

Shabbat Update March 20, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCC Members,

This week's big news is that we are looking to reopen the building for services starting Saturday, April 3rd. This is a well-considered and timely decision. Infections are down, and vaccinations are up. The same safeguards will be used that were in place last year to ensure the safety of those who choose to come. We will also continue with Zoom, so everyone can feel comfortable attending in some way.

Passover is near. No news there. Have you



February Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim
Temple is closed
until we may safely
reopen*

**Thursday
March 18
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM**

picked up a Haggadah for the congregational seder yet? You may own the one we are using: A Passover Haggadah, the CCAR publication edited by Herbert Bronstein. There are several copies in the office. If you need to borrow a copy or two, please give us a call. The seder will be held on Sunday, March 28th at 6:30 pm with a five-minute break in the middle of the service, so plan on eating before if you like (minus the matzah). We should be finished around 8:00 pm.

The Third Book of Moses— Vayikra—begins this week. Also known as Leviticus, it is concerned with laws about sacrifice and holiness. God called to Moses at the start of the parashah (Vayikra—And he called) and immediately began relating instructions dealing with sacrifices (done by the priests, from the Tribe of the Levites, hence the name—Leviticus). Without a Mishkan or Temple, there are no sacrifices, although we still study its associated laws.

Tomorrow we begin with the second book in our Hebrew through prayer series. Thank you to The Book Center for ordering Part II. Hope to see you all tomorrow or Friday.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

This week's Erev Shabbat service will be broadcast on ZOOM at 7:30 pm, March 19, 2021. Reminder, if you would like to add a name to the Yahrzeit or Misheberach portion of Shabbat services, please call Temple before services or send the name via chat function during ZOOM.



Friday
March 19
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
ZOOM

Saturday
March 20
10:00 am
Torah Study
ZOOM

Thursday
March 25
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM

Friday
March 26
NO Erev
Shabbat
Service
instead
FSU Choral
Concert
"L'Chaim!
A Jewish
Composers
Showcase"
7:30 pm
See article
Column one
onlin

Sunday
March 28
6:30 pm
Second
Night
Congregational
Seder
ZOOM

This Week's Torah Portion

Vayikra

[God] Called Out

Leviticus 1:1–5:36

SUMMARY

- God instructs Moses on the five different kinds of sacrifices that were to be offered in the sanctuary:
 - The olah or "burnt offering" was a voluntary sacrifice that had a high degree of sanctity and was regarded as the "standard" offering. The entire animal, except for its hide, was burned on the altar. (1:1-17)
 - The minchah or "meal offering" was a sacrifice made of flour, oil, salt, and frankincense that was partly burned on the altar and partly given to the priests to eat. (2:1-16)
 - The zevach sh'lamim or "sacrifice of well-being" was a voluntary animal offering from one's herd, sometimes brought to fulfill a vow. (3:1-17)
 - The chatat or "sin offering" was an obligatory sacrifice that was offered to expiate unintentional sins. This offering differs from the others in the special treatment of the blood of the animal. (4:1-5:13)
 - The asham or "penalty offering" was an obligatory sacrifice of a ram that was required chiefly of one who had misappropriated property. (5:1-26)
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Yahrzeits for week ending

March 20, 2021
7 Nissan 5781

Nathaniel S.
Guggenheimer
Louis Schwartz
Henry M.
Weisman
Gittle Yolles Fiefel
Benjamin M.
Kamens
Samuel Granet
Simon Kochman
Shuliang Li
Rose R. Luddeke
Libby Milberg
Nathan Boorda
Alan Glasser
Meyer
Greenbaum
Ruth Nobel
Sidney Nobel
Esther B.
Rosenbaum



HAPPY PASSOVER

Passover is right around the corner...
First night is Saturday, March 27th and the
Community Seder will be held on Sunday
evening, March 28th. Many details in Cantor
Bessman's column this week...



L'Chaim! A Jewish Composers Showcase

March 26th at 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Live-streamed from Frostburg State University
using the link below.

FSU Department of Music Spring Choral
Concert's presentation with B'er Chayim's own
Cantor Richard Bessman as cantorial soloist.
Please join us in watching this performance.
Erev Shabbat Services will not be held.

Concert available by visiting Frostburg State
University Department of Music website.
Watch this space for additional login

Happy Birthday

March 2

Bobbi Dubins

March 3

Amy Owens

March 4

Emmanuel Clark

March 6

Eddie Dezen

Leah Boggs

March 11

Lee Goldman

March 14

Gail Mandell

March 18

Curtis Friedenber

Alexandra

Andrews

March 24

Paul Snow

March 26

Gabriel Goldstein

March 28

David Shapiro

Raphael Goldstein

March 30

Barney Leibowitz

Happy Anniversary

March 10

Francine &

Howard Reynolds

March 28

Barb & Russ

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and anniversaries
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**"Virtual"
instructions -**

*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, leave
yourself enough time.*

Following along in

*prayerbooks for ZOOM
services:*

*Links for prayerbooks
are found on our website
(www.berchayim.org).
Those links will take you
to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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