



BCC-JCG NEWS

Bethesda Chevy Chase | Jewish Community Group

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Please join us for High Holiday Services. Open to all, no tickets required

Services conducted by Rabbi Judith Kummer and Cantor Assaf Levitin. Services will be held online.

Details and links to register for services and Tashlich are on our website at www.bccjcg.org.

Schedule	
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Mon, September 6, 7:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah Day	Tue. September 7, 10:00 am
Rosh Hashanah Family Service	Tue. September 7, 2:30 pm
Kol Nidre	Wed. September 15, 6:45 pm
Yom Kippur Day	Thu. September 16, 10:00 am
Yom Kippur Family Service	Thu. September 16, 2:30pm
Text Study and Neilah	Thu. September 16, 5:30 pm

Contributions Requested

The BCC-JCG has provided a family-oriented approach to Jewish Education and life since 1941. Donation form included in insert and at: <https://www.bccjcg.org> (click on the 'Donate' button.) We are entirely reliant on community support.

Kids Wanted for Family Services Readings

Children have been a part of BCC-JCG family services for decades. Even though our services will be online, this year will be no exception. We have short, medium, and long parts for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The prayers, stories, and other readings are almost entirely in English; a few have a word or two of Hebrew. Any child who can read is eligible. Parts will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Dave Cahn at davecahn@bccjcg.org or 301-704-0677 as early as possible to set up a brief Zoom audition for your child.

Yizkor Booklet

Do you want to include one or more entries in this year's Yizkor Booklet? Form included in insert (pge 6) and at <https://www.bccjcg.org> (click on the 'Forms' button.) Submissions need to be received no later than **August 24**.



Tashlich with the BCC-JCG and Rabbi Pilz's Congregation in Montana

The ritual of Tashlich (literally: "get rid of stuff!") is a Rosh haShanah ritual that asks us to "get rid of" our sins ... but it is also a moment to let go of some things, thoughts, and painful moments of the passing year. Join the BCC-JCG and Rabbi Pilz's congregation for 30 minutes of songs and reflection.

WHEN? Saturday, September 11 at 5:00 pm EST

WHERE? College Gardens Park, 615 College Parkway, Rockville, MD or join us and Rabbi Pilz's congregation via Zoom. Link to register is on our website.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE - We will be collecting canned food to donate to the Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg, MD. Canned food items can be brought to College Gardens Park on September

11 during Tashlich. To check for most wanted foods or foods unsuitable for donations, go to the Manna Food website at www.mannafood.org/give-food/donate-food-to-manna/ Please contact us at skrosner@bccjcg.org if you are able to help bring the canned food to the Manna Food Center or have questions. Thank you for your generosity and help.



There are three ways to make a donation to the BCC-JCG

Go to our website, <https://www.bccjcg.org> and click on the 'donate' button. You can then choose from the following options to make your donation:

1. Click on the Facebook option. From our Facebook page click on the Donate button and follow the instructions. When making donations via Facebook 100% of the donation goes to the group.
2. Click on the Paypal option. You do not need to have a Paypal account to use this option. When you select this option you will then complete the donation form and then be taken to the Paypal secure site to make the donation. Thank you to Cheri Borsky who helped set up the form pages and Paypal account.
3. Choose the 3rd option to view/print our donation form and mail that in along with your check. The donation form along with the Yizkor Booklet form are included with the insert (page 5 and 6 of the pdf file.)

Thank you for donating and making it possible for us to continue to offer Open High Holiday Services.



Support the BCC-JCG every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the same prices as Amazon.com, with the added benefit of a portion of your purchase price being donated to the BCC-JCG. When selecting the BCC-JCG as your charity of choice, use our legal name: Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jewish.

We've been teaching kids for more years

than Moses spent in the desert.

BCC-JCG offers:

- Hebrew and Judaics Curriculum
- Classes for grades 2 through 6
- Family Activities
- Israeli Folk Dancing
- Community Service Programs
- Open High Holiday Services

Activities will be held at Farmland Elementary School (7000 Old Gate Road) in Rockville. We will provide online instruction in addition to in-person instruction. Join our fun and innovative classes and our Zoom Shabbat services.

BCC-JCG | (301) 221-4771 | Sarah Krosner | Education Administrator

The Group admits students of any race, color or ethnic origin.

Donations Down 35% in 2020

In 2019 our expenses were up by approximately 10% and donations were down by more than 10%. Last year our donations were down 35% from the previous year. We received some of our most generous donations but there was a significant decrease in the number of donations. [See page 2 for ways to make a donation.](#) Thank you to all who have donated. With your help we've been able to continue our tradition of offering Open High Holiday services to the community for 80 years.

Register for Hebrew & Judaic Classes for the 2021/2022 School Year

Classes for the 2020/2021 school year will be held at Farmland E.S. in Rockville. Classes are from 10:00 am - 12:15 pm. Our staff does a great job engaging students and keeping things fresh, using fun tools and games. Additionally the program includes two Shabbat services. Grade 7+ students are eligible to be teen assistants. Visit bccjcg.org for the registration form. Questions? Call Sarah Krosner at 301-221-4771. We are providing classes in-person and on-line via Zoom.





About Rabbi Judith Kummer*



Rabbi Judith Kummer was ordained as a rabbi at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia in 1995 and has been leading High Holiday services with the BCC-JCG since 2002. She is a professionally-trained and board-certified interfaith chaplain, and she has recently opened a spiritual care private practice, “Rabbi Judith Kummer: Spiritual Support for Life’s Journey,” where she works remotely and in person, providing skilled spiritual care visits, bereavement support, lifecycle events and eldercare programming. Rabbi Kummer served as Executive Director of the Jewish Chaplaincy Council of MA for nearly two decades and has served as spiritual leader of Reconstructionist synagogues in New Jersey and New York. Prior to her work in the rabbinate, she served as the Housing Director at Barnard College and worked in low-income housing finance with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Rabbi Kummer received her BA in environmental studies and urban planning from Barnard College. She currently resides in Boston, MA.

About Cantor Assaf Levitin



We welcome our new Cantor, Assaf Levitin. He was born in Tel Aviv and raised in the upper Galilee. He started singing in choirs during his military service. This new hobby led him to study opera at the Tel Aviv Academy of Music, and later at the Saarland University in Germany. He then began his career as an opera and concert singer. He studied Chazanut (cantorial singing) at the Abraham-Geiger college in Potsdam, Germany, and became an invested Cantor in 2016. He served as Chief Cantor for the Liberal Jewish Congregation “Etz Chaim” in Hanover, Germany’s largest Liberal congregation. After 5 years there, he decided to seek out some more knowledge about Jewish traditions in other places, and he is now working as a freelance cantor. Cantor Levitin has two vocal ensembles, both focusing on Jewish liturgy. He leads “Die Drei Kantoren” (the 3 Cantors), with whom he is now producing their 3rd CD, the Kolot Vocal Ensemble, and he also conducts the celebrated Shalom Choir Berlin. He lives in Berlin with his wife Michal, a medical doctor who has her own internal medicine practice, and they have two children – Noam, who recently became bar-mitzvah, and Sivan, who just turned nine.

Rabbi Judith Kummer, Spiritual Support for Life’s Journey

As a board-certified chaplain, Rabbi Kummer provides professional spiritual counseling and guidance for life’s journey. In a time of life transition or in navigating medical issues or grief or complicated family dynamics, people often need someone to help them work through their emotions. Concerns or questions about issues such as personal meaning, purpose, legacy and hope can be addressed in private conversations in person in her office or remotely by zoom or by phone. She provides a listening heart, professional pastoral counseling skills and religious resources when desired.

Rabbi Kummer can be contacted at ravjkummer@gmail.com.

Meet and Greet with Rabbi Judith Kummer and Cantor Assaf Levitin



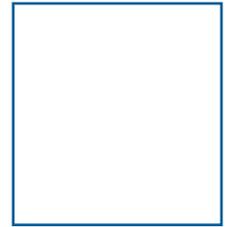
Join us online via Zoom for a Meet and Greet with Rabbi Kummer and Cantor Levitin on Monday, September 6 at 3 pm (prior to Erev Rosh Hashanah) and on Wednesday, September 15 at 3 pm (prior to Kol Nidre) Let’s take advantage of not having to set out prayer books and use this time to catch up with each other.



Torah Rentals

‘The Traveling Torah’, is available to rent (including an ark, yad and if needed tallitot and kipot) for bar and bat mitzvahs. Contact Daniel Ellenbogen: 202-255-7207 | Daniel.Ellenbogen1@gmail.com

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jewish Community Group
(BCC-JCG)
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Karyn Seidel	732-616-9440	
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Sarah Krosner	301-221-4771	
Torah Rental		
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Phone Messages	301-348-3763	
Email	admin@bccjcg.org	

**Check out our website (<https://www.bccjcg.org>)
for latest updates and information**

September Calendar

High Holiday Schedule

- September 6 | 3:00 - 3:30 PM
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BCC-JCG Donation & Information Form

Your help is needed to continue our tradition of offering Open High Holy Day Services since 1941. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form below to help us better serve you or to join as an associate member of the BCC-JCG. Donations are always appreciated.

Please Print or Type, Thanks!!

Name(s) _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-MAIL _____

Address(es) _____

I will contribute to the continuing work of the BCC-JCG

___ \$54 ___ \$100 ___ \$180 ___ \$360 ___ \$500 ___ \$1000 ___ \$1800 ___ \$3600 ___ \$5000 Other \$ _____

My donation is for the _____ fund
(High Holy Day/General Operation Fund, Torah Fund, Education Fund, Teacher Discretionary Fund)

My donation is **in memory of** _____

Or in honor of _____

Acknowledgements will be sent for all donations.

___ I am an alumnus/alumna of the BCC-JCG Sunday School

___ I would like to be a member of the BCC-JCG. *To join our group, please include the annual membership fee of \$50, so we may keep you informed of upcoming events and adult education workshops/classes.*

Please check off any of the following areas of interest.

___ Friday Night Oneg ___ Havdallah ___ Adult Education ___ Sukkot Celebration ___ A Taste of Passover

___ High Holy Day Services ___ Israeli Dancing ___ Hebrew Classes

___ Other (please specify) _____

Please consider making a donation for new prayer books (for adult and family services)—**Any amount is appreciated.** Donation of **\$54** pays for a prayer book with label for adult services and donation of \$18 pays for prayer book label for the new family machzor for the family services.

Prayer Book Donation Amount: \$ _____

Text that will be placed on the inside cover of the prayer book

Donated by _____

In Memory of _____

or **In Honor of** _____

___ Check here if you would like to receive the newsletter and announcements of events via email

___ Check here if you want to receive newsletter/emails only in regards to the High Holiday Services

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please mail this form to: BCC-JCG
P.O. Box 341164 ~ Bethesda, MD 20827
Checks should be made payable to: BCC-JCG

For more information please contact Sarah Krosner at 301-738-2183
Or send an email to skrosner@bccjcg.org

Thank You

August 2021

Dear Friend:

With the approach of the High Holy Day season, many of us wish to acknowledge our love and dedication to dear ones who are no longer with us. To help you do this with dignity and tzedakah, the BCC-JCG is publishing a **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**.

This **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**, or **YIZKOR BOOK**, will contain the names of all the relatives and friends whose memory you wish to honor together with the appropriate prayers.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and mail it to the BCC-JCG at the address below, no later than **August 24, 2021**.

May the Almighty bless you and yours and inscribe you this New Year of 5782 into His Golden Book of Life, Health, and Happiness.

BCC-JCG Religious Committee

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - 5782

Please inscribe the name of my/our departed ones as follows in the

**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUP
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Check here if you want to use the same inscription as last year.

In Memory of _____

Remembered by _____

In honor of the above inscription(s), I am forwarding a voluntary donation in the amount of \$_____.
(A minimum donation of \$36.00 is suggested; \$54.00 for three names or more)

Subscriber: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I would like to have copies mailed to me. Please add \$5 to your donation for priority mailing. The booklets will be mailed about 10 days prior to Yom Kippur to give time for you to notify us if you don't receive the booklet. Last year about 10% of the booklets never arrived.

Alternatively you can make arrangements to get the booklets from Sarah Krosner in Potomac, MD (near the Cabin John Mall.) Send email to skrosner@bccjcg.org.

Please mail forms and payment to:

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