B'er Chayim Bulletin

March 2023

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Adar 5783

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Dear BCC Members,

We have one important addition to your calendar for this month and a hold-the-date for April.

BCC's Purim celebration is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, just three days away. Shabbat services start at 10:00 am, followed by—what promises to be—a lively Purim celebration. You can expect a morning of prayer, graggers, and hamantaschen. This year, the annual Hamantaschen Bakeoff resumes. Resident experts judge who reigns as Best Hamantaschen Baker for 2023. Come prepared to win bragging rights for the rest of the year.

If Purim is for March, Passover is for April. This year, the second seder falls on Friday, April 7—a double holiday in a way. The seder begins at 6:00 pm, and the temple board hopes everyone is able to participate. More information will follow, though it's never too early to RSVP.

Last month, the book club enjoyed reviewing Dan Ephron's well-researched "Killing a King, the Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel" at Cafe Mark. I think we all benefited from reading this book. Next selection is "Woke Antisemitism," by David Bernstein. Both may not be casual readings, but they should be useful for understanding many challenges Jews face today.

Remember that the service schedule has changed slightly: Saturday morning services are now on the first *and* third Shabbats of the month. We understand that many enjoy spending Friday night at home and Saturday morning at the temple.

Tomorrow, Adult Education begins a new miniseries devoted to the "Birkat HaMazon(!)." The Jewish Grace after Meals is a substantial piece of Jewish literary work. My guess is that it will be our focus until spring ends.

Stay current with temple activities by visiting B'er Chayim's website (<u>berchayim.org</u>)—especially if you missed your Shabbat Update.

Hope to see you soon, and

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Richard Bessman



Save the date:
April 7 at 6:00 pm – Second Night –
Community Seder!!!

Thank you!!!

On February 5th, we celebrated a Tu B'shevat seder at the Temple.

Thank you, Gayle Griffith, Debbie Lang, Beth Lattin and Francine Reynolds, for organize the evening and thank you Rabbi Richard Bessman for leading the service.

It was a lovely evening.



Addition for February yahrzeit list:

Maurice H. Schreiber should have been included on the yahrzeit list for the week ending February 18th.

Yahrzeit Donations – March 2023

Donor In memory of

Elise Sauer Helena Sauer Ferne Jaffe Harry Olin

Francine and Howard Reynolds Maurice H. Schreiber,

Stuart M. Schreiber Sandy and Tadd Schwab Jane Schwab

The Friedland Family
Marlene Sallerson
Jack and Lynda Kauffman

Arthur Friedland
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Emerson Miller Bertha Miller Robin Redding Bess Naviasky

March 2023

Thursday, March 2	7:00 pm	Adult Education
Friday, March 3		No services
Saturday, March 4	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning / Purim Celebration
Thursday, March 9	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, March 10	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services
Thursday, March 16	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, March 17		No services
Friday, March 17 Saturday, March 18	10:00 am	No services Shabbat Morning Services
·	10:00 am 7:00 pm	
Saturday, March 18		Shabbat Morning Services
Saturday, March 18 Thursday, March 23	7:00 pm	Shabbat Morning Services Adult Hebrew

We remember

Yahrzeits – week ending March 4, Adar 5783

Norman Kline
Ida Jacobson
Michael Margolis
Bertha Miller
Charles A. Togut
Sol Abramson
Dorothy Feldstein
Rebecca Kaplon
William E. Lehman

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Warren Everard McConnell

Frumma Duk George Silverman Joseph H. Gerson Elias Klawan

Nettie Mendelsohn Catherine Parness

Yahrzeits – week ending March 11, Adar 5783

Max Gottlieb
Rebecca Marx
Martin Rothstein
William Miller
Esther Marx
Marvin J. Kaplon
Regina Schindler
Jacob Schmitt
Dina Abrams

Hattie Lippel

Yahrzeits – week ending March 18, Adar 5783

Ida Friedland Lena Kauffman Jean Mazzucca Nathan H. Brodell Minnie Hohouser

Oscar Irvin

Norton Naviasky

Nathanial S.Guggenheimer

Dorothy Edna Olin Maurice Friedland Henry M. Weisman Gittle Yolles Fliefel Benjamin M. Kamens

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Samuel Granet
Simon Kochman
Shuliang Li
Libby Milberg
Abraham Miller
Joseph M. Miller
Kenneth Rubenstein

Dr. Blaine Schindler

Henri Schwab Ethyl B. Dantzic Esther Platt Klawan Timothy C. Peach, Jr. Esther B. Rosenbaum

Yahrzeits— week ending April 1, Nissan 5783

Toby M. Kaplon
Rose R. Luddeke
Maxine Rosenbaum
Nathan Boorda
Clara Hersch
Sara Gottlieb
Stacia Miller
Stella Wertheimer
Bernard Hirsh
Leo Isaacs

Yahrzeits – week ending March 25, Nissan 5783

Alan Glasser
Meyer Greenbaum
Ruth Nobel
Sidney Nobel
Samuel Fliegelman
Elkano Mayer Gerson
Harriet Granet
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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.

