvah. Students and teacher alike found it rewarding.
- Our second congregational Tu b'Shvat seder points to a continuing tradition at B'er Chayim. Having the seder in the vestry will be a welcome change this coming year.
- The Board generously provided a \$2,000 matching grant for donations to the World Union for Progressive Judaism's Ukraine fund.
- The temple was open in time for “An American Pickle” in March, the first of two cinematic treats.
- We had over 40 members and guests for the second night of Passover sharing delicious food and song.
- In June, the first Friday evening service followed by potluck dinner took place.
- In association with Hagerstown's Congregation B'nai Abraham, we toured the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore before enjoying authentic Jewish deli cuisine.
- Weather was perfect in Lakewood for our late summer Shabbat morning services/luncheon.
- September also included the second Friday evening services/potluck (this time in beautiful Bel Air).
- Tashlich was missed last year, but we continued the High Holy Day ritual this year in LaVale.

- High Holy Day services were accessible to all—not only in the sanctuary and Zoom, but also in the sanctuary with our new TV/monitor and camera.
- Sukkah construction and crafts made for a busy Sunday morning in October.
- Adult Education, having finished the “Aseret” series, began a new series focusing on vocabulary of the Jewish people.
- At the close of Daylight Saving Time, Ken led a discussion of Gloria Hunter’s “We Were the Lucky Ones.”
- Second film of the year: “Crossing Delancey.” Popcorn and pizza were again included.

Temple events we look forward to:

- B’er Chayim Book Club’s discussion of “Killing a King, the Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel” on a Sunday morning in

Of course, more temple happenings are being planned. The temple website ([berchayim.org](http://berchayim.org)) continues to help members stay current. Several visitors have enjoyed services after learning about us through the website or from a chance stroll through historic downtown Cumberland.

Unfortunately, a congregational trip to Israel will not take place as planned. Numbers were against us. However, I discovered that Friendly Planet is a very pleasant company with which to arrange future travel; they are very professional and understanding.

My wishes are for continued participation and gatherings—religious and social—in the coming 2023 calendar year.

The above shows that activities have returned to B’er Chayim! Hope to see everyone soon.

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Richard Bessman



### **Yahrzeit Donations – January 2023**

#### **Donor**

Judi Lazarus-Haag and Adam  
Emerson Miller  
Fred Schindler  
Elena Manasse

#### **In memory of**

Margaret Markley  
Philip G Miller  
Dr Richard Schindler  
Helene Manasse

## January 2023

Thursday, January 5	7:00 pm	Adult Education
Friday, January 6		No services
Saturday, January 7	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services Latke party
Thursday, January 12	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, January 13	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services
Friday, January 20	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services
Saturday, January 21	10:00 am	Torah Study
Thursday, January 26	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, January 27	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Services



## We remember

### **Yahrzeits – week ending January 3, Tevet 5783**

Gustav Sauer  
Marion Lippel Willis  
Bernard Friedland  
Nina Lichtenstein  
John Ridgeway  
Rudolph H. Mendelsohn  
Pauline Bamberger  
Ira Rosenbaum  
Sidney Craig Goodman  
Morton Wm Peskin

### **Yahrzeits – week ending January 14, Tevet 5783**

Esther Eisenberg  
Harold Maxwell Hersch  
Bertram K.Lazarus  
Oscar Feldstein  
Esther Beerman  
Anna Waingold  
David I. Levi  
David Levy



### **Yahrzeits – week ending January 21, Tevet 5783**

Benjamin Waingold  
Joseph Sonneborn  
Rachel Beerman  
Sarah G. Bernstein  
Betty Atkinson Favre  
Betty Stein  
Goldie Kaplon  
Sarah Lewine  
John Franklin Atkinson  
L. Lee Lichtenstein  
Freda Vanetsky

### **Yahrzeits – week ending January 28, Shevat 5783**

Sara R. Gerson  
Ellinor O. Hirsh  
Edna Rosenbaum  
Harvey H. Weiss  
Beatrice Yankelevitz  
Max Mortkovitch  
Abram J. Brumberg  
Simon Isaacs  
Anna Lipson  
Emma Feldstein  
Maury Feinstein  
Phyllis Sarubin  
Daphne Castelle  
Julie Ann Miller

### **Yahrzeits– week ending February 4, Shevat 5783**

Fannie B. Margolis  
Meyer Olin  
Jean Schwartz  
Bessie Beerman  
Madeline Guggenheimer  
Jay Brieloff  
Eugenia Sack  
Charles Schwab  
Basya Serebryanaya  
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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 and Leonard Schwab Jewish Life Fund

This fund is 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.

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Contact Rabbi Bessman for more information.

